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Person-to-Person

As the 30th anniversary of D-Day — June 6, 1944 — is observed, many residents of this area will recall those days of the seemingly endless World War II and the final turning of the tide as the free world joined in going on the offensive. Many of those who survived the next days can recall as if it were yesterday the events that transpired before and after they landed on Normandy Beach with General Dwight D. Eisenhower in command.

There were millions of others who did their part in remote parts of the world — seeing that the gears on the wheels of equipment were there and parachutes were properly packed. These were unsung heroes of the world's greatest effort to unite for freedom. At this time, we want to salute all those journalists — front line correspondents, and those back home, who handled the news with care, informing, encouraging and inspiring those who had the job to do and did it. Some of these gave their lives while reporting or filing their stories.

Rev. Louis Trawalter is also recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident on Thursday, May 23, at the Helotes Park Plaza area. According to witnesses a heavy-duty truck was in collision with his car, and he sustained a broken ankle and head injuries, and was hospitalized. The driver of the truck was uninjured apparently. We wish Father Trawalter a full recovery.

Steven B. Goodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goodson of Robin Road, has been awarded a scholarship from the Former Texas Rangers Foundation. He will graduate from John Marshall High and attend Texas Lutheran College in the fall, majoring in Political science.

Rainfall on May 27 for the Helotes area stood at 8.2 inches for 1974 according to records kept by Henry Brauchle.

Rainfall for May totalled more than half of that and amounted to 4.2 inches on that date. Most of this fell at the beginning of the month, and the final days saw only a trace to be added.

June arrived as did May with a rainfall, but there has been no typical rainy season so far this year.



Gov. and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe pause for a brief ceremony marking the first anniversary of the University of Texas at San Antonio. Here Mrs. Peggy Tholen, right, the first enrolled graduate student in the history of UTSA, lights the single candle on the anniversary cake. Only the graduate school is open in a temporary location awaiting the completion of the first complex on the main campus here.

UTSA Observes First Anniversary

University of Texas at San Antonio administrators — long frustrated by the slow construction progress at the UTSA campus — had cause to celebrate Wednesday.

That day marks the first anniversary of the University's opening.

On June 5, 1973, there were 671 students attending the first classes — all on the graduate level — in the University's temporary facilities. The enrollment climbed to 1113 for the fall semester.

By spring, 1172 graduate students were attending classes and the University was forced to turn away several hundred prospective students because faculty and facilities were being used to capacity.

At the end of the University's first year of classes, Gov. Dolph Briscoe commented, "The University of Texas at San Antonio is providing educational opportunities which will be of benefit to all of South Texas."

It has been a good year for UTSA. Five hundred persons participated in nine major Continuing Education programs. Academic programs at the graduate level are flourishing. The University has had heavy enrollments in business, education, environmental management and bilingual studies. The first degrees will be awarded in commencement exercises August 18.

"Until UTSA opened its doors, San Antonio was the largest urban area in the United States not served by a comprehensive public university," UTSA President Peter T. Flawn observed. "The college-going rate in San Antonio is significantly below what it is in Houston and Dallas. This is a challenge to all institutions of higher education in San Antonio. We are very glad to be here and we expect to make a positive contribution to this community."

Sympathy is extended to the many in the community who have lost a loved one this month. Word has been received of relatives from other parts of the state, in several cases, and to these we join in the prayers of the community for their comfort.

UTSA Plant Still Lagging

The campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio, originally scheduled for completion this month, is only 57 per cent complete, University President Peter T. Flawn has announced.

The Physical Plant and Convocation Buildings are 76 per cent and 60 per cent complete respectively.

Of the classroom buildings, the Humanities-Business Building is furthest along at 71 per cent complete.

Three buildings—Physical Education, Library-Administration and Science-Education—are not yet at the halfway mark.

Undergraduate classes are scheduled to begin at the campus in September, 1975, but if the campus is only partially complete, the University may admit only upper division students in 1975, Dr. Flawn said.

Based on construction progress, Dr. Flawn will make the decision this summer on which plan the University will adopt.

Presently the University is conducting graduate classes in temporary facilities in the Koger Center. The enrollment for the spring semester was 1,172.

Construction on the UTSA campus, located on Loop 1604 between IH-10 and Babcock Road, began in May, 1972. The contractor is T. C. Bateson Construction Co.

