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Leaders Ask Congress To Approve SBA Funding

accepts existing state standards

for the qualification of the blind

and disabled for the supplemental

income benefits. For them, as for

the aged, the new programs seek

to provide a supplement to

existing income in a period of

payments of up to \$130 to a single

person and \$195 to a couple each

month in supplemental income. In

July these maximum figures will

Some 3.2 million persons already

on state and local welfare rolls-in

these three categories: aged, blind

and disabled-will be getting their

checks from the federal govern-

ment directly. Another 3 million or

so should be eligible for such

tration which administers the

program has been working

through civic, social and church

groups to find those who may be

The millions of welfare

recipients who receive aid from the

"aid to dependent children"

program are not eligible for

supplemental security income

President Nixon was dropped both

by the Administration and the

Congress in the 1972 presidential

first \$20 a month income from any

source is exempted from the

eligibility computation, as is the

first \$65 of earned income. After

that, \$1 in aid is lost for every \$2

earned. This means that one could

earn up to \$345 a month before the

last dollar of supplemental

security income was wiped out.

The new program will double

federal expenditures for the needy

aged, blind and disabled, while

eliminating state and local

spending in these categories,

except in a few states where

benefits will be higher than the

government spent \$2.1 billion on

these three categories of aid. It is

expected to spend \$2.2 billion in

the first six months of 1974 on the

In fiscal 1973, the federal

federal maximums.

new program.

For those who are eligible, the

The Social Security Adminis-

The new program provides for

rising costs of living.

rise to \$140 and \$210.

assistance.

eligible for aid.

election year.

Federal Checks Due Beginning January 1st for Needy Aged, Blind and Disabled The new federal program

Washington-(NBNS)-Beginning Jan. 1, millions of needy aged, blind and disabled Americans should receive their first federal assistance checks.

It is estimated that more than 3 million Americans who have not received aid under existing state-federal welfare programs will be eligible for some payment under the supplemental security income program voted by the Congress in 1972.

For many of them the checks will be small, perhaps as little as \$5 or \$10 a month. But it will come to them as their right, without the usual requirement that they proclaim themselves absolutely destitute and lacking in sons or daughters or other relatives who might be held responsible for their welfare.

OEO Gets **Grant Approval**

nounced approval Friday of a \$26,097 Office of Economic Opportunity grant to Community Action Board in Lubbock County,

Funded under Title II of the program. Their part of the welfare Economic Opportunity Act, the reform package proposed by grant is effective from Dec. 1, 1973 through Feb. 28, 1974, and includes allocations of \$11,645 for administration and \$14,452 for General Community Programming.

Governor Briscoe said the grant will enable the agency to continue maintaining neighborhood centers with a variety of planned activities and services for all ages; making referrals to manpower programs and following up participants; and providing summer employment for

Administration funds will be used to provide technical assistance and seed money to neighborhood groups for special projects; coordinate activities with city and county officials; publish a monthly newsletter; and perform all general managerial functions.

Grant processing for the state was performed by the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity, a division of the Texas Department

Former Lubbock Man Passes Away in Berkley, California

Final rites were held in Berkley, California for Booker Washington last Friday. He passed away earlier the same week. He was the youngest son of the late Mariah King and the brother of the late Charlie Banks, who was also a

longtime resident of Lubbock. Among his survivors are his

president and general manager for

of black leaders, on the heels of the House small business sub committee to table a request to raise the Small Business Administration's loan-making authority, has asked Congress to quickly approve the funding bill.

Washington-(NBNS)-A group

The National Business League, whose Committee for National Policy Review met in emergency session to draw up a four-point agenda to arouse congressional support of the funding authority, said that the SBA request for an increase in its loan authority by \$2.3 billion to a ceiling of \$6.6 billion should be granted.

Claiming the SBA would reach its present \$4.3 billion ceiling by the end of November, the NBL said "those major programs to be served by the increase in funds, will virtually come to a halt in the minority community it is disastrous."

The halt to the request of the SBA followed the disclosure that there was widespread corruption in SBA's lending practices in more than six field offices. The subcommittee is investigating the charges now.

NBL President Berkeley G. Burrell said the subcommittee should reverse its action to withhold funding until the SBA investigation is completed, which he compared to throwing the baby out with the bath.

In recent months we have heard allegations leveled at the FBI, CIA and the IRS for irregularities in their operation, but none has been subject to a cut-off of appropriations for their agencies," he said.

"Yet, in the case of the SBA, the entire program of more than 60 offices across the country will be jeopardized while the lending practices of only 8 to 10 are being examined."

Burrell pointed out that in the last fiscal year, SBA made direct loans and guarantees of bank loans totaling \$464.3 million to minority enterprises, roughly 12 per cent of the \$3.8 billion loan total.

He said the SBA could mean the end of efforts to bring minority businessmen into the mainstream of the economy.

The NBL is now seeking meetings with the White House, congressional committee chairmen and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Southwestern Bell Vice President Visits In Hub City This Week "Checking Pulse"

One of the best ways to check the temperature of a community, society or the economy is to feel the pulse of a telephone executive.

The phone company is wired into just about everything, and when company officials study growth and social problems, they have to weigh most everything everywhere.

West Texans got a chance to feel the pulse of just such an executive this week when C.L. (Chet) Todd visited Lubbock. Todd is vice

Area. He's responsible for all company operations in the western half of Texas, including the Rio Grande Valley, much of Central

Southwestern Bell's San Antonio

Todd came to West Texas to take a look at telephone construction and so some pulse feeling for himself in meetings with local businessmen and community leaders.

"We expect what we call horizontal telephone growth. telephones for new residences and

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THE HONORABLE GERALDINE B. FORD, Recorder's Court Judge and a member of the Board of Directors of Detroit Urban League, Inc., is shown above presenting a plaque to Jack Musick, president of Hiram Walker Incorporated, during the 1973 annual Equal Opportunity Day awards ceremony. The award honors Hiram Walker for outstanding contributions to the economic welfare of Detroit as a pioneer for equal opportunity in employment. The 13th annual Awards Luncheon, attended by civic and government officials and prominent Detroit business leaders, was held in the Grand Ballroom of Cobo Hall on Thursday, November 15. The Detroit Urban League was established in 1916.

Operation Mainstream Needs South Plains - Lubbock Paticipants Now

There are many Federal Funded programs on the South Plains of Texas. Operation Mainstream is a program which is not familiar, as it should be, with residents of the South Plains. Mrs. Connie Meissner, director of Operation Mainstream, told the Times last week, "We are looking for people who are willing to become participants in this program."

