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## Person-to-Person

For those celebrating Labor Day week-end, who do not necessarily relate to the holiday, there are other anniversaries to observe. For instance, 142 years ago, on the first Monday in 1836, Texans voted Sam Houston president of the Republic of Texas. The only State in the union which was an independent republic voted him in later for a second term. Also, this date, Sept. 1, in 1961 marked the publication date of the first Helotes Echo, so 17 fast years have sped by with other memories of September events—such as Carla, the hurricane that hurried growth in the Hill Country, also 1961. School begins—and each person has a new anniversary to celebrate right after Labor Day.

The John B. Mergele family was recently visited by Mrs. Mergele's mother, Mrs. Glennie Gant, and grandmother, Mrs. Leila Quattlebaum, who came from their home in Dublin, Georgia. They came at this time to celebrate Mrs. Quattlebaum's 84th birthday with her great grandchildren, John Byrd, Jr., and Monique. Others who helped in the celebration were her grand son-in-law, John B. Mergele, Sr., and Mrs. M.A. Medina, Mrs. Reynolds Robles, Mrs. Kenneth Koop, Miss Valerie Rupe, Mrs. S. Hincheliff, and Brother Henry Talbott.

At the recent National Convention of VFW at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas, the local Veterans chapter won a Special Recognition award for their Poppy float, which was too big to be judged with other entries. The 14,600 delegates voted to allow eligible women to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters if they had served overseas and been awarded campaign medals.

A Tesoro Petroleum analyst has been accepted as the first student in UTSA's new master of professional accounting degree program.

Bruce Howard, who lives on Briarlake, this Fall will take some of the first courses offered in the program.

On Dennis Gene Toepperwein of Route 17, a degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering was conferred by the University of Texas College of Engineering in Austin at the close of the 1978 Spring Semester.

## NORTHSIDE CUTS SCHOOL TAXES

### Benefit Nets \$3003 For Flood Victims



They came by the hundreds and danced up a storm at John Floore Country Store, Sunday, August 20, to aid their flood-stricken Hill Country neighbors. With eight or more bands spelling each other, the dancers tried "Cotton-Eyed Joe"

several times. Here they step out to music by the Nashville Sound on the patio. Rains drove them inside for a few minutes just after dark — but then clearing skies lured them back to the patio until midnight. Other photo on page 2.



Yesterday, in a ceremony covered by TV Channel 5 Eyewitness News and the local press, Commander Maynard E. Daggett, right, Region 5, Disabled American Veterans, accepted a check of \$3003 from Miss Lydia A. Alguiseva, representing not only Floore Country Store but the Helotes Merchants Assn. and the par-

ticipating C&W bands who helped sponsor, along with the DAV, the fundraiser. Commander Daggett will handle disbursement of the funds. Claims from Bandera, Center Point, and Kerrville, by veterans and older persons especially, will be studied and verified and payments disbursed promptly. Staff Photos

### Teachers Get Pay Raises In New Budget

There was good news and mixed news from the Northside District board meeting Monday night.

In approving the budget for the new school year, the trustees reduced the school tax rate for the district's 50,000 taxpayers. They dropped the rate to \$1.60 per \$100 value from \$1.85 per \$100 value, with properties to be continued to be taxed at 75 per cent of their market value.

But the board members admitted that everybody in the district won't be getting a tax reduction, because about 20 per cent of the properties in the district have been reassessed at higher values for this year. All properties are reassessed every five years.

Then the district's bond advisory committee passed word to the trustees that they are getting ready to recommend a new bond issue of \$25 million for building new schools and additions — and to add to the district's athletic complex on Loop 410. The new classrooms are said to be necessary to head off overcrowding in the classrooms in the rapidly growing district.

The trustees just finished spending the \$31 million bond issue passed before by the voters. Last projects under that bond issue were the new gym and classroom addition at Helotes School.

For the 1978-79 school year the trustees approved a budget of \$49,032,301 with pay raises for all teachers. For bachelor's

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### August Rainfall Totals 5.3 In.

