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NOSIN... With Polly
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When you read this column, we will be, if nothing happens, living it up in the beautiful Ozark Mountains in Knob, Missouri. We plan to be doing a bit of fishing in the beautiful Table Rock Lake.

The entire clan will be spending a vacation together, and that indeed is a highlight in our year.

With vacation in mind, we say "Mizpah" which I believe means, God be with you while we are apart.

"NOSIN"

There isn't a Joe I know who doesn't seem to be so involved in life's many trivialities that there is hardly time left to smile and say "hello" one to another—even though we love one another.

This leads us to believe that living this kind of hurried life, one may find themselves neglecting the most important thing in life without actually being fully aware of it.

We know from experience how easy it is to find ourselves too busy to have a quiet time with the Lord—we know too, that it becomes easier to omit our daily quiet time with the Lord once we slip it a few days.

The only way it seems that many of us will have anytime with the Lord is just to take it. The Lord knows our good intentions, but good intentions aren't really what counts for we know the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

I found an article in an exchange paper the other day entitled, "Modern Parable." It may be a little depressing, but may very well be true. It invoked much thought as we read it for we realize that the choice is ours to make.

"How Will I Spend My Time?" As you read this, one should keep in mind that it is not God's will that any should be turned away—because he went all the way so that salvation was free to ALL.

"Modern Parable"

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment," Matthew 22: 37-38

And there once lived a woman whose name was Martha, and her century was the 20th. She did lead a busy life, and many were her friends as well as her things. Martha did go here and there most of all of the day and part of the night. A worker she was, a real worker. Martha worked for her church, and she worked for her community, and she worked for her family.

And Martha's church prospered and grew, and Martha's family prospered and grew. And one day her church and her family decided that Martha deserved special honors for her hard work, her unselfishness, her thoughtfulness of others.

So they did elect Martha "Typical Woman of the Twentieth Century", and from then on, even greater became her busy-ness.

Then Martha, one day, at the height of her busy-ness, was called to meet her Maker. And Martha did say to her Maker: "Lord, I have come."

And her maker did answer: "Depart from me, Martha, for I never knew you."

And Martha then did begin to answer her Maker thus: "But Lord, I knew you, I am a member of your church, baptized and confirmed in it, I went every Sunday to its services. I gave generously of my time and my money to it."

"And what about all the work I did for the community and for my family? That was work for you, wasn't it? Lord, I believe in you, I prayed to you, I gave thanks to you, I know you, Lord."

And Martha's Maker did answer: "No, Martha, you don't know Me. You never knew Me. You never really opened your soul and invited just Me, alone, in. You never once gathered all of your scattered, disintegrated thoughts and gave them completely and utterly to Me. You never even sat still, perfectly still, long enough to

gaze into My Face and know what it looks like. You have spoken at Me and about Me often, Martha, but you have never really spoken to Me.

"You don't even know what is the sound of My Voice, because you never quieted the tumult in your life long enough to hear it."

"Martha, I followed you, I called you, I pleaded with you to know Me—to make Me your dearest, your most intimate Friend—to let our companionship begin and grow and mature in that other world."

"But I could never reach you, Martha! I could never get into that mind of yours because it was so utterly full of that world's thoughts -- not bad thoughts, Martha, not evil thoughts, but simply and entirely and completely thoughts of that world, those people, those things."

"I waited years and years hoping to find an entrance through your affections--your heart, Martha! I meet so many people through their hearts, but yours was so full of other people. Oh, Martha, how you did love people: Your family, your friends -- good people, fine people and you should have loved them. If only you could have learned to love Me more than them. It has to be more, Martha."

"And your soul, Martha, I tried there hardest of all, but yours was so busy, Martha--so very busy. Even in your youth it had started to shrivel and die a little."

"If only you could have stopped along the way, and given it a little real nourishment, instead of all that superficial nourishment--even 15 minutes a day of stillness and aloneness, when I might have been able to make you hear Me and see Me."

"But Martha, I could not find you one minute of stillness in your soul."

"Or if you had continued the daily Bible reading of your young girlhood I could have used the WORD to enter into your soul and meet you."

