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AZALEA TRAIL CELEBRATES ITS 24TH YEAR

Mobile, Ala. — The most elaborate, most extensive program of entertainment ever planned during the 24-year history of the internationally famous Azalea Trail Festival is scheduled to start on Feb. 1 and continue through March 25.

The 35-mile Azalea Trail, one of the longest floral routes of its kind in the world, is the major attraction which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors into this historic Gooch city each year, but visitors while they are in the city also have a daily program of planned entertainment which they can enjoy.

Among the feature attractions during the 1953 festival are Camellia Show and Exhibit, Feb. 1, sponsored by the Men's Camellia Club of Mobile; thousands of entries and a magnificent display; Mardi Gras celebration, Feb. 5-17, parades, street dancing, motor boat races, a carefree period of "hair-raised fun" and Crafts Town, Fairhope, Ala., a neighboring town on beautiful Mobile Bay famous for its pottery, woodcraft, metalcraft, English folk dancing, etc.; coronation of Neva Jane Langley, '53 Miss America, as Azalea Trail Queen on Sunday, March 1st in historic Bienville Square; "Holiday on Ice," one of the nation's top ice shows, in Ladd Stadium, March 10-14; Mobile Opera Guild production of "Marriage of Figaro," March 24-25.

Added to these feature attractions will be tours of historic homes, local music and dramatic productions, sports events, and garden tours.

Visitors to Mobile's Azalea Trail festival will also have the opportunity of seeing Bellingrath Gardens, "The Warm Spot of the Deep South," some twenty miles south of the city, "an architect's most beautiful garden sections."

Jack Sprinkle, Azalea Trail president, has announced that "1953 should be one of the finest years for the Mobile Azalea Trail and we shall welcome visitors from the forty-eight states."

HANGE OVER AT COURT HOUSE MONDAY

Monday, January 15, will be moving day for three county officials and the inauguration of three new county officials.

James H. Tompkins will succeed John E. Sockwell as Probate Judge, Curtis Spangler and Paul Keeton will swear in as members of the board of revenue, taking the places of J. O. Sheffield and Wilford Linn.

Mrs. W. Lee Stanley begins a new year term as circuit court clerk, having been elected three successive times.

Miss Wesley Williams will remain chief clerk in the probate office, a position she has held faithfully and efficiently held for 25 or 30 years.

MRS. NATIONAL SHOWS INCREASED EARNINGS, DEPOSITS

The First National Bank had a most satisfactory year last year, the figures reported at the annual meeting of the shareholders recently.

Marshall Shugder, cashier, reported that in 1952 brought a substantial increase in the bank's earnings and deposits averaged materially higher than during the preceding year.

The board of directors elected was the same as last year, being Dr. E. S. Rogers, L. E. Hamlet, Robert McRitchey, Charlie Morris, Marshall Shugder and Sam R. Leggett.

PLENTIFUL FOODS LIST FOR JANUARY

Auburn, Ala. — Wise food buys in Alabama this month include plentiful, home-grown greens, turkeys, pork and milk products, and broilers.

"And," says an API Extension Service bulletin, "an ample supply of oranges, tangerines, and raisins are in hand for the budget-minded homemaker's use."

Other plentiful foods are dried peas, grapefruit, almonds, filberts, walnuts, and honey. Eggs are more plentiful and lower in price than in recent months. Dairy foods in good supply include dry skim milk, buttermilk, and cottage cheese. Frozen fish is also plentiful.

Finally, vegetable shortening, salad oils and table salt are abundant, and there is plenty of fuel at very reasonable prices.

TWO 80-YEAR-OLDS BURIED AT SHEFFIELD

Two Sheffield octogenarians were buried at Sheffield Saturday. They were Walter Brooks, 87, and James Ursted Crowell, 82.

Services for Mr. Brooks, who died Friday at Mitchell-Hollingsworth Hospital, were conducted at the Brown-Service Chapel in Tusculumbia, by the Rev. W. Sheffell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in Sheffield Oakwood.

A resident of Sheffield since 1886, Mr. Brooks was employed by the Southern Railway for 50 years, retiring in 1942.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lela Brooks; three sons, R. W. Brooks, Bedford, Ind., Howard W. Brooks, Enterprise, W. H. Brooks, Jr., Sheffield; two daughters, Mrs. Christine Pugh, and Mrs. J. B. Quinn, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother, W. W. Lila Wiltshire, Jacksonville, Fla.

Services for Mr. Crowell were at Brown-Service Chapel in Tusculumbia, by the Rev. G. T. Prater, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Guy Cemetery.

