

# Indiana Pastor Describes Medical Service Programs

By JANET DE JULIO

"Out of this world," is how the Reverend Mr. Robert Lowery, of Gary, Ind., describes March of Dimes programs directed at the prevention and treatment of birth defects.

As chairman of the Lake County Chapter of the voluntary health organization, Mr. Lowery is committed to overcoming our major child health problem. Some 250,000 infants are afflicted with physical or mental damage every year in the United States.

"Our black community had many problems and often did not know what to do about them," he says. "Our increased public health educational efforts are making blacks much more aware of the help they can receive through the March of Dimes.

"There is particular emphasis upon the importance of regular prenatal care as a safeguard to the health of mother and child," he notes. "Medical attention throughout pregnancy offers the greatest protection against the risk of premature birth, which can seriously hamper a child's development.

The National Foundation supports 100 Medical Service Programs at teaching hospitals and medical centers, aimed at bringing current developments in this field to families affected by birth defects.

Mr. Lowery is pastor of St. Timothy's Community Church. He also cites the research projects being done by eminent scientists into the many causes of congenital damage. "Their work is offering us more hope than ever before for the well-being of our future generations," he adds.

### Mississippi Mid-Wives

The Indiana pastor is particularly enthusiastic about the March of Dimes-supported nurse-midwife program in Holmes County, Miss. The program is doing a tremendous good in his view.

"The revival of the certified nurse-midwife can have a stimulating effect upon maternal and child health in the south," he notes.



THE REVEREND MR. ROBERT LOWERY, Pastor and March of Dimes Leader.

"Due to the lack of modern hospital facilities in some places, particularly in outlying rural areas, these qualified professionals will insure safer deliveries where health services are limited."

Mr. Lowery successfully coordinates his March of Dimes work with the demands of other community agencies. He is president of the Northwest Indiana Urban League, the Lake County Mental Health Association, and vice president of the county Planned Parenthood Association.

"I work on many levels," he

notes. "I also encourage our community groups to work together on projects. I try to initiate community support for our TAP volunteers, and our January Mothers' March on birth defects."

Mr. Lowery sees the dedication of volunteers as the backbone of any organization. He finds there is a united atmosphere when people join together for a common interest especially when working on behalf of improving child health.

"I call this enthusiasm the joy of service," he says.

# VETS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—With six million Vietnam veterans back in civilian life, how long before I can look forward to Vietnam veterans taking over the Veterans Administration?

A.—One out of every four persons hired by VA in recent months has been a Vietnam era veteran. The more than 18,000 Vietnam era veterans working for VA as paid employees now make up about 9 1/2 percent of the agency's total employees.

Q.—I'm a World War I veteran and hear there's a record breaking G.I. insurance dividend for 1973. When

select a low area which is likely to be wet and subject to frost injury. An area near the house is convenient and may give you the urge to keep the area free of weeds and protected against insect and disease pests. Another advantage of having the garden close by is to provide for irrigation. If you expect to have vegetables tender and tasty, they must have water as needed.

If you plan to have perennial crops, strawberries, raspberries, etc., set the plants on one side of the garden so as not to interfere when cultivating the vegetables.

can I expect to get mine and how much will I get?

A.—The dividend will be paid on the anniversary date of your policy. The average dividend for World War I U. S. Government Life Insurance will be \$143.

Q.—My brother is a veteran and a heavy drinker as well as a drug addict. Should we take him to a VA hospital that has a unit for treating alcoholics?

A.—He should apply to the drug treatment center. The VA drug treatment centers have recognized abuse of alcohol as a problem among drug addicts and varied their treatment to cope with this complication.

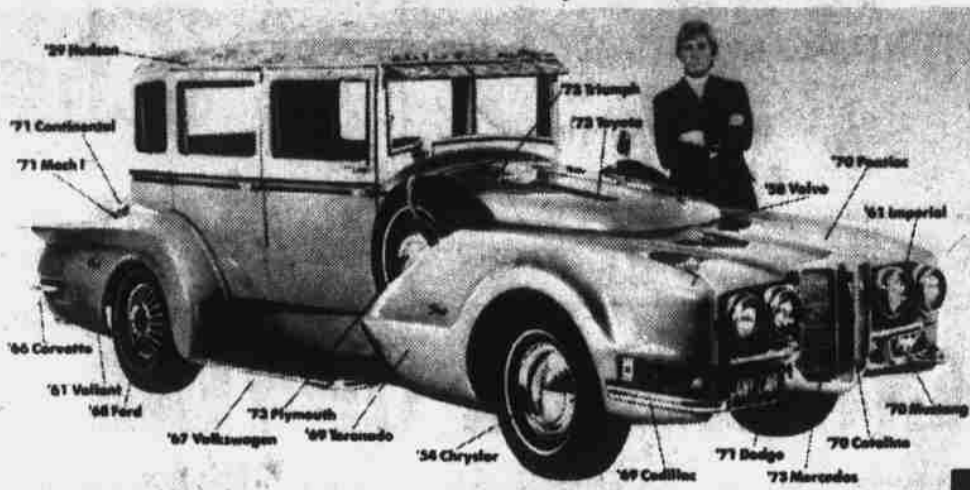
Q.—I know I have to wait to the anniversary date of my policy to get my World War II G.I. life insurance dividend this year, but how much will I get?

