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Person-to-Person

This summer—with the Fourth of July booths already stocking firecrackers—has been fast paced and busy for those celebrating wedding, graduation and career or college beginnings. Helotes promises to be celebrating the Fourth with the usual outdoor activities as well as dancing over the weekend. Swimming and boating have been good in the Hill Country as well as fishing despite the return of almost daily mountain-type showers.

Melanie Schick was honored recently at a luncheon at Scriveners upon her having graduated as an honor student and member of the Charger Band at Churchill High School. Hostess was her aunt, Mrs. Benny (Phyllis) Havens of Helotes.

Monique Mergele and Sharon Kenney, sophomores at Marshall, are gone to Falls Creek Baptist Encampment at Falls Creek, Okla. by bus with members of the North Central Baptist Youth Group. Monique is a tour guide this summer at Cascade Caverns also.

Plans for the Leon Valley Stagecoach Days are being finalized by the sponsoring groups, the Leon Valley Pageant Association and the Leon Valley Optimists as well as Psi Zeta Sorority there. The dates will be Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17—moved from an earlier date in former years, for the 1977 three-day celebration. The location has been announced to be the Southwest Corner of Bandera Road (Highway 16) and Loop 410. Johnny Thomas and the Texas Rangers have been signed for the big dance Saturday, July 16, which marks the midway point of the three-day celebration.

The Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department has begun an annual drive for donations and those who live in this area have cause to be grateful for their on-the-scene assistance frequently. Donations may be mailed to the Department at P.O. Box 293, Helotes, Texas, 78023. This is tax deductible as well as any donation to the other local unit Helotes Volunteer Fire Department.

Echo Office Hit By Vandals

The Helotes Echo office was broken into and vandalized and robbed Saturday night, June 11. Entry was made after a window air conditioner was pulled out and dumped on the ground.

Every filing cabinet drawer and every desk drawer was pulled out and dumped on the floor. Typewriters were thrown on the floor and cameras were stomped on. Dishes and art objects were smashed.

Ten paintings were jerked off the walls. Three—two originals by Armando Hinojosa and one Hinojosa print—were taken out of their frames and stolen. The others were slashed or torn and thrown down. The petty cash change box also was stolen.

A list of the stolen items has been given to the Bexar County Sheriff's Department. The deputy who investigated also took fingerprints and measured footprints. The total loss was estimated at \$1200 to \$1500.

The break-in and vandalizing occurred between 9 p.m. Saturday night, when the staff left the office, and 9 a.m. Sunday when they returned. The gate to the Echo grounds was locked, so the vandals had to crawl through the fence and walk in.

Berges Fest Time

It's Berges Fest time in Boerne this weekend.

Parade time on Main Street in downtown Boerne is 10:30 a.m. Saturday. One of the entries from here will be the official Helotes Festival float featuring Miss Helotes—Pamela Wimberley—and her Court, Princess Leslie Powell and Duchesses Roxanne Walt and Beverly Kruse.

In the afternoon, beginning right after the parade, action moves to the Kendall County Fairgrounds. Bands, folk dancing and food will be there. Post time for horse racing will be 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday, fun includes square dancing, horseracing, a fiddler's contest and German food as well as art.

Boerne is a neighboring town important to Helotes folks. For newcomers, the way is by Scenic Loop or 1604 to Highway 10. You can find Boerne northward, then follow the crowds to the Fairgrounds.

Survival Cook-Off



Army ROTC Cadet Jeff Yeager cooks up a pot of rabbit stew during survival exercises at The University of Texas at San Antonio recently. About 135 ROTC cadets, representing five San Antonio colleges and universities, participated in the training. Besides cooking and sampling rabbit, dandelions, cattails and cactus, the students learned how to find water, make traps and build shelters.

Photo by Gil Barrera

Building Ban Over Aquifer Causes Uproar

The moratorium balloon burst Thursday.

