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Person-to-Person

Johnny Busk, Houston-born, who got his start at The Texas Star Inn here, played with Willie Nelson, and finally made it big with such hits as "You Gave Me a Mountain," and "Jim, Jack, and Rose," will play Saturday, August 21 at Floore Country Store where he is always a hit.

The Chuck Laengers back from a vacation at Puerto Vallarta report there is nothing like a vacation in Mexico.

It was Guadalajara that intrigued the Patric McDonald family with its friendly hospitality and chance to study for daughter Kathy and to do Red Cross work for daughter Debbie.

Joe and Stella Algueseva and daughter Lydia took in Carlsbad Caverns and visited in several border towns on the Texas-Mexico boundary, taking in Judge Roy Bean's famed outpost in Del Rio. They then held several family reunions and took in the Texas coast—including Padre Island. They were accompanied by family and friends.

The Bern Vincks are among those taking in California.

Harvey Smith, a former resident of Helotes Ranch Acres, now living in Fairbanks dropped by the Echo office to get a paper—on his recent visit here.

George Sistrunk is making progress in recovering from severe injuries suffered in an expressway accident ten weeks ago.

Recent visitors to the Echo office were Mr. and Mrs. David R. Rodriguez and family of Glendale, Calif., here to visit relatives.

Mrs. Frank Klein is back home at Texas Star Inn following her operation July 21. She's supervising the home cooking there as you always like it. Folks will be glad to know.

The LeSturgeon Laundro-Mat has added some 580 square feet of building space.

Among recent visitors to the Echo office with Mrs. Georgia Burch were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Thompson and little son Marty. She is the former Sandra Lang of Scenic Loop.

The Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha accepted two new pledges—Sue Collier and Jane Woodbury—at their August meeting, according to Mrs. Jap Jones, president. The members who have been making paper flowers as a club project and have received an order from a Southern department store have contributed \$86 to the Lion's Club fund drive for the Parrigin Pavillion, she said.

Citizens Ask Election OK For Town

Hopes of incorporating Helotes as a separate town have been re-kindled and citizens favoring incorporation have again requested permission from the city of San Antonio to hold an incorporation election.

Permission is needed from the San Antonio city council because Helotes came within the five-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction of San Antonio when the area around the site of the new University of Texas at San Antonio was annexed. This extraterritorial jurisdiction gives San Antonio control under state law over all territory within five miles of its city limits.

The Helotes incorporation group sought unsuccessfully to get such permission last year when Hills and Dales was contesting its annexation by San Antonio. Hills and Dales lost that suit. But a recent annexation plan released by the planning department of the city of San Antonio showed that annexation of Helotes is not included in the near future.

J. H. Wilkerson, city planner, said all the area in the annexation plan is inside Loop 410, and does not include Helotes.

San Antonio City Manager Gerald Henckel reportedly has asked for new petitions from the citizens of Helotes in support of the request for permission to annex. Attorney Earle Cobb, Jr., who represents the Helotes incorporation group, said about 80 per cent of citizens of Helotes signed the petitions in November, 1970.

If San Antonio gives permission to incorporate, an election will be called by County Judge Blair Reeves.

Grange Plans Booster Night

Annual Booster Night of the Leon Valley Grange will be held Thursday, September 23 at the Grange located near Marshall High School on Eckhart Road.

The purpose of the Grange will be explained and a program will follow. On display will be fancy work, homemade jellies and garden products produced by members, after which refreshments will be served.

Tax Added

Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Charles G. Davis has announced that the county will begin collecting taxes Oct. 1 on all trailer homes—whether on lots that are rented or owned—if the mobile home stays in the same place for 60 days. The mobile homes will be added to the 1972 Bexar County personal property tax rolls, Davis said. He estimated that mobile homes in Bexar County total \$30 million worth.

The 83rd Annual Gillespie County Fair got underway Aug. 20 at Fredericksburg and will continue through Aug. 22.

Barbecue Will Aid Pavillion

The Helotes Lions Club will host a fund-raising barbecue for the new Alex Parrigin Pavillion at the Pavillion Saturday, Aug. 21, from noon to 8 p.m. The barbecue was postponed from last week due to the recent heavy rains.

Barbecue plates will be \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12, said Jap Jones, Lions president. All residents of the community and their friends and guests are invited. Special entertainment, games and dancing will accompany the barbecue, Mr. Jones said.

