

Conservation Dept.'s Report Wins Praise From Gov. Patterson

Montgomery, Ala. — Pointing to "notable achievements" by the divisions of parks, seafoods and forestry, Gov. John Patterson this week commended Director William C. Younger for his "able and conscientious director" of the State Conservation Department.

The governor paid tribute to Mr. Younger's department after receiving a year-end report of activities during 1959. The report cited the reorganization of the seafoods division, the employment of a new parks division chief and the distribution of more than 200 million tree seedlings as major gains of the year.

"Under Mr. Younger's leadership, the Conservation Department is doing a splendid job in developing our natural resources," said Gov. Patterson. "Our citizens are more interested than ever before in outdoor recreation, and the Conservation Department is doing its best to provide them with the services they want and the excellent public facilities they deserve."

Head of one of the state's largest departments, Mr. Younger supervises state parks, public lakes, game management areas, and state-owned lands in addition to many other duties, such as administering the new safe boating laws and policing the seafood industry.

Taking over as parks division chief during the year as Brig. Gen. Jack Parsons, a veteran National Guard officer, immediately launched a long-range program for development of the state parks system. To work with him, the Legislature appointed a new active Parks Study Commission.

During 1959, state parks clocked nearly three million visitors, of whom 60,000 were cabin guests. This is almost equal to the total.

65,000 New Drivers Looked Under New Law

Alabama has a potential of 65,000 new drivers. Governor Patterson has signed into law Senate Bill 41, which further amended Section 41 of Title 36, Code of Alabama, 1946, which will permit 15 year old persons to obtain learners permit.

The Alabama law relating to learner's permits has been amended to read as follows: "Any person not less than fifteen years, but not more than sixteen years of age, may obtain a permit to learn to operate a motor vehicle upon application to the Judge of Probate of the county in which he or she resides, which permit shall entitle such person to operate a motor vehicle when he or she is accompanied by a parent or his or her legal guardian who is duly licensed in this state as a motor vehicle operator or when accompanied by a licensed or certified driving instructor who is actually occupying a seat beside the motor vehicle operator. The application for a learner's permit shall be accompanied by a payment of a fee of fifty cents, to be distributed as provided in Section 61 of this title, as heretofore or hereafter amended; and the age of the applicant must be substantiated by the applicant filing with the Judge of Probate a certified copy of his or her birth certificate. A permit issued under this subsection shall be in such form as the Director of Public Safety may prescribe. It shall expire on the day after the holder thereof becomes sixteen years of age; and when the holder subsequently applies for a driver's license, the certificate thereof shall be prima facie evidence that the permit holder was fifteen years of age, or older, on the date of its issuance. Such a permit may be suspended or revoked in the same manner and for the same causes as a driver's license and may be revoked for any violation of the terms and conditions on which it was issued.

Destroy Cotton Stalks To Control Boll Weevil

AUBURN, Ala. — Destroying cotton stalks after harvest is an important method for controlling boll weevils, says Auburn Extension Entomologist Jerry Ruffin.

And it is still not too late to do a good job of destroying Ruffin also recommends cleaning up turn rows, ditches, and farm buildings to aid in boll weevil control.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 To Be Voted On February 16, 1960

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Alabama:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama is proposed, and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved and proclaimed as prescribed by law.

"The Legislature shall not hereafter be general, special or local law authorized the State Highway Department of any other agency of the State of Alabama, other than a court of county commissioners, board of revenue or like county governing body, to assume responsibility for the construction, repair, or maintenance of all county roads or bridges within a county unless the assumption of such responsibility by the State Highway Department or other state agency shall be approved by a vote of the duly qualified electors of the county in which such roads be at an election held for such purpose, in the manner that may be prescribed by law. Provided, the State Highway Department or other state agency may engage in the construction, repair or maintenance of a county road or bridge upon written agreement signed by the director and a majority of the members of the county governing body, and provided further that the Legislature is not prohibited from authorizing the highway department or other state agency to designate certain routes or roads within a county as a part of the state highway system."