A.—The average dividend for World War II National Service Life Insurance in 1973 will be \$72.

Q.—My husband is a prisoner of war and I am not near any military base. Could I go to VA and talk to them about what the future will be for us when he comes home?

A.—The veterans benefits counselors and veterans assistance officer at the nearest VA hospital, will be glad to talk with you and give you any assistance possible.

# The Great AnyCar II



NEW YORK — Remember the ForCheVamChryVagen? It was the distinctive "AnyCar" Manufacturers Hanover Trust introduced in September of 1971 and which represented 22 different car bodies.

Philip H. Milner, executive vice president, said the bank wanted to illustrate the broad range of models and body styles available to today's car buyers, and at the same time, focus attention on Manufacturers Hanover as a leading source of auto loans.

Well, the designer, Gene Winfield, has come through again. He has designed a dramatically different AnyCar II that is expected to draw even more approbation than his original creation.

It was conceived on a sun-baked field in Southern California and born in Winfield's North Hollywood shop. But first, his assistant had to find the classic-type car body which would be the dominant component. It had to be at least 10 inches higher than any other car on the road. This would be the "outstanding visual element."

Cars of the 1920-30 era are high priority items among antique auto buffs and oddly enough, they were reluctant to

sell an antique to anyone other than a fellow collector, regardless of price.

The 1929 Hudson chosen for the body was found in an open field propped up on chocks, destined for restoration by its owner. But Winfield's representatives convinced him that his car had a more glamorous destiny.

AnyCar II is more complex than its predecessor and required more modifications as fabrication progressed. It includes parts from 50 car models and fashioning the parts into a handsome and completely functional automobile was a difficult and sometimes tedious job.

The car had to be built from the ground up. The suspension system is just as complex. Linked together are a Mustang rear axle, Oldsmobile springs, a Chevy Van front axle and a power steering unit from a Dodge pickup truck.

Modernization of the car's running gear dictated the complete rewiring of its 70 Mustang engine, as well as the lighting and other electrical systems. Special hydraulic lines had to be fitted for the brakes. Even the heater and air conditioning ducts had

to be specially engineered. Modifications and altered designs were commonplace as the car took shape. The Hudson frame was lengthened 3 inches to allow the rear doors to close properly and to fit over-size rear fenders from a '34 Ford and a Plymouth Valiant. The battery is located under the seat.

Throughout the new AnyCar, the imaginative Winfield has incorporated both classic and modern touches — always adhering to the primary something-for-everyone concept, while retaining the visual distinction of the car.

Subtle touches such as tiny identification plates on the component parts (or in close proximity to them) a floral pattern vinyl top and bucket seats serve to enhance the classic-modern blend, yet do nothing to diminish the dramatic impact of the car.

AnyCar II is indeed a worthy successor to AnyCar I!

## Garden Time

### Garden Soil Should Be Tested for Lime Needs

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It is not too early to be making plans for your vegetable garden. If the weather in your area has been as bad as ours, planning is about the only thing you could accomplish. Schools were closed for a week and it was unsafe to drive a car without chains or good snow tires. Planning now will expedite planting when the time comes.

A soil test is the first step and is the only method by which you can determine nutrient needs and pH (the relative sweetness (alkalinity)

sourness (acidity) of your soil. Give special attention to the needs for lime and phosphate and apply the recommended amounts — when you receive your report from the soil testing laboratory. Apply lime and phosphate before plowing as these materials do not move readily in the soil and need to be placed in the root zone.

If the physical condition of your soil is very light (sandy) or very heavy (clay), it will help to add organic matter. This may be in the form of very old sawdust or stable or poultry manure. About 15 bushels of stable manure (per 1,000 sq.

ft.). If poultry manure is used, apply about one-third as much as for stable manure. If you have neither of the manures, you can most likely find an old sawdust pile.