September, like August, came in with rain in Helotes, although official rainfall for last month tallied at Poor Boy Ranch near downtown Helotes was only 5.3 inches. Rainfall there on August 1 was 2.1 inches with 2.5 falling the day of the big Hill Country flood—August 2. Some parts of Grey Forest reported seven inches in a day's rainfall during that time, as even more fell around the Northern limits of Bexar County.

The rainfall for the first eight months of the year—21.3 inches—is not much off the average, Henry Brauchle, local weather observer, said. And with September promising more, this area will be in good shape for the year most likely.

### Ranch Town Asks Grey Forest To Share Sewer System

The Grey Forest mayor approved Tuesday night at a special meeting of the city council a request from the developers of San Antonio Ranch Town that they be permitted to make a feasibility and engineering study of running a sewer line from Grey Forest to the Ranch Town's proposed sewer system.

The request came after the

Ranch Town's developers learned from the Texas Department of Water Resources recently that the City of Grey Forest has a high priority number for a grant for a sewer system, a holdover from the study led by the city three years ago to create a municipal utility district for the Helotes Creek watershed.

Permission would be sought

from the state to switch that priority number to the newly-proposed joint sewer system for Grey Forest and the Ranch Town.

When the study of the Helotes Creek watershed project showed that it would be too costly, no follow-up application for a grant was made. But Grey

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## They Ran Flood Benefit Dance



Among those who worked to make the Hill Country Benefit a success were some shown here. In the front row are, left to right, Joe and Stella Algueseva, owners of Floore Country Store; Commander Daggett of DAV; Miss Lydia A. Algueseva, assistant manager and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Algueseva; Jimmie Peters, C&W recording star whose band headlined the star-studded benefit dance; Mrs. Lydia

Algueseva and her husband "Little Joe" Algueseva. In the background are Mrs. Mary Daggett, the Commander's wife, and Rudy and Grace Grey. Grey is manager of Jimmie Peters and helped line up talent for the Benefit. Many others helped make the evening a success, especially the donated talent of the musicians, and the enthusiastic dancers who didn't mind the rain clouds.

## Guild Plans Rock Show

The Helotes Art Guild will sponsor a Rock, Lapidary and Gem Art and Craft Show, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17, on the grounds of the Guild Gallery.

The dates to register for the

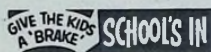
show are from Sept. 4 through Sept. 16. For information, contact Richard K. Shader, president of the Guild, at 679-7073, or Kay Riley at the Gallery, 695-9227.

## Library Shows

### Manhattan Photos

Westfall Branch Library will exhibit during the month of September the photographs of Chuck Maniscalco, a native of New York City now residing in San Antonio. The pictures, taken during a recent trip, represent a personal tour of lower Manhattan.

Westfall Branch Library is located at 6111 Rosedale Ct., adjacent to the Vance-Jackson exit of Interstate 10.



## Boerne Fair Set For Labor Day



The Kendall County Fair, running this weekend in Boerne, entered this float in the Helotes Cornyval last May. The Helotes Festival Association will reciprocate by entering a Miss Helotes float in the parade which will open the Kendall County Fair Saturday morning. There will be horse races each afternoon, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and a series of dances, as well as the traditional county fair exhibits. As usual, the fair is expected to attract many Helotes area residents.

## Clark Dedication Set

Dedication ceremonies for the Northside District's new Clark High School will be held on Oct. 14 with the widow of Chief Justice Tom C. Clark and Lady Bird Johnson both in attendance.

The new school will open on Sept. 5 along with all other district schools.

The birthday of the former chief justice also will be observed on Sept. 23.

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## Wed In Garden Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Jeri A. Jones

In a garden wedding at the home of the bridegroom's parents on Hilltop Drive in Grey Forest, Texas, Jeri A. Jones took as his bride Katherine Young Ibarra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Young of San Antonio. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jap L. Jones and he has resided in Grey Forest since 1966. The evening ceremony took place on Saturday, August 5, 1978.

The bride wore a full-length gown with a pale blue reem-broidered design. Her bodice featured a portrait neckline and bishop sleeves of Alencon lace. Her portrait hat was trimmed similarly. She carried a bouquet featuring white and blue flowers.