Mr. Perkins Dies Suddenly June 2



Douglas S. Perkins, who completed his 18th year as a teacher at John Marshall High School in the Northside Independent School District last Friday, died of a heart attack at his home Sunday, June 2, at 6 a.m.

Services were held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in San Antonio with many of his students present along with his sorrowing

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Floore, Democrat Stalwart, Dies at 78

Shag Floore, long active in Democratic Party circles died yesterday in a hospital at age 78.

Funeral services will be arranged by Harveson & Cole Funeral Home.

Floore's professional interests ranged from railroads to real estate, but Tarrant County Democrats knew his passions was grass roots politics.

HE WAS Democratic chairman of Tarrant County Precinct 1 for many years. His only attempt at state office, however, was made in 1938 when he lost in a primary for state representative.

Political reporters recall his voice as an amiable growl rehashing the primary returns and as the sound of savvy in local politics.

When county officials this year were predicting a voting turnout of more than 100,000, Floore pegged the figure at 70,000 for one reporter and missed by only a couple of thousand.

Floore was born in Troup on Feb. 25, 1896. He was a veteran of 13 convoy crossings across the Atlantic aboard the U.S.S. New Orleans during World War I.

HE MOVED to Fort Worth in 1929 after several years with the Hamon-Kell Railroad, between Wichita Falls and Dublin.

After World War II he was named graves registration specialist here. He was adjutant and finance officer of American Legion Post 482 here for many years.

Until his retirement a decade ago, Floore was involved in real estate and oil and gas leases.

He was a Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his two brothers, L. A. Floore of Enid, Okla., and John T. Floore of Helotes; three sisters, Mrs. D. M. Tooke of Fort Myers, Fla., Mrs. B. M. Trutcher of Tallahassee, Fla., and Mrs. B. M. Vinck of Helotes.

(Editor's Note:

The following news story appeared on the front page of the Fort Worth STAR-TELEGRAM on Tuesday, May 28, 1974. We reprint it because of the many here who knew Mr. Shag Floore.)



SHAG FLOORE

H. W. "Shag" Floore of Fort Worth, brother of Mrs. Bern (Beulah) Vinck and of John T. Floore, passed away in Fort Worth Monday, May 27, at the age of 78. He was well-known here and had many friends in this community also.

Final services were held on Friday, May 30. Mr. and Mrs. Bern Vinck attended the funeral ceremonies with burial in Troup, Texas, Mr. Floore's hometown. Also attending were his relatives from out-of-state and many friends.

Sympathy is extended to his survivors in their loss.

Norman Bodet Dies At Age 54

Norman G. Bodet, Jr., local philanthropist and civic leader was buried May 20, 1974, with full military honors in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Mr. Bodet, owner of the Bodet Steamship and Travel Agency, was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he taught religion classes. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Bodet, and four sons, Norman G. Bodet, III, Robert James Bodet, James Johnson, Jr. and Johnny Clay Johnson.

A Rosary and Requiem Mass were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Pallbearers at the impressive funeral were Charles Nicholas, Charles Dailey, Dr. John Case, Dr. Jerry Jaecle, Herman Dresch, Leonard Gurvich. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Gurvich, Buck Luce, Dr. Adrien Bodet, Robert Bodet, Jay P. Bodet, Herbert Bodet, George Ridder, Louis Ridder, Dr. Alfred Breuer, Charles Huey, John Kriet, Randol Hanks, Dr. Fletcher Clark, Curdy Parker, Bernard Ladon, Dr. Vincent Walker, Dalton Cross, Robert Cook and John Ford.

Memorial gifts are being sent to Southwest Research Institute.

William Tietze Dies June 4

William E. Tietze of Braun Road, a longtime resident of this area and retired employee of Alamo Iron Works died Tuesday, June 4.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Milton (LaNell) Brauchle, and three sons, William H. Tietze and Gary Earl Tietze and also Ronald Earl Tietze of Muskogee, Okla.

He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Estell Dubray of San Antonio; three brothers, Albert J. Tietze and Robert A. Tietze of San Antonio and Earl Tietze of Houston.

He is survived by 10 grandchildren also.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, June 6, at Zizik-Kearns Chapel with Rev. Paul Probst of Zion Lutheran Church of Helotes officiating. Interment was at Zion Lutheran Cemetery here.

Sympathy is extended to his family in their loss.

