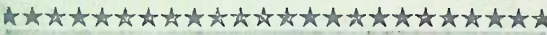


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John Floore Asks Delay Of Highway

Many Helotes citizens have joined John T. Floore in his fight to keep the Bandera Road—Hwy. 16—where it is as it passes through downtown Helotes.

Armed with petitions—signed by local voters—Mr. Floore appeared before the Bexar County Commissioners Court on March 12 to explain how a high-speed highway running behind the town will harm business and the tourist attraction of this historic town. He has also appeared on radio and television to bring the matter to the public.

Hundreds of San Antonians and other non-residents have also expressed their interest in seeing the highway continue through the town as a direct route for these accustomed to visiting here.

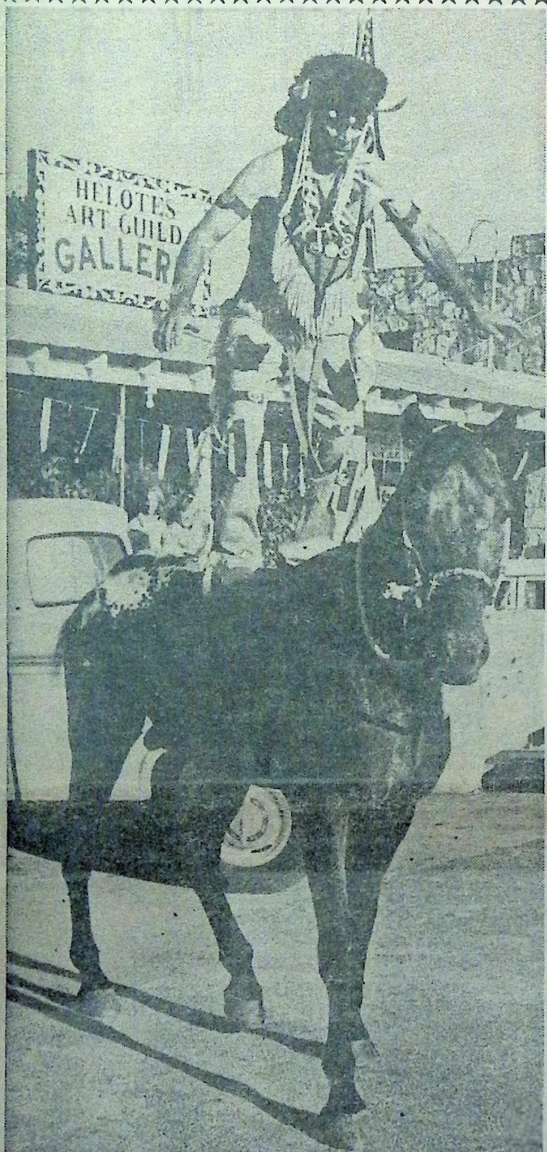
In February, the commissioners passed an order allowing filing of a condemnation suit. This would permit the State Highway Department to condemn and pur-

chase land now owned by Mr. Floore to be used for the multi-lane highway which will bypass his business.

Local historians claim even



Above is the backyard of Floore's Country Store—a parklike area which the State Highway Dept. proposes to take by condemnation to be used to reroute Highway 16—cutting off the residential section of Helotes from the main town, with a four-lane highway and second route to California. It will put the highway at John Floore's famous patio at one corner.



Dade Rayfield Photo

Having learned to ride like an Indian, Jose (Joe) Navarro from a pioneer family of this area and a direct descendent of Antonio Navarro, Texas patriot, entertains the crowds at the first Helotes Festival held annually in May. Shown in front of the former Art Gallery located in downtown Helotes, he is standing on the back of his Appaloosa—Fire Chief.

Grey Forest To Go To Polls April 5

Election of three aldermen to serve on the City of Grey Forest Council will be held at the City Hall on Scenic Loop Road, Saturday, April 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Three candidates had filed for the vacancies by closing time March 5.

They are Gary Prejean, running for the first time; Mrs. Dorothy

Parrott, who has filed for reelection; and also Mrs. Alta McCoy who was elected last June 29 to fill an unexpired term and who is also seeking reelection. They are all unopposed except for the possibility of a write-in.

Mayor Jack Nottingham has urged Grey Forest citizens to turn out for the elections.

Cornynal Finalized

The Helotes Spring Festival Assn. will hold the next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 25 in the Helotes Elementary School Cafeteria to finalize plans for the 4th Festival which will be held May 1 through 4 here.