Exactly what is Operation Mainstream?

Mrs. Meissner says: "Operation Mainstream is a work-experience and training program for unemployed, low-income adults, age 22 and older." She went on to add, "Enrollees gain valuable experience and job skills while they work in locally sponsored projects that provide needed



15 Rights Suits Filed In South

Washington - (NBNS)-Some 15 civil rights suits have been filed by the Justice Department to desegregate 24 liquor stores, bars and pool halls in seven Southern

The suits charge violations of the public accommodations section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The establishments are in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

Urban Areas Lose More People Washington - (NBNS) - Inner Continued On Page Five

services or improve the physical or social environment of their

communities." In many cases, priority is given to Mainstream projects in rural areas and small towns that provide work-training opportunities for older adults, especially those over 55 years of age.

Participants in the program are paid the legal "Federal or State minimum wage." Mrs. Meissner states, "In addition to work training, enrollees receive personal and vocational counseling."

There are 31 slots available in a 15 county area of the South Plains. Those counties are Hale, Motley, Cochran, Lamb, Lynn, Garza, Hockley, Lubbock, Terry, King, Bailey, Crosby, Floyd and Dickens. This program is under the supervision of the South Plains Community Action Association,

The qualifications for becoming a participant are: you must be twenty-two years of age or older, a permanent resident of the United States, and chronically unemployed, with a family income below the poverty line.

Enrollees in the program will be paid by Operation Mainstream at the rate of \$1.60 per hour. Time sheets will be provided by the work supervisor on the first and fifteenth of each month and the enrollee will be paid accordingly.

Mrs. Meissner states, "We need to fill several slots in the Lubbock area, preferably at the Lubbock State School and Reese Air Force Base." Persons interested in this program should contact Mrs. Connie Meissner, Director, South Plains Community Action Association, Inc., Levelland, Texas or you may call her (806) 894-3800.

Governor Dolph Briscoe an-

of Community Affairs.

wife, Annie Mae; a daughter, two sons, a brother, a host of relatives and many friends.

He made his home in California for many years. More information is not known at this time.

EDITORIALS

Christmas Lights

There's no reason American families should not enjoy Christmas tree lights this year as usual. All that's necessary is that those using these decorations keep their thermostats a bit lower than usual and turn off other lights in the home to compensate for the small amounts of current Christmas tree lights consume.

If this is done, holiday energy requirements will have been reduced as requested; in fact, if families turn off just one or two bright lamps or room lights when burning Christmas tree lights, current will actually be saved.

When much current can and should be saved, of course, is in the field of display lighting. Store windows should not be brightly lit until late hours; signs, billboard displays, string lighting at car lots, decorative lighting of utility buildings, etc., consume huge amounts of energy.

These wholesale usages of energy should be firmly curbed. Home reductions can easily be effected without abandoning decorative Christmas tree lights, which are a meaningful, significant part of the observance of the principle ecclesiastical event of the year.

Pearl Harbor

Thirty-two years ago this December 7th-a Sunday—the radio broke the news that the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor and air fields in the vicinity had been suddenly bombed by Japanese aircraft.

Though President Roosevelt knew such an attack was possible, though military commanders there had been warned, though an enlisted man on radar watch picked up the incoming raid, and though an intelligence colonel in Washington had concluded the attack was imminent and was struggling with superiors to warn Pearl, the attack was highly successful.

The battleship fleet was wrecked. Thousands were killed. Many aircraft were destroyed. But, by good luck, the few U.S. aircraft carriers in the Pacific were not in the harbor that morning. As it turned out, the carriers were the most vital ships in the resulting war, and they turned the tide in June of 1942, at Midway, six months later.

In this 1941-45 war, the U.S. was attacked; either the nation fought or surrendered. (Hitler declared war on America four days after the Jap attack.) Few Americans proposed surrender, thus the nation was united. In that sense alone, it was a good time to be an American, if one survived the war.

The nation was behind its fighting men, the overwhelming majority of citizens sought to do their part. And unity achieved miracles. In three and a half years the effort of unified Americans produced the world's mightiest military force. The lesson is obvious; unified, the nation can overcome practically any obstacle or problem, even Watergate. We can remember this profitably today—thirty-two years after Pearl Harbor.

Airline Profits

The Civil Aeronautics Board recently approved five per cent increase for domestic airline fares. Though there is controversy on the issue, a case can at least be made for fare increases in the past year or two.

Today, however, with airlines cutting service (flights) and what the airlines call the load factor getting very fat (the number of passengers per plane), the lines are almost certain to be heading into a highly profitable era.

The new fare increase will make it an ever more profitable era than full bookings and reduced flights would otherwise have made it. The question is, then, whether the five per cent hike granted was justifiable.

It should be remembered that the CAB some months ago turned down an airline request for even greater fare increases. The five per cent increase granted was based on increased operating costs. Thus, the CAB's fare increase approval comes at an ironic time, though perhaps justified by the profit squeeze of recent years. This twofold development raises the possibility that fare reductions might be in order if airline load factors remain high for any considerable period of time.

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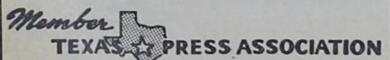
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As I See It

The other day, this writer had an opportunity to sit back and recall many of the articles I have written over the past. I've often wondered why the black community of Lubbock has not paid close attention to what has happened and what will happen unless we get involved. It's almost time for another city election, and apparently nothing has been done about planning for the upcoming elections this spring.

As I See It, we're going to have to do something to see that we have sort of representation on the city council in years to come. Perhaps, the black community can elect its representative this time around by just working hard to get something done for ourselves.

I know there are many residents of the black community who would like to see something done about our situation. If those persons who are concerned about the welfare of the total population would standup and be counted, then we'd see some thing happening in our community.

As of right now, things don't look too bright for the black community. Maybe, just maybe, something will happen in the very near future.

If there ever was a time for black people to get together, it's now. With all the problems existing in these United States, all Americans should start paying attention to the problems which are around us. They are many problems all around us and we should do our part to overcome them.

It has been forecast that a staggering unemployment

rate of 8 percent could hit our country. This, no doub would come about because of the oil problem we are having. This statement was made last week by John Swearingen, board chairman of Standard Oil Company. He estimates that our nation will experience fuel shortages of about 20 percent which could lead to an unemployment rate of 8 percent.

Not only did Mr. Swearingen make this prediction, but board chairman Stewart Cort of Bethlehem Steel Corp. and John D. Harper of Alcoa Aluminum Co. agreed with the dismal forecast would curtail production in our industries. This is a sad observation by men in the business who are able to forecast important items in economy.