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Mrs. Zula Sartor Passes at 83

Mrs. Zula Sartor -- nee Knight -- passed away Monday, June 3, 1974, in a Kerrville Hospital. Born in Orange, Texas, May 16, 1892, she was 83 years of age.

Mrs. Sartor -- known to her many friends as Mrs. Mac -- owned and operated the Old Helotes Inn -- still a working restaurant and dance place -- in downtown Helotes over 45 years. She often provided the musical entertainment as she played old-time and popular music on her old upright piano.

She remained in Helotes in her home here renting out the Inn as a cafe until about 1970 when she sold the Property to Ollie Whetstone.

She is survived by three children -- one son, Julius E. Wallis of San Antonio, and two daughters, Mrs. John R. (Pauline) Denton of San Antonio, and Mrs. Victor H. (Billie Z.) Schmidt of Comfort.

She leaves also four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one brother, J. C. Knight of League City, Texas, and one sister, Mrs. Zada Lovett of El Paso. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Sartor will be remembered by them for her excellent hospitality through the years.

Services were held Thursday, June 6, at the Southside Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. E. E. Reeves officiating. Interment was at Mission Burial Park.

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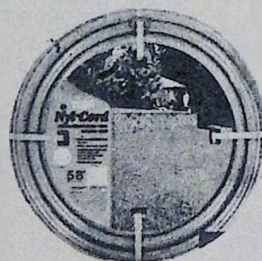
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Walker-Young Wedding Planned

A July wedding in Oxford United Methodist Church is planned by Miss Laurie Walker and her fiancé, Booker Young, both of San Antonio. Announcement of their engagement is made by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dorsey.

The bride-elect, a graduate of John Marshall High School, is presently attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where she is majoring in Home Economics Education. Mr. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young, is also a John Marshall graduate. He is attending Southwest Junior College in Uvalde and majoring in Agriculture.



Mrs. Cecil C. Perkins

Perkins-Linder Marry June 2

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carl Perkins were married Sunday afternoon, June 2, at Lovera Baptist Church. The bride, the former Miss Vickie Linder, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Linder, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Perkins of San Antonio. The bride wore an empire style gown with a bodice of white

alencón lace and full skirt of silk organza, trimmed in blue. Her matching veil also was trimmed with a blue bow at the coiffure.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Max O. Smith. Best man was the bride's brother, James Linder. Acting as usher was Kim Mullins.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Church Fellowship Hall.

The couple will reside here on Scenic Loop Road.

Library Offers Summer Fare

Summer schedule for the Landa Library's Bookmobile which is part of the San Antonio Public Library system has been announced by Librarian Rose Marie Bailey.

As a service to library users in Helotes and the surrounding area, the Bookmobile will be parked at Helotes Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 12 noon every other Tuesday. The next appearance will be June 11. It will also bring books on June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6 and August 20.

Those wishing special books may call the library.

Those who enjoy Western music will have a chance to hear Darrell McCall sing his big hit tune "There's Still a Lot of Love in San Antone" at the Little League Boosters dance at Floore next Friday.

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Alpha Rho Installs Cantu-Lopez To New Officers Be Wed

A covered dish garden party at the home of Mrs. Roland Noyes of Helotes Park Estates was the scene for installation of newly-elected officers and an awards ceremony for Alpha Rho recently.

New officers, installed by Mrs. Tom Buel, outgoing president, are: president, Miss Jane Woodbury; first vice president, Mrs. Ed Hartmann; second vice president, Mrs. Richard Hartmann; secretary, Mrs. Al Cote; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Griffith; and parliamentarian, Miss Virginia Springer.

Awards included a Second Degree Pallas Athene to Mrs. Buel, a first Degree Pallas Athene to Mrs. Griffith, First Pearl Awards to Mesdames Cote, Jerry Adams, Therrell Powell, Nellie Nilsen, and Ed Hartmann. Special Awards were presented to Miss Springer, Blood Drive Chairman; Mrs. Griffith, Summer Movie Chairman; Mrs. Cote, Outgoing President's Award as Bike Ride Chairman; and Participating Bike Ride Award to Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Jan Jones had earlier received a Second Place District IV award for publicity on the Blood Drive held in Helotes on November 3, 1973.

Mrs. Buel, Miss Springer and Miss Woodbury recently returned from McAllen, where the Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International, Texas State Convention was held. Mrs. Buel won the first place ribbon for her scrapbook representing District IV. Alpha Rho was also presented a certificate for Bike Ride '73.