President of the 1969 celebration Ed Faust asks all members as well as anyone interested in getting the big celebration ready for the expected thousands of guests to attend. Other officers are Fred Pizzini, vice president; Mrs. Homer Taylor, secretary; and Walter Shuh, treasurer.

A horse show is one of the recently added attractions, and will be held on Sunday afternoon, the final day of the Festival. Bob Moss and Harry Hopf are in charge of horse participation. Mrs. A. A. (Roberta) Gauthier will be chairman of the Horse Show, which will be strictly local and will include events for working and pleasure horses.

Cleaners Change Ownership Here

Mrs. W. W. LeSturgeon who has been managing the Public Laundry at Helotes Park Plaza since its recent opening has taken over the ownership of the dry-cleaning division by agreement with the other owners. She reports that the pick-up station is now using expert services and that she will continue to assist the others in the modern plant, located off Bandera Road at the extreme South end of the Plaza.

more will be lost with another part of the historic Bandera route being rerouted North, across what was traditionally held as early camping grounds.

Helotes—the land of corn—was directly on the path of one of the earliest tours of the New World.

Although many explorers spoke of the "trackless wilderness" actually aboriginal routes criss-crossed America.

Cabeza de Vaca, DeSoto, Coronado, the French explorers of the eighteenth century and the American pioneers of the nineteenth century were largely indebted to tribal trails—with natural landmarks as clear to the eyes of the Indian as are our signs today.

Many Texas trails, traces and routes were little known but some were consistently marked—even shown as overlapping others.

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A Soldier Watches and Waits

He watches for the ever-present enemy and he waits for mail brought to this makeshift base by helicopter. And some of the mail will come from Helotes as he is PFC John Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jap Jones, Grey Forest. He, of course, is in Viet Nam.



Queen Contest

Entries will be accepted until April 15 for the Miss Helotes contest, according to Mrs. H. E. Brown, chairman of this year's event. Girls will be judged in both street and formal dress and must agree to participate in local and other parades in Texas. High school girls who reside in the Helotes area North of Prue Road and attend a senior high school either private or public are invited to enter the 1969 Queen contest. The winner will be awarded the title "Miss Helotes of 1969-70," and will reign through-

out the year.

Coronation ceremonies are slated for Thursday, May 1 as the first major event of the 1969 Helotes Spring Festival. The queen and her court will ride in the parade and be presented at other events. She will represent Helotes throughout the year at other civic celebrations throughout the State.

Reigning queen is Miss Helotes Mary Logan. She succeeded the first Miss Teen Helotes Janet Kay Spencer who reigned in 1967.

Entry rules state that all girls entering the contest must be single and have a parent's signature of approval. Blanks are available at the Helotes Echo office in downtown Helotes. For information, call 635-3551.



Person-to-Person

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Conrad, owners of the Rock Shop here have extended an invitation to Jim Tow of West Asheville, N.C., to display his gold wire craft here during the Helotes Spring Festival May 2-4. While he was here recently, the artist, whose unique jewelry has won him an international reputation, expressed a wish to return and become better acquainted. We do hope he can make it.

With 18 years of experience in high-fashion Austin to her credit, Mrs. Margie Habenicht has recently turned her full-time attention to her Mobil City Beauty Salon in Leon Springs at IH 10 and Camp Bullis Road. Reinhold Habenicht, her husband, is also associated with the salon and we understand a fringe benefit includes all manner of advice on wigs and wiglets.

She invites her neighbors—near and far—to visit.

Another attraction at the Floore Country Store along with the many photographs is a huge board containing calling and business cards with over 400 cards on it. Look whose been here—It's quite interesting.

Donald Poor is in the Navy, stationed at Orlando, Florida, and Robert Kraft is stationed at Guam. They enjoy hearing from the Helotes folk.



John Boles

A great star in the Texas galaxy—one of the first to leave his native state to make the heady climb to Hollywood fame — JOHN BOLES died in San Angelo, Texas, this month of a heart attack. He came on the scene as a romantic sheik in "The Desert Song" (1929) with a big baritone voice to match his looks. In hit after hit for some two decades, he packed in audiences in serious dramatic parts opposite such stars as Bebe Daniels, Irene Dunne, Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer, Greta Garbo, and other younger lovelies. A native of Greenville, in North Texas, he was a loyal graduate of The University of Texas. Following a starring role in the Broadway smash hit musical, "One Touch of Venus" (1943), he began spending more time in his native state. He was a frequent visitor to this area and was often quoted regarding the rugged Hill Country. Worldwide testimonials cite him for the wide range of his acting and singing talent—as well as his ability to portray a strong masculine lead. He was 73 years old. This photo was made in 1939 and shows him as many of his fans remember him.

