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Nearly \$1,000 was raised by the benefit dance Friday, Dec. 3, at Floore Country Store, for George Odiorne of Devine, injured in a motorcycle accident. Dale Keith and the Starlite Ramblers gave the benefit.

Lennie Varnon of Grey Forest was honored with a surprise birthday party by the Birthday Dozen on her 81st birthday with a dinner at the Red Barn, Bandera Road, Dec. 6.

Thanks to Babe Gilliam and Gretchen Stappenbeck for the Christmas decorations at the Grey Forest city hall. The decorations light up the night.

The fifth grade students at Helotes School resumed this year a tradition of several years back of spelling out "Merry Christmas" in cedar branches along the school fence on the Highway 16 side. Principal Fred Pizzini helped them make the four-foot letters Monday and Tuesday. The sign makes Helotes look like we really have the holiday spirit.

A friend said to Lillian Hurlbut when they happened to meet at the post office one of the cold mornings this week: "It's time to head south." "We thought we did," Lillian said. She and her husband originally are from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

With the record-setting cold weather we have been having during the past several weeks, one Helotes resident was heard to remark, "I'd just as soon not make so much history."

A search was on for Vy Shift this week when a poster appeared outside the Helotes General Store saying she was president of the Helotes chapter of the Howard Cosell Fan Club and was looking for new members. A neighbor was reported ready to give each new member an orchid

FFA STOCK SHOW TO BE JANUARY 28-29

Rodeo Princess



Billie Keith-first runner-up in the recent high school Queen's Contest sponsored by the Alamo Area Rodeo Association-is a Marshall Senior. She will be active in the Court reigned over by this year's Queen Helen Hoch of McCollum High School, Second runnerup is Pat Parker of Churchill High School.

Billie who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keith of Scenic Loop Road took first place in goat tying for the third time at the recent rodeo. She is President and Queen of John Marshall's Rodeo Club and works as part-time assistant to Dr. William Glaze, Helotes

Park Plaza veterinarian.

Marshall's FFA Queen Polly Gaskin as well as Miss Keith will take part in the Marshall FFA Livestock Show in January,

200 Students to Have Entries; George Chambers Band to Play

The annual John Marshall High School FFA Livestock Show and Sale will be held Jan. 28 and 29 at the FFA show grounds, Gerlach Park, on Babcock Road two miles north of Loop 1604.

Ram Band To Leave Dec. 30

The 210 members of the Marshall High School Ram Band, accompanied by 20 Band Booster chaperones, will leave San Antoino at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, for their trip to the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena, Calif.

The band, the boosters, and the entire community cooperated in raising \$58,000 to pay for the trip after the band received an invitation to participate in the famous New Year's Day parade.

In California, the group will stay in a Holiday Inn on the beach at Santa Monica

During the afternoon of Dec. 31 the band will play at Disneyland Helotes School in one of two parades held daily at the famous amusement park.

That night the stage band will play for a New Year's Eve dance at the Holiday Inn in Santa Monica.

Then Director Charles Kuentz has said they must all be in bed at 12:02 a.m.-after they see the New Year in-to be ready to get up at 4 a.m. to go to Pasadena. The parade will form by 6:30 a.m. It will last 31/2 hours and will be 51/2 miles long. Television

coverage will be broad-cast Saturday morning, Jan. 1, by NBC and Channel 4 in San, An-

During the afternoon of Jan. 1, the band will split up into 20 groups—one group with each David Crawford chaperone—for sightseeing in the Los Angeles area. The groups Dies at 34 have met at the home of each chaperone in recent days to plan Studios and Knott's Berry Farm are two places high on the list of sights to see.

return to San Antonio on Sunday Spiller Crawford, well-known in returning they will fly Continental Airlines tinental Airlines.

Judging will begin at 8:30 a.m on the 28th, and the auction will start at 1:30 p.m. on the 29th.

Two hundred students in the Marshall High agriculture department will have entries. There will be 40 steer, 80 sheep, 120 swine, 20 poultry, and 250 rabbit entries. This is the largest number of entries in all

categories except steer.

Bill Springer of McDonough
Brothers is auction chairman. Don Busby is FFA Booster Club president. Chairman of the Agriculture Department at the

school is Charles Vickery. George Chambers and the Country Gentlemen will play at the show grounds prior to the auction at noon on the 29th.