The sawdust will help improve the physical condition by adding organic matter but it will not have any fertilizer value. Both of the manures will add some NPK but it will be low.

It will be best to apply the organic matter, in whatever form, and the lime and phosphate and turn them all under as soon as the ground can be plowed. This procedure will put your garden area in good condition and the proper amount of an 8-8-8, or similar fertilizer, can be applied as the crops are planted.

A good site is important for your garden for several reasons. Don't



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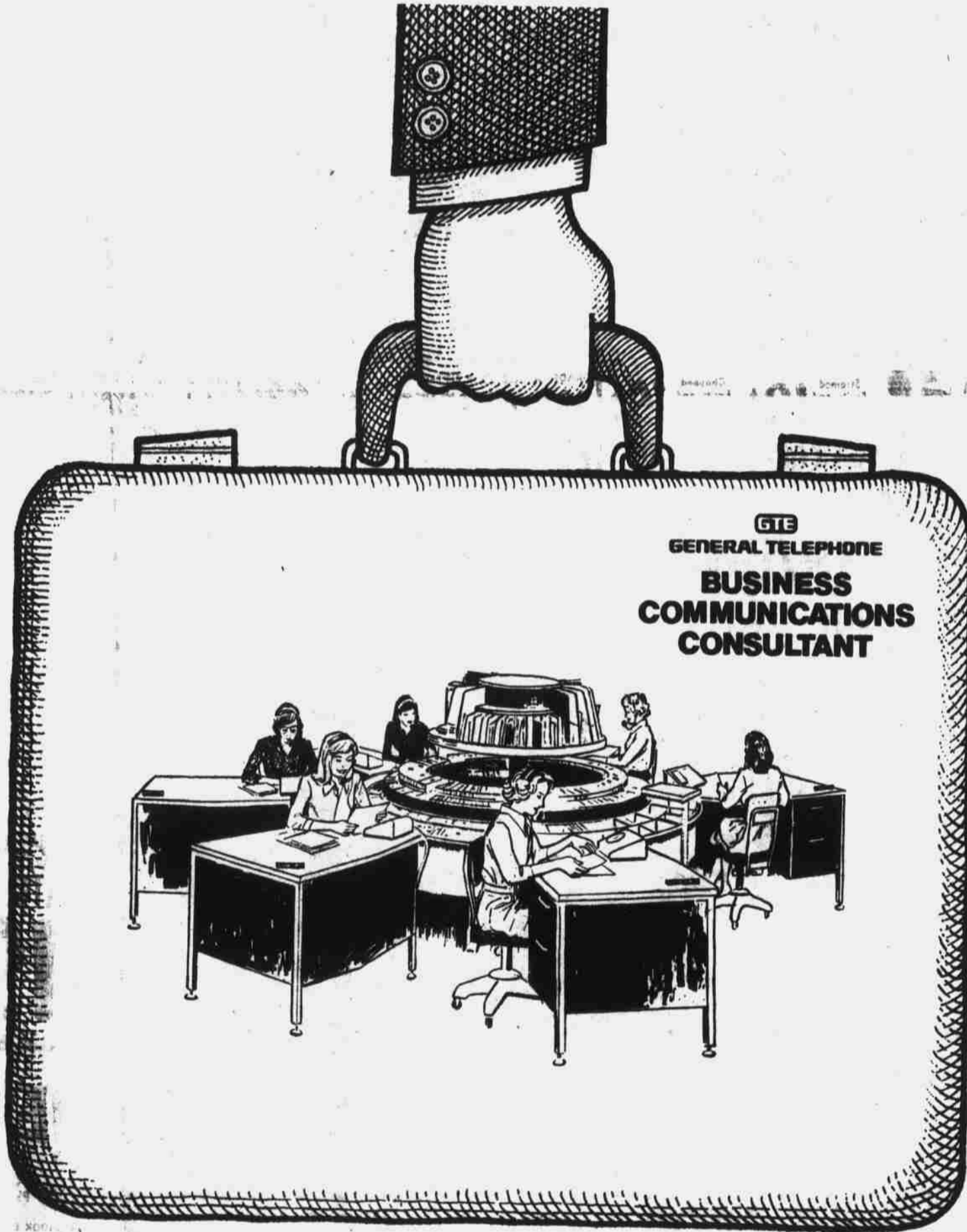
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