He had for partner, Mr. Crowell was reared in Cherokee and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Agnes Britnell Crowell; six sons, A. A. Crowell, Gadsden, C. C. Crowell, Taylor, Mich., E. A. Crowell, W. W. Crowell, J. A. Crowell, Tusculumbia, R. E. Crowell, Sheffield, L. L. Crowell, of the U. S. Army, L. O. Crowell, of Noblesville, Ind., one daughter, Mrs. C. N. Donald, of Noblesville.

PAY POLL TAX ON OR BEFORE FEB. 1

Tax collector Joe Foster states that payment on poll tax is lagging and those subject to this tax should call by his office and pay up on or before February 1.

"The poll tax collected goes to the schools and none to the tax collector for collecting it, so if you would help the schools and at the same time be prepared to vote pay up by the deadline, Feb. 1. There are only sixteen days left."

HERRY BAKER HEADS CATTLEMEN OF COLBERT

The Colbert County Cattlemen's Assn. has elected Jerry Baker of Sheffield president for 1953, succeeding Messrs. W. L. Eason and J. W. Preull, Leighton, vice-president; Ben Richardson, assistant county agent was named secretary-treasurer.

Directors named included Clarence R. Hester, of Red Rock, H. G. Carpenter, of Muscle Shoals, Earl B. Hurs, of Tusculumbia, Wesley Smith of Leighton, Joe King of Leighton and Elbert Reid of Cherokee.

FOUR SHOALS AREA STILL ARE DESTROYED

ABC agents recently destroyed four stills in the Muscle Shoals area and in one raid almost caught the operators, who left their coats behind as they made a hurried get-away.

The combined capacity of the stills was about 4,000 gallons.

The stills were in the Muscle Shoals City area near Reynolds plant; the other two in the Mynot community, south of Cherokee.

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MOTHER OF MRS. AARON DAVIS PASSES AWAY

Mrs. H. C. Quillen, North Jackson St., Russellville, died at her residence Friday morning after an illness of several days.

Final rites were held Sunday afternoon from the Russellville First Baptist church, with Rev. T. B. Beale, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in K. P. cemetery.

Active pall bearers were Dr. Ralph Underwood, E. M. Nash, Charlie McEly, J. H. Hester, F. J. Weatherford, Clarence James, Strat Byars and Grady C. McCollum.

Survivors are five daughters, Miss Orville Quillen of Russellville, Mrs. J. W. Noland of Nashville, Mrs. Sie Madore of Sheffield, Mrs. Aaron Davis of Tusculumbia, Miss Frances Noland of Russellville; one son, Judge W. E. Quillen of Russellville; eight grand-children, and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Quillen was born in Franklin county and had lived there all her life. She was a member of the Baptist church.

EDITORIAL GRIST

AN EDITOR PHILOSOPHIZES

We ran across the following from one of our exchanges and it appears to be so good we pass it on to our readers:

"The editor has lived in divers and sundry places and can say we have lived just about the same in all the places. Some liked us and some didn't. Our reputation for truth and veracity has been just about the same as here. Our credit has always been fair to middling. We have never failed to pay all our help every Saturday night with checks that passed muster. We have never been a church leader and a shinning social light. We have played poker, drank whiskey and kept out of jail so far. We have always admired the ladies and trust we will never get too old to love them. There are no skeletons in our closet that the public can find. The door is open. We sprung from ancestors who were too honorable to hire another's servant and who dispised hypocrisy and deceit, and we are not a candidate for office when we make these declarations."

LET US BUILD THIS COMMUNITY UPON GOOD WILL

Communities built upon a foundation of good will toward all, a sincere effort toward honest dealing with our fellow men, are the communities that will endure long after others founded upon a less liberal application of the golden rule have passed away.

It is the earnest wish of every true member of this community that it shall grow and prosper. Each one is anxious and willing to do his share toward promoting this growth. Each may do his share by doing each day his daily task in the best way he knows how.

Confidence in our home institutions, in our neighbors, and a pride in our local developments of both private and public nature will make for the progress and growth of this home community of ours.

Running a newspaper is just like running a hotel only different. When a man goes into a hotel and finds something on the table which does not suit him, he does not get up and raise hedges with the landlord and tell him to stop his darned old hotel. Well, hardly. He sits that dish on one side and wades into some of the many dishes that suit him. It is different with some newspaper readers. They find an article occasionally that does not suit them exactly and without stopping to think it may please hundreds of other readers, make a grand stand play of their supreme astinety and hasten over to stop their paper.

Why all this fuss about the location of the new highway? Let's have it no matter what route it takes. We can see no reason why heavy trucks and buses that never spend a night or a dime in the town should lumber through our main streets all at hours making life miserable for the citizens.