"If only you had sat down, Martha. If only you had been alone awhile, Martha. If only you had stopped working, talking, moving--of only you had looked at Me, Martha--really looked at Me--I could have come to you, sat with you, talked to you, stayed with you! I could have known you, Martha, and you could have known Me --the real, living Me--and not just the world's picture of Me."

"Oh, Martha, I must say it to you: "Depart from Me for I never knew you."

And at these words Martha did cry out: "But Lord, first, please, let me go back and tell my daughter about this. Let me just warn her to sit down and be still while before it's too late for her, too."

And Martha's Maker did answer: "No Martha. Each woman must make her own silences, her own stillnesses, if she really wishes Me to enter and know her. You cannot command or beg your daughter into doing this. She must make this choice herself--alone."

"Good-bye, Martha."

Thoughts

From The Living Bible

"We will die," Manohah cried out to his wife, "for we have seen God!" But his wife said, "If the Lord were going to kill us he wouldn't have accepted our burnt offerings and wouldn't have appeared to us and told us this wonderful thing and done these miracles." When her son was born they named him Samson, and the Lord blessed him as he grew up. And the Spirit of the Lord began to excite him whenever he visited the parade grounds of the army of the tribe of Dan.

Judges 13:22-25

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Earth Rodeo Slated for July 12-13-14

It is rodeo time once again in Earth with July 12-13-14 set as the official date. The 29th Annual Amateur Earth Rodeo will begin with a parade Thursday at 5 p. m., followed by three nightly performances at 9:00. Tickets will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

Event. Team roping will be \$24 for anyone wishing to enter. Trophy buckles will be given for first place winners in each event.

There will also be junior roping event open to anyone age 16 and under with a \$5.00 entry fee charged.

Events this year are wild mare race with an entrance fee of \$25; barebackriding, saddle broc riding and bull riding will have an entrance fee of \$20; a fee of \$20 will be charged for each go-round in the girl's barrel racing

Entries will be taken from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, in the rodeo arena office.

Anyone wishing to enter a float in the parade, call Zou Wilson at the Earth Chamber of Commerce, 257-3365.

Springlake Allocates Revenue Sharing Funds

Mayor Wayne Davis made the announcement this week that the city of Springlake had received these checks totaling \$3,342.00 from the Revenue Sharing Program.

lution in Springlake.

Mayor Davis explained that the above funds has been allocated to be used in the following manner. For street repairs the total sum of \$2,342 would be used. The remaining \$1200 would be used to purchase a fogging machine in an effort to combat the mosquito popu-

A detailed account of the planned use of revenue sharing funds will appear in this issue of the Earth News-Sun. Records documenting the plan are open to public inspection at the City Hall. Publication of such a plan in addition to a subsequent actual use of a funds report is required by the state and local fiscal assistance Act of 1972, which authorized revenue sharing.

Childrens Sleepwear Should Be Nonflammable

COLLEGE STATION---Check labels for flammability when buying sleepwear for young children.

"Sale items vary greatly--some won't even have labels," warns Marilyn Brown, consumer education-clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

"Garments without labels were made prior to July 1972--and shoppers can't tell whether they're flammable or not."

Some sleepwear items are labeled "Flammable. Should

not be worn near source of fire," the special list continued. Sleepwear made after that date must state a warning if flammable.

"Still others carry labels indicating they're flame retardant--and provide care instructions for keeping them in that condition."

"The Federal Trade Commission ruled that all children's sleepwear up to size 6X--and fabric intended primarily for such garments--must meet rigid specifications for flame retardancy."



FIGHTING FOR THE GIANTS are Andy Ellis, Reggie Russell, Kyle Kelley, Michael Wimberly, Dave Ingram, Stan Runyon, Nathan Ingram, Keith Clayton, Robert Russell, James Lo-

Joe Rivas On WTSU Honor List

Joe Rivas, Earth freshman, is among 274 named to the Honor Roll for the spring semester at West Texas State University in Canyon.