The bride's matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Carolyn Powers from Wisconsin. The flower girl and ringbearer were Jennifer Dawn Ibarra and Richard Paul Ibarra, children of the bride.

Best man was Billy E. Gray of Angleton, formerly of Grey Forest.

An arcade of yellow roses and Ivy formed the setting for the ceremony with Rev. Collin T. Furr, Minister of Chapel Hill United Methodist church—formerly pastor of Helotes Hills United Methodist Church—officiating. The organist was Mrs. Cynthia Logan.

Guests attending the wedding included family members only.

Among these were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Ida Siems of San Antonio, and the bridegroom's great Aunt, Mrs. Lucille Shelton, representing also his grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Tipton, who was unable to attend.

The gardens were decorated for the occasion by a group of friends including Louise, Margie, Clea, Ginger, and Scharf's Florists.

Following a wedding trip, the couple will reside in San Antonio.

## Norment — Stutes Marry August 19

Miss Kathleen Ellen Stutes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Stutes, Jr., of Grey Forest was married to J. Mitchell Norment, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Norment of Poteet in a candlelight service at Helotes Hills United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 19, 1978. Officiating at the single ring ceremony was Rev. Collin Furr.

The church was decorated with golden chains and bells and the altar centerpiece held white spider mums, miniature rainbow marigolds, baby's breath, and pink carnations with smaller side arrangements.

Organist was Mrs. Irene

Scharf of Grey Forest.

The bride wore a gown of candlelight organza over peau-de-soie. The Empire waistline accented the bodice which had a bib of pearly Cluney lace, a Victorian collar and long tapered cuffed sleeves. The A-line skirt bordered with a deep flounce of lace swept into a graceful chapel train. The gown was enhanced with a matching fingertip veil.

The bride's bouquet was an arrangement of seed pearls, crystal leaves, vari-colored wax flowers, blue velvet leaves, and multi-colored velvet ribbons tied with lovers' knots, and will be kept as an heirloom.

The maid of honor, Loretta Thompson of San Antonio, cousin to the bride, and the bridesmaid, Sandra Ashbury of Poteet, sister of the bridegroom, were gowned similarly in blue paneled long dresses with short sleeves, and scoop necklines trimmed with blue velvet ribbon and tiny lace flowers. They carried lace and satin fans with flowers trailing from them.

The flowergirls, Rebecca Thompson, the bride's cousin, and Denise Ashbury, the bridegroom's niece, wore pink versions of the other attendant's gowns. They carried white baskets, and dropped dried rose petals.

The bridegroom wore a chocolate brown Western-type tux and boots, and his attendants wore blue in the same style.

The bestman was Columbus Stutes III, of Grey Forest, brother of the bride. Groomsmen was Kelly James Stutes, another brother, and the candlelighter was Eric Stutes, a third brother.

Serving as ushers were John Stutes, also a brother of the bride, and Gerald Zulaica, of Grey Forest.

The bride's Mother wore a Victorian-style gown of ivory with blue and pink flower design. She wore a coiffure in the Victorian manner and a baby orchid corsage.

The bridegroom's Mother wore a peach colored lined chiffon shirtwaist long gown with sheer chiffon long sleeves. She wore a white silk baby orchid corsage.

Immediately following the ceremony, the reception was held in the Helotes Hills Methodist Church P.A.R.C. Building, which was decorated in tones of blue and orchid and accented with gold chains, bells, and baskets.

Tables were covered with lace cloths cherished by the bride's great grandmother, grandmother, and Mother which were displayed over blue or pink table cloths.

The beautifully decorated 3-tier bride's cake was served by Gladys Jones, and the German chocolate decorated groom's cake was served by Sandra Kremske. Serving punch was Mrs. Elvis Tindell and coffee was Kitty Fischer. All were from Grey Forest.

The rehearsal supper on the eve of the wedding was served at the church hall and was given by Mrs. Wayne Norment.

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## Long — McDonald Marry Aug. 26



Mrs. Rick Rodgers Long

Deborah Marie McDonald, formerly of Helotes, became the bride of Rick Rodgers Long in an afternoon ceremony on Saturday, August 26, 1978, at Madison Square United Presbyterian Church in San Antonio. Rev. Clint Raab and Rev. Father Vincent Fecher officiated. The bride is daughter of Patric R. McDonald of San Antonio and Mrs. Lois McDonald Martin of Houston. The bridegroom is son of Mrs. Frances Long of Plainview, Texas and the late John Q. Long.

