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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Don't Desert Kids In Pool

up and swim home swimming pools are already in use. Even temporary absence of adult supervision can result in tragedy when children are in the pool. Warm the Texas Safety Association.

A Public Health Service study cited by TSA shows that often parents, guardians, young adults or babysitters had left a child unattended for only a few minutes when drowning occurred.

Eager Gardeners Can Overdo It

Be sure to make safety part of your spring gardening plan.

Don't overwork yourself. Consult the safety group. Take it easy the first few days to let your body get used to the work. Use electrical tools only when the grass or foliage is dry.

Use pesticides like poison. This means keeping them in their original containers away from children and pets. Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using them.

Choose a calm day to dust or spray plants and work with the breeze so that the chemicals won't blow back into your face.

April 1st Last Day To Register Vehicle

Monday, April 1st is the last day for registering Texas motor vehicles, according to R. W. Townsley, Director of the Texas Highway Department.

Townsley noted that owners of motor vehicles must dis-

IF EVERY CAR HAD A PACESETTER GAS STATIONS COULD STAY OPEN ON SUNDAYS.



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Social Sec. Benefits To Increase

(By Henry P. Budgett, Rep.)
Monthly social security benefits will be increased in two steps starting with checks sent out in April.

The overall increase will amount to 11 percent for most beneficiaries. Seven percent of that will be included in checks delivered April. The other four percent will be included in checks delivered in July. People getting social security don't have to do anything to get the higher payment. The increase will be added to checks automatically.

The increase will add to the income of about 30 million people who get social security retirement, disability, and survivors benefits.

Average social security retirement payments will be increased from \$167 to \$179 per month starting with the payments in April and to \$206 starting with payments in July. Average survivors payments for widowed mother with two children in her care will increase from \$139 to \$151 with payments in April and to \$165 starting with payments in July.

The percentage rate of social security deductions from covered earnings remains at 5.85 percent for employers and employees and has been reduced from 8.5 to 7.5 for self-employed people.

The amount of yearly earnings subject to the social security deductions has been increased from \$10,800 in 1973 to \$13,200 for 1974.

People with earnings over \$10,800 this year will pay more in social security deductions, but their benefit in the future will be greater as their retirement amounts are based on average earnings on which social security contributions have been paid.

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Most speakers would be more careful of what they say if they knew someone in the audience would question their statements.

adhesive - type sticker that will be placed on the upper left corner of the plate, said Townsley. In 1975, the new sticker will be stuck to the upper right corner, then alternated for the following years.

According to Townsley, the 1975 plate will feature a 5-year new design, including the use of vowels for the first time. Since 1969, when the three - letter system was adopted, only consonants were used. However, with an ever-increasing number of motor vehicles, the entire alphabet will now be employed. As an example, the first 1975 license plate will be AAA 10.

Townsley says the 5-year license plate will save Texas taxpayers an estimated \$10.5 million over a four year period, since annual license plate production will no longer be necessary.

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\$300 REWARD
for information leading to arrest and conviction of the person or person who stole a hydraulic ram and hoses from the James A. Schilling farm west of Garwood. Report information to the County Sheriffs Office.

James A. Schilling
Garwood, Texas



RECORDINGS FILED IN COLORADO COUNTY

REAL ESTATE
Deed, Narciso Godino et al. to Melynn Trustee 9,000 acres John Dunlap Survey, 2-18-74.
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3-H Members Stage Western Day Activities

Numerous 3-H members, parents, and observers attended the annual Western Day activities following the FFA Parade in Columbus on Saturday, March 3. Many 3-H members received ribbons for their accomplishments in the day's competition.

John Ponzisak received the first place award in barrel racing (8 years and under). John was followed in this class by Eddie Pavlick, Cynthia Potter, Scott Kleiman, John Ponzisak, and John Ponzisak.

An excellent time of 18.92 seconds was posted by James McAllister in barrel racing (9 to 12 years). Freda Saul placed second, followed by Raymond Buhak, Paul Saul, Bobby Kleiman and Bobby Maples.

Winners in the barrel racing (13 and over) were: 1st, Buck Burt and J. R. Saul; 2nd, Jack Burt and J. R. Saul; 3rd, Molly Strunk; 4th, Darlene Pavlick; 5th, Peggy Dennis; and 6th, J. R. Saul.

Winners in the pole bending competition were as follows: (8 years and under), John McAllister, John Ponzisak, and John Ponzisak.

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Home: 234-2783
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FREE CAR WASH
WALTER GOLD, this is your chance to get a free car wash at John's Kwik Kar Wash located next to John's 6800 Main Street. Clip this out and present at John's for a free car wash effective thru March 27, 1974.

8 Million Toured Texas in '73

Spent a Total Of \$1.5 Billion

Texas Highway Department tourist survey figures released this week show that 8,175,000 auto visitors from other states and nations toured Texas during 1973. They spent a total of \$1,500,666,000 including \$135,400,000 paid directly to state taxes.

The Highway Department has made no survey of the number of visitors to Texas who came by commercial carrier, however, recent surveys conducted by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, American Automobile Association, and Automobile Manufacturers Association show that a minimum of 80% of all travel is by auto and 10% is by airplane, bus, train, etc. Using these percentages, an estimated 2.6 million additional visitors came to Texas in 1973 by commercial carrier, for a total out-of-state visitor figure of 10,775,000.

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Nada Catholic Daughters Announce Poetry Winners

The Catholic Daughters of America, Court No. 1595 of Nada met for their regular meeting on March 12, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Chaplain, Father Rolf. The Regent, Margaret Bunge, led in the pledge to the flag and the opening of the roll call of officers was held and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer and the financial secretary gave their reports. Corinna Bunge read and the bills were presented.

Rock Island News

Mr. and Mrs. E. Walz, Jr. of Breithaupt of Eagle Lake, Texas, are planning a wedding for their daughter, Connie Jane, to Mr. Ralph Gertson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gertson, Sr., of Eagle Lake.

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HOSPITAL NEWS NOTES

Patients this week (Mar. 19):
Ervin Alexander, city
Willie Frazier, city
Mrs. Gay Englehardt, city
Mrs. Frank McClellan, city
Mrs. Roberta Hines, city
Mrs. Tyra Penn, city
Mrs. Robin Stallman, Garwood
John Foley, Garwood
Mrs. Ellen Johnson, Columbus
Andrew Kink, Rock Island
Diamante:
Mrs. Alpha Upton, city
Willie York, city
Mrs. Viola Hines, city
Stacy Robinson, city
Frank R. Davidson, city
Robert Finney, Jr., city
Johnny Parker, city
Robert Harris, city
Mrs. Daisy Allen, city
Miss Minnie Tillman, city
Mrs. Simon Rico and baby girl, city
Mrs. Rosann Harrison, city
Mrs. Louise Spallinger, city
Miss Susan Kuchner, city
Sue Maldonado and baby boy, city
Mrs. Robert McCoy, city
Mrs. Minnie Hallett, city
Mrs. Elsie Williams, Garwood
Mrs. Frances Lowe, Sheridan
Mrs. Sumner Eaton, Columbus
Mrs. Vivian Crawford, Columbus
Mrs. Pat Hendricks, Columbus

CONVENTION MAY RECESS

The slow-plodding Constitutional Convention is expected to take a prolonged recess about the end of the month or soon after April 1 at the latest.

Delegates are convinced there is no way to meet the 90-day deadline scheduled originally laid down by Convention President Price Daniel Jr.

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