Engineers Study San Geronimo Dam

Rights-of-entry have been secured from several landowners along the San Geronimo Creek by the Edwards Underground Water District allowing an engineering firm to make preliminary investigations, surveys, and a cost estimate to determine whether a recharge dam should be constructed on the San Geronimo Creek north of Highway 471 about on the Medina-Bexar County line. It is expected that a report will be ready for action of the Board of Directors early in September. The consulting firm is Lodal & Bain.

As soon as a definite location and the size are determined and flowage easements charted, the land owners affected will be contacted to secure their agreement before proceeding further, a spokesman said.

Schools Open Here Aug. 30

Approximately 23,000 students will attend Northside schools, a spokesman from the Independent School District office said, with doors opening for the 1971-72 long session on August 30—a week before Labor Day.

Registration for elementary schools at the nearest one to the child's home will be on August 24 and 25. Children entering school for the first time will be required to bring birth certificates, and all students must have shot records at registration which

may be obtained from the child's private physician. High school students have pre-registered unless they are new to the district in which case they should go to the nearest high school. Any questions can be answered by calling the central office of the Northside District.

For the first time in many years there is no teacher shortage with all positions filled with qualified instructors.

Bus transportation is available for all students who live two miles distance from the school they attend.

There are several classroom additions and one new junior high school—named for former Governor William P. Hobby—the Hobby Junior High School which serves the Shenandoah area.

Leon Valley Seeks Bank

A state bank for Leon Valley, to be located at the corner of Bandera Road and Loop 410, has been proposed by a group of San Antonio and Leon Valley businessmen.

Proposed directors are Frank J. Baskin, J. C. Cooley, G. Hasslocher, E. H. Jaroszewski, William G. Kinman, and Forrest E. Wood. Proposed capital is \$250,000, surplus \$250,000 and reserves \$100,000.

No hearing date has been set for the application for the First State Bank of Leon Valley filed with the State Banking Department recently.

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The second annual Six Flags Over Texas Trail Ride—from Helotes to the Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park at Arlington—has been set for June 4, 1972.

Starting date of next year's ride was announced by Trail Boss Kitty Fischer of the successful first 280-mile Six Flags Trail Ride at a luncheon meeting at Floore Country Store Saturday, Aug. 14.

Hosted by John T. Floore, the luncheon guests represented a community-wide committee which will assist with the trail ride and with a fund-raising dance to be held Sept. 3, at Floore Country Store, with music by Dale Keith and the Starlite Ramblers. The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Attending the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fischer, Rev. Collin Furr, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bergstrom, Jap Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Brown and Mr. Floore.

Mr. Floore said the statewide publicity for Helotes which came from the first Six Flag Trail Ride was worth many thousands of dollars to the community. He displayed front pages from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dallas Morning News, Arlington Citizen-Journal, Arlington Daily News,



The oldest and youngest riders were Sarge McDonald and Sandra Fischer shown on the trail.

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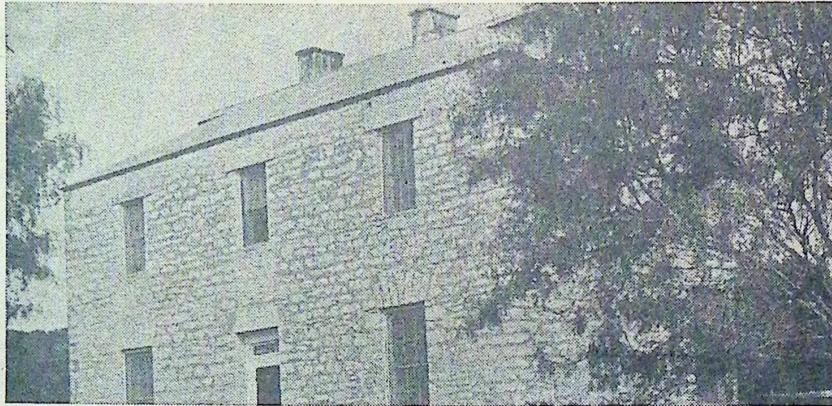


Photo by Dade Rayfield

The Helotes Echo is in its new location—a landmark rock 120-year-old building—the main gate is about one-half mile up the Scenic Loop Road from Bandera Road in Helotes.