Alpha Rho is the local chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, International.

Invitations are out to the wedding of Maria de Lourdes Lopez and Pete Cantu, Jr. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cantu, residents of Helotes Park Estates and well-known realtors. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio G. Lopez of San Antonio.

The wedding ceremony will be at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in San Antonio on June 19 at 5 p.m. with a reception and dance following at the Officers Club at Lackland Air Base.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank Father Louis Trawalter, our friends of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and of the Zion Lutheran Church, and the Grange members for all their prayers and get-well cards, during our recent illness and hospitalization.

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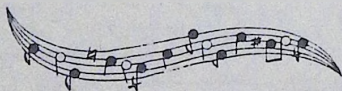
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Art Guild To Offer Classes

This summer the Helotes Art Guild will be holding workshops in various media at the Helotes Art Gallery, 10603 Bandera Rd. These workshops will be open to the public at a cost of \$10 per workshop. Each workshop will be held for one week, between the hours of 1-3 p.m. All courses are open to 13 year olds through adults except for crafts and the special Friday night class.

The schedule is as follows: Rose Herron and Nora Nelson; Clay modeling, June 10 through 14, 1-3 p.m., Virginia Fitzgerald and Marjorie Fitzgerald; Portraiture (pencil) June 10 through 14, 1-3 p.m., Betty Gilbert; Drawing, June 17 through 21, 1-3 p.m., Susan Rogers; Stitchery, June 24 through 28, 1-3 p.m., Lillian Hurlbutt; Oil Painting, July 8 through 12, 1-3 p.m., Domingo Pozos; Crafts (ages 8 through 12), July 15 through 19, 1-3 p.m., Rose Moxon; Beginners oil painting (all ages) Fr. nights 5:30-7:30 p.m., June 7-July 19, Connie Vianes.

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Alpha Rho Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International will sponsor a blood drive in Helotes at the Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. till 6 p.m., Saturday, June 8. Co-chairmen are Virginia Springer and Gladys Jones. For information and appointments, call 695-3347.

Not eligible to be donors are persons who have had malarial syptoms within three years, heart disease, hepatitis or any type of jaundice, cancer or cancer surgery, major surgery within the past six months, pregnancy in the past six months, another blood donation within eight weeks previously, who regularly take prescription drugs, or who have been in Southeast Asia in the past three years.

Donors must be at least seventeen (with parental consent) but not yet sixty-six years of age.

Blood donors will receive blood coverage for one year for their families (which includes all income tax dependents).

Gidoni, Miller Win Optimist Awards

Winner of the Turtle Creek Optimist Club Oratorical Contest Mar. 20 is John Gidoni, Jr., Marshall High School. First place winner for Junior High speech competition is Melinda Miller, Hobby Middle School, who won the Hobby PTA Talent Contest the day before with a piano rendition.

The annual Oratorical Contest is held each Spring by area Optimists, whose winners will compete in Zone Contest April 16 at the Sheraton Motor Inn, San Antonio. Zone winners are eligible for District Contest in New Braunfels in May.

Other winners selected by Turtle Creek Optimist Club judges are: Jefferson Sanders, 2nd, Boys, High School; Katrina Cook, 3rd, Girls, High School; Judy Connolly, 2nd, Hobby Middle School, Junior High Contest. Katrina Cook represented Marshall High School and Sanders represented Holmes High School.

Optimist-assigned title for this year's speeches was "I'm Just One."

Toastmaster's Club Invites Members

The new Toastmasters Club meets at Wyatt's each 2nd and 4th Monday at 6:15 p.m. Men and women over the age of 18 years who live in the greater San Antonio area are welcome to join.

The purpose of the club is to learn the fundamentals of communication through listening, thinking and speaking and through evaluations of fellow members.

For further information contact Mr. Sandy Schulman at 822-1881 or Mary Elder at 690-1806.

Grey Forest Studies Future

The City of Grey Forest has been actively making plans this past month for the future of the city, and its public utility which furnishes natural gas to Northwest Bexar County and to the City of Boerne.

At the May 21 regular meeting of the Grey Forest City Council, Mrs. Ruth Moriss was appointed to the Council by Mayor Ed Faust with the unanimous approval of the Council to replace Councilwoman Dorothy Parrott who had resigned at the previous meeting. Councilman Buddy Burris was also appointed mayor pro tem.