The bride wore a gown with a tiered skirt trimmed in Alencon lace which had a bodice featuring a capelet collar and fitted waistline. The bride's double illusion chapel veil had a coronet of lace as a headpiece.

Her matron of honor was Mrs. Kenneth Gomez, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Chris Lewellen of Plainview, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. John Shaw of Abilene.

The ringbearer was Darren K. Lewellen of Plainview, nephew of the bridegroom and the flower girl was Suzanne Meltz of San Antonio.

The best man was Gary Lott of Smithville, Texas. Groomsmen were Stan E. Smith of Missouri and Randall Gaither of San Antonio. Ushers included Michael Thompson of Houston, Ron Taylor of Massachusetts, and Osler McCarthy of Missouri.

Following a honeymoon to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the bride and groom will live in San Antonio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lyon  
took a quick late-summer  
vacation to Las Vegas last  
weekend. They flew out on  
Friday and returned on Sunday.

## Wolff Invites All To Rally

With the race for the 21st  
Congressional District election  
between Democratic nominee  
Nelson Wolff of Leon Springs  
and Republican nominee Tom  
Loeffler of Kerrville warming  
up as cooler weather returns,  
the two candidates are using  
different tactics.

Loeffler is bringing in ex-  
Democrat-turned-Republican  
John Connally for a Labor Day  
Barbecue Rally in Kerrville (at  
\$10 per ticket) and former  
California Governor Ronald  
Reagan for a Sept. 12 luncheon  
rally at the Inn at Turtle Creek  
(at \$50 per person).

Wolff — along with his wife  
Melinda — meantime is inviting  
everybody in the district to  
share a Sunday afternoon with  
them at their home, on Sunday,  
Sept. 10 (admission free). It will  
be the fall kickoff for Wolff's  
campaign.

The Wolffs' home is on Boerne  
Stage Road just west of Leon  
Springs.

Mrs. Martha Whitley of Grey  
Forest was hospitalized this  
week after becoming ill at  
home.



Herbert L. Stappenbeck, Jr.  
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## Stappenbeck Named College Director

Herbert L. Stappenbeck, Jr.,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert  
(Hub) Stappenbeck, Sr. of Grey  
Forest, has been appointed  
director of development at  
Gadsden State Junior College in  
Alabama.

Stappenbeck who taught  
English from 1958 until 1975 at  
San Antonio College and the  
University of Missouri, holds  
four college degrees including a  
Masters and Ph.D. from The  
University of Texas and the  
University of Missouri.

He has been coordinator of  
Planning Management at  
Lincoln University in Jefferson  
City, Missouri during the past  
three years. There, he was  
instrumental in obtaining a \$3  
million AIDP grant—the largest  
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Stappenbeck has had  
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# Farewell Party Honors Father Trawalter

## Henry Guerra Speaks At Community Send-Off



Rev. Louis A. Trawalter, S.M., left, and Henry Guerra, well-known newsman, friends from schooldays, enjoy a chuckle at the recent farewell party for Father Trawalter, who has become a chaplain at Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital. Many non-Catholics and other friends attended the party in addition to hundreds of parishioners.

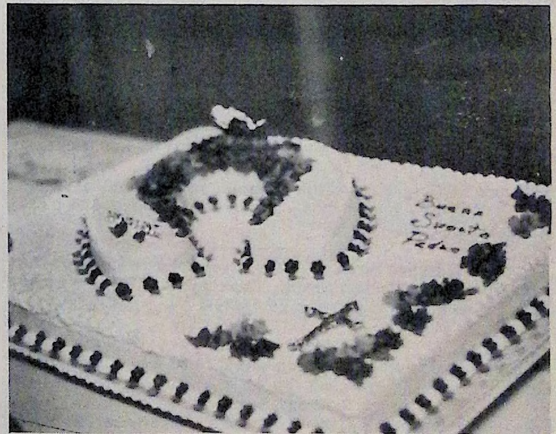
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This is part of the crowd that attended Father Trawalter's final mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Saturday evening, August 19, just before the party. During the party on the church grounds Henry Guerra and Father Trawalter both spoke briefly. Father Trawalter became pastor of the church in 1967, succeeding the late Rev. Cyril M. Kuehne.