GYPGRATING JOHN GYPGRATES AGAIN

As was expected even sooner, Senator John Sparkman has launched a determined effort to restore himself to the good graces of Alabama voters, whom he thrust to the rear when given a chance to attain new glory as the Vice-President nominee of the Democratic party.

Gypgrating John's bid for continued support by voters of his home state came in the form of a statement endorsing present Senate rules governing filibusters.

"I think the Senate's present filibuster rule is all right as it is," declared Valliant John, after a coalition of local Southern Democrats and conservative Republicans had routed radical elements in both parties on the touchy issue.

"I supported the rule to the beginning and I will stay by it," he said.

Besides favoring retention of the present rule, Sparkman said he also was against the method used by the anti-filibuster forces in their season-long fight. They argued that Senate rules did not automatically carry over from one Senate to another.

"I think the Senate is a continuing body and felt that their motion was completely out of order," Sparkman said.

He added that "any tampering with the rules ought to be considered very, very carefully and ought not to come up on the spur of the moment."

SPARKMAN ALSO CONTENDED THAT ADVOCATES OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION WERE GOING ABOUT THE PROBLEM "BACKWARDS" WITH THEIR TALK ABOUT SMASHING FILIBUSTERS

Sparkman also contended that advocates of civil rights legislation were going about the problem "backwards" with their talk about smashing filibusters.

He said he long has felt that civil rights problems were rooted primarily in economic causes, adding that as economic conditions have improved there has been "a considerable lessening of civil rights tensions."

Insofar as these tensions persist, he said, proponents of civil rights measures, instead of "trying to force through cure-all legislation" would do better to agree "to sit down and try to work out a settlement."

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ALEXANDER NUNN SPEAKS AT ATHENS COLLEGE

Agriculture and Farm Life will be presented in its modern possibilities and future growth by the editor of the Progressive Farmer, January 27, 8:00 p.m. at Athens College Auditorium. Alexander Nunn is a native of the state, born at Iockhopes, and is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is a farmer, an editor and a great rural life leader. He knows the problems of Alabama farmers as few people know them.

ENGINEERS OF ALL KINDS NEEDED FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN OVERSEAS AREAS: ALASKA, JAPAN, EUROPE, OKINAWA, NORTH AFRICA, IRELAND AND AUSTRIA. POSITIONS AS DRAFTSMAN, ENGINEERING AID, AUDITOR, ACCOUNTANT ARE OPEN IN SOME OF THESE AREAS. SALARIES FOR THESE JOBS VARY FROM \$3,000 TO \$8,000, WITH THE LARGER NUMBER OF THE ENGINEERING POSITIONS CARRYING A SALARY OF ABOUT \$5,000 OR \$6,000 PER YEAR.

Interested persons may obtain further information from the local post office.

COURTHOUSE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY BURNS

Russellville — Fire destroyed the main building of the Franklin County courthouse here Monday and firemen were barely able to save an annex and court buildings.

Loss was estimated at nearly \$500,000.

The principal building, built about 50 years ago, housed the probate office, the sheriff, tax collector, tax assessor and the circuit court. Local J. Sibley, Standard Oil Co. employee, discovered the blaze about 6:30 a.m. when he saw smoke and flames in the probate office as he was on his way to work.

Cause of the fire had not been determined.

Russellville firemen were joined by a company from Tusculumbia in fighting the blaze. The Franklin county building was built here after fire destroyed one at Bolger, formerly the county seat, late in the last century.

Most of the records on the first floor of the three-story courthouse were saved, but those on upper floor and those in the circuit clerk's office were lost.

RECORDS BURNED INCLUDED THE VOTER'S LISTS.

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J. H. McCOLLUM PASSES AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

James Milton McCollum, 72, of 904 West 12th avenue, Sheffield, died at County hospital last week.

Born in McNair county, Tenn., Mr. McCollum came to Tusculumbia in 1919 from Memphis. He was in the dairy business with his brother for a number of years, was later with the Tusculumbia water mill, and then in coal business. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

On New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. McCollum celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. He had been in ill health for the past 24 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Jane Hardin, mother of his daughter, Cheriene, a nurse, his son-in-law, Luther L. Sherwood, all of Sheffield, and a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. VAUGHN

Mrs. Mamie Blankinship Vaughn, 46, of Cherokee, died at the Colbert County hospital Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Final rites were conducted at the Vaughn residence, with burial in the Barton cemetery last Wednesday. William Threet, pastor of the Cherokee Church of Christ, officiating.

Survivors include the husband, James Vaughn of Cherokee; the mother, Mrs. Ella Blankinship of River-ton; one sister, Mrs. Lester Fisher of Athens; four brothers, Howard Blankinship of Tusculumbia, Herbert Blankinship of Valdosta, Ga.; Macon Blankinship of Baton Rouge, La.; and J. R. Blankinship, Jr., of Guntersville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

PIGS SAVED ARE DOLLARS EARNED

Every pig saved puts dollars in the grower's pocket, and it really takes about five pigs per litter to break even.

