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TVA Budget Placed At 11 Million This Year

The President's budget, including recommended TVA expenditures, provides an estimated \$11.3 million for two new navigation locks in the southeastern Tennessee Valley area.

New 110 by 600 foot locks at Guntersville and Hales Bar Dams, and the soon to be completed main lock at Wheeler Dam, are part of the planned expansion of facilities required to meet the demands of increasing river traffic. Each lock will have the capacity to enable nine modern "jumbo" barges to move from the mouth of the Tennessee River to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

When the new lock at Wilson Dam was placed in service in November 1959, providing large locks in all projects below Wheeler, the critical bottleneck to traffic movement on the Tennessee River was shifted upstream. Construction will begin on the Guntersville lock 74 miles upstream from Wheeler, in March 1963, with an estimated operating date of June 1965. The existing 60 by 350 foot lock will remain in operation as an auxiliary lock. The 1964 fiscal year budget provides \$8,700,000 for continued construction on the lock, estimated total cost of which is \$16,500,000.

Beginning construction on the Hales Bar lock, 82 miles upstream from Guntersville, will require \$3,050,000 during fiscal year 1964. On-site construction is scheduled to start in March 1964, with a proposed operating date of mid-1966. The present 60 by 265 foot lock, oldest and smallest on the Tennessee River, will remain as an auxiliary lock. Estimated total cost of the project is \$22,000,000.

The new auxiliary Wheeler lock, rebuilt and enlarged in 10-12 months following failure of the original lock in June 1961, will supplement the new main lock when scheduled for operation in April 1963. Construction on the lock began in October 1960. Estimated total cost of the main lock is \$16,500,000.

Labor School At Sheffield Saturday Night

Officers of local unions in the Tri-Cities area will participate in a government-sponsored labor school on the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act Saturday night, January 26.

It will be held at the Carpenters Hall, 408 Nashville Avenue, starting at 7 p.m. and will last from two to three hours.

Arranged by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor-Management Reports, the school will provide an intensive review of LMRDA reporting requirements. It is designed to be of immediate assistance to union members who have a current interest in annual financial reports now required from labor organizations.

This is one of five schools planned for North Alabama. Others are scheduled for Birmingham, Jan. 21; Bessemer, Jan. 22; Jasper, Jan. 24; and Anniston, Jan. 25.

Blown Fuse Confusion Can Be Easily Avoided

AUBURN—When a blow around your house, confusion often results.

"The right identification of wiring circuits at the fuse box will speed up the job of replacing a blown fuse," says Bill Cox, Auburn University farm buildings specialist. "Many times circuits are identified when the fuse box is installed, but if this is not done, the following tips will be helpful," says the Extension Service staff member.

Turn on all the lights in the house. Remove one fuse, trip one breaker. Go through the house and make a list of all the lights which have gone out. A small table lamp may be used to check outlets.

Replace this fuse and continue this procedure until all circuits have been checked.

Attach this information to the inside of your fuse box. Then you'll have it handy the next time a fuse blows.

Remember, keep extra fuses in a convenient place. This will save you an extra trip to town.

"100 YEARS AGO"

MUD MARCH BOGS DOWN

Since the Battle of Fredericksburg, on December 13, 1862, both the North and the South armies remained near the scene of battle. They faced each other across the Rappahannock River as a dividing line. One hundred years ago this week, General Ambrose Burnside headed down and across the river with his troops across the river. He hoped first to dislodge the Confederate army on the south bank and then continue his desired march on to Richmond.

Starting his dismounted "mud march" to find a crossing, he soon encountered an ice run which blocked his way on January 20th and continued for three days in the rain and resulting mud. The infantry could only creep. Double teams were required for the artillery and the pontoon trains could not move at all. The mud march was bogged down and the dream of a Federal officer said what he needed would be "50 men, 25 feet high, to work in mud 18 feet deep."

By January 23, Burnside had become the center of so much criticism that even President Lincoln realized he must be replaced. "Fighting Joe" Hooker, known for his drinking, his swagger and his boastful fighting was chosen to replace Burnside.

