

Person-to-Person

As a birthday treat, Linda Martinez was given a trip to "Six Flags Over Texas" by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ramos.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dunford and children have returned home after visiting his parents in Wytheville, Virginia. A family reunion—or gathering of the clan—in a beautiful park was attended by five sisters and two brothers of Mr. Dunford and their children.

Mrs. H. L. Miller and three of the boys visited her mother in Azusa and Los Angeles, California and are home again.

Jan O'Hara rode a Whisper Jet on her return from a visit in Pensacola, Florida last week to her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jones and two daughters have recently purchased the former home of Bobby Hay in Grey Forest. The Hay family is renting while in the process of building a home on Babcock Road.

Walter Moss, who has been stationed on Guam, has completed his Navy duty and is now enrolled in Southwest State College in San Marcos.

R. L. Cornley and his son Lionel from Pleasanton were here to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hanna Hay. Also Jack Hay and his wife and two children from Lockhart dropped in to visit their parents.

A subscriber in New York State lives not on a Rural Route or a Star Route but a Mounted Route. We have been told that this means that their mailbox is on a post.

Cowboy artist Charlie Moss has had the first two of a series of pen and ink sketches depicting the life of a Ranch hand made into prints. These are suitable for framing and are available in several places in Helotes.

Country & Western Roundup

Seguin Earns Salute For Party Giving

(Editor's note: In place of his usual column, John T. Floore has granted us permission to print a letter of interest to all who have experienced Seguin hospitality.)

Dear Zella:

Recently a friend of mine sent me some Chinese cookies from San Francisco, knowing that I love cookies and that I full for all those quaint proverbs and sayings inside. After devouring about two dozen, I read with great interest—with some doubt in my mind—the last one. It read, "The next party you go to will be a big one and a REAL one."

Well, as you know, I try to make all the parties that I am invited to and some where I am not invited. I immediately thought

Fire Dept. Launches All-Out Drive For Funds, Members, Firefighters

A membership drive by the Helotes Volunteer Fire Department is in progress following the recent election of four new officers.

The Fire Department is manned by local volunteer officers and fire fighters and maintains full-time coverage of the area with a building and fire trucks located

on Riggs Road.

Each householder in the area is requested to donate \$5 and each business is expected to give \$10 in order to maintain the fire-

house and other equipment.

The term of office covers two years with four officers elected each year.

Charley C. Davis was elected president and Mrs. Vi Swift, secretary. New directors are Martin Terry and Chester McCarter. Incumbents who still have a year to serve are Ed Faust, vice president; Henry Schaub, treasurer; Lawrence Hansen, Sr., and Leroy Hargett, directors.

The Fire Chief is Ralph Swift, and Assistant Chiefs are Larry Hansen, Jr., and John Widner. Captains are Howard Brown, Sr., Charles J. Laenger, Sr., John R. Nelson and Bud Payne.

The Board of Directors meets once a month on the first Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Any men wishing to join the firefighters may contact Fire Chief Ralph Swift at MY 5-3443. Sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:30 p.m.

The emergency fire department number to be used in case of fires is MY 5-3363 for Helotes or if no answer CA 7-8341.

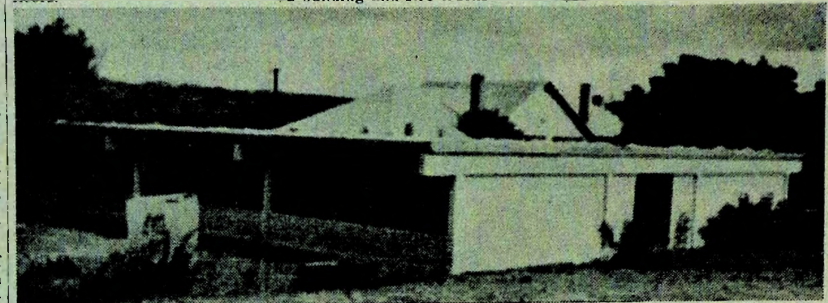


Photo by Dade Rayfield

Helotes elementary school annex—with six new classrooms—is to be completed in time for the 1967-68 school session. This new low building faces Bandera Road in the heart of Helotes. It blends in with the earlier buildings. The pitched roof seen here is on the original rock structure.

