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The coldest weather in history hit Helotes during the last November 1976 weekend. Fortunately it was mostly a dry cold wave.

The area around Grey Moss Inn will look on Sunday afternoon like we've gone back to the 1920's when the Model T Club meets there. They will be meeting there all afternoon from 1:30 to about 5 p.m.

Margie Hopf of Grey Forest was rushed to Methodist Hospital Monday with a suspected heart attack. Betty Wilson of Bandera Highway underwent surgery at the same hospital Tuesday and was reported by her husband Wayne to be up and walking around on Wednesday. Mary Beth Tagliarino, injured in an auto accident two months ago, is now an outpatient and attended church last Sunday. Helen Rayfield was reported by her husband Dade to be sufficiently recovered from her surgery at Wilford Hall Hospital to be almost ready to return to their McNeel Park home.

Mayor Ed Faust of Grey Forest, Councilwoman Virginia Springer, and Administrative Assistant Tom Kirby report a highly successful meeting of the Texas Municipal League in Dallas recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moss have moved back to San Antonio from their former home in Missouri, and Charlie is recovering from extensive surgery. He formerly was an outstanding country and western singer in Helotes.

The Glen Oaks chapter of the Association of Retired Persons will have their annual Christmas luncheon at Chef John's Loft, Tuesday, Dec. 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m. President Nadine Hartmann is in charge. New officers, headed by Mary Maske as incoming president, will be installed.

The Silver Belles will have a Christmas supper and party at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Thursday night, Dec. 9.

Dee and Al Porlier are back in the Helotes area and saying hello to old friends after a decade of absence. They have settled near Leon Valley.

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Christmas Feast Features Singers Saturday At UTSA



Photo by Gil Barrera

UTSA Madrigal Singers—shown above—will be among entertainers at the festive Renaissance Christmas feast Saturday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. on campus. The Madrigal Christmas Dinner will be served in the Galleria of the Humanities-Business Building of The University of Texas at San Antonio and is open to the public.

In the English holiday tradition, the Galleria will be turned into a banquet hall decked in greenery, and guests will be served by the lord of the manor and his subjects. Other entertainers include the Recorder Consort, Brass Choir, Elizabethan dancers and strolling minstrels. Proceeds go to the Music Scholarship Fund.

Kurt Beckmann, Pioneer Developer, Dies At 79

A pioneer of the Helotes area and developer of several residential subdivisions along Scenic Loop died Saturday, Nov. 20. He was Kurt Betmar Beckmann, age 79.

For many years he had a home on the ridge between Scenic Loop and Menchaca-Wagner Road, as well as a residence in San Antonio.

Subdivisions in the area developed by Mr. Beckmann include Sherwood Acres, the Low Road development, and a section between Menchaca-Wagner and the city of Grey Forest.

In recent years he had built on other property he owned: a small chalet overlooking the creek just beyond Low Road. He and Mrs. Beckmann liked to drive out to Helotes and sit on the porch of this chalet.

He was a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, where he studied architecture, and served in the Army in World War I.

He was buried in San Antonio

City Cemetery No. 4 on Monday, Nov. 22 after services at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Beckmann; a daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Wells of Newell, W. Va.; a nephew, Alfred G. Beckmann; six nieces, Mrs. Lee Moore, Mrs. Laura

McNeel, Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Mrs. Roy Leslie, Mrs. William Ochse, and Mrs. Schreiner Harrison; 19 great nieces and nephews; and eight great-great nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers included all members of the Merry Knights of King William Street.

Leon Valley Wreck Claims One Life

One person was killed and two injured in an auto accident on Grissom Road just west of Leon Valley, early Sunday morning, Nov. 21. The driver said his car was forced off the Leon Creek bridge by another car which did not stop. The wreck victims were unable to get help until about 7 a.m. Sunday.

Dead was Cynthia L. Sehnert, 16, of 118 Maple Valley. Injured were Mark Lee Andrews, 16, of Mico, and Steven Everett, 15, of 3222 NW Loop 410. Mark suffered a broken leg, and Steven minor injuries.

VFW To Have Open House

The Helotes unit of the Veterans of Foreign Affairs will hold open house Saturday, Dec. 4, at their new quarters in Braun Hall. The open house, including a barbecue dinner, will be from 7 to 9 p.m., with a dance to follow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Plain Country will play.

The VFW moved from their former quarters at Ybarra's Ranch House on Dec. 1, according to Frank Logan, commander.