James and Rita Logan of San Geronimo, above with Father Trawalter, were just two of the many parishioners who honored him at the farewell party. Also attending were many members of the Holy Rosary Church parish in San Antonio, where Father Trawalter was pastor before coming to Helotes. Two of his sisters were present.



Refreshments for the party were served by members of the Altar Society. In addition to tamales, dips and cold drinks there was this cake baked especially for the occasion. Decorations on the cake included a large horseshoe, a cross, and the words, "Buena Suerte, Padre." Father Trawalter has been succeeded as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe by Rev. Edward Jach, who has been assistant pastor for the past two years.

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A special thanks to Rev. Louis A. Trawalter for his beautiful memorial service.

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The Ibarra Family

## CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends, neighbors and family for the gifts, cards, telephone calls, and good wishes which I received during my recent hospitalization following a home accident. The injuries resulted from an accidental spilling of coffee which not only burned my foot, but resulted in a torn ligament when I slipped. After 10 days in the hospital, I am home and am recovering rapidly.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Lou Spiller

Mr. and Mrs. John Stacey of Braun Station returned recently from a trip around the world. Mrs. Stacey — Virginia — is the new president of the Texas State Teachers Association, and attended an international conference in Bangkok. John joined her there and then they returned to Texas via Europe. John, a retired army officer, is with Smith Chevrolet in San Antonio.

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## Echo Log

Friday, Sept. 1

Display of new photographs of the Hill Country opens at UTSA in the John Peace Library. The photographer is Ron Binks, director of UTSA's Division of Art and Design. Continues daily including weekends through Friday, Sept. 29. Admission free.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Channel 12 presents a documentary special on Alaska — "The American Child" — with John Denver as guide, 6-8 p.m.

Final performance of "Carmilla," a musical about vampires, on-stage at Incarnate Word College. Curtain at 8:15 p.m. Admission \$5. (Not suitable for children.)

Monday, Sept. 4

Labor Day. Almost everything is closed except the department stores.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Grey Forest City Council meets, Grey Forest City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Aglow Fellowship meets at the Holiday Inn Northwest, IH-10 and Vance-Jackson, 7:30 p.m. (optional dinner at 6:30 p.m.) Husbands welcome.

Channel 12 begins rerun of ABC's five-part series, "Roots," 8 p.m. Will continue on Wednesday, Thursday (starting at 7 p.m.), Friday, and Sunday nights (no Saturday).

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Helotes Merchants Association meets, 8:30 a.m. Chef John's Loft.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Regional hearing by the Governor's Conference for Handicapped Individuals, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. San Antonio Convention Center at HemisFair Plaza. Co-sponsored by the Region 20 Education Service Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Helotes Hills Garden Club meets, 13510 Circle A Trail (home of Stella and Ethel Lee Allen), 9:30 a.m. All interested persons invited.

Friday, Sept. 22

Two day seminar opens on "Promoting Mental Health: The Choice Is Yours," 7 p.m. Auditorium of the Institute for Texan Cultures, HemisFair Plaza. Continues on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Co-sponsored by UTSA. Registration fee \$5 (includes Saturday lunch).

Saturday, Sept. 23

"An Old-Fashioned Day at the Fair," 1978 Jamboree of the San Antonio Art League, opens at the McNay Art Institute, N. New Braunfels and Austin Highway, 12 noon. Continues Sunday from noon. Admission: adults \$2, children 50 cents.

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## Art League Plans

### 1978 Jamboree

Artist and craftsman registrations now are being accepted for the San Antonio Art League's Art Jamboree to be held on the ground of McNay Art Museum on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24. Registration blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Joe Rust, 241 Primera, San Antonio 78212, or phone 824-4948.

Continuous musical entertainment, food booths, and an extensive children's area will supplement the extensive displays of paintings and other arts and crafts, Mrs. Rust said.