Grey Forest Names Judge

At the June meeting of the Grey Forest City Council held in the city hall, Robert Duty was elected by the councilmen to serve as Corporation Court Judge effective that date, June 22. Chosen to serve as Clerk of the Court was Mrs. William Schumacher.

All members were present and took up routine city business. Fogging of the territory to keep down mosquitoes was approved and the fogging trucks finished the work in the following few days.

Mayor Jack Nottingham pointed out that all meetings are open to all citizens and are held on the third Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall on Scenic Loop Road at the corner of Park Drive. The next meeting will fall on July 20.

Some Residents Get New Address

Mailing addresses for many residents will be changed July 15, according to a Helotes Post Office announcement.

Route 8 will become Route 15. This is a San Antonio route.

In addition, those in Helotes Park Estates will have their mail

delivered out of the Helotes post office beginning that date. The new mailing address for them will be Number and Street, Helotes, Texas 78023.

Rain Lack Hurts Area

A rain varying from a few drops to some four inches fell in this area July 3, but failed to dent drought conditions which developed rapidly in an almost rainless June. San Antonio registered only one-hundredths of an inch to tie an old record, and Helotes was hard put to account for a drop during the 30-day period.

The last general rain in the area averaged about two inches

on May 29. On that date Boerne had about one-and-a-half inches.

Many reliable springs in the area are dry, and some ranches and other homeowners have reported well trouble.

The area is running about eight-and-a-half inches below average rainfall for the year as we go to press. August usually holds promise of rain and September is one of the two rainiest months on an average.

Burglars Beat Hasty Retreat

An attempted robbery of the Helotes Post Office was discovered by a postal clerk when she came to work at 7:30 a.m. on July 4. Mrs. Dolores Brookes first noticed burglar's tools scattered

about near the safe, and checked to find steel doors in the rear had been pried open. She reported her findings to Postmaster Charley Davis, who called the Sheriff's Office. They found the safe had not been broken into, and nothing had been taken.

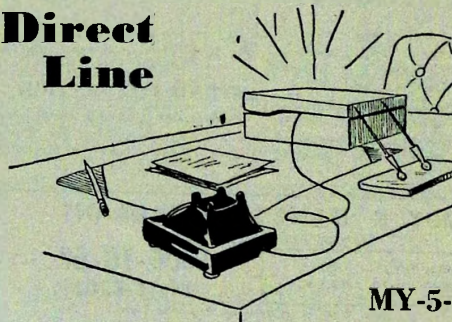
A postal patron who with her brother drove up to the post office between 11:30 and 11:45 p.m. July 3 reported hearing voices when she went inside to pick up her mail. She had expressed surprise to her brother when she returned to the car to find that there was no other car in the parking lot.

Investigators theorized that her presence or firecrackers which were set off about that time may have frightened away the would-be robbers.

Other witnesses had observed a car parked in the brush, which may have been used in the attempt.

The tools left behind were checked for clues, and investigation will continue.

Direct Line



MY-5-3525

I was discussing the future of this area and one of the men remarked that the Hill Country was full of "croakers" this time of year. What did he mean? I didn't know if he was using a good or bad word? Is this a Texas expression?

According to our dictionary a "croaker" is "one who speaks dolefully or forebodes evil."

You might say that it is an old Texas expression. George Wilkins Kendall, the famous war correspondent for whom Boerne's county is named, used this word to describe anyone who ran down Texas. June, 1857, he wrote a letter from his Ranch near Boerne to the New Orleans Daily Picayune saying he would stay until the Guadalupe started to run dry and he would leave his station at the last watering hole "bringing up the tail of the mourners." In 1860, he reported a good shower was needed, "but the signs are dry—and the croakers are again growling."

