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## Person-to-Person

Among new residents in the Park Estates are Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Strange and their three children. Originally from Cape May, N.J., they were stationed in Galveston for 18 months before choosing Helotes for home.

Guest speaker at the first meeting this season of the Helotes Hills Garden Club was Mrs. Annie Wineinger. The club met in the home of Mrs. Ross Carpenter and heard Mrs. Wineinger tell how to prepare a new flower bed and how to have blooming plants the year around.

Robert (Bob) Chifers was here on leave to visit his family before following orders to proceed to Viet Nam. Bob formerly attended Marshall. Several family events honored him while he was here.

Invitations were received here to the wedding of Miss Margaret Veltman to Kenneth Harrison, who is a brother of Mrs. H. L. (Susan) Miller of Mr. M's. The wedding took place Sept. 20 in Aradisi, Calif.

Home from the hospital, but still on the sick list, is Margie Tait who has been receiving visitors and well-wishers, and recently celebrated her birthday. Her mother is Mrs. C. W. Benham of Scenic Loop, and they are long-time residents of this area.

## Michael Fish, 17 Dies of Injuries

Graveside services were held at Zion Lutheran Cemetery Tuesday, September 16, for Michael Fish, 17 years old, who died Monday, Sept. 15, in a hospital of injuries received the night before when his truck overturned following a tire blowout. The accident occurred on Bandera Road near Leon Valley. Also injured were Michael Rihn, still hospitalized, and James Linder, who is now home.

The youth's survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Fish of Route 4 here. Also Mrs. Elaine Thrasher, his sister, of Barksdale, Texas, and his brothers—Sam of Barksdale, James in the Marine Corps, and David of this area—are among those he leaves in addition to his grandparents.

His Marshall High School classmates attended the final ceremony conducted by Rev. C. L. Bohls. Sympathy of the community goes to his family.

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## Leon Valley Grange --- 25 Years



Mrs. Lampman, wife of C. J. Lampman, Master of the Leon Valley Grange, meets visitors from six other Granges and the 118 guests who attended the 25th anniversary celebration at the Grange Hall recently.



Charter members who joined the Grange when it was formed in 1944 in Leon Valley were present to celebrate this month. They are left to right: Orville J. Steubing, Mrs. Helena Saenz, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Steubing, and Mrs. Edna Gussen.

## Lions Plan To Build

Two organizations take on far-reaching civic projects here for the 1969-70 season, they have announced.

The Helotes Lion's Club at an installation banquet at Cactus Jack's Steak Loft heard District Judge James A. McKay, Jr., discuss Law and Order. Before a large panel of important Texas Lions Club officials and guests, Pres. Philip Pittman revealed the Club's plan for building a major structure on Lion's field here, adjacent to their building—to be used for Helotes youth club activities.

The Women's Club at their last meeting chose Beautification of the Scenic Loop Road—from Bandera Road to Boerne—as this year's project. O. P. Schnabel will send an official from his office to the October meeting to explain how his organization will cooperate. Trash will be put in receptacles and gathered. Mrs. Baxter Melgaard is chairman of the project. Mrs. H. E. Brown, Club president, has invited other groups to attend the meeting—to be announced—to aid in this project.

Tickets are on sale to the City of Grey Forest's first annual Policeman's Ball—to be held on the patio of Grey Moss Inn on Monday, October 13. According to Councilwoman Dorothy Parrott, one of the chairmen.

## Hwy 16 Hearing

## Residents Want Undivided Road

Some delegates from Bandera, Texas would like to have a four-lane divided highway, but residents from Scenic Loop to the Bexar County Line are in favor of a two-lane undivided Bandera Highway with wide shoulders, they said again and again in San Geronimo recently.

## The Numbers Game

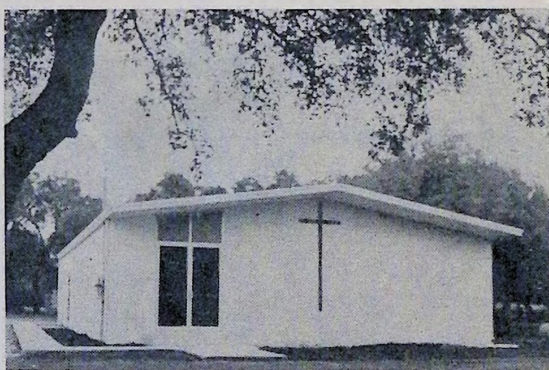
My, My . . . The Helotes (and City of Grey Forest) Telephone Directory for September 1969 has a new look in figures . . . This is true for Leon Springs . . . and Leon Valley, too, as alas the big city of San Antonio has abolished A-lines, also.

Way back when it was a toll to call San Antonio—in the early 60's, this century—one could skip the MY and still dial a neighbor. And although MYrtle never was a very popular gal—not having a hero rating like some of San Antonio's exchanges such as PERishing . . . we're going to miss her. 695 is so impersonal . . . and some of the others are downright obscure.

Progress—How do you dial that? Is it 77647377 next?

**Attend P-TA  
Funtare  
Oct. 4**

## Churches Grow



Dedication ceremonies were held recently for this all-new Leon Springs church—St. Jude's Catholic Church—which is replacing an old home previously used by the congregation.



Nearing completion here is the first parsonage for the Helotes Hills Methodist Church. Ground-breaking ceremonies were recently held, and an open house is planned at a later date.

Under two ancient pecan trees and nearby giant oaks, 125 to 150 persons—residents of this area—gathered to listen and discuss the improvement of Highway 16. The meeting was called by the Texas Highway Department to allow discussion of the design of the nine-mile length from Scenic Loop Road to the Bexar-Medina County line.