Nora Forester of Helotes Park Estates has been elected the new president of the Texas Council of the International Reading Association, an organization of 2,000 members throughout the state. Nora will preside at the Council's convention on Nov. 3-5 in Fort Worth. Her full-time job is reading coordinator for the Northside District.

One of 17 Bexar County high school students receiving Outstanding Participant Awards at Trinity University's recent Special Speech Events Workshop was Mark Katz of John Marshall High.

Shirley Wills has been named acting director of the News and Information Office at The University of Texas at San Antonio. She replaces Jan Smith, who recently resigned to attend law school at UT-Austin and work parttime as public relations director for the UT Law School Foundation. Miss Wills joined the News and Information Office in 1976 as an information writer after serving as marketing coordinator for Frost National Bank and special events coordinator for Joske's. She is a graduate of Trinity University.

Marc Anthony Sekula of 17216 Low Road made the honor roll at the University of Texas College of Engineering in Austin for the spring semester.

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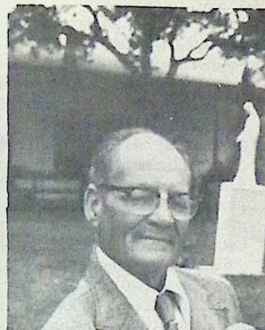
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### Joe Ibarra, Sr. Services Held

Helotes residents marked the passing of a well-known merchant, Jose Ibarra, who had contributed many years to the growth of the community, and who died August 9, 1978 in a San Antonio hospital.

He came to San Antonio when he was six years old.

In 1951, he purchased the land where the present Ibarra Ranch House stands, on Bandera Road here, which he and his family have operated as a restaurant and party house, specializing in Mexican food. Tourists and San Antonio residents enjoyed many hours at the famed establishment here.

On December 12, 1926—the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe — Mr. Ibarra married Miss Herlinda Perez—a descendant of pioneer Helotes families—in San Alfonso Church of San Antonio with Rev. Father John Katrine officiating.

On December 12, 1976, the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with Rev. Louis A. Trawalter officiating. Also taking part in the celebrated Mass was Father Katrine who came from Chicago to attend the ceremony. A reception followed after Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here.

Mr. Ibarra is survived by seven children. He leaves two sons, Jose M. Ibarra and Jesus Ibarra; and also five daughters, Miss Herminia Ibarra, Mrs. Olga Erlewein, Mrs. Lilia Gonzales, Mrs. Herlinda Rodriguez, and Miss Yolanda Ibarra.

He is also survived by a brother, Jesus Ibarra. Together the brothers developed Picossos Peanuts—a food item which they manufactured and distributed throughout the Southwest Texas market. At a later date, they sold the processing rights to others. The restaurant is managed by family members.

Many attended the requiem Mass Saturday, August 12, for Mr. Ibarra. All 19 of his grandchildren were pallbearers. Father Trawalter summarized the roles of Mr. Ibarra as citizen, husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Ibarra was born May 18, 1902 and during his 76 years he gained the respect and affection of those who knew him. Friends

and relatives came from near and far to attend his funeral. Burial was in the Helotes Catholic Cemetery. A memorial Mass last Sunday, one of many being said for his repose, was attended by his beloved wife of almost 52 years, and children and grandchildren, and was celebrated by Rev. Edward M. Jach, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Mr. Ibarra will be remembered for his own sake as well as for his qualities of devotion to family, church and community. Sympathy is extended to his family in their time of sorrow.

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**SEWERS—**

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Forest's name remained on the state's grant list and has moved up this year to No. 34 on the list. This number is considered, in view of the hundreds of grant applications on file, to be a high priority number.

A public hearing will be held in Austin today, Sept. 1, on the applications list, and unless Grey Forest indicated that the community was still interested it would be passed over for a grant this year.

The special meeting of the Grey Forest city council Tuesday night attracted more than thirty-five residents, which left standing room only in the small council room.

Making the presentation for the feasibility study was Bob Honts of Austin, managing partner of San Antonio Ranch, the planned new community development on Bandera High-

way about one mile west of Helotes.

