



**WESTERN OAKS**—Builder J.W. Smith's Western Oaks community in a choice area of Southwest Austin offers a convenient location, a beautifully wooded setting, and homes built by the man who built a reputation for quality. Open

House will be held today at 7001 Hanging Oak, a luxurious three-bedroom home with a study, two fireplaces, and enough bookcases to accommodate a professor's library.

## Western Oaks quiet, close in

With the same painstaking care that builder J.W. Smith began building homes, he selected the site of his first residential community, Western Oaks in Southwest Austin.

This choice 220 thick wooded acres offers not only some of the city's most beautiful homes, but it's a quick, easy drive to major employment centers, shopping, schools and entertainment.

Western Oaks lies in a quiet, secluded corner off McCarty Lane and Highway 290 West of South Lamar. It's less than 20 minutes to downtown Austin, the Capitol, and Bergstrom Air Force Base, and it's about 15 minutes to Veterans Administration and Internal Revenue Service.

Major travel arteries like Highway 290 West, Ben White, Lamar, and Loop 360 provide easy access to all parts of the city.

Westgate Mall, one of the city's largest shopping malls, is only 10 miles away, and the new Toney Burger Athletic Stadium is even closer.

Some of Austin's best restaurants, covering everything from charcoal-broiled steaks and Texas barbecue to gourmet Belgian dishes, are less than 10 minutes away and there's an interesting collection of antique shops and fashion boutiques in the neighborhood Oak Hill shopping center.

Schools are convenient, too, and include Oak Hill Elementary, about 5 minutes away, Crockett High School and Port Junior High.

The lakes, hills and forested valleys of the Hill Country are also nearby, making it easy to pursue such interests as sailing, skiing, swimming or fish-

ing in Lake Travis or the Highland Lakes.

And for those who like to stay at home, Smith designed and built community recreational facilities that rival those of the finest resorts. Tennis and basketball courts, a children's playground, jr. olympic-sized swimming pool with cabana, and wooded greenbelts are carefully placed throughout the community for the exclusive use of Western Oaks families and guests.

Smith's homes in Western Oaks start in the fifties, and they include many custom-designed homes. There's a wide selection of architectural styles, ranging from classic English Tudors to multi-windowed contemporaries.

All, however, share the Smith brand of quality construction, with such features as 100 per cent brick or native stone exteriors, his famous trompe l'oeil sunken living room, where four large bookcases surround a massive brick fireplace. High cathedral ceilings soar overhead, and a wall of windows overlook the terrace.

There's also a library off the foyer, which could serve as a guest room or at-home office. And the big island kitchen is highlighted by handsome ash cabinetry that carries the same gentle curves of the foyer arches.

Smith's information center and model home, along with other completed homes in the community, will be open today until dark. To visit Western Oaks, take South Lamar Boulevard past Ben White, continue west on Highway 290 West, turn left on McCarty Lane and follow the signs to Western Oaks.