Alabama Baptist Evangelistic Conference Meets Jan. 25-26

MONTGOMERY — The 13th annual Alabama Baptist Evangelistic Conference will meet in Tuscaloosa, at the First Baptist Church, Jan. 25-26, 1960, announced state evangelism secretary Ralph E. Longshore.

The conference, traditionally draws the largest group of evangelists in the state, and will follow the theme "Evangelistic Awareness" in 1960. According to Longshore, more than 2000 Alabama Baptist pastors, church members, and denominational leaders will attend the Tuscaloosa meeting.

Monday, Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m., the conference will open, and it closes at 6 p.m., Tues., Jan. 26. Host pastor of the first Baptist Church is the Rev. Lucius B. Marion.

Among the top out-of-state speakers are Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., the largest church in the South; Dr. C. Y. Dossey, associate in the evangelism division of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. John Havlik, secretary of evangelism, Kansas Baptist Convention; and Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Grady Cothen, now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, is among the principal speakers on the program from Alabama. Others include Dr. A. Hamilton, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Executive Board; Dr. B. Locke Davis, Anniston, president of the Alabama Baptist Convention; and Dr. Leslie Wright, president of Howard College, Birmingham.

A special feature during the convention will be the Howard College, A Cappella Choir directed by George Koski, head of the music department.

Education Groups Commend Governor Patterson's Program

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Autauga County Board of Education and the Cullman Teachers' Assn. have addressed resolutions of appreciation to Gov. John Patterson for his efforts in behalf of education.

"Gov. Patterson, along with certain leaders of the Legislature, work- ing untiringly and intelligently in securing needed support for the passage of measures which will greatly improve the schools of Alabama," said the Cullman teachers in their resolution.

The Autauga board need a parcel of state-owned land for a new educational facility, and Gov. Patterson ordered the land sold to the school board. "His actions have demonstrated in a most convincing manner his interest in the development of education in this county," the board said in its resolution.

EDITORIAL GRIST

PEACE, GOOD WILL — KU KLUX VERSION

The race hate mongers are at it again. At a time when there should be peace and good will among all men, they have reared their mean ugly heads and have decreed that a Negro high school band should not march in the Christmas parade that was to be held in Monroeville today.

This is the same Negro high school whose bands have marched in the Monroeville Christmas parades for the past seven or eight years. This is the same Negro high school whose leaders have through the past several years of racial discord, exercised extremely sound and careful judgement in efforts to avert any crisis which both white and colored alike might regret.

Yet these race hate mongers, whose spokesmen are known to be leaders in the local Ku Klux Klan group, have decreed that they should not march. When their efforts to intimidate the Kiwanis and Civitan Club committees which are sponsoring the affair failed they turned toward the Negroes and, through intimidation of future violence, coerced them into declining to participate in the parade. The fact that the Negro leaders pulled their band out of the parade is positive proof that they desire no violence.

Neither do the majority of the white people of Monroe County, but yet we should by and large establish this county as one of bigotry. We deplore their actions in our everyday conversations but we carry it no further. The Negroes are threatened, the white organizations are "told" what procedure they should follow in regard to Negroes in attendance at their meetings. Klansmen are allowed to parade through Negro communities without fear of reprisal. And, as a result, a handful of radicals have about come to the conclusion that they can dictate the policies of every organization in Monroe County.

We don't think so and we are happy to state that the joint Kiwanis-Civitan committee that is sponsoring the parade feels as we do. We are confident that the vast majority of the memberships of these two organizations feel the same way.

Therefore we suggest that these Klansmen who have set themselves up as masters of the racial situation in Monroe County assert their bravado properly by pitting themselves against opponents of equal caliber. The Negroes can't fight back, they've got two strikes against them before they start; but this newspaper can. So can the Kiwanis Club, so can the Civitan Club. We all believe in segregation but we likewise believe in fairness and good will toward all men. There is no good will or fairness in the ways of the Ku Klux Klan — The Monroe Journal.