To be eligible for the Honor Roll, a student must have a minimum 2.5 grade average on a 3.0 basis for at least 15 semester hours.

Rivas, a math education major, had a 2.6 average.



"Baseball is almost the only place in life where a sacrifice is really appreciated." (Mark Beltaire)



THE PEE WEE GREEN TEAM coached by Steve Roundtree and Larry Weaver consist of Scott Baucum, Steve Washington, Rocky Lunsford, Gregory Hulcy, Terry Conner, Lorenzo Montreal, Chucky Conner.

Fourth of July Activities Slated at Muleshoe

Fourth of July activities will begin June 29 in Muleshoe with the Muleshoe Roping Club Junior Rodeo beginning at 8:00 p.m. The rodeo will be held from June 29 to July 1 with performances at 8:00 on June 29 and 30 and 2:00 on July 1.

Then on July 4th there will be entertainment all day beginning with a ride-in breakfast at the Muleshoe Airport from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and a Pony Express Race from Needmore to Muleshoe at 7:30 a.m. Air Port activities will last all day.

At 9:00 a.m. the World Championship Muleshoe Pitching Contest will take place at the Muleshoe Airport. Then at 10:00 a.m. there will be Kid's Activities west of the Law Enforcement Center; Hobby Club display in the Muleshoe State Bank Community Room; an old settler's reunion, and an



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I AM A SICK AMERICAN



THE BLUE PEE WEE TEAM FOR 1973 is coached by Dean Jones and Gary Bulls and consist of Michael Glass, Tony Jones, Delwin Bulls, Mark Jordan, Arlie Ellis, Randy Offield, Ricky Dutton, Wade Kelley, and Jeff Hamilton.

Spring Accessories

Gloomy winter may be outside, but in accessory showrooms it's bright springtime as designers show their ideas for the new year.

"With tailored clothes coming up, classic accessories will go along—creating a touch of drama," according to one authority.

Marilyn Brown, consumer education -- clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University viewed the spring-look.

"Starting from the top down, hats definitely belong in the spring picture.

"Fashion leaders have already adopted the stretch jersey turban, and to it they'll add the sharp-brimmed hats, especially cowboy styles."

Along with hats, scarves remain in the spring picture.

Favorite prints come in every possible arrangement of dots and stripes, the specialist observed.

"If you're not concerned about the latest thing," any brightly colored print will work. A major scarf style will be the cowboy type, tied close around the throat inside the open collar of a shirt-top dress.

"Belts also will continue to be important," she predicted. "In keeping with the classic trend, they're now less overwhelming. About the widest you'll find for spring is four inches, but lesser widths are more common, and the one-inch belt is back.

"Leather belts will be well-cut and honestly accented without cut-outs or appliques. Suede, brushed cowhide and grained leathers appear in belts of various widths.

"Hardware closing, big plain buckles, top-stitching and gilt rings all accent the tailored look of pants, suits and sportswear."

Spring handbags will return in such favorite shapes as the envelope, pouch, satchel and clutch, the specialist noted.

"Good leather is the theme, whether grained, semi-polished soft suede or glossy patent. Trimming is part of the design, whether in the prints done on suede, the gleaming hardware closings, or the handling of leather in tucked or shirred forms," she concluded.

Explant. Here's another plant that loves an early start indoors treated the same as tomatoes and peppers. Again, try to get them up about a foot high for setting out into your garden.

Community Cooperation

A little cooperation between rural communities can lower costs and improve the quality of an age old problem—garbage collection and disposal.

According to J. Patrick Hall and Dr. Lonnie Jones, two economists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, rural communities, where possible, should share the costs of solid waste disposal because of the added benefits.

Most of the disposal methods used by smaller towns in Texas do not meet the minimum legal requirements laid down by recent laws. Improving the disposal system would raise the costs unreasonably, perhaps as high as \$15 per person annually.

But by getting together, rural communities could afford to keep their charges for the services down and still offer good and legal garbage disposal. Costs of the improved system would be spread over the larger population of the combined communities and mean less cost per person.

These multi-community systems would face certain costs such as increased transportation and building rural collection containers or transfer stations, but these would be more than offset by the economic and efficiencies in serving the large population.