The week before, on Jan. 20-21-22, the Marshall FFA students also will take part in the Bexar County Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the Coliseum.

Out Today

Christmas vacation for the students and staff of Helotes School and other Northside District units begins today. Thursday, Dec. 16, was the last day of school until Monday, Jan.

The current fall semester will end two weeks later on Monday, Jan. 17. The teachers will have a work day on Jan. 18, and then school will be out until the start of the spring semester on Friday,

Funeral services were conthe afternoon's outing. Universal ducted Monday, Dec. 13, for David Spiller Crawford of San Antonio, who was killed last week

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VFW Hosts Open House



FORMER COMMANDER Arturo Garcia and current Commander Frank Logan of Helotes' VFW Post 7108 are happy about the big turnout at the open house in the post's new quarters at Braun Hall on Saturday, Dec. 4. Hundreds of area residents enjoyed a sausage supper and danced to the music of Just Plain Country. The Helotes VFW post has 77 members and is aiming for 100. (Photo by Bill Terry)

Carter Picks UTSA Prof

serving on President-elect Jimmy return to San Antonio in mid-Carter's transition committee in January. Washington, D.C

Pat Burr, assistant She is meeting with Carter and professor of marke, ng in the other economists to discuss the UTSA college of business, is 1978 budget and is expected to



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Bank to Open On 1604

There is a bank in Helotes' future. It is the University National Bank, to open soon at Loop 1604 and Babcock Road. A temporary building has been built and furnished, and the bank is now waiting on the final okay from the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency to begin operation.

President of the new bank is

Hal Beckwith, formerly of the First National Bank of Chicago and the Handy-Andy stores in San Antonio. The executive vice president is Jack Henderson, and cashier is Larry Meek.

Organizers of the bank also include Jim Ferguson, Jim Kuper, Bruce McDermott, Porter Loring, and Ralph Langley, all of San Antonio

Architect Bartlett Cocke has been retained to design the permanent structure, and construction is to begin as soon as the bank is open.

The bank has received its charter as national bank from the U.S. Comptroller of Currency and currently is in the organizational

Cowboy Capitol Trail Riders

Trail riding time is fast approaching for the annual trek to The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. The 8th Annual Cowboy Capitol Ride will again be one of the ten official trail rides to help promote and participate in the big San Antonio Show on February 11-20, 1977.

The Cowboy Capitol Ride will leave Bandera on February 8, 1977, at 9 a.m. and the trail ends after the big downtown Western parade on February 11. All interested trail riders are

invited to join with the Bandera riders for a fun ride to San

A warm-up trail ride and meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 1977. Horses will be available for rent for both the warm-up ride and the ride to San Antonio. Applications and information for the 1977 ride will be mailed soon to all former members of the Cowboy Capitol Trail and to prospective members

For additional information and for applications please write or call Frank R. Anderwald, Trail Boss, Box 117, Bandera, Texas, 796-3628, or Latto Martinez, Assistant Trail Boss, Pete's Place, Star Route, Box 54A, Helotes, Texas, 695-

Sorority Adds Members



Five new members of Kappa Psi Chapter here of ESA are, left to right, Ginger Echterhoff, Patti Taylor, Ethelee Allen, Stevie Seitz and Mona Parks. They were honored at the Fall Tea and will be active as pledges in the various projects of the sorority. Kappa Psi scheduled a Christmas Luncheon at the Good Ole Place on Maltsherger Lane where they honored their adopted Grandmother Betty Wise. In March, they will be in charge of the Jonquil Ball-at the Sheraton Inn where George Chambers will play C & W music to help raise funds for the Healy Murphy Learning Center. Dwight Taylor is Penny King candidate for the Chapter and Ginger Ecterhoff will be Queen candidate. Patty Taylor is in charge of the Mother's March of Dimes in Helotes for the Kappa Psi Chapter, to be held in January. Chapter president is Barbara Hartmann





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AN OUTSTANDING program of Christmas songs from several countries was presented by this choral group from John Marshall High School at the Helotes Women's Club's annual Christmas party, Tuesday night, Dec. 7, in the Scenic Loop

Members, husbands, and other guests-including

Mrs. Shirley Donahue—also shared a covered dish supper that included the traditional Christmas turkey. In charge of the 1976 party were Mrs. Sam Terry and Mrs. R.W. Owen, who decorated the room with pyracantha berries, cedar, ivy, Christmas table cloths, candles — and even a traditional pinata, (Photo by Bill Terry)

the John Marshall students and their director.