This was the moratorium voted on June 3 by the San Antonio city council against all further development over the Edwards aquifer in north Bexar County for 18 months.

It was to have become effective Sunday at midnight. But Thursday it was deflated when a temporary restraining order was issued in federal court in San Antonio.

The injunction was issued after a hearing on a class action damage suit that had been filed in federal court the day after the moratorium was first voted. The suit asked \$750,000,000 damages in addition to an injunction. It had been filed in behalf of the developers of a San Pedro Avenue subdivision called Encino Park Venture.

Another damage suit asking \$800,000,000 damages also had been filed in a state district court on behalf of the developers of University Oaks and six home builders.

Both suits claimed the San Antonio city council's ban on building in the recharge area of the Edwards aquifer was unconstitutional because it in effect took private property for public use without just compensation to the owners and deprived owners of use of their own land.

Both also claimed that there is no reasonable basis to believe continued building over the aquifer with strict control and regulation would present any danger to the water supply in the aquifer.

Health Food Store To Open In Helotes Park Plaza

Helotes will have a brand new addition to the many new businesses in this thriving community!

A Health Food Store called Nature's Nook will open soon. The

store is located at 12916 Bandera Road in the new unit of the Shopping Plaza near the Poor Boy Super Market.

Nature's Nook is owned by Mr. Bennie H. Lyon, formerly owner

and President of United Aerial Mapping. Mr. Lyon and his wife, Modesta—residents of Helotes Park Estates for 13 years—decided that the area needs this type of service. Mrs. Kay Kennedy is store manager and nutritionist.

These folks will be ready to welcome you very soon in their colorful new store, they report.

The decor will be unusual. All famous name brand vitamins will be stocked, plus the wanted natural food products.

A "Frogurt" machine will serve delicious frozen yogurt. Also for this area's convenience Mr. Lyon is installing a Xerox machine. Plan to visit them soon.

High Utilities Worry Most

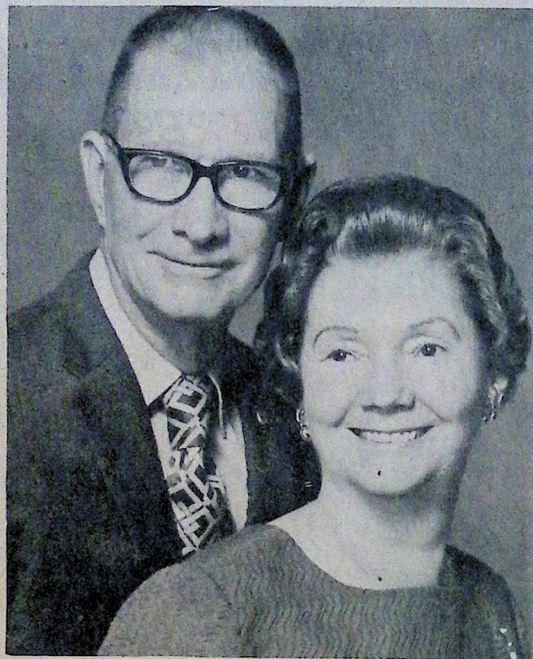
Price of utilities is the major issue concerning San Antonians, according to a recent survey of registered voters conducted by two UTSA political scientists and their students.

Dr. John Booth and Dr. Richard Gambitta conducted the survey April 13-14, just prior to the mayoral run-off elections.

The professors, who have been analyzing the data, released their findings Wednesday (June 15). The research is part of an ongoing study on San Antonio and Texas politics.

"Twenty-five percent of the voters surveyed cited utilities prices as the most important (continued on page 8)

Mr. And Mrs. Hawkes Mark 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hawkes

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hawkes, who were married in San Antonio on June 11, 1927, observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a series of social events, including the renewal of their marriage vows.

On Saturday, June 11, they were honored during the fifth annual Hawkes Family Reunion held at MacArthur Park, where 102 attended the barbecue.