During the icy rainstorm, with the Federal mud march bogged down, the Confederates across the river were not faced with fighting, but were faced with an almost desperate task of trying to stay alive. Huts were built of any available material and heated by wood fires. In the area whole forests disappeared as trees were cut for wood fires.

All the while the soldiers were not only cold, but were homesick and hungry. From Spotsylvania Heights, thousands of Confederates wrote home on such topics as food, furloughs and clothing—but most of all about food.

Hillman Has Opening Of 416 Bed Nurse Home

Opening of the 416-bed Nurse Student Residence and the 16-bed Clinical Research Unit along with the second consecutive year of averaging more than 500 patients a day highlighted activities of the University Hospital and Hillman Clinic during the 1961-62 fiscal year, according to information released this week by Matthew F. McNulty, Jr., Administrator.

Other significant developments reflected in McNulty's statement were the continuing number of patients referred from a wide geographic area and the dramatic upswing in number and types of Laboratory and X-Ray procedures provided to these referral patients.

University Hospital continued its high national ranking during the year as one of the busiest acute general hospitals in volume of service rendered to patient. The Hospital ranked 31st among all hospitals and 21st among top university teaching hospitals in the United States.



PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (RH)NC—Marine Private Robert E. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Richardson of 1607 30th st., Sheffield, Ala., completed recruit training, Jan. 9, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

The indoctrination to Marine Corps life includes instruction in basic military law, discipline, physical conditioning, and other military subjects. Three weeks are spent on the rifle range, where recruits fire the M-14 rifle and receive instruction on other infantry weapons.

EDITORIAL GRIST

MEREDITH VENTURE NEARS AN END

James H. Meredith, Negro student at the University of Mississippi, served notice that he will withdraw from the school after the first semester unless certain conditions which he lays down are met by officials of the school. Attorney General Bobby Kennedy aided his bid by asking that the Meredith demands be complied with.

The University of Mississippi officials are yet to be heard from, but it would be reasonable to assume that they will pay little or no attention to either Meredith or Kennedy.

There is a persistent but unverified rumor going the rounds that Meredith has been laying the groundwork for his withdrawal by failing to make passing grades.

All indications now are that he will make good his threat to withdraw, and that he will be assisted in reaching this decision by failure to make passing grades. President Kennedy, his brother, Bobby, and all others concerned, should feel proud of the parts they have played in this costly experiment. Estimates place the cost of entering this one Negro in the school and keeping him in it for the brief time he has been there at about four million dollars. It has caused rioting, bloodshed and the death of two men.

At one time there were more than 20,000 federal soldiers and marshals stationed in Oxford.

It has disrupted the school, disrupted race relations, and now it is drawing to a close with the hero of the act falling in his studies.

It was deemed to be smart politically to put on the big show, and was thought to assure the Negro vote in the big cities of the North for the party in power—all at taxpayers' expense.

Only recently the Federal government awarded a contract for army barracks at Oxford, these barracks to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$75,000 and to house troops stationed there to guard Meredith. Now that Meredith is to withdraw, will the government spend this sum on anything?

So, with the average taxpayer's report, his Social Security tax report, his unemployment tax report, his sales tax report and a few other assorted tax reports, he can at least find comfort in the assurance that his tax money is being spent wisely and without waste.

It is a noble experiment in which our top officials have been engaged and its termination amply justifies their judgment—or does it?

A LOOK INTO THE PAST

In this technological age when mass production has brought shorter hours and working conditions never dreamed of a half century ago, we take for granted our high standard of living with its television, deep freeze, electronic cooking, high powered automobiles and jet planes. When something new comes out we buy it, many times when we don't even need it.

Just to let us know that we might appreciate this push-button age we live in, just a little bit let's take a look at what some of our forebears had to put up with.

The following notice, reprinted by request, was actually posted in an American factory in 1872 as a policy statement for employees of the Mount Canby and Wagon Works.

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES
Effective September 15 the following rules will apply. Office employees will daily sweep the floors, dust the furniture, shelves and showcases.

Each day hill lamps clean chimneys and trim wicks. Wash the windows since a week.

Each clerk will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's business.

Make your pens carefully. You may whittle your nibs in your individual taste.

This office will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. daily, except on the Sabbath, on which day it will remain closed. Each employee is expected to spend the Sabbath by attending church and contributing liberally to the cause of the Lord.