"AGE OF THE SHODDY"

"This was the era, domestically, when everything was half done, the era, in foreign affairs, when nothing was done right because nobody seemed to care enough to exercise the foresight and take the pains to see that it was done right. This was the time when the job on the car was always half finished, the suit came back from the cleaners half dirty, the yardwork was overdone and underdone, the bright new gadget broke down a week after you got it home, the prices climbed higher and higher as the quality got less and less, and the old-fashioned rule of a fair bargain for a fair price was indeed old-fashioned, for it never applied to anything. The Great Age of the Shoddy came upon America after the war, and Everybody Wants His became the guiding principle for too many."

Thus Allen Drury describes the postwar era, in his remarkable novel "Advise and Consent" — a work in which he uses the vehicle of fiction to present an extraordinarily revealing picture of Washington's political, diplomatic and social world.

The accuracy of his indictment is undeniable. Yet, in the immediate postwar years, it was possible to find seemingly valid excuses. The relocation of war tensions resulted, naturally enough, in emotional and financial excesses. An attitude of "live for today and never mind tomorrow" became general. On the purely material side, the lifting of wartime restrictions on industrial production created an eager and apparently insatiable market for almost anything, no matter how poor the quality or exorbitant the price.

Had this sorry situation spent itself in a reasonable time there would have been small cause for worry. But who can honestly deny that the dark picture Mr. Drury paints is still — in the fundamentals, if not all the details — the picture that obtains in this country?

The problem, of course, is a moral problem. The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, the Rt. Reverend Richard Emrich, speaks for the churchmen of all the denominations when he says: "Everywhere I travel I hear arguments, but I never hear a moral argument, with someone saying, 'this is wrong, or unjust, or dishonest, and I will have nothing to do with it.' I think we are floundering as a people."

And there lies the tragedy. For the basic strength of any nation rests in its moral strength. All the weapons, all the production capacity, all the money on earth, cannot save a people from ultimate destruction if their moral fiber decays, their national character rots, and they sink into an abyss of material cynicism, indifference, selfishness, avarice, greed.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Dr. L. N. Duncan, Auburn director, informs the legislature that the public schools should be considered in appropriations. Mr. Tragedy struck the Automobile Shells resident when in a automobile accident near Little Rock four young men were killed enroute to the Rose Bowl game in California, the dead being Howard Huddleston of Birmingham, and Mrs. E. Sheffield, Al Sheffield, C. C. Grant of Sheffield, A. W. Williams of Tuscombina and Phil Anderson of Florence, Herbert Carmichael of Tuscombina was badly injured. Congressman A. H. Carmichael leaves to resume his duties in Congress. Mrs. E. D. Bailey, Jr., and daughter, Martha Porter of Decatur, visited Mrs. E. D. Bailey, Jr. Porter. Mrs. W. L. Schmid continues ill at her home on Dixon street. William S. Halsey of Corinth returns home after a visit here for the holidays, he is connected with the TVA. Miss Rebecca Hamilton returns to Athens to resume her study at Athens College after a holiday visit home. Mr. Frank Tompkins and Margaret Tompkins leave for Washington. Mr. McCoy Hearn of Sheffield and Miss Lurline Cook of this city leave for Little Rock. Robert Holliman leaves for his home in Tuscaloosa after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Holliman. Miss Lila Bell Haney resumes her studies at Athens college. Colbert Chapter DAR meets at the home of Mrs. Armistead Algood.

With Mrs. Bruce King, Mrs. Percy King and Miss Kate McGinn assistant hostesses. Mrs. W. L. Schmid, president of the program being in charge of Mrs. W. T. Burkett. Mr. and Mrs. Clayburn Curry of Nashville, recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curry. Miss Rochelle Beck of Birmingham guest of her sister, Mrs. Marshall Duke. Mrs. Marjorie Moore of Arkansas visited in the home of Judge and Mrs. N. P. Tompkins. Miss May Goodwin Anderson visiting her sister, Mrs. Cris Ransom in Belton, Texas. Mrs. F. E. Wells of Tuskegee visits her daughter, Miss L. E. Spaw. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yeager of New York, Mrs. William Yeager of Ashville, guests of their mother, Mrs. J. C. Walker. Miss Helen Wood returns to her home following a visit here with Miss Rebecca Hamilton. Laurie Battle of Birmingham-Southern visits George Wesley Williams. Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and daughter spend holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Pierce. Mrs. John W. Johnson returns from a visit with her mother in Greenville, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curry report the birth of a daughter.