Typical costs for a community with a population between 1,500 and 3,000 may run as high as \$15 a year per person.

By several of these smaller communities cooperating until their combined population reached about 9,000, costs would be lowered to about \$8. An actual average cost for Texas communities between 6,000-7,000 population was \$9.32 per person each year.

In addition to lower costs to the taxpayer, improved service quality also results as the additional revenue allows the operation to expand.

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Jan Blackburn Graduates From Nursing School

Bobbie Jan Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blackburn, is graduating from The Methodist School of Nursing of Lubbock. The commencement exercises are scheduled for Friday, June 15 at 8:00 in the First Methodist Church of Lubbock.

Miss Blackburn is a 1970 graduate of Springlake-Earth High School where she was active in band, basketball, FTA, and FHA. She then attended the Hardin-Simmons University at Abilene for one year to take pre-nursing courses.

Bobbie Jan was chosen favorite at the Methodist School of Nursing her junior year. Her senior year she has served as secretary-treasurer of the

Student Council there. July 2 Miss Blackburn will be working at the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She will be working in the cardiac unit.



INVESTIGATING SCOTLAND YARD

One of the more arresting facts about Scotland Yard, the famed police force, is that it is only nominally connected with Scotland. The name Scotland Yard, according to the Teacher's Scotch Information Centre, is derived from an old palace in which Scottish royalty was housed when visiting London before the two countries became one kingdom.



SUZEE HITE

Suzee Hite Attends Dentistry School

Suzee Hite, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Hite of

Salma, Alabama and granddaughter of Lena Hite of Earth, is now attending the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry in Augusta, Georgia.

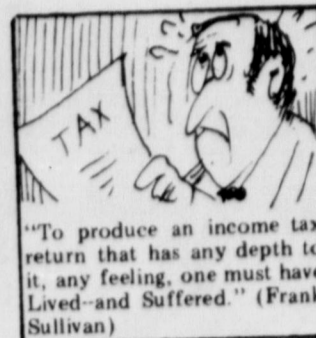
She is doing laboratory research on the salivary glands. This schooling is the result of being awarded a summer research fellowship by the American Dental Association.

Suzee also won the Earl Jones Memorial Scholarship to Texas Tech next year and was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's senior honor society. In addition, she was also elected secretary of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-med society at Texas Tech.

After completing her junior year, her average is 3.97 on a 4 point scale. She is studying to become a doctor.

A worker in East Berlin was fired when he showed up at work on time. He was accused of buying an American watch.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GOD.



Thoughts

From The Living Bible

They proudly boast about their sins and conquests. They lure back into sin those who have just escaped. "You aren't saved by being good," they say, "so you might as well be bad. Do what you like, be free." But these very teach-

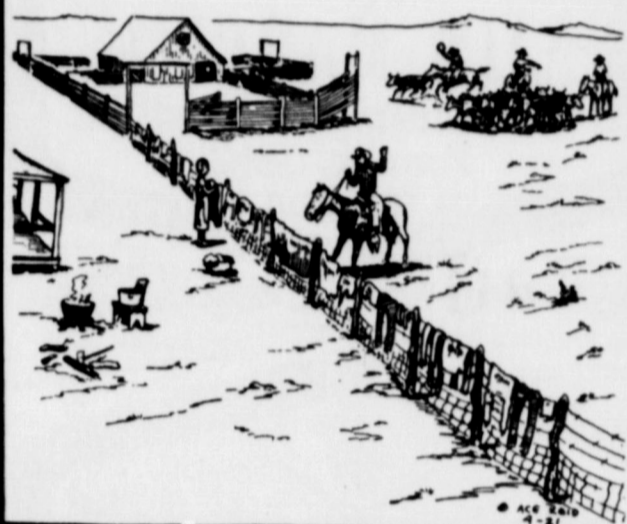
ers who offer this "freedom" from law are themselves slaves to sin and destruction. And when a person has escaped from the wicked ways of the world by learning about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and then gets tangled up with sin, he is worse off than he was before.