On the other side of the coin, U.S. Senator Frank Church of Idaho, however, was not so pessimistic in his assessment. He remarked that we must not give in to the blackmail situation.

No matter how short we are in regard to the oil situation, it's time to huddle our minds together and come up with some answers which will help the total situation. It doesn't look good for eight in 100 American workers to be unemployed.

I hope you are paying close attention to what is going on. Unless something gives, it will not only be a blue Christmas, but we'll be in a bad situation in 1974.

I would like to take this time and thank KTXT-TV, Channel 5, and KCBD-TV, Channel 11, for allowing me an opportunity to express some of the issues which have been printed in this column over the past years. Not only express my opinion about this column, but also other ideas I had toward other issues which are important to all of us.

JACK ANDERSON'S WIEIEKLY SPECIAL



THE SECRET EVERYONE KNOWS by Jack Anderson

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Washington—In the name of national security,

President Nixon has done his best to block an
investigation of the White House parapolice unit known as

White House aides have now told the Watergate prosecutors, in strictest confidence, the reason the President doesn't want the plumbers investigated. It might expose the fact that the Central Intelligence Agency has been bugging Kremlin leaders.

This is no secret to the Kremlin leaders. The CIA transcripts of their private conversations reveal that they are aware the CIA has been eavesdropping on them.

It is also no secret to millions of Americans. I felt that anything the Kremlin leaders knew was safe for the American people to be told. So I reported on September 16, 1971, that the CIA had been able to eavesdrop on Kremlin conversations.

The secret transcripts reveal that Soviet leaders like to gossip about one another and complain about their ailments. It is evident from their conversations that Leonid Brezhnev, the party chief, sometimes drinks too much vodka and suffers from hangovers. The complaints of Premier Alexei Kisygin, who is in poor health, are more authentic.

One of their favorite pastimes is visiting a private clinic near the Kremlin for steam baths, rubdowns and other physical therapy. None of this is very secret. Only the CIA's eavesdropping technique may be secret. Presumably, the plumbers can be investigated without revealing this.

Too Little, Too Late: President Nixon has been ignoring advisers who have warned urgently that he is doing too little, too late about the oil crisis. They are distressed over his eagerness to seize upon the most optimistic estimates.

He accepted the estimate, for example, that our daily shortage is only 1.4 million barrels. Most experts agree that the shortage is at least two million barrels a day. They expect this to nearly double by next spring.

The most persistent critic of the President's overoptimism has been Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz, who has carefully confined his warnings to the privacy of the White House. But he has told the President bluntly that the oil shortage will bring a severe recession, perhaps even a depression, if we don't end the Saudi Arabian boycott.

He has predicted the shortage will reach 30 per cent of our normal consumption. This will force plant shutdowns, layoffs and other economic dislocations, he has warned, that will double the nations' unemployment by the end of next year. If the oil shortage continues, he told the President to expect massive unemployment running as high as 12 per cent by 1976.

The President must choose, in Shultz' opinion, between private and industrial needs. All the President's political instincts call for giving priority to home heating and pleasure driving. But in the end, Shultz has warned, Americans will be better off suffering from the cold than losing their jobs.

Power Shift: The energy crisis will mean more to Americans than just lowering our thermostats and slowing down our cars.

State Department planners are now quietly warning

that the energy crisis may cause a vast shift in the world's

power structure. The oil-rich nations, they fear, may replace the United States as the world's dominant economic force.

The Arabs demonstrated their new power by cutting

The Arabs demonstrated their new power by cutting back on the flow of black gold to the West. Even if peace comes to the Middle East, it won't necessarily mean an end to the oil extortion. The worldwide response to the oil embargo taught the Arabs that they could gain enormous political and economic profits by using oil as a weapon.

To fight the continuing oil blackmail, U.S. policymakers are examining possible countermeasures. A military takeover of the Arab oil fields is considered impractical. Secret studies show that the oil wells, pipelines and tankers are far too vulnerable to sabotage and interdiction.

But military force could be used to impose a counterembargo on the Arab oil states. The Arab nations need agricultural and manufactured goods as much as the West needs oil. A total sea and air blockade would be difficult, but possible, for the United States to impose. A counterembargo is unlikely, however, unless the situation becomes desperate.

The National Security Council had decided that the best strategy is simple, quiet, diplomatic negotiation.

Ford's Future: Vice Presidential nominee Gerald Ford has promised not to use the vice presidency as a springboard for the White House. But behind the scenes, Ford has been huddling with Republican leaders about his political future.

They have told him that he is their best hope to avert a Republican debacle next year. The Watergate scandals, they fear, have damaged President Nixon beyond political repair. The President has become such a political albatross that they hope to keep his name out of the 1974 campaign.

Republican leaders have told Ford, therefore, that they would like to make him rathern than Nixon, the front man for the party. He has an open, honest quality that they believe will help restore the faith of the voters in the Republican party. Their strategy will be to feature Ford and to stress his homey virtues. They think he will inspire trust to counteract President Nixon's abuse of the public trust.

Ford has agreed to lead the Republican crusade in 1974. There's only one hitch. He has always been a Nixon man. The President places a high premium on loyalty and expects Ford to defend him. But the more Ford defends Nixon, the more Ford will smear himself with the Watergate taint.

As the 1974 elections get closer, I predict, Ford will talk more about the Republican candidates and less about the President. This will build strong support for his own presidential candidacy. By 1976, I predict, Gerald Ford will be the strongest Republican contender.



Lennox, S.D., Independent: "We all cuss inflation and are convinced that our income will not keep pace with rising prices, but how would

you like to be a farm worker in Russia? It would require 60 years' wages to purchase a new car. Well, that takes care of private transportation problems for most Soviets. No wonder their public transportation is used extensively. With rising gasoline prices and growing traffic problems in this country, the one man-one car concept may be a thing of the past in a few years, but if we are to attain the same standard of living as now exists in the Soviet Union, we are going to have to work at it. Step number one, of course, is to inject even more socialism into our system, tax more businesses out of business, and put the bureaucrats in control of everything."



Police Beat

Strong Arm Robbery

Jewel McGhee, 3019 East 3rd Place, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone took advantage of her as she was walking across a parking lot of a local supermarket in our city.

She told police that she was walking toward her car when a young fellow, approximately 16 years of age, came running up behind her and knocked her down and snatched her purse from the left arm.

There was a witness who saw the incident, but was unable to identify the youth as he fled in a hurry.