Several meetings were called and took up the budget for the City of Grey Forest and the Grey Forest Utilities.

An important called meeting was set also for Thursday, June 6, to discuss the long-range and short-range future of the gas company, of which Bob Grant is manager. Saturday, June 22, has also been set for an election allowing voters to express their opinions on the budget at the polls, involving the tax question.

David Doyle To Head Rayburn

St. Mary's University graduate, David J. Doyle, has been appointed Principal, Sam Rayburn Middle School by Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees.

A native of San Antonio, Doyle has been assistant principal at Rayburn two years, and Rayburn band director six years.

David Doyle earned his bachelor's degree at St. Mary's and his master's degree at Our Lady of the Lake. He attended high school at Central Catholic.

Doyle's parents, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Doyle, live in San Antonio. The new principal succeeds Price Harlan, who retired this Spring after 43 years in education.

Cards Needed

Planning on going to work or taking a job soon?

If you are, Gilbert Gonzalez, district manager of the San Antonio Social Security Office, suggests that the first thing you should do is check to see if you have a social security card.

If you have lost your card and have the number, you can get a new card in about a week. But, if you do not have the number or have never had a social security card, it will take about six weeks before a card can be issued to you.

Gonzalez adds that to obtain a social security number, you must complete an application form and submit it to a social security office. These forms are available at your nearest post office or social security office.



The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hall of Scenic Loop Road died Wednesday, May 22, as a result of a drowning accident. The nine-month-old John D. Hall, Jr. was buried on May 24 at Helotes Catholic Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hall, Sr. of Helotes and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Persyn of Bandera.

Library To Have Free Magic Show

San Pedro Library is having a magic show on Saturday, June 15, at 2 p.m. with Fuzzy, the Magician. It's free.

San Pedro Library, 1315 San Pedro, is located in the park across from San Antonio College.

Northside Lunch Prices Rise

The Northside Independent School District Board of Trustees have approved a \$2 million cafeteria department budget for school year 1974-75.

Included in the new budget was an approximate 16.5 per cent salary increase for cafeteria workers, putting them in line with federal wage and hour law requirements.

The salary increase for cafeteria personnel and increases in food prices necessitated a five-cent increase for next school year in lunch prices. Elementary students will pay 45c for lunch, secondary students, 50c. Adult lunches will include coffee or iced tea, and will cost 65c.

Trustees also approved the purchase of three vans to transport high school and middle school debate, drama and other Hall, Sr. of Helotes and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald H. Persyn of Bandera.

Trustees were advised that tentative plans for elementary summer school had been terminated due to lack of interest. Secondary Summer School began June 5 at Jay High School.

Gerlach Field on Babcock will be setting for a busy season as a dozen teams begin league play month.

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MR. BRAUCHLE WAS HELOTES SCHOOLMASTER AT TURN OF CENTURY

Many people living in Helotes can remember when the local citizens got together to build the rock part of Helotes Elementary School. Some can remember going to school at various earlier places in the community—and there are stories of Los Reyes School, No. 1, 2, or 3.

But one of the most fabled early-day schools—which was a galleried rock structure with a tin roof—was the all-important seat of learning about 1895 and for several years at the change of the centuries. It was built before 1880 and was located on the property across from the present Helotes Park Estates shopping center. It was set back about 1000 yards from the old Bandera Highway—not too far from the present Mireles property.

This interesting schoolhouse had living quarters at one end of the gallery for a young schoolmaster, Henry T. Brauchle, who arrived in 1895 from Atascosa County to take up residence. He was 25 years

old with a young wife, who tended her housekeeping chores when class was in session. Here, their children were born, including his son Henry W. Brauchle, who ranches not far away from his birthplace.

Henry T's salary—usually—amounted to \$50 per month. He taught reading, writing, arithmetic, and plenty of history—which he also gathered from local families. For eight years, his classes were held in the rock building.

Students came from the ranches and farms, and there were from 20 to 40 boys and girls attending. Classes dropped drastically when the corn or cotton or other crops needed gathering and also when it was round-up time. Then the farmers and ranchers kept the boys and girls home—or a holiday was declared.

But Mr. Brauchle had eager pupils all in one room. They were large and small and were ranked in classes all the way from the

first through the 10th grade. At that time, classes through the 10th grade were equivalent to a full high school education. Mr. Brauchle taught them algebra and literature and whatever he thought



Henry T. Brauchle

ght they were ready for, including bookkeeping. Some of those attending this school from 1895 to about 1903 made successes of their lives with no other lessons.