The staff says “drop in” during office hours from 10 to 6 most days. When the restoring is completed, there will be an official opening, but don't wait for that.

Members of the younger generation are alike—in many respects.

During their recent visit here, Sherry and Bob Nield—down from Minnesota with their two children Patrick and Michael—were honored at an open house by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike

Parrott of Grey Forest. They also visited in Corpus Christi.

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Wolfe-Wallace Marry in Austin

The wedding of Miss Darlene Wallace and Roger L. Wolfe took place Saturday, August 14, in the chapel of Bergstrom Air Force base in Austin.
 Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wallace of Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolfe of Helotes Park Estates.
 Matron of honor was Mrs. Pat

Groves, sister of the bride. David Wolfe, brother of the groom, was the best man.
 The bride wore a long dress of white satin with nylon lace overlay, long sheer sleeves and high ruffled neck.
 A reception was held at the NCO Club at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin.

Gerfers-Draker Marry in Helotes

Miss Carol Rosanne Draker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Draker became the bride of John William Gerfers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bowman Gerfers Friday evening, July 30. They exchanged wedding vows with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ralph Smith and Rev. Louis A. Trawalter officiating in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church here.
 Matron of honor was Mrs. Danny Steubing of Waco. Other bridal attendants were Miss Sheryl Gay Draker of Austin and Miss Kathy McBee, as well as Mmes. Jay Webre of Houston and David Spears, sister of the bride-

groom, and Mmes W. J. Draker and Richard L. Draker. Flower girl was Suzy Gerfers, sister of the bridegroom.
 Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Gary Gerfers. Grooms-men included William J. Draker and Richard L. Draker, brothers of the bride, and Jay Webre of Houston, Danny Steubing of Waco, Odell Meyer, and David Spears.
 Honorary ring bearer was Brent Draker. Ushers included Mark Draker, Larry Coleman, Walton Daugherty, and Richard Wagner.
 A reception was held at Hermann Sons' Lodge, Braun Hall following the wedding. The couple honeymooned in Colorado and in Arizona at the Grand Canyon.

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(An Echo ★ Feature)

For grease fires—the simplest rule is: Have a lid for the frying pan handy. Turn off burner, and pop on lid. Never use water on burning fat, although soda can be poured on the overflow.

Low cabinets and closet floors are no place for household cleaners, bleaches, waxes, kerosene, insecticides or ammonia. Store these in a locked cabinet where playful small-fry cannot locate them. Never remove from original containers where they can be mistaken by anyone for a harmless liquid, and misused.

It's so easy to miss a big ash tray with your eyes closed. If you must smoke a cigarette, get out of bed. It is too easy to fall asleep with the cigarette in hand, medical experts advise, and set the bedclothes or rug afire. Then a slow smoldering fire gives off toxic gases and the smoker dies of smoke asphyxiation if he escapes burns.

'Horn' Party To Be Aug. 24

Marshall High School students and 1971 graduates are invited to an Annual Signing Party at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 24, in the School Science Building, Mr. A. W. Johnson, annual sponsor, has announced.

The 1971 Horn will be distributed to students who purchased them last year. Receipts will be required.

George Mabry was named City Building Inspector for the City of Grey Forest by the city council at its meeting Wednesday night.

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Having a big party? Five cakes should serve 56 people, if five don't want any.

Doctors say that babies and young children should never be allowed to play with very small toys or ones that have tiny removable parts such as wheels, button eyes, marbles, etc. Since babies love to put things in their mouths, they can choke on these. How "big" is safe? A rule of thumb is that no toy or handled object should be smaller than the child's fist.

Mrs. Ruth Woller Dies August 13

Mrs. Ruth Augusta Woller of Route 17, a life resident of this area, died Friday, August 13, at the age of 71. She was one of the early parishoners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and a member of the Altar Society.

She is survived by her husband, Henry W. Woller; daughter, Mrs. LeRoy (Patricia) Surtees, Jr.; and son, Bill Woller. Her brothers are Mark Bacon, Joe Bacon and Edmond Bacon. In addition, she leaves six grandchildren.

Rosary was recited on Sunday evening at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Funeral services were held August 16, with a requiem mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Rev. Louis A. Trawalter who conducted the services, praised Mrs. Woller's Christian attitude toward life.

Interment was at the Catholic cemetery in Helotes. Pallbearers included John Igo, Jr., Joe Woller, Joe Van De Walle, Harold Olmstead, Bob Fogg, and Woodrow Marnock.