Her purse contained approximately \$60 in cash. The purse was valued at approximately \$10.

This column would like to warn our sisters of Lubbock to be vary careful when going to and from a shopping center, especially in the evening hours. I hope that unidentified young brother will realize what he has done and stop those kinds of actions on a sister.

House Burglary

Diana Thomas, 2715 East 7th Street, reported to the Lubbock Police that someone unknown did pry open the rear door of her house one day last week when she was away.

Once inside, the unknown person took a dollar bill from a container and ran through several dresser drawers.

Theft Over \$5

Julia Pruitt, 2401 Colgate Avenue, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone took a battery from her car while it was parked one night last week.

She didn't know who could have taken the battery, but the battery cables were cut.

House Burglary

Gene Gaines, 2629 East Auburn Avenue, reported to Lubbock Police that someone unknown broke into his house one day last . week while he was away.

After careful investigation, it was learned that approximately

\$730 worth of cameras were taken. A Petri 35 mm camera was among those items taken.

Entry was apparently gained through a garage door wihch was apparently unlocked.

Destruction of Private Property

Mary Robinson, 2503 East 29th Street, reported to the Lubbock Police Department that someone broke the front glass out of her 1969 model car.

The car was parked on the parking lot of Estacado High School one day last week.

Faith and patience are great assets and wonderful aids if you have them when you need them.

Mr. Jim Thompson returned to Big Springs, Texas last week where he will undergo further treatment from the doctor at the Veteran's Hospital. He had been home for two weeks after being very ill for several months.

Those who remain shut-in are Rev. T.B. Reece, Mrs. Estelle Pierce, Baby Austin, M. Terrell, J. Simmons, Mrs. Delia Tennison, Mrs. Ida Johnson, Mrs. Bessie Mason, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson.

Members of Messiah Presbyterian Church worshipped with the Westminister Presbyterian congregation last Sunday morning. Elders Don G. Jones, Charles Sedberry and George Smothers assisted in serving Communion.

Mr. Roy Roberts and his musical combo motored to Pampa, Texas last Saturday evening where they furnished musical entertainment Continued On Page Eleven



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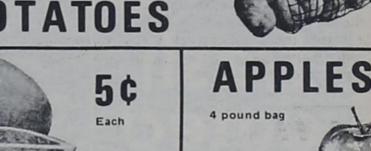
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Texas Ranger Exhibit on Display in **Lobby of Lubbock National Bank**

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In observance of their 150th and Texas history. anniversary, the Texas Rangers have assembled a collection of photographs, firearms, equipment and documents depicting the history of the world famous law enforcement agency.

exhibition which will continue through Friday, December 7. The bank is open until 3 p.m. daily. Capt. T.L. Rundell, Sr., commander of Ranger Company C, headquartered in Lubbock, said that local Rangers will be on hand to answer questions. According to Rundell, all of the material in the exhibit was donated by individuals or by members of the Rangers.

Marion T. Key, chairman of the Public Safety Commission of Texas and a Lubbock attorney, urged area citizens to see the exhibit. "The Rangers have made significant contributions to law enforcement in Texas. They are more than deserving of this recognition and I hope every cifizen will see the exhibit and express appreciation to this

In previous appearances law enforcement organization throughout the State the large went on display Monday in the exhibit has been especially popular lobby of Lubbock National Bank at with school children and persons interested in both law enforcement

The exhibit features a variety of weapons from antiques to present day firearms, all of which have been used by the Rangers. Rifles include the Winchester Model '94, original and present day, an M-16, The public is invited to view the a .30 caliber carbine and several other types of weapons.

The heaviest handgun ever manufactured, a .44 caliber Colt percussion pistol, called the Walker Colt, is included in the exhibit. Designed by Col. Sam Walker and manufactured by Colt for use in Indian battles, the pistol weighed four and a half pounds.

Organized in 1823 by Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas, the Texas Rangers today are an integral unit in the Texas Department of Public Safety's Criminal Law Enforcement Divi-

Tomorrow has been defined as "today's greatest labor-saving

Record, Columbia, S.C.

Four Neophytes in Omega Psi Phi Group

Four new brothers have been initiated to Epilson Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Theodore Phea, Jr., Basilues, reported that the four brothers "crossed the burning sands of Omega," last Saturday evening.

Jethro Hills, Western Representative of the Ninth District, was on hand to preside at the ceremonies.

The neophyte brothers are Danny Brown, Edward Newsome, Jr., Charles Johnson and Lionel Aaron.

Bell Vice President . . .

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bueinesses, to continue as it has in West Texas, at a healthy rate. Our total construction budget for this year and next is \$15.9 million in Lubbock alone.

"With the energy crisis limiting travel, we expect increased use of the telephone, especially on the long distance network. You may find circuits more crowded, especially around Christmas, so people may want to call early this vear."

The best times to call, Todd said, are before 10 a.m., between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and after 11 p.m.

Of the energy crisis, Todd said the problem can be solved "if we don't overreact, and if we all work



NINTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE OF OMEGA VISITS HERE: Jethro Hills of El Paso, Texas (second from right) is shown above with brothers of Epilson Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. at Lubbock Municipal Airport shortly after arriving for the initiation of four new Omega brothers. Brother Hills is the West Texas District representative of the Ninth District.

Meeting Brother Hills were Earl Elliott, Frank Melton, Theodore Phea, Jr., chapter basileus and T.J. Patterson (not pictured).

together to conserve. Business is best qualified to lead us out of this problem by finding new energy

sources and better ways of using

energy."

Todd touched on a telephone industry problem that he said could have adverse effect on the average residential telephone user. "As you know," he said, "the industry has been opened up to competition by the FCC. The intent was to provide better telephone service for everyone.

"We have no quarrel with fair competition. But, as self serving as this may sound, we don't think that private line competition as it's been set up, is either fair or beneficial to the general body of telephone users."

Todd said private line competitors have selected high-density routes over which to compete, "providing service between two points where the traffic is heavy and service is cheap to provide.

We have to provide service everywhere, even where it's not cheap to provide. So our competitors are cream-skimming the market, if you will.

"In order to compete in the high-density part of the market, so we're going to have to reduce our rates. That will mean the high-density routes of our business no longer will be able to help carry the cost of providing the same service along low-density routes. So we'll have to increase rates in those low-density areas."

Todd drew this comparison: "Telephone traffic is heavy between Dallas and Houston, and it's cheaper to handle calls between those points than, say, between Lubbock and Presidio. Previously, we could spread costs over all routes, both high and low density, and still give the high-density customers a bargain on their calls. Now the high-density users are going to get a bigger bargain, but the Lubbock-to-Presidio route will have to draw more revenue to stand on its own."