Men employees will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go regularly to church.

After an employee has spent 13 hours of labor in the office, he should spend the time reading the Bible or other good books, while contemplating the glories and building up of the Kingdom.

Every employee should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum for his earnings, for his benefit during his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.

Any employee who smokes Spanish cigars, uses liquor in any form, gets shaved at a barber shop, or frequents pool or public halls, will give me a good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

The employee who has performed his labors faithfully and without fault for a period of five years in my service, and who has been thrifty and attentive to his religious duties, is looked upon by his fellowmen as a substantial and law abiding citizen, will be given an increase of five cents per day in his pay, providing a just return in profits from the business permits it.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"Before you tell me how I am physically, Doctor, let me tell you how I am financially!"

Appeal To All Alabama Veterans

Montgomery.—An urgent appeal to all veterans and dependents to return their income questionnaires to the Veterans Administration was voiced today by Walter C. Head, Jr., Director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

Head stated, "Current information indicates that in Alabama over 9,000 income questionnaires have not been returned by veterans and dependents who are receiving Veterans Administration non-service-connected pensions and parents of deceased veterans receiving dependency and indemnity compensation." Head further stated that this presented a grave situation, since failure to return the questionnaires by January 31, 1963, would result in suspension of pension payments and possible repayment of all pension received during 1962.

The Director stated, "We realize that people are prone to put things off until the last minute, and suggest with a sense of urgency that the questionnaires be completed and returned by January 31, 1963."

The Department of Veterans Affairs is ready, willing and able to assist in completing the questionnaires. "Head also added, and we recommend that the County Veterans Service Officer be contacted for expert assistance, since errors in reporting can also result in termination of payments."

J. H. Christopher, Veterans Service Officer for Colbert County, located at 105 West 5th Street, Tusculum, Ala., states that he is anxious to assist, since he does not wish to see a single person cut off the pension rolls for failure to return questionnaires.

Summer Science Institute At Montevallo

MONTEVALLO—Alabama College's seventh Summer Institute for High School Science Teachers will be conducted at the state liberal arts college this year from June 10 through August 17.

Announcement of the 1963 summer program was made this week by Dr. Paul C. Bailey, chairman and professor of biology at AC and director of the Institute.

Operating under a \$93,300 grant from the National Science Foundation, the institute will offer graduate study opportunities to science and mathematics teachers at both junior and senior high school levels.

Bailey said some sixty stipends will be awarded from the NSF grant. These stipends will include \$75 per week during the 10-week institute, a maximum of four dependents, and a travel allowance of four cents per mile up to \$80 for one round trip from the participants' homes to Alabama College.

Bailey emphasized that the institute is not restricted to stipend holders. He said a limited number would be permitted to attend at their own expense.

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Review of Alabama Business Last November

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Employment in Alabama was generally lower in November for the second year in as many months. Total nonagricultural employment was 772 thousand in November, down counter to the typical seasonal pattern. The Bureau's adjusted index of nonagricultural employment stood at 101.8 in November, the lowest since 1954. Almost 2,000 fewer workers were employed by manufacturers in mid-November, accounting for most of the 2,400 over-the-month decline in total nonagricultural employment. Trade employment (wholesale and retail) increased in November, however, as the Christmas increase in the retail labor force apparently got underway somewhat later than in past years. The Bureau's adjusted trade employment index fell one-half of one per cent. Unemployment rose for the second consecutive month to 5.8 per cent of the civilian labor force at mid-November, up almost one per cent from the 4.9 per cent annual low in September.

Financial and trade indicators for November were mixed. Automobile sales in Alabama in October and November, the first two months of the new model year, were up 16 per cent from a comparable period in 1961, and sales for this period were the best since the record of 1955. The Bureau's index of debts to demand accounts in eleven leading Alabama cities, based on the totals from October to November, but the November gain over the same month a year ago (5 per cent) was less than the average year-to-year increase of 7 per cent.

Consumer prices at mid-November were unchanged from the previous month, but were 1.3 per cent over November a year earlier. Prices received by Alabama farmers in November were 2 per cent lower than in both October 1962 and November 1961.

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