Sympathy is extended to her family and friends in their loss.

Calvary Meets

The famous 1st Cavalry Division Association with over 27,000 members holds its 24th Annual Reunion and its 50th Anniversary August 19-22, at the Hilton Palacio Del Rio in San Antonio. The highlight will be the attendance of many members from the active 1st Cavalry Division (TRICAP) recently returned from Vietnam and now stationed at Fort Hood.

The Commanding General of the division, Major General James C. Smith will be principal speaker at the Banquet-Dance, Saturday, August 21 at the hotel.

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Big 'Un, is shown between Dee McKay, right, president of the Saddle Tramps, and his proud new owner—Marie Muyres, senior here. Marie was awarded the colt in a special event sponsored by the Saddle Tramps in cooperation with Purina—the original donor.

Following a feeding test lasting 85 days in which Hill Country Feed Store of Helotes fed the animal for research purposes, Big 'Un gained 198 pounds going from 432 to 630 pounds. He is about nine months old.

Marie is an accomplished rider and hopes to study veterinary medicine.

HAPPY GARDENING

(An Echo ★ Feature)

August has provided all the moisture that any good gardener around here could crave. With the springs and creeks running, and the trees enjoying the saving rains, now is the time to plan ahead for a spectacular garden all year around.

Pace your yard or field once, and see what needs changing. Draw on paper the flower beds you want and just what kind of blooms you want. The nurseries have many suggestions, if you are not experienced.

If your compost heap is working, now is the time to begin taking some organic material from it and working it up to 12 inches in your flower beds. Turn this once a week for a month. You can add a fertilizer—such as bone meal—for bulb beds, but not for the acid loving plants such as azaleas or camellias which need special care in our area.

Key month to begin or to refurbish a lawn in September. Here good soil counts. Morning and evenings are ideal working time.

Spray and mulch any plants you have blooming. Ground covers, such as ivy, can be planted now if you have rolling terrain

The first report, number 103, presented well measurements in the U.S. Geological Survey through the spring of 1966. Report 122 now gives measurements from wells during 1966-69.

Copies of Report 122 are available without charge from the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711. A limited number of copies of Report 103 are also available.

Be Wise—Advertise in the ECHO

or difficult plots. They have permanence and can cut down on mowing, too. Cut back leggy annuals, feed roses, dahlias, day lilies, chrysanthemums and asters.

Order tulips now to be planted in November. You'll be glad you did—next Spring.

Club Is Active

Scenic Loop Playground Club is active every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Club Bldg. and Grounds. Mrs. Cleta Mikel and her assistants, Tommie Wood and Mario Barrera, have invited young and old members to join indoor and outdoor events. So far there is no generation gap. Activities include swimming this month.

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Local Graduate Plans Campus Crusade Work



MISS ANDERSON

Bonnie Anderson, who upon graduation from college, joined the Campus Crusade for Christ, in 1970, will return to Roanoke, Virginia where she will work with student groups of Radford College for her second year. Radford has about 5000 women students and is about 18 miles from Virginia Tech with 14,000 students.

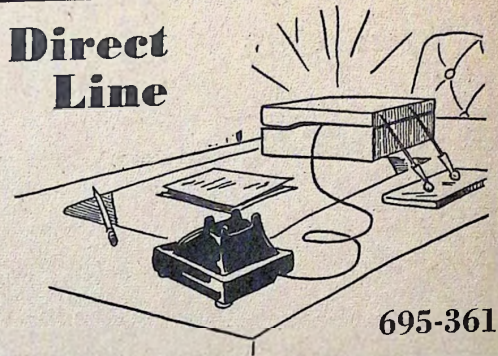
With a staff of eight graduates, her unit of Campus Crusade has a goal of bringing Jesus Christ into the lives of students, she said. It is the evangelistic arm of the local church and is interdenominational. A training session was held at Arrowhead Springs, Calif., which all members attended for three weeks this summer.

Students on campus make personal appointments, and are encouraged to be active in their faith. They attend retreats also. All funds for the work are from voluntary contributions.

Miss Anderson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson of Helotes Park Estates, explained that funds may be earmarked for the individual staff member a person wishes to sponsor and the contribution is tax deductible. Checks for this cause should be mailed to Campus Crusade for Christ, Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California, 92404. Monthly pledges are a means used for support also.