Mrs. Hawkes was the former Grace Benefield from Mart, Texas, and Mr. Hawkes was from San Antonio, where they were married. They had one daughter and also have a grandson, and granddaughter in San Antonio.

Last Sunday, June 12, they renewed their vows at the Sunday Church of Religious Science, San Pedro Playhouse, followed by a reception.

They were honored also at a wedding dinner during the week.

They resided in San Antonio until they moved to their Scenic Loop Playground property which they purchased from Mr. Regua in 1932. They are now residents of Grey Forest and have lived on Hillside Drive since 1965.

Mr. Hawkes retired as the Superintendent of Carriers at the main office of the Post Office in San Antonio after 38 years there.

Other social events are being planned in their honor this month. The community congratulates them on this happy occasion.

Sarah Walz Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Charles Walz announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Sarah Ann Walz, to Stephan Allen Gilbert, son of Mrs. William O. Gilbert.

The bride-elect is a 1973 graduate of John Marshall High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from St. Mary's University in December, 1976. She is currently employed by the San Antonio Independent School District, where she teaches at Will Rogers Elementary.

Her fiancé is a 1971 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Texas Tech in May, 1976. He is employed by Ross Excavating.

The wedding ceremony has been set for Saturday, July 16, 1977, at 8 p.m. in the Helotes Hills United Methodist Church with Rev. Collin Furr, pastor, to officiate.

Numerous parties and showers are being given honoring the bride-elect.

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Rena—Mrs. Jackie Brannan and her little daughter were injured in an auto accident when their automobile was in collision with a pick-up truck last Saturday, June 11, on Bandera Road near the shopping center. An EMS took them to the hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Hopf, former president of the Scenic Loop Playground Club and resident of Grey Forest who died this week. A fuller story will appear in the next ECHO.

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Marshall Senior Joins Symphony

James Winegardner, Marshall High senior, has been selected to attend the Harbert Blomstedt Institute of Orchestral Conducting at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif. An accomplished French horn player, James will perform with the Institute's symphony orchestra and study conducting from June 19 to June 30.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winegardner, 8530 Rochelle.

Along Our Route

Leon Valley

Dear Editor:

Extensive research into the record of U.S. Supreme Court Justices prefaced the Northside School Board's selection of Tom C. Clark as a name for the new high school now under construction.

We named our school for a distinguished Texan whose career in the American judicial system proves worthy of emulation by hundreds of future Clark High School graduates.

On Opening Day, 1978, Tom C. Clark will be missed. We will cherish handwritten correspondence expressing his delight in selection of the name.

Clark's commitment to justice, human rights and improvement of the legal system, as well as his dauntless sense of humor, will be respectfully preserved in Northside Independent School District.

Sincerely,

Edmund D. Cody
Superintendent of Schools
Northside Independent School District

(Editor's Note: Col. Stout forwarded this letter to the ECHO.)

San Antonio

Lt. Col. Thomas E. Stout (Ret)
13402 Circle A Trail
Helotes, Texas 78023

Dear Col. Stout:

RE: Painting of Helotes Reservoir

Your concern regarding the appearance of the City Water Board Helotes Reservoir is appreciated. The contract for the construction of the reservoir is nearing its completion and the necessary paint has been purchased by the contractor and has been delivered. The contractor has already in fact started painting the exterior with vinyl aluminum. The City Water Board also is concerned with the appearance of its facilities and continually strives to enhance their appearance consistent with reasonable expenditures.

Ground reservoirs and elevated storage tanks are the object of vandalism in the nature of graffiti and rock throwing. This vandalism in addition to the effects due to weather and the elements necessitates continued maintenance of these painted surfaces. Due to the expense, these large facilities cannot be completely repainted every few years and we must rely upon the ability to spot paint for aesthetic and corrosion protection. In spot painting, the newly applied paint must blend reasonably well with the existing weathered paint so as not to become an unsightly series of patches. The use of vinyl aluminum makes blending of spot painting easier whereas colors other than

aluminum are difficult to blend with existing painted surfaces and in the long run tend to be unsightly to an unacceptable degree.

