

A Thought for Today

FOR THE love of money is the root of all evil.—I Timothy 4:7.

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Worldly wait is the devil's bait.—Robert Burton.

Our Air Development

THE decision of American Airways to establish its southern division headquarters at Meacham Field increases Fort Worth's prestige as an outstanding air center.

The American Airways is not making big investments at other than strategic points. Plans call for the erection of a \$150,000 terminal, housing the shop and office personnel, with an annual payroll of \$500,000.

Under the contract signed by the city and American Airways the building when completed becomes the property of the city. American Airways gets full use of the terminal for 33 years, at \$1 rental a year.

The Council, however, erred in not making the negotiations public before the contract was signed.

Any transaction involving a long-time lease on city property concerns public policy.

Regardless of how meritorious this particular deal may be it sets a bad precedent on the part of the Council not to open up the subject to public discussion and opinion before final action is taken.

The American Airways decision to establish its shops and offices in Fort Worth is a tremendous compliment to the advantages of Meacham Field as an airport.

The dreams of the original backers of Meacham Field rapidly are being realized. Some of these backers, among them the late Mayor H. C. Meacham, have passed on. The growth in importance of Meacham Field is a tribute to their vision and their efforts.