Miss Anderson has been in Helotes this month for a visit.

Direct Line



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My folks claim their parents came by stagecoach from Indianola to Helotes, and they said Indianola was a big town then. What ever happened to it? J. B. B.

It was destroyed by hurricane 85 years ago.

Indianola—which called itself the "Queen City of the West" became established as a port of entry about 1849 when many German and Irish immigrants began streaming into Texas.

The fatal event took place August 20, 1886 and was the second major hurricane in the port city's history. Before the first one—which was 11 years earlier on Sept. 17, 1875—Indianola was one of the biggest cities in Texas with about 7,000 citizens, and booming freight wagon railroad, and stagecoach as well as shipping business.

Indianola has an interesting history, and you are eligible to join its historical society.

Artist To Show How To Do It

The public is invited to see Artist Jackie Von Honts demonstrate how to paint with acrylics at the Helotes Art Gallery on Bandera Road on Friday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m.

She is well-known in South Texas and is on the faculty of San Antonio College.

There is no charge for the demonstration. Art works may also be seen.

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Who Knows?

We'd like to be able to bring the very latest projection dates on all the changes slated for this area. But national, international, and state events have caused so many floating deadlines that those who should know can only say they can't say at this time. To complicate things, San Antonio has discovered its Hill Country neighbors—Helotes especially.

For those in the big city who have a feeling that Helotes is a new boom town, let us remind them that Helotes still has its name—(an Indian word meaning corn-on-the-cob, not the grain itself, and was so-called also by the first Spanish). As far as is known, the Creek through here bore the name at the same time that San Antonio was known as Yanaguana, and this area was variously described as corn country by the conquistadores.

Of course, Helotes has been a ranch town—once Texas' greatest industry—and citizens here hope that it will keep much of its own unique Hill Country individuality, no matter what else changes. It is what visitors come for, and what many have dedicated their lives here to maintain.

Helotes looks forward to change—but only within limits that can be called a change for the better.

We Need A Home

By Patricia Lawrence, Regional Adoption Supervisor,
Texas Department of Public Welfare

(This is the fourth in a series of eight articles covering answers to questions about adoption and foster home care.)

Why should I use a licensed adoption agency to adopt a child?

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If you are interested in adopting one or more of the school-age Mexican-American or Black children available from the State Welfare, call 435-0541 in San Antonio.

Along Our Route

Houston

Dear Lucy and C. O.:

Congratulations on your paper's new home and also your wonderful paper that is "plumb good reading" to "old timers" of the community. Kurt and I especially enjoy your features "Aunt Kate" and "Direct Line," as well as "Person to Person" which enables us to keep up with the doings of our former friends and acquaintances. We are proud of our old friends, Kitty Fischer—when Kitty undertakes, "Kitty Makes It." We look forward each month to receiving the Helotes Echo.

Please accept the writer's apology for the delay in sending in the subscription dues but the days pass so fast with our activities in the old home town that time gets away from us. Kurt is doing a nice business here and keeps busy with time for walks and two good swims per day. I am feeling much better—in fact setting some plans in motion for a few business ventures of my own.

Was sorry that time did not allow for a visit with you all, including the paper and all my friends, when I was there re-

cently, but what with attending to well troubles and visiting my children in Fredericksburg, there were not enough hours in the days. Will probably return soon at which time we (if Kurt is with me) hope to see and visit with all our friends and neighbors.

Please pass our best wishes to City Hall including the Fire Department, Police Department and the Gas Company staff.

To you two good people our best regards and again—CONGRATULATIONS!

Sincerely,
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MRS. J. F. MENSING

Mensing-Haley Marry August 1

Following their honeymoon in Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Mensing will reside in Fort Worth. The bride, the former Miss Judith Faye Haley, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Martin Haley of Helotes Ranch Acres. The bridegroom is son of Mrs. Eric Mensing and the late Mr. Mensing.

The couple exchanged their marriage vows at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church here before Dr. Samuel L. Terry in an evening ceremony on Sunday, August 1.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Carolyn Jane Haley of College Station. Best man was John Poerner of Austin. Ushers were Dale Robertson of Marble Falls and John Hedges of Port Aransas.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Church.