The City Water Board in conjunction with paint manufacturers is continually reviewing paint materials, colors, and application methods. On several occasions paint colors other than aluminum have been attempted on our tanks and reservoirs, but in each case certain drawbacks existed. In 1963 an elevated storage tank in the Medical Center Complex was painted white after it was constructed. Within a period of three years its appearance became streaked due to a mildew like substance that came from the atmosphere. After repeated attempts of washing and other treatments, the tank was finally repainted in 1969 to its present aluminum color.

In 1967 and 1969 Basin and Bitters reservoirs, respectively, were painted a green color attempting to blend in to the natural surroundings. Although the paint coating of both of these reservoirs is sound from a corrosion protection standpoint, they are both badly faded, and have been for several years, requiring a top coat purely for appearance purposes. They have been scheduled for repainting for the last three years, but have been deferred due to shortage of funds. The City Water Board has had the paint surfaces of these two reservoirs analyzed by paint manufacturer coating specialists, requesting their opinions as to the cause of this fading. Their statements have been that these pastel colors, especially greens, have very poor color pigment permanence and this fading could be expected within a period of five years.

New materials are continually being developed and hopefully these will have better color retention and nonchalking performance. As a result of a detailed Texas water industry survey conducted by the City Water Board in 1970 and 1971, vinyl paint systems were utilized and one of our elevated tanks was repainted with a vinyl off-white color. The corrosion protection of this new paint has been excellent, but difficulty still exists with the chalking during aging and the appearance of patches with touch-up painting.

As you can see in your own neighborhood, the gray elevated storage tank in WC&D No. 17 appears to have started chalking already, and when the graffiti presently existing is painted out, patching may be visible. This district also has a bolted ground storage reservoir painted aluminum located on Rafter S Drive which appears to have been touched-up several times without leaving an unsightly appearance.

It is our sincere belief that when this Helotes Reservoir site work is completed and the scars of construction are replaced by the natural and planted foliage, this site will not be an eyesore to the community. The Board's University Station, located at Babcock and Hausman Road, was constructed in 1973 and can be seen from Rafter S Drive of Park Estates. It is believed that the Helotes Reservoir will be no more visible or a distraction when all work is completed than the University Station presently is. You may be assured that our investigations of paint materials and colors will continue and if color pigments can be found that have a 10 to 15 year permanence, the City Water Board will utilize these materials when applicable for enhancement of our facilities.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Van Dyke
General Manager
City Water Board

Wichita Falls

Dear Friends,

We are proud to announce that our daughter, Lola Marie, has just completed her freshman year at the University of Houston with a grade point average of 4.0. She was a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma Sororities. She is working toward her medical degree.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Gray, Sr.

Award Given



Bexar County Hospital District Auxiliary President Frances Tobias accepted a first place award in the 75-300 active member category on behalf of her fellow volunteers Wednesday, June 8, at the San Antonio Council of President's banquet and awards program. Presenting the award is Mrs. C.H. Grasso, chairman of the awards committee.

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Mrs. Scott Edwin Kee

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Guitar solos by Ray Fraser of San Antonio and Texas A&M and accompaniment of Don Kemp preceded the ceremony. Organ music was provided by Miss

Magda Madla. Others in the musical group included Greg and Theresa Washburn and Jodi and Barbara Kruse.

Scriptural readings selected by the bride and groom were read by Mr. John Igo. The wedding vows written by the couple and A Prayer for the couple were recited by them during the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a traditional Spanish dress of Chantilly lace with a cathedral train. Her veil was designed and made by the bride and her mother. She carried a bridal bouquet of white car-

nations and yellow roses.