About this time, Mr. Brauchle accepted a drastic cut in his salary—to \$35 a month in order to contribute his share toward the building of a modern frame school which was located not far away—in the vicinity of the present Toepperwein's store. It was nearer the road and easier to heat.

Mr. Brauchle taught there for four more years, meanwhile also



Hayrides were popular, and so were carts, but here the "modern" frame school forms a background for pupils who rode burros as a handy means of transportation. The sturdy little animals

running a dairy and a sheep and goat ranch. Later, he purchased the land where he had first taught school here and in later years added beekeeping to his busy days.

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family and longtime friends. Rosary was said on Monday night with a concelebrated Mass on Tuesday morning, June 4. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on April 4, 1916, Mr. Perkins was the son and grandson of editors and publishers of the Sioux City Journal. He came to Texas with his family in 1924, and his main residence from that time during his youth was an acreage North of the San Antonio City limits. He attended public and private schools in San Antonio before entering the University of Texas from which he was graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in government. While on campus, he was a member of Sigma Chi, the Rusk Literary Society, and was Sports Editor of the campus newspaper, The Daily Texan.

At the University in Austin, he met Miss Amali Runyon, daughter of the then Mayor and Mrs. Robert Runyon of Brownsville, and they were married in Brownsville October 4, 1937.

Mr. Perkins later attended Trinity University and Our Lady of the Lake College where he earned a Masters degree in Education in 1970.

For a number of years, Mr. Perkins was engaged in advertising, printing and public relations work. He also gave time to historical research. Although not a Texan by birth, Mr. Perkins -



Assistant Superintendent Jack C. Jordan presents award to Joann Kingery at recent Bus-Driver's Appreciation Day, Northside Independent School District. She has driven a Northside School Bus nine years without an accident . . . over 230,000 miles.

- the son of Samuel J. Perkins and Marion McDermott Perkins -- was allied on both sides to early Texas pioneers from Ireland and New England. Among these was John Forsyth of Albany New York -- the only doctor in the Alamo and third in command -- as well as the two Texas rangers for whom Gillespie county was named.

Mr. Perkins joined the faculty of John Marshall High School in 1954, at first teaching Spanish. Later he specialized in teaching Journalism, American Government, Economics, and Texas History. For 17 years, Mr. Perkins has been sponsor of the Marshall Student Council and the RAM-PAGE, the student newspaper.

Over the years during which many Marshall students attended his classes, Mr. Perkins gained the admiration and respect of countless students, graduates, administrators and fellow teachers.

Mr. Ed Cody, District Superintendent, said of Mr. Perkins: "He has done a tremendous job for us in Northside District, providing a positive and guiding influence in the lives of many, many students. He will be sorely missed, not only at Marshall High School, but throughout the District."

Mr. Homer Smith, now Associate Superintendent for Personnel in the Northside District, who was principal at Marshall from 1958 through 1965, recalls that Mr. Perkins' knack for counseling and working with young people was such that he regarded him as a significant administrative assistant on his staff.

Marshall Principal John Turman described Mr. Perkins as a "teacher who was deeply concerned about the welfare and feelings of the entire student body, and who worked continually with the administration in helping to build a better and better Marshall High School." Mr. Turman concluded, "Mr. Perkins' leadership as sponsor of the Student Council, the newspaper, and his many other school involvements, was absolutely outstanding; his loss creates a void which will be impossible to fill with one teacher."

Jeff Babcock, graduate of the Class of 1974 and President of the Marshall Student Council this past year, stated that "Words cannot describe Mr. Perkins. He was a

fantastic man in every way. Perhaps he will best be remembered by the many helpful and practical ideas he shared with his many students over the years. I know that the memory of Mr. Perkins will last a lifetime in the minds and hearts of all who were privileged to know him. John Marshall High School has lost a truly great humanitarian, counselor, and friend."