II Peter 2:18-20
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By Ace Reid



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(K) EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL Check this block if this plan is based on an executive proposal

(L) DEBT How will the availability of revenue sharing funds affect the borrowing requirements of your jurisdiction?

AVOID DEBT INCREASE NO EFFECT
 LESSEN DEBT INCREASE TOO SOON TO PREDICT EFFECT

(M) TAXES In which of the following manners is it expected that the availability of Revenue Sharing Funds will affect the tax levels of your jurisdiction? Check as many as apply.

WILL ENABLE REDUCING RATE OF A MAJOR TAX WILL REDUCE AMOUNT OF RATE INCREASE OF A MAJOR TAX
 WILL PREVENT INCREASE IN RATE OF A MAJOR TAX NO EFFECT ON TAX LEVELS
 WILL PREVENT ENACTING A NEW MAJOR TAX TOO SOON TO PREDICT EFFECT

OPERATING/MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES

PRIORITY EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES (A)	PLANNED EXPENDITURES (B)	PERCENT PLANNED FOR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING SERVICES (C)	PERCENT PLANNED FOR NEW OR EXPANDED SERVICES (D)
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 2342.00	100 %	%
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	%	%
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	%	%
4 HEALTH	\$ 1200.00	100 %	%
5 RECREATION	\$	%	%
6 LIBRARIES	\$	%	%
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED & POOR	\$	%	%
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	%	%
9 TOTAL PLANNED OPERATING/MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES	\$ 3542.00		

I have advised a local newspaper and the news media of the contents of this report. Furthermore I have records documenting the contents of this report and they are open for public and news media scrutiny.

Signature of Chief Executive Officer
Wayne Davis-Mayor

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

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		EQUIPMENT (G)	CONSTRUCTION (H)	ACQUISITION (I)	DEBT RETIREMENT (J)
10 MULTI-PURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	%	%	%	%
11 EDUCATION	\$	%	%	%	%
12 HEALTH	\$	%	%	%	%
13 TRANSPORTATION	\$	%	%	%	%
14 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
15 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	%	%	%	%
17 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION	\$	%	%	%	%
18 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	%	%	%	%
19 RECREATION CULTURE	\$	%	%	%	%
20 OTHERS (Specify)	\$	%	%	%	%
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22 OTHERS (Specify)	\$	%	%	%	%
23 OTHERS (Specify)	\$	%	%	%	%
24 OTHERS (Specify)	\$	%	%	%	%
25 TOTAL PLANNED CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$				

FORM NO. 3228

Littlefield Receives Governor's Community Achievement Award

Governor Dolph Briscoe named winning cities in the Governor's Community Achievement Awards competition at a luncheon in Dallas during the sixth annual meeting of the Beauty Texas Council.

This year's six winners are Dallas, Grand Prairie, Corsicana, Littlefield, Tomball, and Hughes Springs.

Each of the cities was recognized for having done the most toward community beautification and improving environmental quality of any city in its population category during 1972.

The annual competition is sponsored by the Beauty Texas Council, with the cooperation of the Governor's office, the State Department of Community Affairs and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The cities received large, cast aluminum plaques from the Governor which are suitable for display publicly either indoors or outdoors.

In addition, special awards were made by the Beauty Texas Council to the Beauty San Antonio Association for their 26 years of outstanding achievement, and to Henry B. King, President of the United States Brewers Association, Inc., for its continued support of the Beauty Texas Council and for initiating the nationwide Pitch In! anti-litter program which has had tremendous reception throughout the country. The awards were presented by Council President Maurice Acers.

Corsicana used the slogan "Operation Total Beautification" to unite the citizens for the beautification drive. The project was centered around four goals: revision and enforcement of city codes; rebuilding city pride through cleaning and remodeling; promoting bonds for, among things, a new city hall and fire department; and engaging the whole town in an environ-

mental beautification campaign.

Success in making a "Likable, Livable Littlefield" brought the award to the thriving South Plains city. Hosts of PTA members, Lions, Rotarians, retired citizens, garden clubbers and members of We the Women joined a beautification committee selected from the chamber of commerce to reach Littlefield's goal.

