

# Colbert County Reporter

## Unheralded Business Men Given Credit For Economy

Birmingham, