

from the CAPITOL

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IN THIS ERA OF scientific and technological development, automation has had a dramatic effect on many governmental processes. The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles provides a good example of progress in this area of the state level.

Services which less than a decade ago took weeks and sometimes months to accomplish are now performed, with the assistance of data processing equipment, in a matter of days or even hours.

Although automation is a new concept in the Department of Motor Vehicles, its vast and diversified capabilities has caused an increasing dependence on data processing for faster and more refined programs.

THE AUTOMATION DIVISION is the newest of the DMV's seven divisions, being created by the 1961 Nevada Legislature.

Automation functions touch all divisions of the department, providing pre-printed forms for faster service in registration, driver licensing and motor carrier (commercial vehicle) registration; and valuable tabulated statistical material for the highway patrol, fiscal accounting and administration divisions. This information is utilized in law enforcement and management analysis.

The initial project of the Automation Division was to develop an automated program for vehicle registration renewal. This program was inaugurated June 1, 1960, when Nevada vehicle registrants received in the mail a pre-printed registration renewal for the 1960-61 fiscal year of registration.

PRIOR TO THIS, the vehicle registration task was accomplished manually each year.

Registration by mail virtually eliminated the traditional wait in line that formerly accompanied auto registration. Before data processing was utilized, each registration had to be computed and typed individually.

Following successful implementation of the new registration renewal system, the Automation Division was assigned the task of simplifying paperwork involved in registering commercial vehicles.

THE COST SAVING of this automated carrier registration program was phenomenal. The last time that the manual system was used to prepare and mail these five forms, it took from May to December of 1960. Now, the DMV can issue a renewal Combined Cab Card within 72 hours of receipt of the application from the trucker.

In April, 1963, the department initiated a program of issuing a computer-produced driver's license in place of the plastic license then in use.

By doing so, the department was able to reduce the cost per-unit of driver's licenses by one-sixth, while increasing production capacity by 20 times. To the driver, this meant that he now would receive his new driver's license in 7 to 10 days instead of having to wait four to six weeks as was then customary.

There are many other by-products of the current automation programs which are of great internal benefit to this agency and help give the Nevada motorist the fastest and most efficient service possible.

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organizations. The disillusion of the Negro in the North is an enigma only to the insensitive or uninformed.

EMBITTERED WITH his lot in a South which has sought to suppress the Negro sense of "somebodiness," a South which has told him daily that he is "less than" "not equal to," the Negro migrated North.

By the thousands and the hundreds of thousands, he made the pilgrimage to Washington, to Detroit, Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco and Philadelphia and New Jersey. He was seeking the Promised Land.

But the Negro soon learned that the North is not the Promised Land; that the subtle nuances of de facto segregation in the North are as humiliating psychologically as the more obvious segregation of the South, is literally.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, as the South has slowly, reluctantly begun to turn to face her destiny, the rigidities of Northern discrimination and segregation have stiffened.

This past summer, I made a tour of Northern cities. I have seen integration on the increase rather than on the decline, above the Mason-Dixon line.

The ghetto has become more intensified than dispersed. Explosive racial tensions in the mighty metropolitan areas have produced riots.

In the main, those who give themselves over to the self-defeating extremes of rioting are Negroes who feel they have nothing to lose because they are forced to live in slums, attend poor schools and suffer from job bias. The young people, particularly, see life as a long and desolate corridor with no exit sign.

ONE OF THE BASIC reasons for this despair, of course, is sub-human conditions into which black babies are born, in which black children are raised and to which black people, men, women and children go home each night to close themselves in with their frustrations.

America must come to learn that, as long as slums are profitable--like narcotics--they will continue to exist.

Madison School Cub Pack

MEMBERS OF THE PACK Committee of the recently organized Cub Pack, 123 at Madison School were participants in the Scouters Recognition Dinner at Convention Center, last Saturday (Jan. 15) along with 2,000 other Scout Leaders in the Boulder Dam Council.

The Pack Committee and Den Mothers who completed the Cub Leaders Basic Training Course of the Boulder Dam Council, several weeks ago, are: Principal Richard David, Chairman; Johnus Geran, Institutional Representative; Macil Cooper, Secretary-Treasurer; Roy Dupre and James Harris, Activities Chairmen; Robert Humes, Cubmaster; and R. G. Reed, Assistant Cubmaster. Den mothers are: Mesdames Hazel Geran, Den 1; Ida Mae Turman, Den 2; Climola Mayfield, Den 3; Julia Patterson, Den 4; and Mrs. Sweetie King, Assistant Den Mother. Mrs. Ethel L. Books is serving as Advisor.

Kermit R. Booker, Sr., District Director of Training, who instructed the Cub Leaders Training Course, expressed much gratification at the enthusiasm and interest manifested throughout the five-week session.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Booker was one of the recipients of the Veteran Awards given at Saturday night's Scouter Recognition Dinner. Veteran Awards are given to those who have completed ten or more years of service to Scouting. Booker was the only twenty-five-year Veteran Award Winner.

The highly coveted Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to Boyhood, particularly in Boy Scouting and awarded by the National Court of Honor, National Council of the Boy Scouts of America was presented to five Las Vegas. Booker was one of two recipients of the Silver Beaver Award in 1959.

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