Grey Forest Utility Begins Climb Out Of Red

Mayor Ed Faust told the November meeting of the Grey Forest city council that Grey Forest Utilities has had its first profitable year since the natural gas system was established in 1967.

This good news was contained in the annual audit of the system recently completed by Padgett, Strateman and Co. Charley C. Davis III, partner in the auditing firm, said, "We extend our congratulations for the success and progress enjoyed by the utility during the past fiscal year." He particularly singled out Utilities Manager Tom Kirby as having "done a real good job."

Mayor Faust said that because of deficits in previous years, the utility system still is not in a completely liquid position. It will take seven to ten years before the utility will be in the black, he predicted.

"We are just a little farther out of the red now," he said.

However, that estimate of seven to ten years could be cut to as little as three years if the Grey Forest natural gas system gets to serve homes in San Antonio Ranch New Town. Negotiations on a contract with the New Town developers are now underway.

In 1976, gas sales to the utility's 1,400 customers totaled \$546,404 (versus sales of \$398,024 in 1975).

The cost of the gas from the supplier (LoVaca) was \$320,785 in 1976.

The net income after deducting other expenses was \$33,039 (versus a deficit in 1975 of \$31,631).

Davis also congratulated the city council for acquiring permanent headquarters for the utility (at Bandera Highway and Floore Drive) in 1976, and for reducing past due bond interest.

During the year Mayor Faust also attempted in Austin before the Texas Railroad Commission and in Washington before a Congressional committee on energy to get the wholesale price of gas reduced. At present the utility system has no control over price increases imposed by LoVaca.

He also has been trying—unsuccessfully—to get an agreement with the City of San Antonio and the City Public Service Board about dividing up the territory where the two natural gas systems overlap. The City of San Antonio has refused to set a date to discuss such an agreement, he said.

Northside To Build 22nd Elementary

The Northside district school board has bought 9.2 acres in Forrest Glen for the district's 22nd elementary school. The price was \$8,500 per acre, and the school is scheduled to open in 1978. Funds for the school came from the \$30 million bond issue passed in 1973. The board also announced that

it has received additional impact aid (money distributed by Congress to school districts with large numbers of military-connected students) in the amount of \$195,427. This amount brings to \$1,168,562 the total impact aid received by Northside for 1976 (75.5 percent of Northside's entitlement under the law).

San Antonio Water Okayed

In spite of all the talk about polluting the Edwards Aquifer, the quality of San Antonio's water far exceeds the health standards set by the federal government's Safe Drinking Water Act, according to a new study published by the City Water Board.

The report is based on water quality tests conducted by both Southwest Research Institute and the water board's own laboratory.

Water samples collected by Institute scientists were analyzed for 44 categories of potential contaminants and included 23 metals, 13 pesticides, carbon chloroform extract, phenolic compounds, cyanide, foaming agents, two types of radio activity, asbestos fibers and viruses.

All measurements were well below allowable limits, and where no current standards exist, readings either were completely negative or extremely low, the report states.

League To Meet

Helotes area residents are invited to a meeting of the League of Women Voters on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at St. Mark's Methodist Church, 1802 Vance Jackson. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Highway Dept. To Upgrade 1604

The Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation will hold a public meeting December 7 to discuss improvements to FM 1604 (the Charles Anderson Loop) and IH-10 near the UTSA campus.

The meeting will be at 7:15 p.m. in the UTSA Humanities-Business Building, Room 1.01.12. UTSA President Dr. Peter T. Flawn urged interested citizens as well as students, faculty and staff to attend.

He noted, "FM 1604 is a heavily traveled, high-speed, two-lane highway. Entering and leaving the campus is hazardous. Traffic congestion at the intersection of FM 1604 and IH 10 can be expected to get worse."

Currently UTSA has an enrollment of 7,500, and employs about 1,000 persons on the faculty and staff.

UTSA Artist Honored



Leonard Lehrer, UTSA professor of art, has been invited by the Library of Congress to serve as a juror for the National Biennial Print Exhibit. The exhibit will be staged in Washington, D.C., during February. It is the largest print show in the United States.

Lehrer, who will be one of three jurors, has been with UTSA since 1974. His works have been exhibited in many national and international shows.

James Gussen Dies At 59

Death came unexpectedly on Saturday, Nov. 20, to a prominent Tezel Road dairy rancher, James L. Gussen, when he was hunting near Dilley. He was 59.

The funeral Mass was said at Holy Rosary Catholic Church on Monday afternoon with the Rev. Louis A. Trawalter as celebrant, and burial followed in San Fernando Cemetery.