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Little League Signs 140

The whole town's talking about Little League and for some 200 people it has already become a way of life.

About 140 boys of this area—aged 8 to 12 years—have been registering and trying out for the various slots on the Little League teams to be fielded Saturday, April 26, the date set for the formal dedication of the Gerlach Memorial Field, located on Babcock Road near Huermann Road.

The field's use has been donated to the Greater Helotes Little League by the owners in memory of their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gerlach. Mr. Gerlach, a resident here many years, died in 1967 at the age of 83. He was preceded in death in 1954 by his wife. Donors are Walter Gerlach and his sisters, Mrs. Elsie Fischer of San Antonio and Mrs. J. W. (Kathleen) Heinen of Houston.

Mrs. Walter Gerlach said recently that the family agreed to offer use of the land as a fitting memorial to their parents. She said, also, that much credit goes to the local men and women who are backing the project, and who have worked so hard to make the field ready.

Success of the project was further assured when the community turned out for the benefit dance March 14 at Floore Country Store. Dale Keith played and hundreds showed up.

Hard Water Helps Health

Good news for residents of this area came from a report made recently in Dallas to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Recent studies have found that chances of dying of heart disease and of such conditions as brain strokes are lessened when the drinking water is hard, as it is in this locality. Rocks determine the composition of the water and certain trace elements have been found to be important to good health. These are such metals as zinc, for instance, the report said.

Local Talent Record Tunes

A record due to be cut March 3 at the Texas Studios features two songs by Charlie Moss. Consultants for the record were Allen Fischer and Jerry Blanton. On the top side will be "A World of Love," with group singing especially featuring Julie Darnell in addition to Charlie's voice.

On the flip side will be "Lonely Guitar" and will feature the playing of David Rodgers, Jim Moorman, Ken Eiselman, Debbie Smith and Sharon Null.

This will be released on the Hickory Hut label. The sponsor

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will be Leon Potete in whose cafeteria Charlie Moss plays every weekend. This is the second record cut by the Moss group. The first featuring songs, "Helotes" and "Feelin' Peaceful," was released under the Jap Jones label.

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Bandera Highway...

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Most of the pioneer trails and roads were routed by natural geography until "cabined and confined" by surveyors' lines and fences. In some cases they became the baseline for land surveys and county lines. Most have been forced off their early courses and the dim trails of yesterday were lost before effort was made to mark them.

Trails of course sometimes bore different names at different periods or in different sections. Trails in Helotes joined up with or were sometimes called the Indianola Road, the Emigrant Road, the lower California Road, or the Stagecoach Route to the West.

But the Bandera Road as most pioneers know it dates back to the days of the great Texas Ranger Jack Hays along with John S. (R.I.P.) Ford sometimes. Hays—in his early 20's dared the hostile Comanches and Apache War parties on their home grounds with a surveyors compass in one hand—and a rifle in the other. Certain it was that from 1838 to 1842 he marked the trails in this part of Bexar County and surveyed lands certified to the immigrants.

He was able to succeed because he knew and respected Indians. His marked trails passed hard by their villages and sacred hills, but never directly across them.

The first visit of white men to the Texas coast took place only 27 years after Columbus discovered this hemisphere. When Cortez landed in Mexico, his success soon caused adventurous Spanish explorers to try for a look at the

land to the North of Mexico.

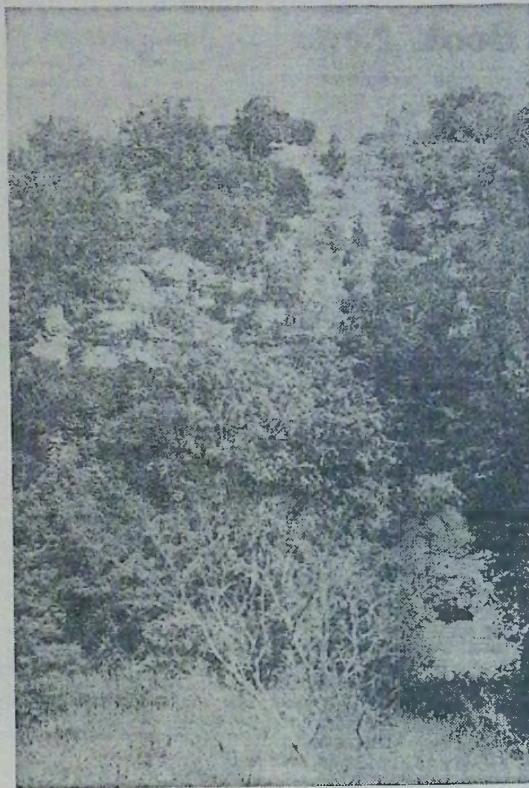
Panfilo de Narvaez was commissioned by the King of Spain to explore the area. Accompanying him was Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, also commissioned by the King as the treasurer of the expedition and as special representative of the crown.