The drive aimed at the fundamental eyesores--weeds, cluttered alleys, uninhabited houses, and abandoned autos. With an ever-increasing "spirit of caring," Littlefield citizens eliminated the ugly spots. One thousand day lilies, selected as the city flower, were planted to brighten the streets. Repainted houses, re-landscaped lawns, remodeled store fronts and new businesses are other pleasant results of the continuing drive to beautify Littlefield.

Tomball's beautification began in 1964 when community business leaders approached the Texas Highway Department to help them widen Main street. In 1972, this goal was realized and the town's facelift was enthusiastically greeted with a "Spic, Span, Sparkle" crusade by the citizens.

Wild flowers highlighted Hughes Springs' beautification drive, led by Chamber of Commerce President Rick Harrison. Groups ranging from the Girl Scouts to the local newspaper launched and manned the award winning project. During the height of the wild flower blossoming, the city hosted Congressman and Mrs. Wright Patman, who led a 100 cars through the 40-mile trail. During the celebration, the trail offered scenic delight to more than 3,000 carloads of visitors.

The beautification of the wild flower trail was accompanied in Hughes Springs in 1972 by improved property, realized economic develop-



LITTLE LEAGUE games are underway and playing for the Yanks are Michael Smith, Joe Rodriguez, Michael Gover, Greg Geissler, Byron Smith, Andy Flores, Teddy Zambrano,

Jimmy Randolph, Frank Flores, Bobby Gover, and Gordon Coleman. Their coach is Robert Geissler.

Consumers Should Be Alerted Against Pressure Salesmen

By: John L. Hill, Attorney General

In the spring, a young girl's fancy often turns to thoughts of love, and the high pressure salesman who works from door-to-door can be expected to take advantage of the season.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division already is receiving complaints of being pressured into high-cost contracts for hope chest items, such as cookware and china.

In one instance, the young woman and her roommate had been called on by a door-to-door salesman who claimed to have a superior set of stainless steel and improved education and health facilities for the city's youth. The splendid results of the Hughes Springs drive proved the truth of the campaign's slogan -- Beauty Sells!

cookware to sell. While the cost for such quality was a bit high, the customer was assured she was getting more than her money's worth, because she would receive "free" a four-place setting of china.

As the young prospect began to show signs of weakening under a long (two-hour) high pressure sales pitch, she was offered another bonus in the form of a set of cutlery--if she agreed to buy the cookware that very day.

After the salesman glossed over the financial features and fine print of the time payment contract, with (according to the customer) a running line of distracting patter and frequent glances at his watch, she signed on the dotted line.

The next morning, she was remorseful--as so many customers in door-to-door transactions are and regretted the fact that she had agreed to buy a set of pots and pans for a total of \$427.34--including taxes and interest charges.

She felt even worse, she said, when she visited a retail store and discovered she could have purchased the same brand of cookware and the same pattern of china at less than half of the amount she had obligated herself to pay. "I discovered it was a rip-off," she said.

The attorneys in my office immediately recognized that this contract was invalid because the buyer was under 21 years of age. The cookware and china had not been delivered, but the contract had been sold to a lender. After several telephone contacts, the cookware firm agreed to buy the installment "paper" back from the finance company, thus relieving the young woman of any obligation.

But there would have been no relief in sight for the customer

if she had been 21 years of age or older. The lender who bought her signed note would have had no obligation to cure her complaints.

So, there would have been no happy ending. The customer would have had to pay out the \$427.34 note--even if the goods were not what she expected, even if they deteriorated rapidly.

The moral to that story, and to most of the complaints of misrepresentation and exaggerated promises by door-to-door sales persons, is that the homeowner who answers that knock on the door should be extra cautious about (1) admitting the salesman in the first place; (2) listening to the sales spiel, unless it relates to a product the resident knows about and wants, and (3) signing a contract on the spot.

If the product is good, and if the price is right, the seller won't mind making a second call to close the deal.