His wife, Mrs. Mabel Gussen, survives him, as well as his daughter, Mrs. Mary Louise Sloan of Dilley; his mother, Mrs. Edna Gussen of San Antonio; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Michalczak; and one grandson.

Pallbearers for Mr. Gussen were Max Toepperwein, Clarence Steubing, Dan Persyn, Carroll Keller, Edmund Krueger, Jr., and Al Michalczak. Honorary pallbearers were Milton Krueger and Jesse Murphy.

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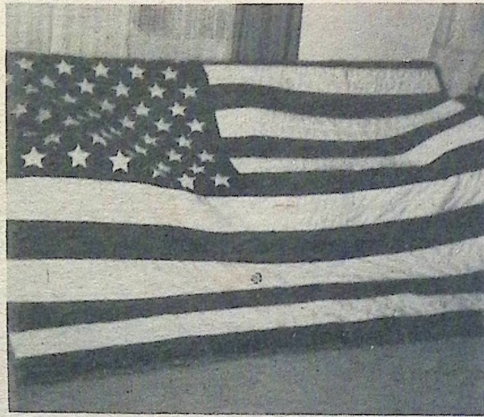
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Mrs. Zimmerlie says she would be willing to sell the one shown here—a flag with 50 stars fringed in gold, in red, white and blue.

She displayed it for several Bicentennial functions in this area recently.

Igo Book Gets Texas Award

John Igo, Jr., of Woller Road, received the Nortex Press Book Publication Award at the annual awards dinner of the Poetry Society of Texas held recently in Dallas.

His award was for a manuscript entitled "Alien" which will be published next spring by Nortex Press of Qunah, Texas.

In 1962 Igo won a similar

competition at the Southwest Writers Rally in Corpus Christi with his manuscript, "God of Gardens," published that year by American Weave Press of Cleveland.

Igo teaches Creative Writing, Mexican Literature and Freshman Composition at San Antonio College.

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The concert will be open to the public free of charge. Dr. Gordon H. Lamb, director of the UTSA Division of Music and founder of the Chorale, will conduct the group.

The concert will include "Missa Brevis in F" by Mozart performed with its original orchestration of strings and continuo. Soloists will be Nancy Lamb, soprano; Diane Windeler, mezzo; Jerry Bierschenk, tenor; and Roger Lind, bass.

The ensemble also will perform "The Falcon" by John Rutter, a sacred German motet by Hugo Distler, and "Ave Rex" by William Mathias.

Though organized only two years ago, the Chamber Chorale already has gained national recognition and will perform at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in March 1977.

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Homes Of Helotes Sprouting All Around

A swing around the greater Helotes area to see all the development going on is a stimulating and optimism-producing experience.

New homes are going up in projects east, north, west, and south of the Helotes shopping area nucleus.

Most surprising, if you haven't seen it, is the advanced development in Helotes Ranch Acres Univ IV off Galm Road just a mile west of Bandera Highway. Dozens of large new homes have been built on acreage tracts with new foundations showing up on additional plots. Turn off Galm Road at Parrigin Road to see this development.

On Braun Road, both Braun Station East and Braun Station West are getting two tennis courts apiece adjoining the swimming

pool that each section has. Braun Station East, the unit closer to Bandera Highway, has homes in the \$50,000 to \$70,000 range. Braun Station West homes range from \$45,000 to \$50,000. Announcement has just been made that Saunders & Trieschmann has purchased all the remaining lots in Braun Station.

Beyond Braun Road on Bandera Highway, two new subdivisions, the Hetheringtons' French Creek Village and Ray Ellison's Wildwood, are sprouting rows of new houses.

East of town, University Hills (formerly Hills and Dales) has received a big impetus from The University of Texas at San Antonio across Loop 1604 from this development.

Across Babcock Road from University Hills are the new Chase Hills Apartments, and farther out Babcock are Stagecoach Hills Estates and Stagecoach Hills, two of the several Don Smith developments in the Hill Country.

Just north of Helotes is, of course, San Antonio Ranch New Town, where new streets can be seen striping the hills and where the first homes are to be built this coming Spring.

Hill Country Growth Seen By AACOG

The population of Bandera, Comal, and Kendall counties is expected to more than double during the next 25 years, according to a projection recently released by the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Of the 12 counties which make up the AACOG region, these three are expected to have the largest percent of growth.

The population of Bandera County is expected to go from the estimated 6,055 persons in 1975 to 17,519 persons by the year 2000. Kendall County is expected to go from 8,635 to 20,510 and Comal County from 29,787 to 63,880.