Two engineers and approximately 27 citizens voiced opinions during the three-hour session Sept. 19. Garrette H. Wilson, district engineer of the Highway Dept., said that all would be given an opportunity to talk. And from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the discussion was continuous.

Frank Holzmann of the Highway Department explained that on Nov. 5, 1965 a delegation of "elected county officials of Bexar, Medina, and Bandera Counties and of San Antonio and Bandera" attended an open public hearing and presented a petition for a four-lane divided highway. On Aug. 5, 1966, the Texas Highway Dept. passed a minute order approving a right-away under House Bill 620 of the 55th Legislature. The County and State are to share the cost 50-50, he said.

The first stage, Mr. Holzmann said, is limited to improving the existing highway, flattening the "curvature," et cetera. The usual width now is 120 feet, but it could be 200 feet, if the four-lane highway is accepted. He pointed out a schematic layout showing various lanes in blue, red, green, and yellow. Widths of medians averaging 74 feet were discussed. Crossovers for a divided highway would be at one-quarter to one-half mile intervals, he said.

The first citizen to speak was Mrs. Amy Shelton McNutt, owner of Gallagher Ranch, acquainted with the road since 1927. She said she was against a four lane divided highway as "people come to enjoy the country—the only things they come for are trees, scenery, and game."

Mrs. Dan Tobin, representing herself and family who have a

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## Scouts Ask Aid For Goodwill

Local Boy Scouts from Troop 401 will participate in "Goodwill-Good Turn Saturdays. On Oct. 4, Goodwill bags will be distributed throughout the area. On the following Saturday, Oct. 11, the boys with adult drivers, will pick up all filled bags and deliver them to The Goodwill Industries.

Last year, over 32,500 bags were solicited in the San Antonio area. This represents a Scouting effort to aid handicapped people employed by The Goodwill Industries. Everyone is asked to take the time to help, also.

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Officers of the Helotes Area Volunteer Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary are shown here with Mrs. Elmer Zipp of the Texas Fireman's Auxiliary during the installation ceremony. They are, left to right, Mrs. M. R. Terry, Mrs. Ken Stiles, Mrs. Charles Laenger, Mrs. Zipp, Mrs. J. Wayne Chauffe, and Mrs. J. V. Lindner.

Volunteer Group  
Installed HereDuring impressive ceremonies  
at the Helotes Fire House re-  
cently, Mrs. Charles (Dottie)  
Laenger was installed as presi-dent of the Helotes Area Volun-  
teer Fire Dept. Ladies' Auxiliary  
along with other officers of the  
service group. Here from New  
Braunfels to preside at the in-  
stallation was Mrs. Elmer Zipp,  
current first vice-president of the  
Texas Firemen's Auxiliary.Other officers installed include  
Mrs. J. V. (Irene) Lindner, vice-  
president; Mrs. J. Wayne (Iris)  
Chaufe, secretary - treasurer;  
Mrs. M. R. (Valda) Terry, chap-  
lain; and Mrs. H. E. (Evelyn)  
Brown, committee chairman.  
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The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Lutheran College in Seguin where she majored in Music Education. While there she was a member of the TLC Concert Choir, Kappa Pi Gamma Sorority, and Student Education Association. She is presently teaching choral music at Randolph AFB High School.

Mr. Lewis also graduated from Texas Lutheran College where he received his B.S. in Chemistry. While there he was president of the Men's Dorm Council and a member of the Chemistry Club. He is presently employed as a Chemistry instructor at Texas A&M University.



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ranch in Bandera County, agreed with Mrs. McNutt that the present road is adequate. She said that people here 100 years are being asked to give up in favor of some others. Pointing out that

there is a Texas Scenic Highway No. 1 from Alpine to Fort Davis, she said it would be good publicity for Bandera County to have Highway 16 designated Texas Scenic Highway No. 2.

A Bandera judge in favor of the wider highway, said that Bandera County has been "pin-pointed for 18 State Parks." Others from there said that the hill country should anticipate more moving up there and working in San Antonio, or wanting to shop in San Antonio.

Mrs. McNutt pointed out that she was not against improvements and added that the bridges need to be widened.

Speedy Hicks of Bandera—observing that "traffic follows roads," suggested that the group form a Highway Beautification Committee.

Howard Schott, a San Geronimo rancher, was told by an official that 90 per cent of the 20-foot expansion had already been bought. Mr. Schott said that "99 per cent of the people in Bexar County are against the divided highway," as he is. He pointed out he is for the existing highway with improvements. He urged the building of the road now, pointing out that right-aways have been bought for the past eight years.

A Lakehills resident said he favored the divided highway because of danger to an oncoming driver who "might suffer a heart attack."

Against this, a resident of Helotes pointed out that he was recently confronted with a car coming toward him on Loop 410. He suggested also that the highway wait until the future to buy, or pay property owners future prices.

Highway officials said that the average daily car count on Highway 16 at this point was 11 to 1300 daily. One gave his individual opinion that it would be about five years before construction of the highway begins.

Some citizens voiced concern that grass in a divided highway might attract deer and cause them to be killed by fast traffic as they darted onto the highway. Everyone expressed a willingness to have some curves straightened and to have bridges made wider.

**Girl Scouts Meet**

All girls in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are invited to join Helotes Girl Scout Troop 73, according to Mrs. Eleanor McCain, girl scout leader. First meeting for 1969-70 was held Sept. 16.

Last year there were 27 scouts and 31 regular meetings were held as well as a dinner and two hike/cookouts.

There were also four field trips to various museums and other places of interest including Hyatt's Kennels.

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