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Leon Springs Plans Dinner

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church at Leon Springs will have a spaghetti dinner Sunday, Dec. 19, from 12 noon to 6 p.m.. Admission will be \$3 for adults - for "all you can eat" - and \$1.50 for children.

Originally known at St. Jude, the church was renamed last Easter for the first American to be cannonized by the Catholic Church.

The parish will observe St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's name day on Sunday, Jan. 2, with special ceremonies. Rev. Peter O'Callaghan is pastor.

The parish was begun about 20 years ago in a former residence on Curres Creek Road near the entrance to Camp Stanley. A new church building was erected about six years ago when Rev. Charles Grahman was pastor.



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Christmas Roundup

The Mostly Madrigals and Merriment Singers will present the sounds of Christmases past in an informal free concert of the Institute of Texan Cultures at HemisFair on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

The public has an invitation to visit, see, hear, and be a part of a free pre-Christmas celebration being held on the first floor lobby of Government Employees Credit Union, 6061 Northwest Expressway, through December 23.

"Here Comes Santa Claus," a nostalgic Christmas offering with popular and traditional music, will be presented at the San Antonio Fine Arts Center on two Saturdays, Dec. 18 and 22, at 2 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$2 for children and \$2.50 for adults. The Fine Arts Center is located at Nacogdoches and Bitters Roads in the MacArthur Plaza Shopping Center

Feast Day Observed



HELOTES' CATHOLIC Church celebrated the parish's name day - Our Lady of Guadalupe -Saturday, Dec. 11, with a mariachi Mass and the traditional presentation of roses by 10 little girls of the parish. The roses were given to a young boy

observance.

appeared in Mexico more than 300 years ago.

representing Juan Diego, who in turn placed them at the foot of a statue of the Virgin Mary as she Alejandro Ibarra was Juan Diego for the 1976

The girls are Debbie Chapa, Laura Decker, Stephanie Shipman, Kathryn Kosseth, Sue Slovak, Ellen Groff, Darlyn George, Mary A. Ruiz, Stacie Voight, and Tammera Montemayor. Concelebrants of the Mass included Rev. Edward Jach and Rev. Louis Trawalter, center, At left is Rev. Mr. Emile Goguen, newly-appointed

deacon. The mariachi trio also played for a party afterwards in the parish hall sponsored by the Altar Society. (Photo by Bill Terry).

UTSA Spring Term Nears

The University of Te :as at San Antonio is now accepting ap-plications for admission for the spring, summer, and fall terms of

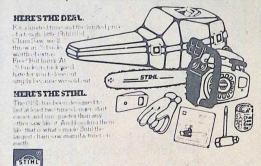
Deadline for applying for the spring term will be Jan. 4, with

registration on Jan. 11 and 12.

Course schedules for the spring term are now available at the Office of Admissions on the Loop 1604 campus or by phoning 691-

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Helotes will be represented by talented dancers-from 6 to 15 years old-in Dallas this weekend at the Dallas Festival of Jov.

Twenty members of Fiesta Folklorica de Helotes—a dance club founded here in July, 1974 by Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Garcia when he was Commander of the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Maria was Youth Activity Chairmanwill take part. Theresa Champion is director.

The group will leave here via Southwest Airlines Friday night, Dec. 17. They will stay at LeBaron Hotel and at 8:30 a.m. Saturday they head for downtown Dallas where they will take part in the Festival of Joy Parade slated to run until 1 p.m. The parade will end at the new Dallas City Hall where they will perform native Mexican and Spanish dances. That evening at 7 p.m., the boys and girls will also perform at the Baker Hotel. They will arrive home Sunday evening.

Performing with them will be an 11-year old boy, who has been invited by El Greco to perform in national tours.

Those taking part from here include Helen and Rachael Valadez; Caesar, Cornel, Danny and Lorraine Rodriguez; Kathy and Delores, and Kimberly and

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Dancers Perform Susan Garcia; Nancy and Diane Saldana, and Alex and Rosalinda Herrera, and Elsa Champion. The children will also be accompanied by several parents.

The Fiesta Folklorica de Helotes is a group which per-forms in beautiful costumes traditional dances dating back to Pre-Conquest days. There are 13 dances planned for this event including such favorites as El

Jarabe Tapatio and Jesusita En Chihuahua. The authentic costumes will be transported via The authentic truck.