Bexar County is expected to go from 896,008 to nearly 1,200,000.

Other counties in the AACOG region are Atascosa, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson.

Bea Linder observed her birthday Thursday night at her restaurant, Chef John's Loft, with numerous relatives and friends dropping by. The observation was dimmed somewhat by the death earlier in the week of her father. But she was cheered by the fact that her husband Jim came home from the hospital Thursday after treatment for arthritis.

Mrs. Barrett Dies In Kentucky

A prominent resident of the Helotes area, Mrs. Marcus Thurman Barrett, Jr., of Barlite Farms on Toutant-Beauregard Road, died unexpectedly on Thanksgiving Day in Bardstown, Ky., at the age of 46. She was buried Monday, November 29, in Mission Burial Park, San Antonio.

Mrs. Barrett was a well-known horsewoman. She was a member of the American Saddlebred

Association, and Barlite Farms is a showplace horse farm.

Survivors include her husband, Marcus Thurman Barrett, Jr.; two sons, Marcus Thurman III and William Osborn Barrett; her mother, Mrs. Robert Gerald Storey; one brother, William Byron Osborn, Jr.; and one sister, Mrs. Albert M. Biedenharn, Jr.

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Foster Grandparents with birthdays in November and December also celebrated their birthdays with a song and cupcakes.

Foster Grandparents are between the ages of 60 and 86.



Mrs. G. Futral

Van De Walle Gets Opponent

There will be one contest in the election of directors of the Edwards Underground Water District to be held Jan. 15, 1977.

Henry Van De Walle, farmer and businessman, who was one of the organizers of the District in 1959 and a member of its board of directors ever since, is being opposed by Lanny Sinkin, a board member of the Aquifer Protection Association, in Bexar County.

A director for each county will be elected for a six-year term in the Jan. 15 election.

The filing period closed Nov. 18. The candidates for directorships for the other four counties of the five-county EUWD are: Comal County, Oliver Haas; Hays County, Robert Knispel; Medina County, Harlan Wolff; and Uvalde County, Louis E. Capt.

Haas is unopposed for the post in Comal County, now held by Elton Erben, who is not seeking reelection.

Knispel, Wolff and Capt are all

incumbents and are unopposed in their counties.

The Board of Directors of the EUWD numbers 15, three directors for each county.

Drugs Tested

Testing of new drugs which may prove useful in controlling high blood pressure, malaria and irregular heartbeat is under way at UTSA's Center for Applied Research and Technology.

Studies will be carried out under a grant of \$17,982 awarded to research scientists in the UTSA College of Science and Mathematics.

The drugs, called quinuclidine compounds, have been created using new methods developed by principal investigator Dr. Philip L. Stotter, associate professor of chemistry at UTSA and biochemistry at the UT Health Science Center.

1977 San Antonio Stock Show Expected To Be Biggest

The 1977 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, scheduled for Feb. 11-20 at Joe Freeman Coliseum, is expected to be the biggest in the show's 28 year history, according to Harold M. Freeman, Life Chairman of the Board.

Freeman predicts there will be record breaking numbers of animals entered in dozens of judging classes, record breaking purses in the rodeo events, record

breaking rodeo attendance and record breaking crowds on the show grounds.

Freeman bases his prediction on the show's quarter century history of growth, with each year

ultimately surpassing its predecessor.

Stars for the 10-day, 16 performance rodeo will be Toni Ingraham, El Piporro, Myron Floren and Anacani.

Trinity Graduation

Trinity University will hold winter commencement exercises Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. in the Margarite B. Parker Chapel. Trinity President Duncan Wimpress will give the charge to the graduates and confer degrees on approximately 117 candidates for bachelors degrees and 83 candidates for masters degrees.

Exhibit Set

How we got here from there is presented in photos, art and text in a new exhibit at the Institute of Texan Culture of the University of Texas at San Antonio, through Dec. 14.

