1961 TRAFFIC

Accidents	2,215
Injured	643
Deaths	42
Last Fatality	Oct. 19

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WEATHER

MUSCLE SHOALS AREA—Partly cloudy, windy and warm tonight and Friday with showers and thundershowers beginning late tonight. High today, 83; low tonight, 65; high Friday, 78.

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NOT STAR-GAZING THESE—This pair of gannets isn't star-gazing. They're necking. They're seen on Malagasy Island off Cape Town, South Africa, where the web-footed sea birds migrate for the mating season. They're usually found in north Atlantic latitudes. Thousands of gannets flock to the island each mating season. (AP Wirephoto)

For Agreement Chance:

U. S.-Russ UN Chief Tussle Now Stands At Critical Point

By WILLIAM N. OATIS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP) — Negotiators for Soviet-American agreement on an interim secretary-general for the United Nations appeared at the critical success-or-failure stage today.

The outcome depended on whether the Soviet Union would approve still secret plans of U Thant of Burma, the big powers' choice for the post, for the number of principal advisers he would name and the geographic areas from which he would choose them.

After weeks of Soviet-American wrangling over this last remaining issue, U. S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson and British Minister of State Joseph B. Godber said Wednesday they would let U Thant decide the matter for himself.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin after a conference with U Thant told newsmen, "We are near to agreement."

If the Soviets agree, the Security Council might meet Friday morning to recommend the Burmese diplomat's appointment and the General Assembly could elect him in the afternoon to serve until April 1963, filling out the unexpired term of the late Dag Hammarskjold. However, some diplomats thought the council-assembly action would not take place until early next week.

The Soviet position has been that there should be seven principal advisers—American, Soviet, Latin American, African, West European, Eastern European and Asian.

The United States and its West European allies argued for only five—all those but the East European and Asian.

In the General Assembly's political committee, U. S. Delegate Arthur H. Dean said the United States would reject any U.N. call for a new voluntary moratorium on nuclear weapon tests.

Dean added, however, that President Kennedy had authorized him to declare the United States is still prepared to sign or negotiate a test ban treaty—with adequate provisions for enforcement—"right away or in the very near future or just as soon as possible with the Soviet Union."

Dean said that the voluntary unpoliced moratorium proposed by India and five other nonaligned nations is doomed to be ineffective since without control machinery there will be no way to guard against violations.

"We believe the contemptuous actions of the Soviet Union clearly demonstrated that tests cannot be stopped by an uncontrolled, uninspected moratorium," the U. S. delegate declared.

A Soviet-bloc delegate, Milko Tarabanov of Bulgaria, opposed the moratorium on different grounds. He said nuclear tests could be banned only under an agreement on general and complete disarmament.

Former Collector Now Serving Time

CENTREVILLE, Ala. (AP) — Douglas McCary has begun a four-year prison sentence received on a charge of embezzling county money while he was Bibb County tax collector. McCary withdrew an appeal action and surrendered Tuesday night to State Prison Director Frank Lee who was visiting this central Alabama community.

Possible Local 'Sit-In' Attempt Reported Today

What could possibly be the beginning of a "sit-in" attempt at local eating establishments was reported shortly after noon today by the police department.

A Negro named Charlie Brown, employed by a downtown store, reportedly entered Spalding Drug Co., corner Court and Mobile Sts., shortly before noon and took a seat at a lunch counter.

Store officials, who said that the Negro had been fed in the kitchen for a long time, said he was asked to leave by employees and that when he made no effort to do so, the police were called, and Brown was taken into custody and placed in the city jail, pending charges.

Chief of Police Noah H. Danley said the Negro was taken into custody by Captain Robert Anderson and Policeman Voyd Lambert.

The police chief said he did not know what action would be taken and at press time was trying to reach Mayor E. F. Martin, who was inspecting a construction project when the case developed, and City Attorney Arnold Teks.

Police said they did not know what charge would be preferred against the Negro, but presumed he would be charged with breach of the peace.

Police said they did not know the Negro's age or his home address and were continuing their investigation.