"Therefore," states the API Extension Service, "the sixth pig in each litter is really the first money-making pig."

Realizing these facts, many farmers are finding that farrowing jackets or crates are excellent pig savers or money makers during the farrowing season.

AVERAGE RATE AMERICAN DEATHS THREE A MINUTE

Montgomery — Americans died in 1949 at an average rate of about three a minute.

The State Department of Health called attention to a tabulation prepared by the National Office of Vital Statistics, showing that deaths in the United States from all causes during that 12-month period totaled 1,443,807. The Alabama total, based upon reports prepared by the State Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics, was 26,600.

COLBERT HEIGHTS MAPS SUMMER WATER PLAN

Colbert Heights, located atop the Russellville Mountain, is planning measures to insure a sufficient water supply in the summer when many wells go dry.

The Colbert Heights Civic Club is working on a plan to install a water system patterned after the Tusculumbia Water Works to supply the homes on the mountain.

The club also has voted to place "Welcome" signs at each entrance to the community on Highway 48.

ALABAMA REVENUES INCREASE OVER A MILLION

Montgomery, Ala. — State Revenue Commissioner Joe Edwards has disclosed an increase of more than a million dollars in Alabama tax collections for December, over the preceding month.

As a result, the first quarter total for the 1952-53 fiscal year is nearly 14 percent above last year. The first quarter total is \$34,729,891, an increase of \$4,132,000 over the period last year.

The Revenue Department's collections from 40 taxes amounted to \$11,553,255 in December, compared to \$10,328,908 for December, 1951.

Business taxes, the largest state during the three month period if tax collections are a good barometer of retail trade.

The three per cent levy increased 20 per cent, from \$11,951,551 in 1951-52, to \$14,371,538 this year. The December total is \$4,306,535 was a \$549,188 increase over December, 1951.

The gas tax brought in \$3,266,921 last month and \$10,188,528 for the fiscal year to date, a six per cent increase.

Income tax receipts were \$1,778,817 for the month and \$2,196,438 for the year to date. The 3.5 per cent tobacco tax amounted to \$684,472 last month. For the fiscal year to date the levy has yielded \$2,018,424 compared to \$1,944,795.

IN THE SERVICE

With the 2nd Infantry Div. in Korea — Percy A. Everhart, brother of Patrick Harris, Sheffield, Ala., has been promoted to sergeant first class while serving in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Division captured "Heart-break Ridge" in October, 1951 and took "Old Baldy" last July.

Everhart joined the 2nd last June and has been in the Army since February.

With the 7th Infantry Div. in Korea — Army PFC Billy F. Sledge, whose wife, Jane, lives at 710 Raleigh Ave., Sheffield, Ala., recently completed his fifth month in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division.

The 7th has fought continuously in Korea since its landing at Inchon in the fall of 1950. During its two years in combat in the mountainous terrain the division has battled in every sector of the peninsula. Elements of the 7th were the only U. S. forces to reach the Lahu River.

Sergeant William H. Batters, a 3rd Field Artillery Battalion.

He entered the Army in January last year.

MOVIE PROGRAM

TUSCUMBIA — Tusculumbia Friday, January 15 — with Gene Barry, Lydia Clarke.

Saturday-Sunday, January 17-18 — THE SHEEP — starring Ray Milland with Rita Gam.

Monday-Tuesday, January 19-20 — MILLION DOLLAR MERMAID — Technicolor, starring Esther Williams, Victor Mature.

Wednesday-Thursday, January 21-22 — MONTANA TERRITORY — Technicolor, with Lon McAllister, Wanda Hendrix. Plus special added attraction — Walt Disney's WATER BIRDS — A True-life adventure in Technicolor.

COLBERT — Sheffield Saturday, January 17

Double-Feature — Tech-nicolor, with John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Joanne Dr. Walter Brennan. Also

HAWK OF CHARLES STARRET

Sunday-Monday, January 18-19 — MONTANA TERRITORY — Wanda Hendrix. Plus special added attraction — Walt Disney's WATER BIRDS — A True-life adventure in Technicolor.

Tuesday-Wednesday, January 20-21 — O. HENRY'S FULL HOUSE — starring Marilyn Monroe, Farley Granger and others.

Thursday-Friday, January 22-23 — MILLION DOLLAR MERMAID — Technicolor, starring Esther Williams, Victor Mature.

SHOALS — Florence Friday-Saturday, January 16-17

FLAT TOP — in Cinecolor, with Sterling Hayden, Richard Carlson.

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