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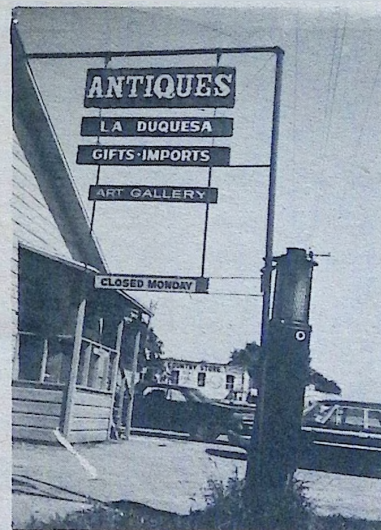


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BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

ASSETS

	1976	1975
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 19,442	\$ 8,815
Savings accounts	15,995	435
Receivables: (note A)		
Metered gas accounts	37,439	39,753
New service installations	-	727
Due from general fund	587	1,377
CETA Grant	2,475	1,735
Material inventory (note A)	13,812	15,405
Prepaid expenses	1,073	576
Total current assets	90,823	68,823
Restricted Assets:		
Revenue bonds - interest and sinking fund:		
Cash for gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	79	86
Property, Plant and Equipment: (notes A, D and G)		
Gas distribution system	1,374,093	1,374,093
Meters and line extensions	181,117	159,571
Building and improvements	19,383	-
Field equipment	32,493	17,159
Office equipment	10,437	10,219
	1,617,523	1,561,042
Less accumulated depreciation	250,516	210,961
	1,367,007	1,350,081
Land:		
Utility office and storage yard	19,038	-
Right-of-way	2,689	2,689
Net property, plant and equipment	1,388,734	1,352,770
Other Assets: (notes A and H)		
Capitalized rate stu./ cost - net of amortization	2,018	2,825
Leasehold improvements - net of amortization	-	362
Total other assets	2,018	3,187
	\$1,481,654	\$1,424,866

Along Our Route

Dear Editors:

Your paper is a pleasure to always look forward to.

Wanda Woosley
San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

Since our Watergate postal service demands early mailing, I wish you Merry Solstice and Continued Success with the Echo, which I enjoy fortnightly.

Otto Weltner
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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a check for a year's subscription.

Some time back I read an article in your paper about growing vegetables without using poisons. Early last Spring I decided to try it on a plot about 8 ft. x 9 ft. Easter visitors were given vegetables rather than bought gifts. We have a goodly supply in the deepfreeze. Late last week when we were certain of a deep freeze we hurried out and got in the last of the Swiss chard. We had been picking plentiful meals of these plants and freezing extra ones since long before Easter. Now a mess to eat and a few more in the deepfreeze. Your little paper carries much useful news.

Mary Dove Vincius
San Antonio

Mrs. Brown:

About the paper, we down here don't get the paper in time always. Sometimes it's 3 days later when some events are over. When there is something going on around here, you can call me. Phone number is on my check.

Mrs. Francis Biering
Route 17

Campus Here Has Local Students

UTSA is growing larger— and younger.

Statistics released by the University this month show the average age for undergraduates has decreased from 28.43 years for the spring 1976 semester to 25.3 years for the current semester.

UTSA administrators said that the younger student body was largely due to freshmen and sophomores, who were admitted to the University for the first time last summer.

The average age for graduate students has varied only slightly from 31.75 years in the spring to 31.4 years this semester.

Statistics also show that the total student population increased

almost 40 per cent as the number of students climbed from 4643 in the spring to 7498.

Undergraduates now account for almost three-fourths of the student body.

Thirty per cent of the students currently enrolled at the University transferred from regional colleges with San Antonio College contributing two-thirds of the transfers. Almost nine out of every ten students are from Bexar county.

Attending a meeting of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas in Waco are Bill and Avonelle Matthews.

Cornyval Meeting

The Helotes Spring Festival Association will meet Monday, Dec. 6, at Floore Country Store, beginning at 7:30 p.m., to continue planning the 1977 celebration to be held during the first weekend in May.

The association already has 14 entries, including three bands, for the 1977 Cornyval Parade. The Texas Highway Department has approved a parade route from Toepperwein's Place to downtown Helotes.

Association President Jim Wilson invited workers and ideas from anybody and everybody in the greater Helotes area for the Dec. 6 meeting.

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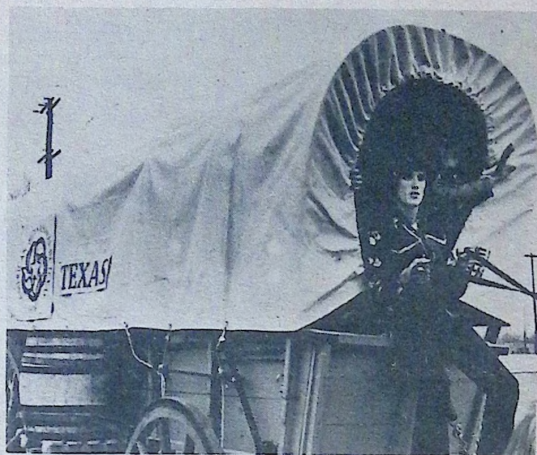
PACKAGES BY DECEMBER 10
CARDS BY DECEMBER 17