Witness Saw Item Placed On Rider Bus

ANNISTON, Ala. (AP) — Someone in a crowd at the scene where a bus carrying "Freedom Riders" was burned placed something in the bus just before it caught fire, a witness testified today.

Mrs. Harry Sims of Anniston, wife of a state investigator, was the first witness definitely to link the fire that destroyed a Greyhound bus with a crowd gathered at the scene.

Mrs. Sims said she "saw somebody leave the group around the bus and get something. It was something folded in a cloth. I saw someone put it in the bus. After a while, I saw smoke in the bus."

She testified also that she heard someone in the crowd say "They were going to smoke them out of the bus."

Under cross examination, she said she brought the people who told her that were from Atlanta.

Highway Patrolman M. A. Nunnelly of Anniston, one of the first officers to arrive at the scene, identified a club which he said he took from a white man in the crowd. It was a stick about 18 inches long and an inch in diameter.

He said "I didn't know anybody taking part. I didn't take any names, and I didn't make any arrests."

Carl Autry Haynes, also of Anniston, testified that he was at the scene and he had a chain, but he said he couldn't identify anyone else.

Haynes said he went to the scene in a pickup truck, but didn't know anyone else in the truck.

He said he and Roger Dale Couch, 19, one of the defendants, had agreed on a joint alibi, but under close questioning by U.S. District Atty. Macon L. Weaver, he agreed that he had decided later that being on the scene was not a crime and he talked with the FBI.

U.S. District Judge H. Hobart

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International Bank Group To Visit Here Three Days

Twenty-two directors and staff members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development will be in the Muscle Shoals area Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 6-8, where they will visit TVA installations and meet with members of the TVA Board of Directors, General Manager and other staff members.

The visitors will arrive at Muscle Shoals Airport Monday in two groups, the first by Southern Airways at 1:11 p.m., and the second by Southern at 3:46 p.m. TVA officials will arrive by TVA plane.

On Tuesday night, banks in Florence, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia will be hosts at a dinner at the Florence Country Club.

Reservations have been made for both visitors and TVA officials at the Holiday Inn.

Arrangements have been made for short helicopter rides for those desiring them, shortly after arrival.

On Monday night, TVA will be host at a dinner at the Holiday Inn. Louis A. Eckl, executive editor, The Florence Times and The Tri-Cities Daily, will tell the visitors about the impact the TVA program has made on the area.

The schedule on Tuesday calls for talks by George P. Palo, TVA Chief Engineer, on the water control system, by G. O. Wessenauer, Manager of Power on the TVA power operations, and by Lewis B. Nelson, Manager of Agricultural and Chemical Department on TVA's experimental fertilizer research program. Visits will be made to the Wilson Dam, the power service building, the Colbert Steam Plant, the chemical plant and the agricultural demonstration farm owned by Davis B. McBride, Rt. 2, Tuscumbia.

On Wednesday Dr. O. M. Derryberry, TVA Director of Health will describe the agency's health and safety program. An automobile trip will be made to the Decatur area where an inspection of recreation developments and industrial plants will be made.

The visitors leave the Valley from Huntsville on Wednesday by air.

Those in the visiting party in-

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THEATERS

NORWOOD—"Back Street," color, with Susan Hayward, John Gavin, Vera Miles. Feature 2:50, 5:40, 7:30, 9:20.

JOY-LAN—"Hound of the Baskervilles," color, with Peter Cushing. Also "Blood of the Vampire," color, with Donald Wolfit. First show 6:30.

COLBERT—"The Young Doctors" with Dick Clark. Feature 3:17, 7:11, 9:08.

SHOALS—"Bridge to the Sun," CinemaScope, color, with Caroll Baker.

CINEMA—"Twenty Plus Two" with David Jannsen. Also "Heroes Die Young."

TUSCUMBIAN—"Francis of Assisi," CinemaScope, color, with Bradford Dillman. Feature 3, 5:52, 8:44.

MARBRO—"Homicidal." First show at 6:45.