The bride who is a graduate of John Marshall High School has a master of arts degree from The University of Texas at Austin as well as a bachelor of science degree. The bridegroom who is also a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin has a Master of Business Administration. He has accepted a federal position in Fort Worth.

Perkins-Maurer Rite Of Interest Locally

A recent San Antonio wedding of interest here was that of Miss Beverly Marie Perkins and James A. Maurer, both of San Antonio. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas S. Perkins, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Maurer.

The bride's father is a teacher at John Marshall High School, and her uncle and aunt are Mr. and Mrs. Charles O. Brown of Grey Forest. She has been a frequent visitor in the Helotes area.

The nuptial mass, celebrated in the chapel of Incarnate Word College, Saturday evening, July 10, by the Rev. James Cashin, was followed by a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Whitehurst in Hill Country

Village. Mrs. Whitehurst, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and numerous other relatives of the bride and groom served as attendants also.

The bride and groom both are graduate students at the University of Texas in Austin, and will live on Route 1, Rosanky, Texas, near Bastrop.

Garden Club Invites Guests

An invitation has been extended by the officers of the local garden club for new members.

A Basic Review of Flower Arranging, by Mrs. Robert Rosenfeld, will be the program for the first meeting this season of the Helotes Hills Garden Club to be held at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 8, in the home of Mrs. Carleton Shead, 14006 Flying W. Trail.

New officers for 1971-72 are Mrs. George M. Allen, president; Mrs. Charles Laughlin, 1st vice president; Mrs. Ed Hartmann, 2d vice president; Mrs. Leo Bender, secretary; and Mrs. Carleton Shead, treasurer.

Those interested in joining or visiting club meetings are cordially invited.

Festival Assn. To Meet Sept. 21

The Helotes Spring Festival Assn., Inc. will hold its final meeting of the 1971 session and will elect officers for the 1972 session at the regular meeting 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, to be held at Cactus Jack's Steak House.

A nominating committee will offer a slate of officers to be elected and installed at the meeting. Mrs. C. O. Brown, president said, and a membership drive will be inaugurated.

Everyone interested in attending is invited. Coffee will be served.

Pop Corn: When George Washington was your age, son, he had become a working surveyor.

Corn Ball: And when he was your age, sir, he had become President of the United States.

The Mayflower left Plymouth, England on Sept. 6, 1620 and land was sighted in November after a two-months voyage. A settlement was established at Plymouth, Mass.

Bride-Elect Is Feted

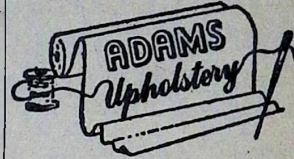
Miss Donna Kay Burks—engaged to be married September 8 to Blain Dillard Coffey, Jr., has been honored at a series of bridal parties. Forty guests attended a recent shower at the home of Mrs. Dub Carpenter on NW Loop 410. Among the 12 co-hostesses were Mrs. Butch Daughtry, Mrs. Tom Bersch, and Mrs. Buddy Legg of this area.

Mrs. Kenneth Barr gave a bridesmaids shower in her home honoring her future sister-in-law. The bridesmaids luncheon was held August 18 in the home of Mrs. Buddy Adams.

The Chuck Laengers vacationed at Puerto Vallarta and they report there's nothing like a trip to Mexico.

September—now the ninth month—once was the seventh before January and February were added to the Roman calendar. September come from the Latin for seventh, October for eighth, November for ninth and December for tenth.

The allied invasion of Europe took place on Sept. 3, 1943.



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OFFICIAL NOTICE

It may become necessary for the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department to consider cutting back some of the services it has provided in the past. The increased cost of equipment procurement/maintenance and the influx of construction and development in our area has put an increased burden on our equipment and volunteer firefighters. These factors coupled with the decreasing number of volunteer firefighters are severely limiting the effectiveness of your volunteer department.

During the year 1970, the HAVFD responded to 58 alarms, traveling 1,108 miles while expending 2,515 volunteer man-hours. As a comparison, during the first three months of 1971 alone, we have responded to 55 alarms traveling 1,065 miles and expending 906 volunteer man-hours. The following breakout clearly reflects this increased workload in all areas of fire protection.