After some misadventures, the boat carrying Cabeza de Vaca, was tossed ashore in the Gulf of Mexico somewhere in Texas in November, 1528. Probably it was Galveston Island, but it might have been Indianola.

All members of the expedition finally perished except Cabeza de Vaca and three companions. For six years they lived among the Indians—coming and going from the coast to the land of corn and deer and hills. Cabeza was intelligent and resourceful. He established himself a reputation as a medicine man—bringing the Christian religion, good health and money (in the form of sea shells and pax rocks) from tribe to tribe with his fame going before him. He was educated and has left a reputation for honesty. Nine years after sailing he was home in Spain and wrote a trustworthy account from memory. His tales inspired others to hunt the Seven Cities of Cibola and Gran Quivira, and they often looked here, when the Indians would lead them, as accounts in libraries of the world have indicated.

The Bandera Road is the name most often used by early settlers coming from San Antonio. In Helotes, the roads from Castro-

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P-TA Hears About Drugs

Al Johnson, a member of the San Antonio Police Department, Juvenile Section, discussed "Dangerous Drugs" at the February meeting of the John Marshall High School P-TA. He explained to parents and teachers the symptoms of drug use and brought samples for their inspection.

Mr. Johnson is also a member of the Committee on Decent Literature; serves on the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe House, is past president of the East Central District P-TA; and is a Deacon in the Highland Hills Baptist Church.

Supt. Ed Cody of the Northside Independent School District conducted a question and answer session following Mr. Johnson's talk.

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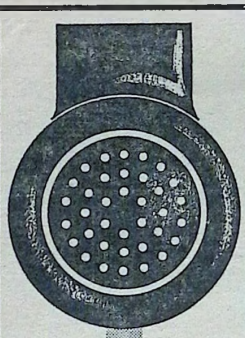
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Book News

A CONCISE HISTORY OF EARLY TEXAS by Charles E. Gilbert, Jr. Houston, Texas: Published by the author.

The subtitle tells far more of the book and the book's ultimate value than the title: "As told by its 30 historic flags, illustrated in color." A beautifully produced little book, it gives not only a glowing color illustration of each of the famous flags, but it also gives a one-page history of each.

The flags are arranged chronologically from 1519-1861. Among the more interesting and less well-known flags are the Bonnie Blue, San Jacinto Flag, De-Zavala's Blue (the first official flag of the Republic), Brown's Flag of the Bloody Sword, and the Fredonian. A fascinating way to learn Texas History.—JOHN IGO.

Youth Invited To Join Grange

The Leon Valley Grange will meet April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall and their next social meeting is scheduled for the evening of April 24. Grange members are also active in the Festival planning.

At the Feb. 13 meeting a covered dish supper was served and reports regarding the recent cake sale were given. Proceeds will go in part to improve Grange Hall.

The Youth Program and the Junior Grange are of current importance, according to Mrs. C. J. Lampman, secretary. Enrollment fee for those 14 to 21 years old are the same as adults, and the yearly dues are \$2.60.

For children from five to 14, enrollment fees are only 15 cents and yearly dues are 20 cents. Anyone having children or grandchildren living in the community who might be interested my contact Grange members for further information, Mrs. Lampman said.

WILEY C. WALTERS

Master Sergeant Wiley Clyde Walters, 61, USAF, retired, died Saturday, February 15, at his home on East Locust in San Antonio. Walters was found Saturday night stabbed numerous times.

He was well-known here having resided with his wife in this area for many years before moving to San Antonio.

Graveside services were Feb. 19 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. A World War II veteran, he was hit in enemy action in the Southwest Pacific while based in Australia. He had been in ill health in recent years.

Charges were filed against his wife in the stabbing death.

Numbered among Walters' survivors are three half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Bandera Highway . . .