WILSON—"The Young Savages" with Burt Lancaster, Dina Merrill. Showtime 6:30.

Over 100 Killed:

Murderous Hattie Leaves Deadly Aftermath In British Honduras

HURRICANE'S LITTER—Hurricane Hattie which swept in from the Caribbean Tuesday, caused untold damage to almost all the houses and buildings in the coastal city of Belize, British Honduras, (above). Rescue workers counted more than 100 dead and thousands homeless. (AP Wirephoto)

By MORRIS W. ROSENBERG

BELIZE, British Honduras (AP) — Rescue workers counted more than 100 dead and thousands homeless today in shattered Central American coastal towns ravaged by Hurricane Hattie. The death toll was expected to rise higher.

Harassed officials so far were unable to estimate the number injured by the hurricane which roared across this British colonial capital early Tuesday with tidal waves and winds up to 200 miles an hour.

Hattie destroyed or damaged an estimated 75 per cent of the buildings in Belize, a sea-level port of 31,000 which had little or no seawall protection.

The death list included 40 at Belize; 25 at Stancreek, the British colony's second biggest town; 20 on Turneffe Cay, and 14 on Caulker Cay, islands off the British Honduras Coast.

The Guatemalan government reported five killed in the jungle province of Peten which borders British Honduras. Another death was reported on Honduras' northern coast.

The hurricane broke apart against the mountains of British Honduras and water began to recede from Belize Tuesday afternoon. With the recession came the first flurries of relief supplies and first accounts of the violent storm which finally slammed ashore after following a meandering course across the Caribbean.

Gov. Sir Colin Thornley declared a state of emergency and placed the colony under martial law.

Police broke up mobs looting stores and arrested 20 persons. In the vanguard of the looters were some of the 200 prisoners released from the city jail as the hurricane approached.

The towering seas that broke over the city destroyed the prison.

Twenty-foot waves rolled into the ground floor of Government House, the governor's residence

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Bryant Back On Stand Today As Defense Pushes Mental Condition Of Moore's Killer

By REESE FAUCETTE
Staff Writer

Dr. Herbert A. Bryant went back on the witness stand in his own defense at 10:45 this morning in the Lauderdale County Circuit Court where he is on trial for the murder of Joe Moore in a trailer at Shoals Creek last August 6.

The prosecution began its cross-examination of Dr. Bryant this morning. He spent nearly four hours on the stand during direct examination by the defense attorneys Wednesday before the court recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Bryant's testimony pretty much agreed with that presented earlier in the day by Mrs. Bryant as to events leading up to and at the time of the murder, as well as clearing up several points heretofore unknown.

As contrasted to his wife's distraught performance in the witness box, which several times caused the cessation of procedures to allow her to recover her emotional stability, Dr. Bryant was a neat, competent witness. He was extremely cooperative and straightforward with his answers, and exhibited little emotion as he reconstructed the events of the fateful evening.

The defense had only completed its direct examination of Dr. Bryant at the time of an interruption to allow the testimony of a psychologist who could not conveniently remain overnight in order to testify today.

The testimony offered by the psychologist, Dr. Sherman C. Raffel, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Alabama Medical College, indicated that Dr. Bryant was suffering a serious mental condition at the time of an examina-

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Lawrence Road Bids Scheduled For Opening

State Highway Department will open bids Nov. 17 on a road that will eventually cut the distance from the four Shoals cities to Birmingham.

Bids will be opened for base and paving on Alabama 157 in Lawrence County from Moulton northwest to the Colbert County line, a distance of 13.399 miles.

This strip will tie in with Colbert's section which is now being paved, Board of Revenue Chairman John B. Sockwell said.

The new route branches off U.S. Highway 20 about four miles east of Tuscumbia.

Sockwell said the blacktopping of the Colbert strip which runs to the east county line should be completed before winter.

The road will link Tuscumbia and the other three area cities with Moulton, then Cullman, permitting a shorter trip to Birmingham.

Sockwell also reported base is being put down on the extension of Hospital-Airport Road between Woodward Avenue and Wilson Dam Highway.