What's Ma Bell doing about this? Todd said the parent company, AT&T, has strongly urged the FCC to take another look at its ruling and the whole picture of competition.

"And, of course, we're trying to tell our customers and the general public what they have a right to know, just what's happening."

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Sports of The Times

by Joe Kelly

To Jim Carlen: Congratulations, coach, you not only made it, you made it big. For the first time in my memory, Texas Tech has given a football coach a pact that insures longevity.

I think it's safe to say that, based on the record of the Raider football teams over Carlen's four seasons at the big spread, the contract was deserved. He has demonstrated that he can recruit the type of player needed to produce a winner, that he can assemble a top staff, that he can organize and direct, that he is a winner.

I think it's also safe to say that Jim has been a controversial coach, especially in his first two seasons here. As a result, not everyone will jump up and cheer, although even those not overly sold on the man personally give grudging tribute to his record.

Indeed, one of the first things mentioned was that he still hadn't beaten Texas. If he had won this year, he probably would have been given a lifetime contract!

The long contract should put to rest the last serious opposition to Coach Carlen. Those who were disgruntled the first two years, and who investigated the possibility of buying up his contract, have been squelched thoroughly.

In fact, the long-term contract should unify people behind Carlen and Texas Tech football. The 10-year pact was not a frivolous, spur-of-the-moment action. It showed abiding faith in him. Anything less than complete support would be fantastic stupidity.

Don't get excited, Tech basketball fans, the season is young yet. What's more, this is the toughest non-conference schedule Tech has had in years.

Gerald Myers has a rebuilding job to do and it isn't going to get done overnight. People don't realize, yet, just how much Ron Richardson and Ed Wakefield meant to last year's championship club. The first home game helped bring it out, though.

Vanderbilt, with an experienced, seasoned team, kept pecking away at the Raiders. They pressed on defense. They harried Tech players from behind. They gambled on the passing lanes to intercept. They didn't panic, kept their poise and forced Raider turnovers.

Vandy had good shooters, too. They had good, quick movement of the ball. At times they faked Tech defenders out of their sneakers. They kept the pressure on.

All of which isn't to say that Tech doesn't have the makings of a good team. It does. The difference right now is that it has too many inexperienced players for topflight competition that is seasoned, canny and poised.

But that's the reason for tough non-conference games. It gives new players the experience they need. It helps a team jell. And when the conference campaign rolls around, it's a new ball game.

There were bright spots in Monday night's loss, and not just the fact that Rick Bullock scored 27 points. Rick was expected to be a prolific scorer this year.

But I thought that Grady Newton showed signs of becoming a good forward, with more experience. He came up with some good points on the board and he handled the ball well at times. Forward, of course, is the spot that bothers Gerald the most.

William Johnson should develop into a strong player, while Richard Little and Don Moore are steady at guard. Both, however, are capable of better games than Monday night.

Tech, at times, moved the ball well. The Raiders were alert and several times took advantage of Vandy mistakes. One area that needs strengthening is rebounding, where Tech too often was out of position, allowing Vandy to come up with too many rebounds.

In short, the picture looks encouraging.

To the surprise of just about everyone, Rice took third place in the conference grid race and Baylor finished on the bottom without a victory. Arkansas did a little better than expected and SMU didn't do as well, despite its finish.

Fans ought to mark down Arkansas and Baylor as two capable of causing trouble next year. The Hogs got stronger as the season progressed and Baylor, in view of the 0-7 record, may be overlooked. Thus, this could make the Bears a real factor.

The news of Andre Tillman's selection to the AP All American team came as a surprise and a non-surprise, both. But the honor was richly deserved for an outstanding football player.

Tillman has been brilliant at split end. Because he wasn't used as a prime receiver much of the time, there was a tendency to overlook him. That would have been tragic, because he blocked brilliantly and was a key to Tech's offensive performance. The honor is earned.



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For further information contact: Steve Paxton, Athletic Director, Parks & Recreation, 762-6411, Ext.

Wrestling Program Opens the 10th

The Parks & Recreation Department will sponsor a free wrestling program. The program will start with free instruction by qualified instructors on Monday, December 10, at 7 p.m. in Chapman Field House, 23rd and Avenue W.

The instruction will be followed by a series of wrestling tournaments. Any group that would like to form a wrestling team or any individual interested in wrestling are welcome to participate.

For further information contact: Steve Paxton, Athletic Director, Parks & Recreation, 762-6411, Ext.

City Bicycle Sale To Be Held Saturday

The City of Lubbock will hold a public auction at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, December 8, 1973, to sell bicycles that have been recovered and not claimed. The sale will be held at the City of Lubbock Sanitation Barn, located at 324 Municipal Drive (old Plainview Highway).

The bicycles have not been inspected and are not guaranteed to be in workable condition. All sales will be for cash on an "as is" and "where is" basis. All sales will be final.

The hard work of other people often explains the success of other men.

News Briefs . . .

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cities have suffered a net migration loss of 4 million persons during the past three years. And, according to the Census Bureau report, the suburban zones of metropolitan areas showed a growth of 3 million people.

The new loss of 94,000 in population "reflects the continued

East Lubbock Business Association to Meet Tuesday

The East Lubbock Business Association will meet Tuesday evening, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Mae Simmons Community Center. Business of special importance is on tap for this special called meeting.

One of the main items to be taken care of at this meeting will be the election of officers for the newly formed organization. Other business, including the appointing of members to special committees, will also be discussed.

All interested businessmen and women are urged to attend this meeting. Not only business orientated persons, but persons who are most concerned about the welfare of the business aspect in East Lubbock are asked to attend.

move of both people and jobs to the belts surrounding existing metropolitan centers," the report said.

Slaver Freed On Federal Charge

Miami-(NBNS)-The conviction of Joe L. Brown, a migrant labor contractor charged with keeping a farmworker in involuntary servitude and peonage, has been overturned by a Federal

Brown, 35, was convicted by a jury Sept. 28 of keeping Owen King Hart under his control by threat and debt, but Judge Clyde Atkins said the Government had failed to prove that Hart could not have escaped. He said no one had forcibly detained Hart and he had a means of escape.

Black Named N.Y.C. Deputy Mayor

New York - (NBNS) - David Dinkins, the first black president of the board of elections, has been named one of three deputy mayors in the administration of Mayor elect Abraham D. Beame.