He took up his pen in the fall of 1860 to report in the Picayune his answer to those who will run down any region where they cannot obtain easy living. He wrote: "Many wish to find good macadamized roads, churches of their own denomination, colleges, schools, the society of an old settled community, and good land adjoining at one dollar per acre." He advised these to stay away.

But Kendall most likely got his idea from some early Amer-

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Echo Keeps Office In Old Post Office

The Helotes Echo is located in the office recently vacated by the Art Guild and formerly known as the Old Post Office. This is located on the Bandera Highway in downtown Helotes adjacent to Andrews Grocery. Those wishing to bring news or advertisements or obtain subscriptions may find us there.

Our mailing address is also listed on the masthead as is our telephone and we are glad to hear from our readers at any time.

Hartmann's Have Twins

Twins—a boy and a girl—checked in July 11 for parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartmann at six pounds-and-a-half-ounce each. Their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hartmann, live on John Wagner Road.

The little girl was born at 12:50 and the boy at 1:01 a.m. Their two brothers are Troy and Todd, four and six years old.

The twins will carry middle names of their two grandfathers. They will be called Stephanie Fay and Stephen Ray.

Their first out-of-state visitors will include their aunt, uncle, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James Grenlund, Debbie, and Steven, from Capron, Illinois. Mrs. Grenlund is the twins' father's sister and her family will be guests for two weeks here in the home of the Edward Hartmanns.



HELOTES SKETCHES

Alex Parrigin Serves As Elder Statesman

Born in Kentucky, he first came to Texas in 1894... then to San Antonio in 1906. About that time, he came riding out to Helotes in a 2-cylinder Rec—the two-seater kind that required entering the back seat by opening the back. There was no side door. It was the latest thing.

The road to Bandera with its stop at Helotes was more winding, and the creeks ran fresher and faster. But some things are still the same.

His reason for coming was to list and sell for its owners the two-story rock home—once a stagecoach stop—now owned by Marie Conley. He remembers that he listed it and 35 acres with it for \$3500.

That was the first of many real estate deals that brought in the second wave of settlers to this area.

Before that—and to a large extent it is still true—the land in

ATTEND CONVENTION

Postmaster Charley Davis and his wife are attending the Postmaster Convention in Austin July 12 through 15.

the hills was mostly ranches and the flatter part held farms.

In 1910, he began a career selling autos in San Antonio which covered some 10 years.

In 1929, he took up selling Helotes land again—this time in the Scenic Loop Playgrounds—owned and developed from ranchland—by E. N. Requena, some two miles up the Scenic Loop Road from Helotes. It attracted affluent San Antonians as a place to have a summer or winter playground away from the city. With a spring-fed swimming pool, a fishing lake and riding trails, it quickly caught on in a boom time, and many bought rock lodges or land intending to build.

When the depression arrived, owners clung to their Hill Country place and others kept on buying. World War II caused housing shortages in the city, and lodges and more cabins began to be called home by many. This area has grown into the incorporated City of Grey Forest.

In 1947, he developed the Helotes Ranch Acres near Helotes for F. G. and Kathryn Antonio. He sold out two units and in 1967 he is working on the third with Col. J. D. Smith.

This brief sketch hardly has room for other events in his life. Of Irish ancestry—his name rhymes with Harrigan—he married and his charming daughter Marie grew up...

It would take time to list all the honors that have come to him. He was a charter member of the local Lion's Club and has served as its president two terms.

But Alex Parrigin is more than the sum of his accomplishments of a long and vigorous lifetime.

He is the undisputed elder statesman of the area. His advice is sought by folks from near or far everyday. It is good advice because he has taken time to reflect on mistakes and to note the values that last. Yet he does not stand still and he works for the future.

Direct Line...