Mr. Perkins, in addition to his wife, Amali, leaves three sons and three daughters. All except the youngest, who will be a senior in high school, have college degrees from the University of Texas in various fields. He is survived by his daughters, Mrs. John (George-Anne) Whitehurst of San Antonio, Mrs. William (Amali Celeste) McEntire of Lubbock, and Mrs. James (Beverly) Maurer of Austin. He leaves sons Richard D. Perkins of Corpus Christi, John Douglas Perkins and Stephen D. Perkins of San Antonio. He is survived also by two sisters, Mrs. C. O. (Lucy) Brown of Helotes,

and Mrs. Drusilla Kazen of San Antonio. He also leaves eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Student Council scholarship at Marshall High School has been set up in memory of Mr. Perkins. Those who wish may contribute to the Doug Perkins Scholarship fund, a spokesman for the organization said.

Christine Brynie Gets Degree

Christine Louise Brynie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Osmund A. Brynie, Helotes Ranch Acres, received the bachelor of science degree in nursing May 12 from Incarnate Word College.

Graduation ceremonies for the 257 members of the class of 1974 began with the traditional baccalaureate at noon, followed that evening by commencement at Laurie Auditorium.

IWC president Sister Margaret Slattery conferred the academic degrees and Dr. Amy Freeman Lee, chairman of the board of directors, presented the diplomas.

Dr. Donald Goodall of the University of Texas at Austin delivered the commencement address.

Milton Robles Dies At Age 28

Milton Robles, Jr., age 28, was buried in Helotes on May 20 in the family cemetery after the celebration of a Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church by Rev. Louis A. Trawalter.

Milton died May 18 as the result of an automobile accident on Perrin-Beitel Rd. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Robles, Sr., a brother and four sisters.

Willie Nelson will be here next Saturday at a regular dance to sing his hit tunes including "Faces and Phases," which is going big, across the country.

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Soil Conservation Urged For 1974

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That's the plea State Conservationist Edward E. Thomas made this month to Texas farmers putting new land into cultivation in 1974.

"Most land in Texas should not be farmed in clean tilled crops without terraces, contour farming, minimum tillage, or other proven conservation measures," Thomas stressed. "Besides, these practices help increase production in the long run."

"But some land should not be farmed under any circumstances," Thomas said. "We are already getting reports of sandy, highly erosive soils in Texas being plowed up for crop production. Let a drought, coupled with high winds, hit this land and massive dust storms will be the result."

He said some steep soils will probably also be put into cultivation next year. Serious erosion and sedimentation damages can result unless sound conservation measures are in-

stalled.

Thomas, head of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service in Texas, said his agency supports full agricultural production as a principal means of checking food price increases.

"But we also need full protection of the land along with full production," he emphasized.

He urged farmers to contact local SCS offices before putting land into cultivation.

"Our soil surveys show which soils can be farmed safely," Thomas pointed out. "They also can be used to determine which soils are most productive. Careful planning can hold erosion hazards to a minimum; but carelessness can quickly return us to the disastrous erosion conditions that existed in the 1930's and 1950's," he warned.

Such conditions in the Great Plains, where wind erosion is a constant problem, led Congress in 1957 to establish a conservation program to return high risk cropland to grass.

"Under this program in Texas, we have helped farmers convert more than a million acres of cropland to grassland," Thomas said. "This land should remain in grass. For it or other land like it to be put back into cultivation will be a disastrous step backwards."

"As chief guardians of our state's soil resources, farmers and ranchers have a responsibility to themselves and to future generations to use their land wisely," Thomas continued. "They have made great strides in conservation work in the last 35 years. With proper planning, we can meet the demand for food without increasing dust storms, sediment pollution, and other problems caused by accelerated soil erosion."

Farmers are expected to bring thousands of acres of former "set-aside" land back into full crop production in 1974 to meet the increased demand for farm commodities. Many farmers will also farm their land more intensively as they try to increase yields per acre.

SCS works through 193 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas helping farmers, ranchers, and other land users develop and carry out conservation plans.

Students To Build House For Sale

When school resumes August 19, students enrolled in Northside School District's building trades curriculum, based at Hoimes High School, will build their first private residence for listing on the real estate market. No apprenticeship needed.

School district trustees kicked

off the home-building project recently when they approved purchase of a lot and plans at 6314 Mary Jamison in Seneca Estates.

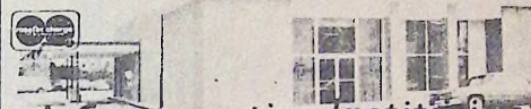
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A 25-year veteran in the insurance industry, Binford is a partner in the San Antonio Insurance firm of Binford, Stromberger and Matteson.

Binford has served as president of his local association twice and currently is chairman of the group's legislative and board placement committees.

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