Dinkins, who becomes the highest ranked black in New York City government, got the post many had speculated would go to Wilbert A. Tatum, deputy borough president of Manhattan, who is also black.

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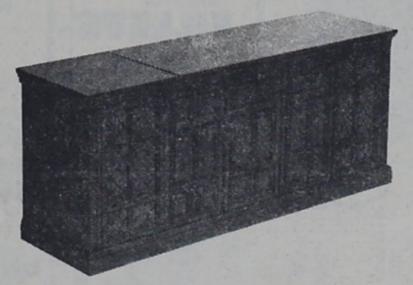
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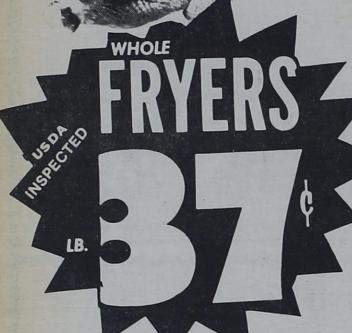


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Prenatal Classes to Open December 6th at Methodist

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to 9:00 p.m. on the third floor of the hospital which is devoted to maternity care.

The classes will be conducted by Mrs. Beverely Lewellen, R.N., Patient Care Coordinator. Topics of discussion will include nutrition, exercises, labor, delivery, infant care, physiology and anatomy. The trained maternity staff and December 6, 13, and 20. These nursing students will also participate in the instruction.

Those interested are cordially invited and should contact Mrs. Lewellen at 792-1011, Ext. 331, for additional information.

NAACP to Meet Sunday

The regular monthly meeting of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be held Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the Posey Neighborhood Center.

Observes 25th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Rainwater will observe their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception Sunday, December 9, 1973 in their home in Slaton. Host for the occasion will be their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson of Killeen, Texas.

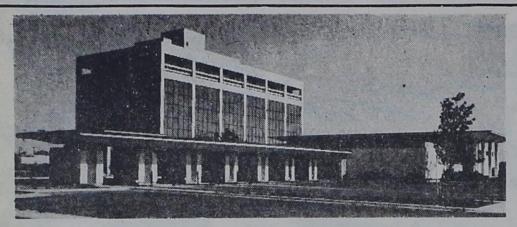
The former Miss Mary Alice Gamble and Rainwater married Dec. 4th, 1948 in Lubbock, Texas. The couple spent all of their married life in Slaton, Texas.

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The Black Experience: Race and racial oppression belong to entirely different categories: the origin of race is in nature; that of racial

oppression is social, according to Grigory Glezerman. Glezerman is professor at the Institute of Philosophy of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He believes that Ideologists of racism tend in one way or another to deny this distinction and elevate racial inequality to the rank of natural law.

Neither color of skin or structure of hair nor any other characteristics of race can possibly account for unequal levels of social, economic or cultural development of people belonging to different races. This inequality

ment of people belonging to different races. This inequality, he believes is a product of history, not of nature.

Anthropologists have convincingly demonstrated that race

Anthropologists have convincingly demonstrated that race distinctions concern only minor characteristics and do not allow any sharply borderlines to be drawn between the different groups of mankind. Some scientists estimate that only one percent of the total number of genes are responsible for transmitting characteristics that distinguish one race from amother. And those genes are responsible only for such superficial features as color of skin and the like.

The sizes of race populations, their migration, the process of mixing and so on depend mainly on the conditions of social life. This manifests itself, among other things, in the fact that there are no "pure" races now, adds Glezerman.

In spite of the obstacles created by racial segregation in a number of countries, the process of mixing goes on steadily. A leading authority on genetics, Nicolai P. Dubinin, estimates that "on the whole, one may assume that now about half of the world population are the product of race mixing. The year 1492, when Columbus discovered America, was the starting point of the present round of the ever expanding genetic process of pooling human heredity within a single gigantic population."

"A radical solution for racial and national problems can be achieved not by opposing peoples one against another or dividing them, but by uniting their progressive forces", concludes Glezerman.

In the Mailbag—to and from Bellringers: To D.G. of Midland: It is our understanding that the recent bride of the Rev. Mr. S.M. Wright of Peoples Baptist Church is twenty-one years old. The Dallas pastor and leader is around fifty five or more, friends state. Who was it that said: I would rather be an old man's sweetheart than a young man's slave?" To E.P. of Colorado City, Texas: Would you please send me the mailing address of the Rev. C.C. Beck, a former pastor and civic leader of your parts. To B.D. of Portales, New Mexico, Thanks for the information. Will be in your area real soon and hope to get the big story of course. To R.B.T. of Odessa, Glad you liked the story on your pastor. We like to give flowers while one lives. You can't smell them when you are dead. To T.U. of Lubbock, Rev. Monore Woods, formerly a C.M.E. pastor in your city is now pastor of Elizabeth Chapel in Dallas. We spent a lovely visit with him during the Thanksgiving season and wishes to be remembered by all his friends in West Texas and Eastern

New Mexico. To O.P. of Hobbs, N.M.: Will make your appeal to circulation manager of your favorite daily. Hope something can be worked out so you can get this column first hand. And until later, ask yourself if that trip is necessary and Peace Brother. Remember too, "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."

Lubbock Resident Returns Home

Mrs. Katie Thomas, a long time resident of Lubbock, returned last week from a four week tour that took her first to Breckenridge, Texas for a brief visit with relatives and friends. From there she went to Waco, Texas where she has a brother and many friends. From Waco to Mexia where she found more friends and a sister-in-law. Here she spent several days.

The final stop of her journey took her to Fort Worth, Texas where she and 55 family members gathered for a big Thanksgiving. She says, "I don't have words in my vocabulary to explain how I enjoyed this Thanksgiving". This was Mrs. Thomas' family's first real get together in the absence of death. She said, "I'll have something to talk about and remember the rest of my life."

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While she was visiting in Fort Worth, her grandson, Bobby, who also lives there, came to Lubbock to visit her and was fortunate to return home and found her with some of the other relatives. She had so much to tell. She spent the night with her sister here, Mrs. Rosa Jones, who enjoyed listening to the whole story.

Everyone is greeting here with "welcome home, Katie, and glad you had a marvelous trip and a wonderful time."

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Bethel A.M.E. Church

Services were well attended last Sunday morning with Presiding The public is cordially invited to Elder Leon McNeil delivering the message for the morning. His subject, "Let the Church Live," was enlighting to all present. Senior Choir No. 1 rendered music Oklahoma City, Okla. This 90 voice for the morning with a special selection sung by Senior Choir No.