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vile and to Boernr met near the Wells Fargo and other stagecoach stops.

But in the 1940's Helotes got a taste of having a part of the road cut off.

Old Bandera Road is now Riggs Road. A thriving business—once on the main road—began to suffer.

There is a section of the Scenic Loop also cut off, and no longer traveled. It used to join the Bandera Road at the creek. For centuries the creek was forded there. To save the expense of a bridge which required curving, the road was squared there, leaving the old road to dead-end into the creek, in what has been called a grotesque fashion.

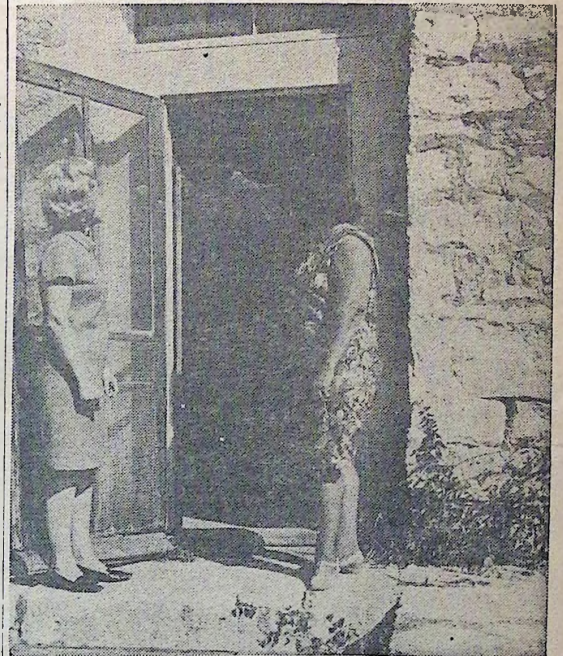
Of course this road, which was a stagecoach route to meet the Old Spanish Trail, has had other names. In memory of early settlers still here, this was fondly called Tio Luna Road. At sev-

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FUTURE MUSEUM

Mrs. Fred Anderson (left) and Mrs. Frank Logan inspect Museum progress. See story on Page 7

English Glamour

(Echo ★ Feature)

Our language—developed in England and imported along with other languages—has many stumbling blocks to trip the fast talker. That is, unless he can think ahead even faster than he talks. Even those who write standard English—as the text books like to call all the torture they

inflict on students—can get tripped in conversation at many turns. Slow down, let us warn, and watch for these hurdles.

Take a look at this: Do you say "There was" or should you say "There were?" . . . To be right—every time—you have to THINK AHEAD. You must know in advance that you are going to talk about one—only or that you are going to include in your discussion more than one person (or thing). If you say, "There was a girl . . ." you are right. Only to be right you mustn't remember too late and add "and a boy"—or you will be wrong. Of course, you can retrieve the sentence by saying, "There was a girl—(hesitation) and a boy, too." But that is a sort of patch job that takes acting skill to conceal.

An even more deadly hurdle—commonly stumbled over around here—is continuing to name a person or thing after saying "them." The result comes out "them boys" or "them things," and this is not supposed to be English glamour. "Them" it happens, is not a show-and-tell pronoun. (You remember these deadly lessons labelled "demonstrative pronouns," we hope.) If you wish to point out which boys you mean, you must say, "I saw these boys—or those boys . . ." But once you have said "them," you must go to a non-noun in your sentence—or stop right there. "I saw them." Or "I saw them playing after school." Remember—"them boys" can be troublesome, so don't trip over them!



eral points it was crossed by the Menchaca Road—part of the vast ranch upon which the Scenic Loop Playground, now the City of Grey Forest was built. A short part still exists as the Wagner (sometimes Menchaca) Road. One part once curved up to meet the Lee

Ranch Road. Before careless rerouting and renaming takes place, it is the hope of the Helotes Historical Society members and other historians that these early routes will be marked and protected as part of the local heritage.

Keep Helotes Here

John T. Floore, leader in the fight to keep Helotes on the main highway appeared on the nationally famous Allen Dale program on WOAI. Support as well as offers of help was tremendous. It is hoped our commissioner and the court will listen. Mr. Floore said those who want to keep the highway where it is should call Commissioner Ollie Wurzbach and ask him to help us keep Helotes on the main highway. In other words, he said "Leave it as it is and save the taxpayers one million dollars."