FIRE RESPONDED TO

| | Jan.-Dec. 1970 | Jan.-March 1971 |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| House Fire | 6 | 5 |
| Commercial Buildings | 1 | 2 |
| Grass or Brush Fires | 32 | 40 |
| Automobiles | 9 | 0 |
| False Alarms | 2 | 3 |
| Other | 8 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 58 | 55 |

These figures do not include the numerous volunteer man-hours spent on training and equipment maintenance. The HAVFD covers approximately 140 square miles in northwest Bexar County and is bounded by FM 471 to the south, FM 1604 to the east, IH 10 to the north and the county line to the west. Several calls have been made out of this general area in direct support of other volunteer fire departments. These fire departments reciprocate by assisting us in major fires or when under multi-alarm conditions.

If we are to remain effective, we must increase our monetary and personnel resources. Several new procurements are needed in the future which directly affect the protection of property and lives of each person within our area. We are in need of extended communications facilities, an additional tank truck, emergency revival and rescue equipment, and in the not too distant future as construction increases, an additional pumper. The department would like to be able to employ one or two paid firefighters (as do several of the adjacent fire departments) to supplement the critical shortage of volunteer manpower during the daytime.

Unless we receive additional monies we will be forced to provide protective services on a selective basis. This will potentially jeopardize your personal property and cause an appropriate increase in fire insurance premium. It is hoped that this condition will never materialize, but rather we will see an improved fire department made possible through increased support from resident as well as non-resident property owners.

There are four ways that the HAVFD receives the necessary financial assistance and support it requires to operate:

1. The first and most essential is through our annual membership drive in which we solicit contributions from each property owner in our district.
2. The second is through a small subsistence allowance from Bexar County under a mutual aid contract.
3. The third is through major donations in the form of revenue, services or equipment from individuals, organizations or businesses interested in promoting improved fire protection.
4. The fourth is through the volunteer firefighters themselves who relinquish their "spare" time to train and maintain fire department equipment in addition to responding to fire calls.

The Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department is your fire department. Its survival depends upon you. Are you a hatchet man? . . . you may be one without knowing it.

As mentioned, the HAVFD is receiving a token subsistence allotment from the county. Several attempts have been made to increase this allotment and have failed. According to the present county charter, Bexar County has the legal responsibility to provide police, welfare, roads and recreational facilities but may provide or subsidize fire protection if desired. Your elected county officials have chosen to put fire protection at the bottom of their list of priorities. The HAVFD as a member of the Bexar County Volunteer Firefighters Association has officially

notified the county commissioners that services would be cut unless the county increase its supplement to each department from \$225 to \$500 per month effective January 1, 1972. This additional revenue would be used to hire one firefighter during daytime hours to supplement the critical volunteer manpower. If you favor and support the continuance of fire protection in the Helotes Area we urge you to notify your county commissioners of your concern for continued fire protection in the Helotes Area.

The alternative is no fire protection or consolidated fire districts which would increase the distance from your property to the nearest fire station by some 10 to 40 miles depending upon placement of these consolidated districts. The county commissioners have suggested that the Bexar County Volunteer Firefighters Association reduce the number of volunteer fire departments to four or five. We feel that this suggestion is completely unrealistic and have unanimously rejected it.

If you are interested in maintaining and improving your volunteer fire department in the Helotes Area, we earnestly solicit your contributions and time as a volunteer firefighter. Training meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of every month. We also ask that you notify your county commissioner, Tom Stolhandske, of your concern for continued fire protection in the Helotes Area personally or by signing the formal petition and returning it with your donation. A copy of this notice has been sent to every known property owner in our area of coverage. If you did not receive a copy and would like to sign the formal petition, please put your name and address on a post card and mail to the Helotes Area Vol. Fire Dept., P.O. Box 186, Helotes, Texas 78023, and we will send you a copy.

The Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department is YOUR volunteer fire department and strictly non-profit. Its survival depends upon you!

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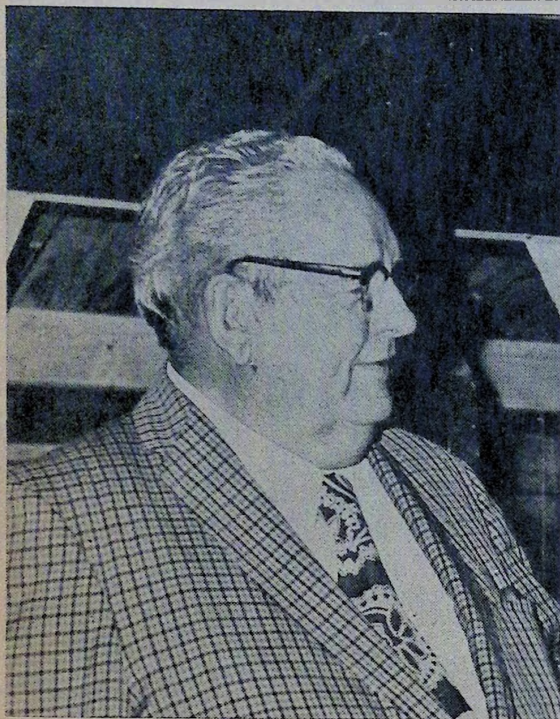