When you leave your home to shop, you do so in a frame of mind which prepares you to cope with comparative pricing and sales claims. Usually, you know about what you want, and approximately how much you have to spend.

The door-to-door sales agent has a built-in advantage, because he catches you off guard--often in the evening when you already are tired, and since it is your home, you do not want to seem inhospitable.

The most reasonable cure for the "morning after" regrets that follow unsatisfactory door-to-door transactions is offered in a bill (S. B. 454) proposed by State Senator Bill Braecklein of Dallas, to allow a 3-day "cooling-off period." That would give you those three days to change your mind about a home-made agreement to buy an article cost-

ing \$25 or more.

That bill has passed by the Senate, and is being considered by the House of Representatives. The idea is to give the buyer equal advantage with the seller--to put you on equal footing with the salesman who puts his foot in your door.

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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Bertram S. Brown, M.D.
Director
National Institute of Mental Health

Contrary to what proud parents have long believed, the most responsive, vigorous newborns may not be the infants who develop into the most intelligent and active children.

Rather, according to scientists from HEW's National Institute of Mental Health of the Health Services and Mental Health Administration, babies who are more passive during their first few days of life are the ones who are more likely to mature into intelligent, responsive youngsters.

Generally, the NIMH scientists have observed that newborns with a slow rate of breathing; a slow, lethargic response to interruption of sucking; and with a relative insens-

tivity to touch are likely to develop into assertive, active, highly verbal toddlers.

On the other hand, infants who breathe rapidly, are highly sensitive to touch, and who quickly react to interruption of sucking often exhibit lower levels of activity and performance at 2½ years of age.

Dr. Richard Q. Bell, chief of the NIMH child research branch, who headed the research, says that, although vigor and responsiveness have been considered healthy signs in newborn infants, this is not necessarily true.

"On the contrary," says Dr. Bell, "it is possible that a state of relative stupor could be a protective mechanism in the transition from womb to outside-the-womb existence. Thus, this torpor could be a sign that the developmental processes are proceeding properly."

The findings are based on study of 75 normal newborns. Their development was periodically checked by the NIMH research group. A sample of the original group was evaluated at preschool age and again at 7½ years of age.

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Vacation time is a happy time, but it also can be a time for tragedy, says the Texas State Department of Health.

Spring and summer weather go hand in hand with recreation in Texas, which has something to offer for everyone--from seashores and lakes to forests and rugged mountains.

In most cases, recreation is associated with water for swimming, boating and fishing. While great for recreation, water poses a serious threat to the safety of young and old alike.

Last year, for example, 601 persons lost their lives in water-related accidents in Texas.

Not all of these drownings involved swimmers and boaters. In far too many cases individuals fell from a place of presumed safety--say a dock or river bank--into the water and were drowned. Children and were drowned. Children are most susceptible to this type of incident. A good safety rule is to put a life jacket on a child playing near the water just in case of a sudden, unplanned dip.

Two children drowned this year in the Colorado River near Austin after being warned of the treacherous nature of the river bank on which they played.

What can you do to make your vacation or a weekend trip a happy, safe one? The State Health Department and Texas Safety Association have some lifesaving pointers.

First, make swimmers out of all children and adults. The Red Cross throughout Texas offers free swimming instruction. Or, you may enroll for swimming lessons with a private instructor. Being able to

swim is your best insurance for coming out of an accidental dunking alive.

Always swim in marked areas if possible, and never swim alone. If you get into trouble, your companion could toss you a life jacket or rope or extend you a pole to help you reach safety. Never swim when chilled, overtired or overheated. Stay out of the water if a thunderstorm threatens. Rough water and lightning take their toll.

Always supervise small children constantly. They need your protection.

Boaters should make certain their boats are in perfect shape and meet safety and state regulations--which include having a Coast Guard approved flotation device on board for each person. Many of these devices are cushions--which could float away if a boat overturns. If there are children aboard, make them wear a life jacket or ski belt. If you're on the water at night, you must have running lights.

Certain regulations apply only to larger boats, so don't get caught short, says the State Health Department.

