Captain James Pratt III Awarded **Distinguished Flying Cross for** Heroism in Vietnam on January 31st

Army Captain James T. Pratt I, whose parents live at 1411 ween St., Kinston, received the bistinguished Flying Cross May 5 in Vietnam. III, whose parents live at 1411 Queen St., Kinston, received the Distinguished Flying Cross May 25 in Vietnam.

Capt. Pratt received the award for heroism in action which en-gaged in aerial flight in connection with ground operations agaist a hostile force in Vietnam.

An instructor pilot assigned to the United States Army, Viet-nam's AH-IG New Equipment Training Team, he entered the Army in November 1962 and was last stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., before arriving in Vietnam last August. He also has re-ceived the Bronze Star Medal this question posed the other and 17 awards of the Air Medal. day to members of his newly-The captain graduated from Grainger High School in 1953 and attended The Citadel, Charleston, S. C. His wife, Jeanne, lives at 613 Cameron Drive.

The text of Captain Pratt's citation reads:

For heroism, while participat-ing in aerial flight, evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam: Captain Pratt distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 31 January 1968 as pilot of an attack helicopter supporting ground units during the com-munist Lunar New Year offensive in III Corps Tactical Zone. Enemy forces launched a series of coordinated attacks throughout the country., Captain Pratt's first call for assistance came from a unit pinned down in a village near his base. Quickly arming a helicopter damaged in previous missions that day, he flew to the battle site and directed a devastating attack on the insurgents. He ignored withering enemy automatic weapons fire directed at his ship and made deadly rocket and machine gun strafing runs which inflicted heavy casualties to the attackers and forced them to withdraw. After refueling and rearming his helicopter, he flew to help repel an attack on II Field Force Headquarters. His savage barrage on enemy posi-tions enabled infantry forces to advance and destroy the Viet Cong. He was then called to aid a Vietnamese unit defending the Joint General Staff Headquart-ers in Saigon. There he braved

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s to withdraw from the action with heavy cas-ualties. Captain Pratt's out-standing flying ability and de-votion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States unit, and the United States To Catch a Thief.

A look at KTBC's scheduling Newsletter about it.

Does KTBC plan to cut back on such programming in the wake of LBJ's concern? If it does, it's keeping it pretty quiet. In fact, the station's president | ter?"

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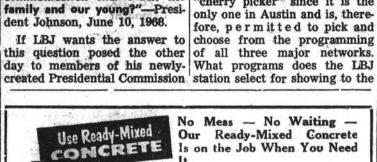
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to Investigate Violence, perhaps one place to start is his own TV station in Austin. The LBJ station, KTBC-TV, is

known in the business as a "cherry picker" since it is the



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Preparations by the New Bern Jaycees for the Southeastern Division Championship Hydroplane Races at the Trent Pines Club in New Bern are under way.

The race will be held Sunday afternoon, July 14, as announced by Project Chairman Jimmy Andrews.

About 200 top boat racers from 6 or 7 states are expected since this race is a must for the national races. Last year this race was held in Miami, Florida.

The races will begin at 1 p.m. and will last approximately until 6:00 p.m. Children under 12 are admitted free.

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