

# from the CAPITOL

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TUBERCULOSIS HAS BEEN with us since the dawn of recorded history. Evidence of tuberculosis has been found in Egyptian mummies dating as far back as 1000 B.C. Tuberculosis is still one of the world's greatest killers.

In Nevada, the incidence of tuberculosis each year is 61.6 persons for each 100,000 persons in the State. That's a big improvement over the national average of 200 per 100,000 persons recorded at the beginning of this century, but it is a far cry from the national average today of only 25 cases of tuberculosis for each 100,000 persons. Of the 50 states, only Alaska has a worse record with an incidence of 131 per 100,000. Neighboring California's rate is down to 25.

The answer lies partly in the fact that Nevada formally began a tuberculosis control program only five years ago. It also lies partly with our large transient population, much of it carrying persons infected previously in other states.

However, there is hope for a brighter future in Nevada, thanks to concentrated effort by the Nevada Department of Health and Welfare and the State's lawmakers.

A PRINCIPAL FIGURE in Nevada's battle against tuberculosis is Doctor Horace Getz, Supervisor of the Tuberculosis Control Section of the State Health Division. Dr. Getz points out that the program now being conducted in Nevada has proved effective in detection of Cancer and heart trouble, in addition to the dreaded tuberculosis. Early treatment of tuberculosis is important if the disease is to be defeated.

We may fight tuberculosis in various ways. For adults, an annual chest x-ray is available at no cost through facilities of the Division's Mobile Health Laboratory or at the Reno or the Las Vegas office of the Health Division. For children, we hope to establish the tuberculin skin test in schools. The skin test is a simple thing, far less painful than vaccination. It involves placement of a tiny drop of test fluid just under the outer layer of the skin. The program would be free to the public.

FUNDS TO OPERATE the Tuberculosis Control Section of the Health Division are provided by the Nevada Legislature. The biggest share of the money is used for care and treatment, rather than detection. Meanwhile, the Mobile Health Laboratory is operating on a separate budget.

The Mobile X-Ray Laboratory was designed to service the 15 outlying counties. The current tour by the Mobile Health Laboratory has had a very successful registration campaign.

It is to the advantage of our residents to make use of these free services. If all Nevadans cooperate in this program, tuberculosis eventually can be eradicated.

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Alice Key

KEYnotes, in dry dock for the past several years, is launched again on a tragically sad note--my Sinatra collection is gone. Have you ever been a victim of a burglary in your home? If you have, you know what a shocking experience it can be. This is how it happened to us.

Monday evening, Avanelle picked me up at the office after leaving her job at City Hall. We dropped in on the "Doc" and Dottie for a few minutes and went home to prepare our dinner and listen to some "sounds". There were no sounds, because there was no Hi-Fi; there was no television set, no radios, and a subsequent frantic search revealed that certain items of jewelry were missing. We had been robbed!! --that's right robbed--although the courteous police officers kept insisting that the proper term was "burglarized".

It must have been annoying to the Officer who was attempting to list the missing items, because I kept interrupting with the frantic cry "My Sinatra records!" Oh, there were several other long-playing records missing that are favorites, but there were only one of each artist that happened to be in the "stack"--A Louis Armstrong, Basie and Ella, and a Nancy Wilson --But ALL of Sinatra. It's enough to make a strong woman weep.

Maybe if it were explained what an important part Sinatra records play in my life, you could understand the anguish that is mine over the loss of them.

You see, for years it has been my custom to start the day with music. Some people have to have coffee, some, other stimulants; for me it's music. While my bath water is running, I put on the "stack", and the day is off to a swinging start. Now the "Stack" varies from time to time, there are additions and replacements as new records are released worthy to keep company with Sinatra; and, from time to time, the Sinatra discs vary in order of rotation. For over a year now, the day begins on the high note of "Fly Me To The Moon", and on through the Sinatra-Basie "It Might As Well be Swing" album.

When I came to Las Vegas from California three months ago, I left my Sinatra albums at home, and nothing went right. I realized what was wrong and called Mother to send them on the first thing smoking. She did with the wonderful alacrity with which she always responds to any S.O.S. and Life has been one sweet song ever since--Up to Monday night, that is.

What really compounds the felony and adds immeasurable hurt to the injury, is the sneaking sacriligious thought that it is possible that the dirty sneaking thief who broke into our house is not even a Sinatra fan; it is even possible that he doesn't give a hoot about music, for no other records or albums were missing; my great loss is simply because the "stack" was on the Hi-Fi that the miserable creep snatched in order to get a buck or two.

I find it utterly impossible to face the thought of a world without Sinatra records, and I see no immediate hope for replacement of my treasures without perhaps promoting a benefit. It is indeed a Blue, Blue World, today.

If I had a TV (which, of course, I don't any more), I would certainly be tuned in on the Dean Martin Show tonight at 10 p.m. when Mahalia Jackson makes her first television appearance after a year's absence. One of the happiest stories of the year is the recovery of Queen Mahalia from the illness that threatened the great spiritual singer's career.

His Royal Highness, The Duke of Ellington, and his Orchestra will present a concert of religious music Sunday, on the CBS Television Network. According to our information, it is scheduled for the hour of 8-9 a.m. PST, but if you know like I know, you better check!

In presenting the concert, titled "In the Beginning, God"--the first four words of the Bible --the incomparable jazz musician-composer-Doll and his orchestra will be assisted by members of the Herman McCoy Choir and dancer



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Bunny Briggs.

Perhaps you will remember that at a similar concert of the Ellington compositions in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral, last September, the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Episcopal Bishop of California, was the first to stand and applaud.

The one-hour special broadcast scheduled for Sunday Morning was video-taped on Christmas Day at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York.

Good News for all of us Bar-B-Q lovers-- Gene Lewis of the Texas Pit Bar-B-Q has had his arm twisted so much from hungry patrons that he is going to re-open the popular Miller Road "gathering spot" today despite the fact the new Texas Coral Room is not yet ready for that Grand Opening we've been waiting for-- Will you see our gang there? You better believe it!

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