Rough weather and overloading are particular hazards for boaters. If you're on the water when a storm threatens, head for the dock immediately. Even the best of boaters and swimmers have perished in foul weather. If your boat should capsize, stick with it--chances are that it will stay afloat.

When pulling skiers, boat drivers should be aware of swimmers, other boats and obstacles above and below water. Don't be a showoff on the water. Life is too precious to lose.



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Skiers have safety rules, too, including the wearing of a flotation device. Even good swimmers can be dazed by a hard fall while skiing.

A good procedure is to have at least two persons in the ski boat--one to drive and the other to watch the skier. Learn the arm signals prepared specifically for skiers--and use them. It's hard to hear above the noise of a motor, but a hand signal can get the message across. For instance, a skier who falls should raise an arm to signal he's okay.

When a person is entering the water, being picked up or having towrope moved into having a towrope moved into position to grab, the motor should be in neutral. Whirling propeller blades kill several people every year.

If you're in the water, be on the lookout for other boats. If one approaches, raise a ski into the air as a signal. It's much easier to see this signal than the head of a person bobbing in the water.

Summer is a time for fun, and there's enough recreational pursuits for anyone. So when you're planning your outing, the State Health Department says, put a little thought and planning into safety.

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Decorating With Wallpaper Is Fun

Wallpapers furnish patterns and textures to rooms--yet require little maintenance.

"Many present-day papers are washable--even scrubable," Patricia A. Bradshaw, housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University, pointed out.

Factory-applied plastic coatings make washing possible and minimize maintenance. However, even non-washable paper can be treated after it's hung.

Wallpapers are available as two basic types--hand-made and machine-made.

"Hand-made types are usually colored manually, using a separate silk screen for each color. Since they require considerable time and labor, they're the most expensive."

"Colors of machine-made prints are applied simultaneously on printing presses having up to 12 rollers. Consequently, several yards can be done by machine in the time required to do one yard by hand.

"However, prices of roller prints vary greatly--depending on quality and weight of paper used, complexity of design, and number of yards produced," Miss Bradshaw explained.

Vinyl wallpapers are another category. Considerably heavier, they consist of a vinyl surface backed with either paper or fabric. Designs are printed on the vinyl surfaces.

"Since most vinyls can be scrubbed, they're ideal for kitchens, utility rooms and bathrooms.

Green Thumb Tips

"As an added bonus, vinyl fabrics pull off the wall in strips--making replacement easy."

To determine how much paper to buy, multiply distance around the room by the wall height. Then divide this figure by 30 (number of square feet in a single roll of paper) to get the number of rolls needed. Deduct one roll for every two doors or windows of average size.

For "insurance," buy an extra roll of paper--for repairing any damage or lining a closet.

As an extra precaution, take the room measurements along when going shopping.

"In addition to patterns, textures and solid colors, scenic murals and border prints also are available.

"However, shopping for murals or scenic require a few extra precautions," the specialist noted.

"Consider the number of strips needed for a specific area, placement of the entire horizontally, appropriate distance from design to floor, and possible existence of a chair rail.

"Border prints, on the other hand, are made in widths up to 18 inches. Many of the widest are designed so they can be cut to make borders of varying widths--adapting to home decorators' needs."

There's a special reason to grow Oak Leaf lettuce in your garden. When it's time to harvest, you don't have to pull up the entire plant. Instead, you can pick the outer leaves from different plants, and more new leaves will grow to take their place. That way they remain productive for a longer period. Oak Leaf is also the most heat resistant lettuce, and belongs to the looseleaf class, which is the easiest and fastest to grow.

More gardeners are reporting that marigolds help control pests in the vegetable garden. By planting a row around crops you want to protect, the odor in the leaves will keep rabbits and rodents away. The roots are also reported to rid the soil of nematodes (destructive root-eating worms).

You don't need a vegetable garden to grow mustard and cress. A shady window will allow you to grow them indoors with ease. Just sprinkle the seeds on a paper napkin and keep moist. Within 24 hours the seed coats will split, and within 10 days the cress will be high enough to cut for adding a zesty flavor to sandwiches, salads and egg dishes.

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