We have a feeling that Helotes must back this fight now or give up its right to survive at a time when the government—State and National—is also attempting to put old-time vigor into smaller cities and towns. A town bypassed by a high speed route to megalopolis cannot serve its role. Especially is this true of Helotes—a refreshing resort for the weary from near and far—old and young—rich and just getting by—a role it is abundantly endowed to play.

Advice for the Holidays

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for there will always be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession, in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtues there are; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are horn of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

—Found in Old St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, dated 1692

Into my heart's treasury I slipped a coin
That time cannot take nor thief purloin.
Oh, better than the minting of a gold-crowned king
Is the safe kept memory of a lovely thing.
Sara Teasdale

Festive Fashion

(Echo ★ Feature)

It's Like the 30's

By Virginia Van Steenberg



Anyone who grew up in the 30's should feel right at home in the fashion scheme of 1969.

Flowing, clinging fabrics with deep cut front and back are sweeping evening fashion. Anything that clings, swirls and billows is an appropriate evening fabric. Hostess pajamas reminiscent of the Hollywood glamour stars are no longer just "at home" attire. They are going everywhere. Again billowy, wide and graceful.

In fact, there is a pant suit for every time of day in every imaginable fabric. The newest way to wear the wide-legged trousers is with a dress-length top which also can be worn without the pants.

Skirt lengths are staying short. The "right" length is three inches above the knee . . . but only if it suits you. Those who feel they might prefer something a little less daring should use the knee as a guideline. Don't go below the knee. But anything from the knee up seems to be acceptable.

Skirts are full, gathered, circular or dirndl which keeps them from looking as short as they are. Soft fabrics help distract from the shortness, too.

The waist line is definitely back and belts are getting wider as they work their way back to the natural waist.

For sportswear fans, separates are back in style—blouses and

skirts, or jumpers and blouses instead of the one-piece dress. The colors are bold . . . red, navy, kelly green.

And scarves are used as accents at the throat, neck, waist and around the head or on the brim of a hat. This latter trick is a good way to change a basic straw hat so it will go with everything. Just keep changing the scarf around the crown to blend with whatever you are wearing.

Shoes are still chunky but finally comfortable. Where last year we were trying to match every dress with the same color shoe, this year's most popular shoe colors, aside from the bold red or red-and-navy combination, are black patent leather, beige, fawn or grey. The latter are all worn with pastels.

Hose will all be lighter and blend with the shoe rather than the dress.

The same gaudy jewelry accents of the 30's are used to accent all the evening clothes, and beads and bangles are good on even shirtwaists and pant suits.

FASHION TIP FOR THE MONTH . . . Revise last year's shift by shortening the length a couple of inches and girthing it with a metal, leather or wide fabric belt. Or use the fabric from the hemline you've just shortened to make a matching cord belt.

Steubing-Mayfield Nuptials Planned

A June 14 date has been announced for the wedding of Miss Jeanie Sue Steubing and Wade Calvin Mayfield to take place in the Zion Lutheran Church.

The bride-elect is a Marshall High School gradu-

ate as is her fiance. She is a member of the Luther League of the Helotes Zion Lutheran Church and of the 4-H Club.

He is also a member of the Luther League here and of the Future Farmers of America.

Youth Club Offers Play

The Grey Forest Youth Club will present a comedy, "Rest Assured," featuring 20 players at the Seenic Loop Youth Bldg. twice this weekend. The first performance will be on Friday, March 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The second performance will be at the same time and location on Sunday evening, March 23.

Admission for adults is one dollar, and for those under 12 years of age, fifty cents. The public is invited.

Helotes Anglers Try Canyon Lake

Canyon Lake was the cold and rainy setting for the Texas Independence Day Bass Tournament sponsored by the Helotes Bass Club, the first major event by the Club which was formed early this year. Although March 2 fishing was slow, there were 15 fishermen from the Helotes area out fighting these conditions. The Club members managed to catch a total of 37 pounds, 8 ounces of black bass.

Wayne Barker had the heaviest stringer which consisted of 11 fish weighing 17 pounds, 9 ounces. Ewin Wegner took 70 fish weighing 13 pounds, 8 ounces for second heavy stringer. William Tietze had the third heavy stringer—considerably lighter—with one pound, 13 ounces.

Big Bass for the day was a two-pound, two-ounce fish caught by Fred Kempf.

Following the tournament, everyone gathered at Max Toepferwein's store, where all the fish were officially weighed.

The next tournament is slated for a likely date in April.