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means. For instance, Benjamin Franklin in his "Autobiography" wrote:

"There are croakers in every country; always foreboding its ruin. Such a one then lived in Philadelphia... This gentleman, a stranger to me, stopt one day at my door, and asked me if I was the young man who had lately opened a new printing-house. Being answered in the affirmative, he said he was sorry for me, because it was an expensive undertaking... for Philadelphia was a sinking place, the people already half-bankrupts... all appearances to the contrary, such as new buildings and the rise of rents, being to his certain knowledge fallacious; for they were, in fact among the things that would ruin us. And he gave me such a detail of misfortunes now existing, or that were soon to exist, that he left me half-melancholy. Had I known him before I engaged in business, probably I never should have done it. This man continued to live in this decaying place... refusing for many years to buy a house there, because all was going to destruction, and at last I had the pleasure of seeing him give five times as much for one as he might have bought it for when he first began croaking." Ben started the GAZETTE in 1729, the year after he wrote this.

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Guild Plans Show

From noon until dark on Sunday August 27, everyone is invited to the formal opening of the Helotes Art Guild Gallery in its new location, and to an open air Fall Festival road show which will include works of member artists and guest artists exhibited and for sale along the Bandera Highway. Paul Kime, president, announced the date at last week's meeting.

Chairman of the event will be Lou Ippolito. Invitations are also being sent by individual artists to their many friends. Refreshments will be served in the gallery.

Since late in June the Art Guild members have been refurbishing their new gallery—the former Hohman rock ranch house on the Bandera Highway owned by the Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. The attractive quarters allow more display place and a room for working artists and classes.

Mrs. Jean Gibson is in charge of the gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. daily for those who wish to come in now. The gallery is kept open as formerly and tourists are welcome as well as residents. "Since works shown vary, there is al-

ways something new to see," she said.

Art classes are also held for members. Those joining the guild are eligible for some of them without further charge. In addition to classes conducted on Friday night by Mr. MacMahon, Charlie Moss will teach a class of young artists from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday nights.

Hickory Hut Adds New Room

Corbin and Wanda Terry have doubled the kitchen and dining area at the Hickory Hut this month.

Taking in an adjacent store in the Park Plaza, they have chosen wainscoting and period paper to harmonize with the early Texas used in the original area.

The new section, which can be shut off, is open to the public as well as being available for private dinners featuring barbecue, they report.

Return to Curls Seen In '67 Hair Fashion

Between the Fourth of July and Labor Day, there comes a fashion awareness regarding hair styles. Ladies and girls taking a hasty glimpse in the mirror, wonder what can be done to add glamor, charm, chic—or just a look of being-with-it for the active months ahead.

With this in mind, we interviewed Edith Boubel, owner and operator of the Lovely Lady Beauty Salon which opened in the Park Plaza fifteen months ago. In addition to her large Helotes Shop with its Spanish decor, Mrs. Boubel owns two other beauty salons and has been an owner and operator for 34 years.

Since she specializes in permanent waving and hair coloring, Mrs. Boubel is especially enthusiastic about this year's look. "The trend of hair fashion is short and curly. It isn't like any past year, however. It shows individual curls often—sometimes uncombed. You could say it is away with the straight cut with its hard, harsh lines unless this is particularly suited to the person wearing it."

Town and Country
If the incoming style is properly cut and permed, it adds up to practical chic, which is particularly good in the town-and-country life around here, she explained. In general, it is comely instead of an all-of-one-piece type of style, we gathered. Therefore, it shouldn't be as collapsible as some of the past year's teased styles.

Vidal Sassoon and Kenneth aided by other popular stylists have tested and refined the 1967 look on style leaders in London, Paris, and New York. As it comes to us, according to Mrs. Boubel, it is a style which can be handled by the wearer between treks to the beauty salon. In some variations, no setting is required, just pressing into place with the fingers.

Teen Fashions
When asked about teen tresses, Mrs. Boubel expressed tolerance for whatever the high school set chose. She said that with her shops located in widely separated places, she sees different styles adopted in each area as the LOOK and followed by all the girls nearby. In one place, it might be the long flat uncombed look; in a second the geometrical cut, and in the third the feather look varied with falls.