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Current Liabilities:	1976	1975
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967 (note C)	\$1,440,000	\$1,440,000
Accounts payable (note J)	40,174	28,855
Bond interest payable (note C)	187,600	200,362
Bond interest accrued	21,600	21,600
Accrued payroll and sales taxes	3,044	2,961
Customers' deposits	15,080	13,789
Current maturities of long-term debt	1,988	2,933
Rebates payable	696	306
Due to sewer fund	1,293	-
Total current liabilities	1,711,475	1,710,806
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt - net of current maturities (notes A and G)	15,908	2,246
Rebates payable (note E)	1,969	-
Total long-term liabilities	17,877	2,246
Contingencies (note F)		
Total liabilities	1,729,352	1,713,052
Reserves:		
Gas system revenue bonds, series 1967, reserve for retirement of revenue bonds and interest (note C)	79	86
Contributions from Customers (note D)	77,179	69,731
Retained Earnings (Deficit) (note J)	(324,956)	(358,003)
	\$1,481,654	\$1,424,866

Notes to financial statements form an integral part of this statement.

Bicentennial Ride Ends



Texas' official Bicentennial Prairie Schooner, above, had travelled more than 3,000 miles when it pulled into its permanent home Nov. 20 at The Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio. Waving from the wagon is Hazel Bowen, the 68-year-old grandmother from Antelope, Texas, who drove it from Houston to Valley Forge on a wagon train pilgrimage sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania. She enjoys the final ride beside another driver as the Prairie Schooner heads into history.

Early Helotes settlers often travelled in this fashion, camping at stagecoach stops maintained more than a century here, or making do at traditional camping grounds—in what is now downtown Helotes—or at the best available dry camp.

Concert Set For Dec. 7

UTSA's new Symphonic Band, the University's first instrumental group, will present its winter concert Tuesday, Dec. 7.

The concert will be staged at 7:30 p.m. in the University of Texas Health Science Center auditorium, and will be open to the public free of charge.

It will include works by Donald Erb, Vincent Persichetti, Charles Ives, and Vaclav Nelhybel, as well as a composition for band and electronic tape.

Rainfall Totals

52.1 Inches

Rainfall—which seemed even more plentiful to chilled citizens—totalled 4.3 inches for the month of November, bringing the total by the final month of the year to 52.1 inches, according to Henry Brauchle, local weather observer whose rainfall records go back a century.

Although December came in bright and a trifle warmer, Mr. Brauchle said "It's not over yet." Two 1911 records fell on two consecutive days, and the only thing that made the stories of frozen pipes and icicles less interesting now is that in 1911 local cattlemen, and sheepmen as well, had to stay up all night to save their livestock.

Actually—although a few individuals saw flurries of snow—there was no measurable snow in November here.

Diabetes Tests To Be Dec. 11

The West Side Lions Club will sponsor free diabetes screening tests Saturday, Dec. 11, at Save-U-Warehouse, 950 Bandera Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., under the direction of the American Diabetes Association, Alamo

Area Chapter. There should be a lapse of two hours between the last meal eaten and the test.

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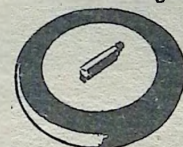


DR. HERSCHEL DOUGLAS, professor and chairman of the department of family practice at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, was elected president of the Bexar County Hospital District Medical and Dental Staff. Dr. Douglas will begin his duties Jan. 1, 1977. He succeeds Dr. Howard Zauder, professor and chairman of the department of anesthesiology at UTHSCSA.

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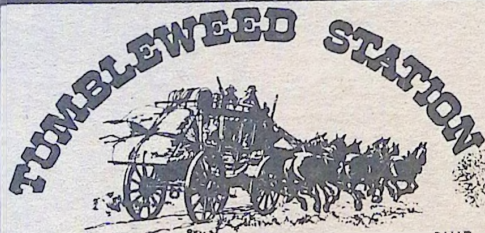
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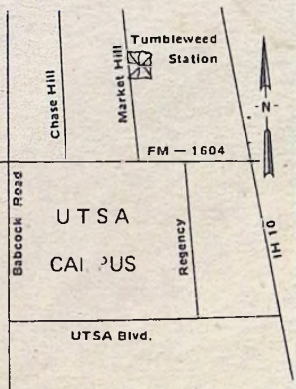
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