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Kingston Steam Plant. Work is continuing on installation of electrostatic precipitators in the plant's nine units.

Fort Loudoun Dam Bridge. This is being constructed under contract, with completion scheduled in 1961.

Wilson Dam lock work will continue this year on deepening one of the old locks and construction under a contract of a lift span on a railroad bridge below the dam. The new lock is in service.

Nearly 250 miles of transmission lines are under construction. Several new substations are being built, and others are being expanded. Other transmission lines and substations work are in the designing stage. Among planned construction jobs planned for the year are: Steel gates will replace flashboards at Chatuge and Nottely Dams; yard improvement and cleanup work at the Johnsonville, Gallatin, John Sevier and Shawnee Steam Plants; new visitors' buildings at Norris Dam; installation of car for incinerated railway at Fontana Dam; property maintenance building at Cherokee Dam. In addition, design studies for a new lock at Wheeler Dam will go forward and arrangements between TVA, the State of Tennessee, and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads for a bridge across the Pickwick Dam will be worked out.

Dr. Frank Rose Heads March of Dimes

Dr. Frank A. Rose, University of Alabama president, has been appointed to a "National Board of State Chairmen for the New March of Dimes."

Serving as speakers before state, regional, and national organizations, the group of veteran campaigners will carry the objectives of the New March of Dimes across the nation this winter.

Dr. Rose, who is serving his second consecutive year as state chairman for the Alabama March of Dimes campaign, previously served in a similar capacity for Kentucky.

The new unit will consist of ten other state March of Dimes chairmen from California, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Washington, Kansas, and South Dakota.

Leighton Man Stabbed Assault Is Charged

A 28-year-old Leighton area man was treated and released from Colbert Hospital after suffering stab wounds in an altercation with another man, later charged with assault with intent to murder.

Tom Crowder of Rt. 1 Leighton was treated for the stab wounds which were not serious according to hospital attendants.

Arrested on a warrant sworn by Marie Crowden, wife of the stabbing victim, was Red Smith, also of Rt. 1, Leighton. Smith later was released under bond by Colbert County authorities.

Preliminary hearing will be held Monday, January 11 in Colbert Law and Equity Court.

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TVA Enters New Year With Many Construction Jobs

TVA enters 1960 with nine major and a number of minor construction jobs on the books on which some 5,700 engineering, construction, and related workers are expected to be employed by July, an increase of 700 from the present 5,000. Three of the construction jobs which will be started this year are being built under contract—the bridge across the Fort Loudoun Dam, the Knoxville power service center and general garage, and a railroad bridge span at Muscle Shoals. All other construction is with TVA's own forces. Some of this will get under way in 1960, the balance started in previous years will be continued.

Like all government agencies TVA keeps its accounts on a fiscal year basis—from July 1 to June 30. For the current fiscal year—which includes the first six months of calendar 1960—TVA has budgeted construction expenditures of about \$138,000,000.

This is the work which TVA faces in the new year:

Wilson Dam hydro generating units. Each of these three units will have capacity of 54,000 kw and all are scheduled for operation in 1961. Wheeler Dam hydro generating units. The capacity of each of these three units is to be 32,400 kw; their completion is scheduled for late 1962.

Widows Creek Steam Plant. A 500,000 kw unit is about two-thirds completed, and operation is scheduled for late 1960.

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TVA announced transfer to the U. S. Department of the Interior of 393 acres on Pickwick Lake, in Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, Ala. The land is on both banks of the lake at the site of a bridge which the National Park Service proposes to build as part of the Natchez Trace Parkway. Use of the TVA land in connection with the construction of the parkway was anticipated in the early land use studies of the Pickwick project.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Weaver left recently to attend the funeral services of Mr. Weaver's brother-in-law, Ben Norris, in Hartselle. Mr. Norris died last Sunday morning in the Block- Chandler Clinic there.

Miss Suddie Palmer Harrington has returned after a Christmas holiday with her brother, H. Harrington, and his family in East Tennessee.

THESE WOMEN!

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