She said high-school-age girls have always worn styles independent of the major trend. It is

Book Service Here
The Mobile Library will be at the Helotes School from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on July 25, and on August 8 and 22.

quite often easy to note a girl who is merely visiting a certain area because her hair does not coincide with the fashion set by the leaders of the local school. It is a fortunate girl, let us add, who lives in the area where her most flattering style is the IN one.

Very Personal
Coeds, career girls, and young brides tend to be trend setters, however. And an older person can gain much charm from a good permanent, she said.

"Anyway," Edith said, "I have always instructed all my operators to consult the patron as to how she prefers to wear her hair. We do not like to make everyone's mind up for them, as the proper coiffure can be a very personal choice."

She counts herself lucky to have Lily Cortez, who lives on Hausman Road, as an operator in the local salon. Lily, it seems, is very accommodating in arranging hair according to customer's instructions.

Baptists Get New Pastor

The Rev. Walter C. Maddox has been elected new pastor of the Helotes Baptist Church and has taken over his duties here.

The Rev. Earl C. Dowd, Jr., former pastor, has been named to assist at the Woodlawn Baptist Church in San Antonio.

A welcome to the community is extended to Rev. Maddox, and good wishes go with Rev. Dowd.

Rev. Alexander To Leave Helotes

The Rev. Jerry Alexander, present pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, will take up his new post at the William S. Hall Psychiatric Institute in Columbia, South Carolina, as resident chaplain, September 1.

He will continue further scientific studies in addition to his duties.

Rev. Alexander made the announcement to his congregation Sunday, July 8.

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daughter, not as young as Jack Benny in years, but in action—oh, brother, watch out. I have hunted, fished, played, worshipped with them for years and I can truly say they have done more for the city of Seguin and its citizenry than almost all the other people there, and I want you to know that this little city has more outstanding, progressive, real American citizens than any other city that I know of. And I have been to two rodeos and one box supper in my life. Some great man has said that "People make a town." This could not be held truer in any spot in the world.

Back to the party. We drove on Sunday afternoon to Zella and Oma's beautiful spot on the river. It so happens that Zella and an old bird named Doc Smith, who had served Guadalupe County faithfully ever since they gave away liver in the meat markets, had the same birthday and framed up on the public with this ball, and it was a BALL. We drove to within a half mile of the place, and I said either Ringling Bros. Circus or the World Series is playing here.

A fine looking gentlemen came to our car and I asked where the Burger-Smith party was, and he replied: "You are right in the big middle of it. Get out and come on in."

I learned later that this man was one of the leading bankers of the city. That's the way they do things in Seguin. Zella told me they were going to have a little party, and I have learned that in Seguin the word "little" can mean anywhere from 50 to 500.

In all my life—attending parties, socials, rallies, mass meetings—have I ever witnessed anything that could compare? I don't believe Castro's funeral would draw as many people. I have been in show business almost all my life and if I could have a house like this—one time in my life—I could retire.

Folks—and I mean folks—doctors, lawyers, generals, millionaires (and I had the pleasure of rubbing shoulders with a few of them), farmers, fishermen, and even one policeman and a railroad special agent were overseeing the many fine cooks and helpers. Everybody happy, gay, no griping, and saying nice things about his

fellow man. If on God's green earth there is a place where Americanism is practiced, it is Seguin, Texas. Would to God that some of these long-haired hippies, draft card burners, demonstrators could get a glimpse of real American people in a real American town such as the Queen City of Seguin, Texas. In my way of thinking there would be no boys in Viet Nam and Kosygin could have stayed at home.

Zella, Oma, Doc, George Burgess, Windy Daniels, Leroy, Buck, and Phil, and thousands of other fine citizens, Sister Bessie, Doc Heiman, Selser, Manuel . . . America should bow down in respect to you fine people for living-and-let-live the really and truly American way of life.

May we see the day when all American cities boast of a citizenry such as Seguin, Texas. May the good Lord keep and bless good people of Seguin—Oma, Zella, Bessie—for I can truthfully say that my life has been made better and much happier by having the privilege of associating with you.

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