Arbor Day Presentation

In observance of Arbor Day, the club members presented a Redbud tree to the Helotes Elementary School. The tree was planted in front of the school with Mrs. William Haines, community and civic projects chairman, and Fred J. Pizzini, school principal, doing the honors.

Plans also include planting flowers at the Helotes Plaza Shopping center. Members will view plans for the Helotes Firehouse being designed by Charles B. Laughlin, landscape architect.

The Club—which sold paper flowers last year—plans to take an active part in this year's Helotes Festival, in May. A project will be discussed.

PERSON-TO-PERSON

Two San Antonio newspapers recently devoted Sunday features to a couple of important Helotes artists—Martha Mood, famed for her stitchery, and Dot Parrott, also well-known for her trapunto art. Their works can sometimes be seen in our own Helotes Art Gallery—which will have a show for member artists the first Sunday of each month, to which the public is invited.

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A former police officer, Clouser was admitted to the Florida State Hospital in February, 1964, after being adjudged mentally insane. He was then facing numerous criminal charges and had earlier been convicted of participating in the robbery, kidnapping and beating of two theater managers. His conviction was appealed, however, due to a state error, and he was released and granted a new trial.

He is a white American, born at Chicago, Illinois, on March 20, 1932. He is 5'9" tall, weighs from 165 to 180 pounds and has blond hair, blue eyes, a stocky build and ruddy complexion. He is tattooed with a panther on his right shoulder and a heart pierced with an arrow on his left shoulder.

He is described as a sadist who would not hesitate to beat a victim to death, is an expert pistol shot, exercises and lifts weights regularly and is proficient in Judo and Karate. Consider him extremely dangerous.

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Texas Might Have Become World Power

By C. O. BROWN

The Republic of Texas was in existence only ten years, from 1836 to 1845, but that was time enough for its diplomats to negotiate no less than twenty foreign treaties.

The approach of the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, April 21, reminds us of this crucial decade, when the young republic was fighting with words and nerves to maintain the freedom it had won with blood and bullets, with sacrifice at the Alamo and murder at San Jacinto.

Important treaties these were, too. They show that if the Republic of Texas had not been swallowed up in the inevitability of annexation to the United States, it would have taken its place among the nations of the world. And they show, too, that the frontier common sense of raw, unlearned, Texas foreign representatives, feebly supported by a penniless, bickering, outlived state, could hold its own with the scheming of the glib diplomats at the European courts.

Twelve of these historic documents, including the most important, have been preserved in the State Archives of the capitol. These are two with the United States, three with Great Britain, one each with France, the Netherlands, and the Hanse Towns, and four with Indian Tribes.

In handsome red plush portfolios are the three made with Great Britain—a treaty of amity, navigation and commerce, a treaty relative to the mediation of the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland between Texas and Mexico, and a treaty for the suppression of the slave trade; all three signed in the firm, up-and-down hand of "Victoria, R." It's worth the trip

to the capitol just to look at that name and imagine Victoria the Great clenching a long quill in her small fingers and scrawling such a regal signature, over 100 years ago in faraway England.

Attached to each portfolio by double cords is the Seal of Great Britain, enclosed in carved silver box which in diplomatic parlance is known as a "skipit." The seal, however, is one thing you must never skip if you ever go into the business of treaty-making. Just a round piece of dirty-looking beeswax, about six inches in diameter and one inch thick, this seal nevertheless represents all the power and integrity of the British Empire.

When agents from the rebel Texans appeared in Europe in 1838 and 1840, England financially involved in Mexico and politically aware of the strategic location of Texas, found that the reception of these agents presented a ticklish problem.

Reprisals from the Mexicans, directed against British properties in Mexico probably would result if the Texans were received, and yet, England realized, Texas would make a priceless political and commercial ally for a country that had lost almost all of her hold on the Western Hemisphere.

English diplomats, however, were even then practiced and adept at walking international tight ropes. By making, at the same time that the treaty according recognition to Texas was made, a second treaty, in which Queen Victoria offered her services as mediator between Texas and Mexico, England avoided alienating the Mexicans. If Victoria effected a treaty of peace within six months, the Republic of Texas agreed to take upon itself a portion, amounting to 1,000,000 pounds sterling of the foreign debt contracted by Mexico before January 1, 1835. The 1,000,000 pounds sterling were to be paid in land between the Nueces and Rio Grande Rivers.

Texas's representative to the treaty conference, General James Hamilton, thought this treaty a brilliant gesture on Texas's part. It cinched the all-important treaty of recognition with England at the possible cost of only some land which more than a few Texans thought might belong to Mexico anyway.