Those wishing to inquire about dancing lessons for children who would like to join this talented group may call Mrs. Ray Fair, treasurer, at 696-8974 or Mrs. Daniel Rodriguez, secretary and membership chairman, at 688-



filling the world with happiness and joy. We hope your holiday is brimming with all good things.

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Christmas Services Set by Churches

Merry Christmas

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Barber Shop and Beauty Salon

Christmas time once again in the green hills of Helotes will see the lights burning brightly in community churches as special observances are made of this birthday of birthdays.

Rev. Paul Probst of Zion Lutheran church said the highlight of their observances will be the Christmas Eve candlelight service to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 24. There will be no service on Christmas Day, but the day after, Sunday, Dec. 26, bring a communion service. Meantime, the Zion Sunday School program will be held Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Forest Hills Presbyterian Church has designated December

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19 as Christmas Sunday. Rev Sam Terry, pastor, will speak on "Let Us Adore Him" at 11 a.m.. Then at 7 p.m. the Sunday School will present a special program for the whole church followed by a social hour and the Christmas tree with a visit by Santa Claus. Molly Bobo will be in charge.

White gifts of canned goods, groceries, and money also will be received by the Presbyterians that night for distribution to needy persons in the community.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, the Forest Hills church will observe Christmas Afterglow at the regular Sunday 11 a.m. morning

worship.
On Christmas Eve, the
Presbyterian church also will

have a candlelight service

beginning at 7 p.m.

Joining in the candlelight service will be members of the nearby Helotes Hills United Methodist Church, according to Rev. Collin Furr, pastor. Methodist church will have a Christmas party at the church Sunday night, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m., and a party on Monday, 20, for the students of Nazarene Seminary at the seminary, Braun and Galm roads. Approximately 100 young men and women are enrolled in the seminary. This will be the second year that the Methodist congregation has feted the Nazarene seminarians.

The Methodist church also has "adopted" a needy family through the Wesley Community Center in San Antonio, and will collect food, clothes, and toys for them, as well as for local families in need.

The traditional Christmas Midnight Mass will highlight observances of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Rev. Louis Trawalter, pastor, also has announced a 6 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, three Masses on Christmas Day at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and three Masses at the same times on Sunday, Dec. 26. Meantime, the Catholic church will hold its Christmas preparation retreat

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated also at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Leon Springs on Christmas Eve. Rev. Peter O'Callaghan is pastor. Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Services at the Helotes Baptist Church for Christmas had not been announced at press time.

New Arrival

Christopher Mark Buchanan weighed in at 7 pounds 71/2 ounces on Thursday, Dec. 9, 1976 at Methodist Hospital. He is the son of Mark and Robin Buchanan who reside in Forrest Glen. He is also welcomed by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wynn of Helotes Park Estates and his paternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Buchanan of San Antonio.

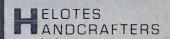
Larry Ricks, Jr., Marshall High School junior, has received the 4-H Gold Star, highest recognition of 4-H Achievement at the county level. The award was made to Larry at a recent luncheon in Uvalde.

Guest speaker at the Helotes Baptist Church on Dec. 5, was Rev. Doug Dickens, missionary to the Philippines, who currently is in this Country to work on his doctorate at the Southwest Seminary in Fort Worth. Rev. Dickens is a good friend of Rev. Jerry Reeves, Helotes Baptist pastor. Following the Sunday morning service, Rev. and Mrs. Reeves were hosts to Rev. and Mrs. Dickens at Chef John's Loft.

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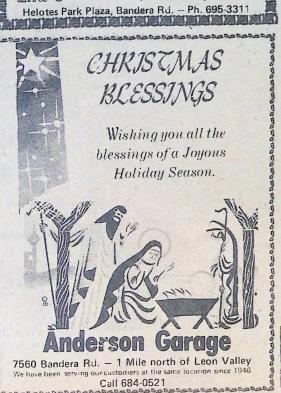
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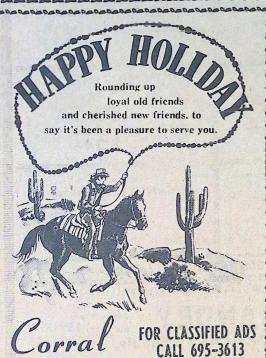
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The project is opposed, owever, by the Aquifer however, Protection Association, because, a spokesman said, of the danger of polluting the aquifer not only by the interchange itself but also by the urban development sure to follow the highway improvements.