Photo by Bill Terry

John T. Floore is the man without which many organizations would find themselves wanting.

He's shown here at a recent benefit for Billy Miller, while watching big-name bands play.

Now he's offered to help bail the Trail Riders out of heavy expenses incurred by VEE recently.

He hosted a party to talk over the Fundraising Dance Sept. 3.

Trail Riders

(Continued from Page 1)

Burleson Star, Helotes Echo, and other papers which contained stories and pictures about the riders. Several stories featured Roy (Sarge) McDonald of Helotes, one of the co-founders of the trail ride and oldest of the riders.

The longest trail ride in Texas, the first to Six Flags Over Texas began at Helotes on July 3 and arrived on schedule in Arlington on July 13. The riders were honored at all towns along the route and were guests of Six Flags Over Texas after their arrival. The outbreak of VEE among Texas horses unhappily coincided with their arrival and caused their horses to be quarantined. But none of the horses became ill and all were trucked back to Helotes two weeks later.

Texas Coast Has Good Surface Water

AUSTIN—The chemical quality of surface waters generally is good in Texas' eight coastal basins, which contain nearly 370 miles of coastline and drain more than 19,000 square miles, according to a new Texas Water Development publication.

The report, "Reconnaissance of the Chemical Quality of Surface Waters of the Coastal Basins of Texas," says natural quality of streamflow in the area is difficult to determine because large volumes of water are transported (or) diverted to the coastal basins from adjacent river basins and are moved through a network of canals to irrigated fields and industrial sites.

The abundance of water which has been available to much of the coastal zone has resulted in a diversified and expanding economy that includes oil-refining and petrochemical plants, industrial centers, and irrigated agriculture.

Although the effects of past oil field brine-disposal practices, now prohibited, may remain for years, runoff from the generally abundant precipitation along the coast will dilute or flush out these and other wastes in most of the coastal streams.

Copies of Report 130, written by J. F. Blakey and H. L. Kunze of the U.S. Geological Survey are available free from the Water Development Board, P.O. Box 130877, Austin, Texas 78711.

Recipe of the Month

CARAMEL CANDY PIE

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| 25-30 chewy caramels (light colored) | 2 teaspoons cornstarch |
| 2 cups milk | Pinch of salt |
| 3 eggs | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| | 1 baked pie shell 9" |

In top of double boiler, melt caramels in 1 cup of milk. Beat egg yolks till frothy and add to 1 cup of milk into which cornstarch has been stirred. Blend caramel-milk and egg-milk mixtures, adding salt. Return to double boiler and cook until thick, stirring constantly. When thickened, add vanilla, and pour into baked pie shell. Top with meringue or whipped cream. Delicious.

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Barbara Nixon, daughter of Tom and Charlotte Nixon spent the summer travelling Europe before returning to college.

It's like old times seeing Gib

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Army specialist Robert Nash, of Fort Worth, practices his aiming for upcoming Modern Pentathlon National Championship to be held at Fort Sam Houston, Aug. 28-Sept. 4.

Pentathlon Set For Fort Sam

Thirty of the nation's top pentathletes are expected to compete in the 1971 National Championship in Modern Pentathlon, to be held at Fort Sam Houston, Aug. 28-Sept. 4. The top four pentathletes will represent this country in the Modern Pentathlon World Championship, also to be held at Fort Sam Houston, October 9-13.

Pentathlon is the traditional military even in the Olympic Games. It is based historically on the idea of the military courier who had to deliver his message through the enemy lines. He began on horseback, and, when his horse was shot out from under him, the soldier had to defend himself with pistol and sword, then swim a river and run cross country to reach his destination.

Competition in the national meet is open to both military and civilian pentathletes.

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