Then, to top Texas' good luck in the deal, Victoria was unable to make the six-months deadline. The Texans promptly shrugged off the 1,000,000 pounds debt.

The third treaty with Great Britain, the one for the suppression of slave trading, was another condition upon which the English based recognition of Texas. No agreement to help suppress the

They Were Diplomats

slave trade, no recognition, Lord Palmerston told General Hamilton, Texas signed readily.

In the treaty are listed the ear-marks of a slave ship. If you had happened to be in command of a Texan or British man-o'-war and came upon a scummy-looking ship which you suspected of running slaves, your suspicions were confirmed when you found evidence like this: hatches with open gratings instead of closed hatches, divisions or bulk-heads in the hold or on deck in greater number than were necessary for ships engaged in lawful trade, shackles, bolts, or handcuffs, and an unusual amount of water, mats, cooking utensils, or food.

"Rice, flour of the Brazil manioc, or cassandra, commonly called farina, maize, and Indian corn in greater quantities than are necessary for the crew's use" also would put the finger on a slave, as well as, probably ruin the poor slaves' digestion.

First after the United States to recognize the Republic of Texas was France, by a treaty ratified just 129 years ago last St. Valentine's Day. But the most ornate of the treaties is the one made with the Netherlands on September 18, 1840. The portfolio is of blue plush trimmed with gold leaf, and the English and Dutch versions written in parallel columns are by some hand so skillful that the writing resembles engraving.

The three German city-republics, Lubeck Bremen, and Hamburg, remnants of the old Hanseatic League, next found it advisable to enter into a convention of commerce and navigation with the new North America republic. The nearness of the annexation of Texas to the United States, however, kept it from ever coming up in the Texas Senate.

Of the two treaties with the United States, only the one fixing the boundary between the republics received ratification. The other, a treaty of "amity, friendship, and commerce," negotiated by the Texas minister, James Reilly, and Secretary of State Daniel Webster, hit a snag in the United States Senate. That Texas permitted slaveholding and was then suffering severe internal dissension contributed to the disapproval.

This rebuff may have worried the Texas leaders at the time, but, with annexation, this and all the other treaties passed into the proud, gentle limbo of historic documents.

Somewhat ironic and wishful are the writings of the several treaties of peace and friendship

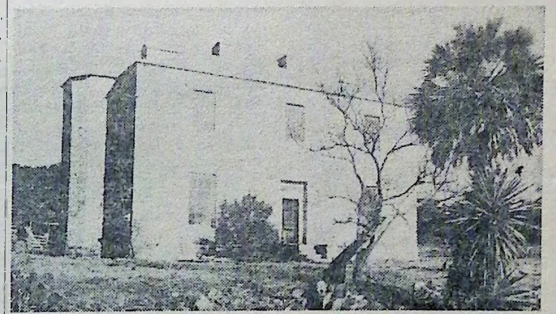
signed with the Indian tribes of Texas, among which the tomahawk-burying on the hackberry-lined Tan-wah-karro Creek on October 9, 1844, was the most ambitious.

"The Tomahawk shall be buried, and no more blood appear in the path between them, now made white," the contracting parties agreed, showing how another symbolic expression of today once had a very practical meaning.

The other provisions of the treaty indicate, however, that the experience-wise Texans were skeptical of the Indians' keeping

peace is fully established between the white and red people, and no more war or trouble exists, the Indians shall be supplied with powder, lead, guns, spears, and other arms to enable them to kill game and live in plenty." But not, you may be sure, before.

Another read: "Hereafter, if the Indians go to war, they will not kill women and children, or take them prisoners, or injure them in any way; and they will only fight against warriors who have arms in their hands." War manners, however, have not as you know, improved.



Future Museum

Historical Society To Meet March 26

Helotes Historical Society members and those interested in the Stagecoach museum are invited to a short planning session and to enjoy refreshments at the next regular meeting to be held at the Helotes Echo office in downtown Helotes at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 26.

Mrs. Joe B. Summers, acting secretary, will assist Mrs. Frank Logan, president.

Plans will be finalized for an open house and tour of the museum to be part of the festival celebration on Sunday, May 4. A date will also be set for a cake sale.

Leon Valley's Corporation Court has had as very interested spectators two members of the City of Grey Forest's government. They are: Judge Robert Duty who conducts court in the Scenic Loop town and Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, police and fire commissioner there.

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