The cost of construction of the trunk line from Grey Forest to San Antonio Ranch—a distance of about four miles—was estimated at \$2½ million. The grant would pay for 75 per cent of this, leaving about \$625,000 that Grey Forest would have to pay, presumably through a bond issue. The line would serve 135 homes in Grey Forest.

In Ranch Town the system would serve about 455 homes. At present it is using a holding tank and hauling system for the 20

homes already built.

The new system would be of the highest quality and meet all requirements for protecting the Edwards Aquifer, Honts said.

After Honts' presentation, Councilman Claude Yeager moved that "Grey Forest reject any participation in the San Antonio Ranch sewer project, planning, and-or study." His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sandra Costello.

The vote on the motion was split two to two—with Yeager and Mrs. Costello voting yes on the rejection motion, and

Councilmen Marion Heisler and Roland Boysen voting no. Councilwoman Ruth Morris was absent.

Mayor Virginia Springer then got to vote to break the tie and voted against the motion.

The mayor then called for another motion, one in favor of approving the study. Another tie vote followed and the mayor then broke that tie by supporting the approval motion.

Mayor Springer told the council and the audience that there would be no commitment on the part of Grey Forest to

participate in the construction part of the sewer project without a referendum first in which the citizens can vote to approve or disapprove.

Honts said the feasibility and engineering study will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000. San Antonio Ranch will pay all this, he added.

The plan does not include Helotes Ranch Acres, Helotes Park Estates, and the business part of Helotes, which were included in the Helotes Creek watershed proposal of three years ago.

**TEACHERS—**

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degree teachers the raise averaged 6.96 per cent, and for master's degree teachers it averaged 7.41 per cent. Northside also will pay \$25 per month per full-time employee for health insurance for the first time.

Northside is expecting an enrollment of approximately 32,000 students this year, an enrollment that has almost doubled in ten years.

The district has a current bonded indebtedness of \$46,261,000, which is 4.4 per cent of the assessed value of properties in the district.

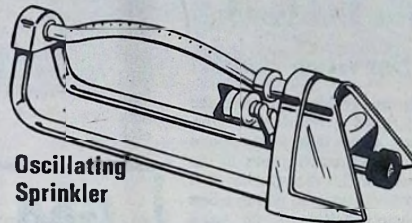
The ten largest taxpayers are: USAA (insurance), Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Northerly, Ltd. (hospitals and offices), Datapoint Corporation (computer systems), Saunders and Trieschmann (real estate developers), Ray Ellison Enterprises, Texas Community Associates (apartments), Edgar Von Scheele and Associates (developers), Clark Frates Corporation (apartments), and Melvin Simmons and Associates (shopping center).

The new tax rate is the lowest in five years in the district, said Supt. Ed Cody. "A reduced tax rate of this magnitude can be attributed to an expanding commercial tax base in our community, and recent receipt of impact funds," he said.

## Auto Auction Schedule

The San Antonio Police Department will hold an auction of motor vehicles unclaimed by the former owners. The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at the Police Storage Lot, 3625 Growdon Road, on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. Vehicles may be viewed Wednesday morning prior to the auction between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m.

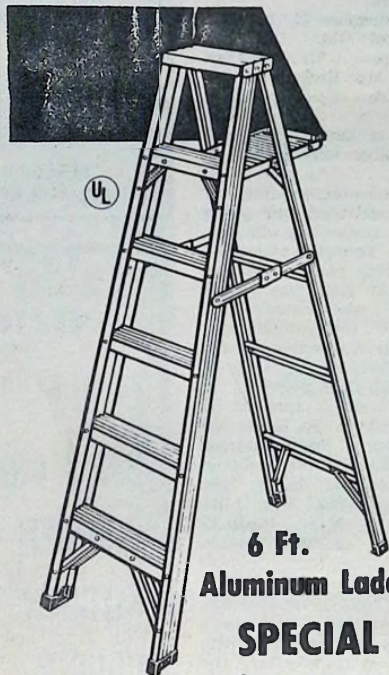
The "Texas Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act" which grants authority for the sale of these vehicles also provides to the purchaser of these vehicles a vehicle free and clear of all liens. This entitles the purchaser to register the vehicle and receive a certificate of title.



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