

The Muscle Shoals Daily

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The Weather

MUSCLE SHOALS AREA— Mild and today, clear and bright tomorrow. High today 68.

In Alabama: Farm Bill To Halt Loss Of 17,000 Acres

By BEN KNIGHT, News Editor

The compromise Farm Bill agreed upon Friday night by a Senate-House Conference Committee will prevent the loss of 17,000 acres of Alabama cotton land, believes Agriculture Commissioner A. W. Todd.

Under the measure approved by the conferees, reductions in the national cotton acreage allotments in '57 and '58 below the 1955's 17,391,000 acres would be prohibited.

Though not overly-enthusiastic about this development, Todd does view it as a first-round victory for North Alabama producers in their fight to regain cotton acreage lost under the unwieldy allotment law.

"We have at last stopped the movement of our cotton acre westward momentarily," he said Saturday, referring to the grass roots effort by the Cotton Hardship Committee. Todd added that "I believe this phase of the farm bill can be credited entirely to the untiring work of North Alabama farmers who have focused national attention on the inequities now existing in the cotton law."

But Todd who has served as the main spokesman for the Hardship Committee is far from satisfied. "We have just begun to fight," he declared, "and we're keeping fighting until we get back some of those acres they took away from us."

"And I can't see why we can't achieve our goal," the commissioner added, "just look at what the corn people did." An 18 1/2 per cent increase in corn acreage was included in the bill. Todd can't understand how they (the conferees) could do that.

Todd commented, "when the grass surplus problem is almost as great as the cotton problem."

Todd took a somewhat dim view of the bill proposal. "I'm anxious to see just how much benefit it will do to our small farmers and share-croppers," he said. "They're the ones who really need help."



FIRST PRODUCTS OF NEW TUSCUMBIA PLANT—Mayor E. J. Henninger, center, congratulates Allen Carroll, left, president and manager of Chickasaw Molded Products, Inc., Tuscumbia, as the firm displayed some of its new plastic boats that it is manufacturing at Broad and Sixth streets, in front of the Utilities Building. Walter Rhodes, manager of the Muscle Shoals Chamber of Commerce, is looking on. (Staff Photo.)

City Isn't Involved, Tuscumbia Firm Workers Eye Construction Of Plastic Boats

'Dispute Between Union, Builder' Many File For Local Positions

By DAVID MCCARTHY, Staff Writer

Announcement of new construction projects, such as the Sheraton Hotel to be built in Florence, and expansion at the industrial plants, has caused an increase in the job market at the Muscle Shoals. The Tru-Cities office of the Alabama State Employment Service in Sheffield.

Their active work application file increased from 1817 for February to 1608 in March, and job placements on non-agricultural jobs increased from 173 in February to 220 in March.

Meanwhile, claims for unemployment compensation decreased from 126 in February to 121. This was due mainly, they reported, to a number of individuals exhausting their claims, as well as to the advent of spring, resulting in more work.

A considerable number of workers in the construction trades are still unemployed, they reported. However, included in the 208 skilled workers drawing unemployment compensation were 67 electricians, 61 carpenters, 18 ironworkers and 38 plumbers, painters and bricklayers.

Chief Danley said the boys had been charged with disorderly conduct and ordered to appear in municipal court on April 14.

He listed their names as: Ronnie Underwood, North Street; Jerry Jeffers, Jackson Rd.; Danny Martin, Howell St.; and Bobby Higgins, Warsaw Rd.

"There are two others who have not been picked up but will be arrested as soon as we can find them," the chief said.

Chief Danley pointed out that the offense the boys were charged with splintering Negro tires with a fertilized balloon, could result in serious trouble. "Someone could be seriously injured," he said, "as the result of such actions on their part, the just don't tolerate these things," he added.

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Expansion To Cost \$1-1,500,000

The board of governors of Eliza Caffee Memorial Hospital, Florence, Saturday afternoon announced that it plans to enlarge the hospital in the near future at a cost of between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

An announcement, made through Mayor Walter Harrison, chairman of the board, said that two-thirds of expansion money will be obtained in the form of federal assistance under the Hill-Burton Act and the remaining will be put up jointly by the City of Florence and Lauderdale County in a fifty-fifty basis.

The hospital, a public institution, is owned jointly by the City and County.

Mayor Harrison said that neither the County nor City would have to increase taxmen order to carry out the expansion program in view of the fact that the hospital has leased some years ago a penny per block of cigarettes has just about paid for the first expansion of the hospital and its revenues will be used to pay off the City and County shares of the new expansion.

The new addition, when added to the present building capacity, will give an overall capacity of 220 to 240 beds, the Mayor said.