The flower girl, Julie Cliffe of Houston, and the ringbearer, Jeff Lugg, cousin of the groom, were dressed like the bride and groom. Julie carried a miniature duplicate of the bride's bouquet. Her headpiece was the bride's original First Communion veil.

The bride's mother wore a turquoise pleated floor-length dress with an elbow-length chiffon pleated cape. The groom's mother wore a blue floor-length chiffon dress with a flowing cape. Each wore a white carnation and red roses corsage.

The bridal attendants wore rainbow colors of simple design. The maid of honor was Miss Karlene Guthrie of Austin and Dallas. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Melody Holtsford, sister of the groom, Miss Jeanette Persyn, Miss WaFawn Gustin, and Mrs. Connie Leibold. Junior bridesmaids were Terri Bednar, cousin of the bride, and Janna Cliffe, both from Houston.

Dr. Kee, father of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Brooks Holtsford; Rick Kee, brother of the groom; Jerry Butch Carver, Jr.; and Eddie Leibold. Ushers were Dennis Lugg, cousin of the groom, and Sid Bednar, uncle of the bride. Sid also was the photographer for the entire wedding and related parties.

A reception and dance with music by the Drugstore Cowboys — held at St. George Maronite Center on Babcock Road, followed the religious ceremony. The Grand March was led by Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rohan. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ranselben were in charge of the bride's book and also assisted the couple in opening of the gifts at the reception. Other assistants included Mrs. Sandy Bednar of Houston, aunt of the bride; Miss Cheryl Ann Riley, cousin of the groom; and friend and classmate of the bride, Miss Margie Moore and Miss Lisa Bodemann. Rice girls were Aneya Pomykal and Ginger Bednar of Brenham, both cousins of the bride.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas and a few days of skiing at Medina Lake, the couple will live in Leon Valley. He is employed at Gibson's Plumbing Co., and the bride is a junior at The University of Texas at San Antonio. Both will be attending summer school.

The rehearsal dinner was held at Aviel's Italian Restaurant on May 27. Miscellaneous showers given by Mrs. J.H. Guthrie, Miss Karlene Guthrie, Miss WaFawn Gustin and Miss Jeanette Persyn preceded these occasions. The bride's mother hosted the bridesmaids at a rice bag party with a dinner. A surprise "Set-

ting-Up-Housekeeping" shower was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Leibold during the festivities of the Helotes Cornyval in May. Mrs. Leibold, the former Connie Furr, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Collin Furr of Helotes.

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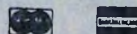
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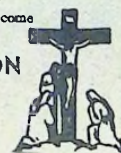
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Registration times are:

Holmes High—Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Jay High—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marshall High—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon during June, and Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. during August. The registration office at Marshall will be closed during July.

UTSA Files Facts



Lost in their work, UTSA student Ernest Camina, left, confers with Dr. Lionel V. Patenaude, UTSA lecturer of history, while student Warren R. Porter, foreground, records information on Bexar County's history.

Thirty UTSA students are involved in a class project to catalog and inventory the thousands of county public records housed in the Bexar County Election Center and Archives Building and in the county court house.

Some of the records date back to the Spanish colonial period.

Photo by Gil Barrera

Northside Picks Eight Interns

Eight Northside teachers have been selected for the district's Administrative Internship Management program for the 1977-78 school year. They are:

Janet Morley, Anson Jones Middle School; John Foster, Hobby Middle School; Richmond Bartella, Jay High; John Noble, Holmes High; Arthur Sweet, Jay

High; Richard Krueger, Anson Jones Middle; Marvin Jones, John Glenn Elementary; and Tom Wood, Marshall High.

They will continue their regular teaching duties in addition to studying Northside District management techniques.

AARP is holding a regular meeting this coming week. The group has many members in this area who enjoy all the activities. July and August are about the only times the members do not have many planned activities, but in September new members can join the others in a full schedule.

Mrs. Virgis Biering Dies, Aged 72

Mrs. Virgis Anderson Biering, a former resident of Helotes and member of the Zion Lutheran Church here, died in San Antonio Friday, June 10, 1977, at the age of 72.