The road from Wilson Dam Highway to the new airport terminal building has been completed, he said.

Reciprocal Trade Plan Re-enactment Upcoming

By EDMOND LEBRETON

WASHINGTON (AP)—A drive for re-enactment and broadening of the reciprocal trade program—one of the toughest tasks facing President Kennedy's legislative lieutenants—has been launched with the help of officials from three administrations.

Recommendations for "a giant step" away from remaining restrictions on international trade and a trade partnership with the Common Market, the potent new economic entity in Europe, came from Christian A. Herter, a secretary of state in the Eisenhower administration, and from William L. Clayton, undersecretary of state for economic affairs in the Truman administration.

And the Kennedy administration spoke in much the same terms through George W. Ball, undersecretary of state for economic affairs.

Ball, in a speech Wednesday night for a trade convention in New York, called for "open competitive trading" and assailed what he termed the defeatism of those who unduly feared competition with the Common Market.

The Reciprocal Trade Act comes up for renewal next year with sentiment for protecting U.S. industries against foreign competition apparently stronger than at most times during the past several decades.

Ball, whose speech was understood to have been approved by President Kennedy, also said the

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W. M. Richardson Of Florence Dies Wednesday

William McDonald Richardson 87, 724 Nellie Ave., Florence, died Wednesday night at ECM Hospital after six months illness.

He was a native of Moore County, Tenn., had resided in Florence since 1900. He was associated with Bellamy Lumber Company, and in 1908 organized Richardson Lumber Company which he actively managed until his retirement about 10 years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Florence.

Funeral services will be Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Morrison-Elkins chapel with Dr. R. L. Archibald officiating. Burial will follow in Tri-Cities Memorial Gardens with Morrison-Elkins directing.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home until time for the services.

The family requests that memorials be in the form of donations to Mitchell-Hollingsworth Annex; they may be mailed to R. C. Barnes, administrator.

He is survived by his widow, Bertha Vaughan Richardson; four sisters, Mrs. Frank Dawson, Columbia, Tenn., Mrs. D. I. Helms, Hohenwald, Tenn., Mrs. H. T. Rees, Mrs. I. N. Pitts, both of Florence, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Bearers will be employes of Richardson Lumber Company.

Slayer Of Former Local Resident Gets Life Term

SPRINGFIELD, Ky.—An Arkansas man accused in the fatal shooting of Jasper Brewer, 72, formerly of Florence, Ala., pleaded guilty to a murder charge and was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday.

William Earl White, 30, of Earle and Tyronza, Ark., was arrested last month near Portageville, Mo., The Associated Press reported.

Brewer, then a resident of Mishawaka, Ind., was found with a bullet hole in his head on a road near Springfield in September.

Circuit Judge Phillip Bertram said White gave no reason for the slaying.

Neutron Bomb Tests May Utilize Nevada Caverns

WASHINGTON (AP)—The underground test caverns in Nevada may be the site for the first tentative experiments on the theory of a neutron bomb—sometimes referred to as a "death ray" bomb—which would kill without leaving wide destruction.

When preliminary field research might start or whether it had begun was a tightly held government secret.

But the theory of an "N-bomb" seemed to suggest that the first step would be to find out whether the nuclear reaction would behave in a test as has been worked out by slide rule, computers and projection of nuclear physics facts.

The theory is that a harnessed nuclear detonation can be made to produce a burst of intense radiation by high-speed, deep-penetration, lethal neutrons—without creating the tremendous shock, intense heat and radioactive contaminations of present nuclear bombs.

Such neutrons, various experts have suggested, could penetrate steel and several feet of concrete. Similar speculation has come from Soviet scientists.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., who is one of the Congress members urging resumption of U. S. testing in the atmosphere, said Wednesday the United States must press "every possible effort to convert the neutron bomb from a theoretical concept to a practical reality."

Dodd said work on the project had gone as far as it could go without testing when the moratorium on tests began in late 1958.

He added in a statement: "The neutron bomb would not only be a far more effective battlefield weapon than any new available to us, it would provide us with the most effective anti-missile warhead nuclear technology is today capable of producing."