Actual facilities to be added will include enlargement of the kitchen four or five times its present size, operating rooms to be increased about four times, the nursery and maternity ward to be enlarged and administrative office greatly enlarged.

Mayor Harrison said the board has been aware of the need for expansion for some time. He said the hospital has been overrun with patients, approximating or exceeding its rated capacity, on a daily basis, and with really sick people at times on the halls, etc. instead of in their rooms.

Preliminary plans were begun last August when the local architectural firm of Elmer & Northrup was employed to begin work on the plans.

"We have recognized the need for some time and now we are ready to get started," he said, "and about it," he said, adding, "When our proposed addition is completed, the hospital will be able to handle a substantial write-up in the number of patients."

He announced at the conference that an active campaign will be launched by the hospital's board of trustees to secure the necessary funds. He said that the hospital's board of trustees is expected to wage a nationwide campaign to secure the necessary funds. He said that the hospital's board of trustees is expected to wage a nationwide campaign to secure the necessary funds.

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Benson Says Farm Bill Not Acceptable

Section of Agriculture Ezra Tolt Benson, right, Saturday, after a White House conference, says the new farm bill is not acceptable to him in its present form. Benson stands by his cor, left, and Undersecretary of Agriculture True D. Morse, left, had on hour's meeting with President Eisenhower. (AP Wirephoto.)

After Meeting With Ike: Benson Says Farm Bill 'Not Acceptable To Me'

By EDWIN B. HAASKINSON, WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Benson, put their heads together on the new farm bill today and afterward Benson described the measure as not acceptable to him in its present form.

Whether Eisenhower would veto the bill if it reaches him in the form approved by a Senate-House Conference Committee was not clear, the air, James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said.

"I believe a transitional price support at 82 to 85 per cent on basic crops this year might be approved," said Aiken, who often speaks administration views on farm policies.

The bill approved late yesterday by the committee was a compromise between two versions previously passed by the two chambers. It goes back to the House Monday, with a note indicating that the bill is to be passed by the House.

Polio Vaccine Supply Rapidly Increasing

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE, AP Service

NEW YORK, April 7.—One great burning question remains about the milk polio vaccine: when will it be available in quantity?

The prospects are fairly good, according to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Estimates are for 100 to 150 million doses or more to be produced this year.

A year ago headlines blared that the milk vaccine is "safe, effective, and ready for use." That verdict is still sound and valid on this first anniversary.

Leading experts have no question about its safety. "As safe as any humanly quantifiable," said Dr. Leonard Schele, surgeon-general of the U. S. Public Health Service. "As safe as any biological product can possibly be," adds Dr. Hart F. Van Riper, medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Only One Segregation Bill Survives

By REX THOMAS, MONTGOMERY, April 7.—Only one of the "separate but equal" bills introduced at a recent special session of the Alabama Legislature managed to survive the veto of Gov. James E. Folsom.

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At The Theatres

SHOALS—The Court-Marginal of Billy Mitchell, CinemaScope, color, with Gary Cooper, Charles Bickford, Bud Sargent. Feature 2:34, 5:46, 7:42, 9:38.

PRINCESS—The Hum in a Comedy with Mickey Rooney, Van Johnson, Donna Reed. Also "Dangerous When Wet," color, with Esther Williams, Fernando Lamas, Jack Carson.

WILSON—Love is a Many Splendored Thing, color, CinemaScope, with William Holden, Jennifer Jones. Show starts 8:45.

MARY—To Catch A Thief, with Grace Kelly, Jack Grant.

Bloodiest Fighting Yet Hits Algiers

ALGERS, Algeria, April 7.—Nearly 200 were killed today in the fiercest fighting since the Algerian rebellion and French President Charles de Gaulle's troops were reported asking for 200,000 more soldiers to put down the rebels.

The biggest battle was near Djelf in the Nememtha Mountains of east-central Algeria. United States officials said the rebels had lost about 100 men in the fighting about 25 killed and 200 wounded.

One version said the rebels shot down two helicopters and captured a mortar, and some automatic weapons. But the guerrillas broke contact after two days fighting, and the battle was believed to be over.

Some 500 miles across Algeria near the Morocco-Algeria frontier, French acknowledged five dead and 400 wounded in the fighting. Other engagements, most of them in the Constantine area of eastern Algeria, accounted for 40 deaths and 100 wounded.

Lacoste, in Paris, to ask the government for reinforcements, said in an interview he gave his command five months to smash the rebellion, and \$200 million. Chemical and allied industries, he said, would be asked to contribute to the effort.

Nearly 40,000 Workers In Shoals Area

The T. P. Jones Co. has a new division which will employ 40,000 workers in the Muscle Shoals area.

A total of 20,000 workers will be employed in the new division. The division will be located in the Muscle Shoals area.

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