She is survived by a son, Robert A. Biering, Sr.; a daughter, Mrs. Clara Biering Wolfe, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dell C. Biering. She also leaves four grandchildren, Alton and Robert Biering, Jr., and Barry and Tina Wolfe. In addition, she is survived by her brother, Oren Anderson, and her sisters, Mrs. F.T. Coleman and Mrs. W.C. Brady. She had close friends in Helotes as well who attended her final rites.

Services were held Sunday, June 12, at 3 p.m. at Riebsaunders Chapels. Graveside services and interment took place Monday, at 2 p.m. at the Concord Cemetery in Bettie, Texas.

Honorary pallbearers Alton

Wolfe, Barry Wolfe and Robert Biering, Jr.

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends who will miss her.

Women's Club Installs Officers

At their annual June Covered Dish Supper held in the Scenic Loop Youth Bldg., the Helotes Women's Club installed officers for 1977-78. Miss Marie Parrigin—using the theme of helping hands—installed President Beth Goeringer, and as Vice President, Mrs. Sam (Margaret) Terry; Secretary, Mrs. Joe (Lavina) Terry; and Treasurer, Josephine Wallace.

Guests attending included husbands of members. Following a brief business meeting, games were played.

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Regents Approve UTSA Courses, Building Contracts

The University of Texas System Board of Regents Friday, June 10, approved new undergraduate concentrations in environmental science and engineering science for The University of Texas at San Antonio.

A \$11,097,995 contract for Phase II construction of the UTSA

campus was also ratified by the Regents. The contract was awarded to Browning Construction Co., San Antonio.

Included in the project are a classroom and office building, addition to the Fine Arts Building and a sculpture and ceramics studio.

The new programs are part of the Bachelor of Science degree in applied science, and will be offered through the University's College of Sciences and Mathematics.

The Regents, who met in Austin, also approved a name change for the UTSA Division of Environmental Studies. The graduate-level division would be renamed the Division of Public and Environmental Management.

Programs offered by the division would be reorganized. UTSA would offer the Master of Science degree in public management and the Master of Science degree in urban systems.

The programs and reorganization must now be submitted to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, for approval. The earliest the board is expected to act on the programs is October.

HIGH UTILITIES (from page 1)

issue," Dr. Booth said.

Attracting industry to San Antonio was the second most important issue, he said. It was named by 20 percent of the respondents.

Dr. Gambitta noted that in general women were more concerned about utilities and protection of the Aquifer while men focused on the city's ability to attract industry.

A majority of those surveyed said they thought COPS (Com-

munities Organized for Public Service) was a positive influence in San Antonio. This was true for both Anglos, over half of whom saw COPS favorably, and among Mexican Americans, 90 percent of whom thought COPS was contributing to the city, Dr. Booth related.

Dr. Gambitta said one interesting finding of the survey was that only 4 percent of the respondents mentioned capital improvements as a major political issue.

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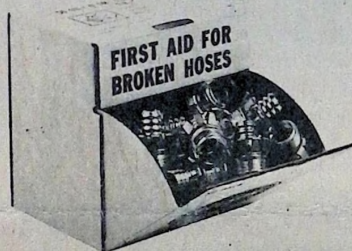
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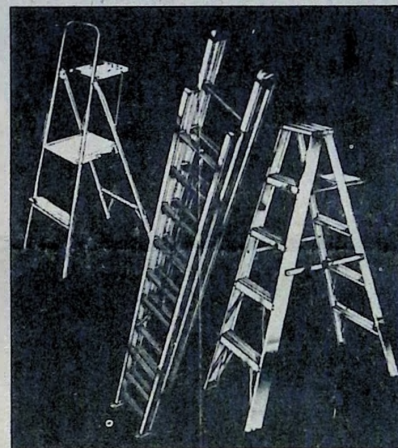


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