Sen. Clinton P. Anderson, D-N.M., chairman of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, who also has called for resumption of atmospheric tests, was quoted by the American Broad-

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October Permits For Building Rise Sharply

With the sizeable addition to the Florence State College library supplying the major boost, building permit activity in Florence and the Tri-Cities overall during October reached the second highest total for 1961.

The value of building as estimated by building permits purchased during October in the four towns was $1,295,328.10, second only to the $1,780,050 figure of June which included the Florence State science building.

Actually, however, Sheffield, Tuscumbia and Muscle Shoals City permit activity dipped slightly during October from September levels.

With Florence recording $1,150,028.10, Sheffield followed with $69,600, Muscle Shoals City an even $50,000 and Tuscumbia $25,400.

There were 31 new dwellings started during the past month in the four towns, including 19 in Florence.

Also permits were purchased for five fallout shelters, including three in Sheffield.

The Florence report showed 19 dwelling permits, 11 for additions and repairs, five new business buildings, one for a fallout shelter and another for a remodeling and repair job.

The business or community facilities included an addition to the FSC library, a shopping center on Florence Boulevard, a warehouse, a new Eastwood Church of Christ building, and a small furniture store.

In Sheffield, where W. E. (Pug) Ross replaced E. F. Tidwell as building inspector last month, permits were purchased for three fallout shelters at $1,000 each, as well as for five new homes to be built in the city. Carports, garages, building additions and repairs made up the remainder except for an addition to the Social Security office facility.

Tuscumbia's October construction permits were issued for two new homes, two alterations to dwellings and the one fallout shelter, the third begun in Tuscumbia recently.

Muscle Shoals City's residential building continued with permits being purchased for five new homes as well as two temporary homes being built along Woodward Avenue.

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Tuscumbia Theft Solved By West Coast Arrests

The arrest of a man and woman in San Diego, Calif., has solved a Sept. 7 theft of 42 checks from Bigbee-Morris Construction Co., Tuscumbia, Police Chief James Kimbrough reported.

Arrested were Florence M. Gates, 34, and Porter Helton Spikes, 38.

Spikes allegedly cashed 38 Bigbee-Morris checks for about $2,000, said Kimbrough.

The woman is accused of opening a $50 Tuscumbia bank account and then issuing checks in her name.

Kimbrough has issued a false pretense warrant for the woman in hopes of having her returned here.

A warrant will be issued for Spikes later, said Kimbrough, but it is doubtful if he will be returned since federal officials have a hold on him.

Some of the Bigbee-Morris checks were cashed in Florida, Mississippi, Texas and California. They also cashed checks in Decatur, Huntsville, Scottsboro, and Ozark, Ala., before crossing into Florida at which time the case was turned over to the FBI.

Spikes is also suspected of stealing some checks in Andalusia.

Library Entered, Damaged Badly By Burglars

The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library in Florence was burglarized sometime late Wednesday or early today, by someone who police believe "broke out of the building after being locked in at 9 p.m. Wednesday."

Detective Floyd Mitchell of Florence reportedly discovered fingerprints which may be useful in solving the break-in which caused damage estimated at more $300 to $500.

Library Board member Harold May of Florence reported that the burglary was discovered by the custodian E. H. Matheny of Florence, at 7 a.m. when he opened the library and began routine chores of cleaning up.

Desk drawers and closets had been ransacked and items left in a jumbled state.

Mrs. James Sisson, bookmobile librarian, and John Howard, bookmobile driver, arrived and discovered that doors to the basement and the first floor had been jimmied or forced from the inside and the bookmobile had been ransacked with filing cabinets entered.

The soft drink machine at the library had been stripped and the funds removed.

However, the burglars overlooked a bank sack including quite a bit more money than the soft drink machine, according to May who said this money was in a cabinet which wasn't bothered.

It was estimated that some 100 persons had visited the library Wednesday.

May said that police were of the belief that there were two burglars and that they must have been inside the library when it was closed at 9 p.m. Wednesday.