Sunday was the beginning of the Second Quarterly Conference with Rev. McNeil presiding over the conference on Monday evening. Each officer had his character passed by the Presiding Elder.

> PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRING Call Herman Boone 765-6043 A Graduate of Nile's Bryant School of Piano Technology.

The Mock Annual Conference, sponsored by the Youth Department, was well attended last Sunday afternoon.

Senior Choir No. 2 will present a program entitled: "When All God's Children Get Together" at 3 p.m. attend. Youth Choir No. 1 is making plans for a great program this month. They are to sponsor the Interface Community Choir of choir is composed of young people trying to express God through songs and praises. Please make plans to hear this group on December 28th and 29th.

The Adult Sunday School class is in the process of planning for the annual Christmas baskets to be delivered to needy families in our community. Please help this effort.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut-in members.

Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"The Mount Gilead Baptist Church, the friendly church where the soul and spirit meet. The church where everybody is somebody. The church extends to

members and public a cordial and clarion call to worship with us each week.

The members of the Christmas program committee is still asking all parents to send their children to practice each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Let us continue to pray for the many members and friends who are on the sick list. They are, Mr. Floyd Harris Jr., Mr. Frank Blewitt, Mrs. Charlie Harris, Mrs. Maude Whitfield, and Mrs. Autry White.

Greater Saint Luke Baptist Church

St. Luke Christmas practice began this week and will have practice every Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m. All young people and adult workers are asked to please meet each week at the church.

Let us not forget the Deacon and Deaconess Board program Sunday, December 9, when they present the Black Voices of Texas Tech University, at 2:30 p.m. All members are asked to please cooperate with this meeting fully. Come and hear these young people. Stand Up and Be Counted.

Prayer meeting is held each Wednesday evening at seven. Once you decide to take up your cross, you will find God carrying the heavy end.

Let us pray for and visit our sick and shut in members. Those on the sick list include Sister Johnnie M. Mitchell, Sister Laura Jamison, Sister Florence Guyton, Brother Sam Swisher and Brother Wendell

Twentieth & Birch Street Church of Christ

Our regular monthly business meeting will be held Sunday, December 9, at 4 p.m. We are asking all brethren to make plans to attend this meeting. Lubbock

Lubbock Christian College has a new president. He is Brother Gary R. Beauchamp.

Let us continue to pray for our sick and shut in members. Those on the sick list include Sister Georgia Malone and Sister Margaretta Ludd. Let us go by and visit these sisters.

New Hope Baptist Church

A Miss New Hope Pageant will be sponsored by the Music Department on Sunday, January 20. Young ladies interested in participating are asked to contact Director Jones immediately.

The Usher's Christmas Social will be in the home of Mrs. Vessie Ball on Friday evening, December 21, at 8 p.m. All ex-ushers are invited to attend the affair. Welcome new members.

Federation of Choirs will be held Sunday, December 23, at 2:30 p.m. with Bethel A.M.E. Church as

Whisper a prayer for the sick and shut-ins. Please visit and do send cards of cheer. The sick list include Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Walker, Mr. Joe Snell, Mrs. Solomon Ludd, Mr. Harrison Davis, and Mrs. H.J. Duke.

Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

The church "Where Things Are Happening" most cordially invites

you to share with us in studying God's divine word. Our Sunday School is under the dynamic supervision of Mr. Roy Roberts. See you at 9:30 a.m. To refresh your soul, pause by and worship with us in our singing, praying, reaching out, and the spoken word. You will be glad you did. Mt. Vernon is a friendly church.

December 10 will be our "Charge Conference" at 7 p.m. All Auxiliaries will report at this time. Dr. Marvin L. Boyd will preside .

December 16, will be our all church Christmas party. Covered dishes will be asked for. Our Christmas program will be on' December 23 and the exchange of gifts. This event will be supervised by Mrs. Bernice Braxton and Mrs. C.G. Strong.

December 31, will be our come as you are "Watch Night" service. 11 to 12 p.m. There will be car

An observation by the pastor: "It would seem good to me to ask the editor to mentioin in his column "As I See It", some positive input as to the good that the black clergy and black churches have initiated in our city, across the years. In all areas there are some inequities. They will not be eradicated by caustic and negative verbage."

Thought For The Week: "You can make the difference". ********

Friendship Baptist Church

Brownfield-Mrs. Ethel Williams was at her Sunday School Supt. post on time Sunday. The lesson was turned over to the teachers for deep discussion. The pastor came forward with a powerful review of the lesson.

Our pastor brought the morning worship service. Hissubject "I want my sight", text "Long as I'm in the world, I am the light of the world", St. John

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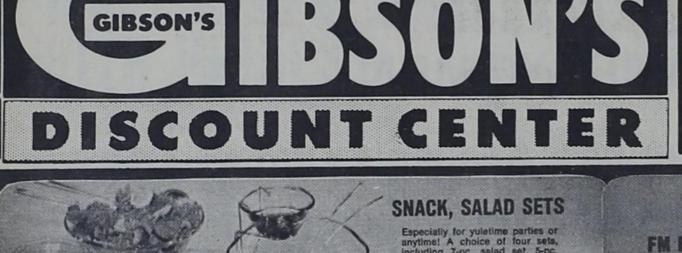
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Mrs. Earnestine Davenport is home after being at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. T.C. Alexander at Meridian, Texas. She reports her condition is better.

Shelia Renee Patterson was first place winner in the Lubbock Opportunities Industrialization Center's Talent Show last Friday evening at Dunbar High School. R.C. Thomas of Houston was second place winner.

Word has been received that Mr. Shepherd Robinson will return home this week from Albuquerque, New Mexico where he has been al patient at the Veterans Hospital.

We are rejoicing with the members of one of our local Baptist Churches that is making preparation to "Burn the Mortage." What a glorious moment for the members, who have been so faithful.

The Federation of Choirs will

Lubbock Schools Lunch Menus

Monday, December 10
Elementary

Corn Dog with Mustard Baked Potatoe, Buttered Spinach Brownie, Milk

Jr. & Sr. High Choices Beef Stew, Blackeyed Peas Jello Salad, Cocoanut Cake Tuesday, December 11

Elementary
Pizza Squares
Spring Salad with Ital. Dressing
Buttered Potatoes
Peach Cobbler, Milk

Jr. & Sr. High Choices Veal Cuttlets French Fried Cauliflower Nut Pie

Wednesday, December 12

Elementary Roast Beef with Natural Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Jello with Topping, Rolls, Milk

Jr. & Sr. High Choices Long John Sandwich Pickled Beets Apple Dumpling

Thursday, December 13
Elementary

Enchiladas with Chili
Pork & Beans
Sliced Pineapple
Corn Bread with Butter
Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk
Jr. & Sr. High Choices
Manager's Choice

Friday, December 14 Elementary

Fishwish with Tartar Sauce Orange Juice Whole Kernel Corn Chocolate Pudding, Milk Jr. & Sr. High Choices Manager's Choice

Church News . . .