Supporting the project are County Commissioner Tom Stolhandske, City Councilman D. Ford Nielsen, UTSA President Peter Flawn, the Greater San Antonio and North San Antonio Chambers of Commerce, and the UTSA student Assembly, as well as the Highway Department.

One public hearing on the project was held Dec. 8.

The 4-F. Club Christmas party held at Braun Hall this month was attended by 100 young people and their guests and included a covered dish supper. Larry Ricks showed slides of 4-H Club members on tour in Washington and seven other states.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ibarra celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec 12. A religious observance was held Sunday afternoon at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with the same priest who married them in 1926 celebrating a mass for them. He is Father James Vanderholt, who came from Chicago for the event.

Otto Weltner of Grey Forest attended the Woodall Patriotic Poetry Seminar, Saturday, Dec. 4, at the state hospital on South Presa Street to entertain residents with music and Christmas poems. Mr. Weltner also entertained on his harmonica at the Christmas dinner of the Helotes Silver Belles on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. (Continued from page 1)

nephew of Mrs. Lou Spiller of Route 17.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, his father, and one sister.

The funeral services were held at the Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio, and burial was in a

Menard, Texas, cemetery.
Mr. Crawford, 34, was a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Police who found his body on an isolated road near the Mexico-Guatemala border said he had been shot in the chest and arm with a small caliber weapon. His wallet, travelers checks, and personal jewelry were missing, but he was identified from his passport and auto registration. He had been in Mexico for a month, and was to have returned to San Antonio Friday, Dec. 10.

Two prominent Helotes area men teamed up to clear the triangle of land between new Highway 16 and the old Bandera Road between Scenic Loop and where they come together near El Chaparral. The men are Walter Schuh of Leslie Road, who provided the machinery for clearing it, and Ross Barham of Scenic Loop, who provided the land. The cleared triangle provides a park-like entry to Helotes from the west.



TISH IS her name, and she sings and plays at Tumbleweed Station. new restaurant and club near the University of Texas at San Antonio, each Wednesday. Thursday. Friday, and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. She will perform at Tumbleweed Station's New Year's Eve party along with a dance combo. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner daily. To get there, turn north off Loop 1604 on Market Hill opposite the entrance to UTSA. (Photo by Bill Terry)

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Chief Allan Thompson of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Department has issued a call for eight to ten new fire fighters to join the department. The department currently has a roster of 30 firemen with about 17 active

His invitation to area residents to join the local fire department was made in conjunction with a current drive throughout the county's 23 volunteer fire stations for more volunteer fire personnel

"In the Helotes area." Thompson, "what we need is more firemen available in the daytime. That's where we would use the eight to ten new volunteers.

The Helotes fire department has never failed to answer a call, day or night, but the department usually is shorthanded in the daytime.

The department averages about one house fire per month, he said. In dry weather, most calls are for grass and brush fires

The department meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the station on Highway 16 and Galm Road. A continuous training program is held on those Thursdays. Other training is available through the county Office of Civil Defense. volunteers will be thoroughly trained before they begin work as firemen.
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mean better fire protection for our own homes," Thompson said. Thompson is resident manager of the San Antonio Ranch New Town.



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Rocky Stallings, a Tonkawa Indian, works at The University of Texas at San Antonio's Institute of Texan Cultures. In addition to entertaining visitors

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Stallings said he has more than 2,000 projects in mind, but needs more raw material to accomplish his goal.

There is one exception,

Stallings said. "I've got enough turkey feathers to last through next Thanksgiving."

The restored items will be displayed on the Institute's exhibit floor. Reproductions are used by Institute guides in visits to local schools.

Elk antlers and javelina heads are the most needed items, but hunters who have parts from deer or any other native animal and would like to donate them to the Institute of Texan Cultures. should call Stallings at 226-7651.

Vi Swift's Sister Buried Dec. 7

A sister of the Helotes Postmaster died Sunday, Dec. 5, and was buried Dec. 7. She was Mrs. Lora Olivia Anderson of New Braunfels, sister of Mrs. Ralph Swift. Burial was in San Antonio.

Survivors include two other sisters, her mother, four brothers, and nieces and nephews. Mrs. Anderson was a native of Georgetown, Miss.

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