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At BTU the pastor brought a
discussion from Matt. 5:1-14,
"Sermon on the Mountain".

The evening service subject was "I need to pray" from Mark 14:35.

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meet Sunday, December 16, due to the Christmas celebration. The host church is Community Baptist Church.

Miss Susan Ann Metters motored home Thanksgiving day. She had two guests from her college, Miss Patricia Black from Austin and Miss Ziyin Tadesse from Ethiopia. All had a great time, and the ladies returned Sunday. Miss Metters will finish her BA degree in December and will do her student teaching in Cleburne, Texas.

If you have any news or know of anyone who is having a special program or social during the holiday season, please contact this column. You may send it to P.O. Box 225, Lubbock, Texas 79408.



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Rupert Pearce Director of Purchasing Lubbock Ind, School District

BID NOTICE

The Lubbock Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Instructional Supplies until 2:00 p.m. (CST) December 18, 1973, in the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bid forms may be obtained upon request in the above office.

Rupert Pearce Director of Purchasing Lubbock Ind, School District

BID NOTICE

Lubbock Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Scientific & Advanced Programable Calculators until 2 o'clock p.m. CST, December 11, 1973 in the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1628 19th St., Lubbock, Texas 79401. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bid forms may be obtained upon request in the above office.

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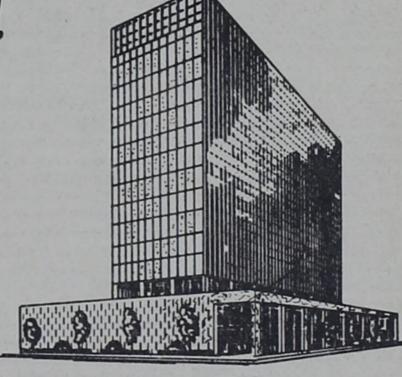
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"Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them, 'Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!'

After this interview the astrologers started out again. And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem. Their joy knew no bounds!

Entering the house where the baby and Mary his mother were, they threw themselves down before him, worshiping. Then they opened their presents and gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:7-11)

-From The Living Bible

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Christmas Trees Present Major Fire Hazards

their homes a potential fire hazard that can, within seconds, be ignited into an inferno.

It's the Christmas tree-one of the most combustible of holiday decorations, and one which can spread flame rapidly, threatening severe damage or loss of life.

The Christmas tree is such a central part of most families' holiday celebrations that it would be unfair to suggest that people avoid buying them. On the other hand, people can't be told too often that careless treatment of their Christmas decorations can mean a holiday season that ends in tragedy.

Aetna Life & Casualty, one of the nation's largest home insurers, has provided a list of suggestions for a safer holiday season:

Don't depent on flame retardants to make your tree non-combustible. Controversy exists over whether many fire-retardant chemical treatments are of any use at all. Some may, in fact,

accelerate the drying process.

olf your tree has been professionally flameproofed, test it. Break off a small dry branch and take it to a safe, outdoor location. Place the branch in a verticle In a few days, millions of position and hold a lighted match American families will bring into so that the flame makes contact with the needles on the lower end of the branch. If the branch ignites beyond the contact area, your tree is not flame proof.

> •Keep the tree fresh. "Fireproofed" or not, all natural trees should be kept as moist as possible. Buy a fresh tree and keep it outdoors until it is needed. Don't purchase a tree with brittle or shedding needles. Better still, cut your own tree, just before you're going to put it up in the house.

> •As soon as you get the tree home, cut off the end of the trunk diagonally at least one inch above the original cut. Stand the tree in a container of water and keep it in a cool place. Sprinkle the branches frequently until you bring the tree indoors.

> •In the house, keep the tree in water at all times and remove it from the house before the needles dry out. Your tree should not be kept around after New Year's under any conditions.

·Keep flame and heat away.

Most people know better than to place their tree before an operating fireplace. But also be sure that radiators, heating stoves, radios and television sets are well away.

•Keep it upright. Make sure your tree is sturdily supported, indoors and outdoors. Buy a tree stand the appropriate size for your tree. And if your tree is natural, buy one with a deep well for water.

 Artificial trees can burn, too. If you buy a plastic tree, buy one labeled "fire-retardant".

·About decorations. Use only electric lights that are labeled by a recognized testing laboratory. Check all strings of lights to make sure they are in good condition, with no frayed cords. If the lights are placed on metal trees, make sure the tree is grounded.

·Never leave lights burning when no one is at home. Unplug lights before going to bed.

•If the needles near the lights start to brown, move the lights. If you expect to keep the tree inside more than a few days, do not keep the lights on for more than half an hour at a time.

•Keep other decorations as fire safe as the tree. If you put lights in the windows, keep curtains pulled back at least six inches from lights. Never leave them on when no one is at home.

Don't use candles.

•Keep all decorations away from sources of flame or heat. Try to hang your decorations from the ceiling, above peoples' heads. Keep them away from chairs or any other place where people may smoke.

•Try to buy noncombustible materials. Such things as manger scenes covered with untreated cotton "snow" or hay-filled mangers can be real fire hazards.

·Dispose of wrapping paper quickly. If you open your presents under the tree, remove discarded papers and ribbons as soon as possible. Don't burn the paper and boxes in the fireplace-take them outside and put them in a closed trash container.

•If you want more advice, don't be afraid to ask. If you're in charge of Christmas decorations for an office or other public place, find out what your state or local fire laws permit. Your local fire marshall will know and will be glad to answer any questions you have about the safety of Christmas decorations.

"Sunshiners" Volunteer Project

Applications are now being taken for "Sunshiners". The Sunshiners is a year round project whereby "Sunshiners" are assigned a name of a patient from local convalescent Homes. These are patients that have very few, if any, visitors or family.

Each "Sunshiner" agrees to the following: (1) They will agree to personally visit their friend (patient) within two weeks of date of assignment. (2) They will agree to sending the friend (patient) some kind of mail at least once a month. It is recommended that "Sunshiners" take advantage of holiday cards, birthday cards, etc. for this mail.

These are the only things

required. However, we do hope a closer relationship will develop and in time the patient aided in some form of recreation even if it is only taking a walk down the hall.

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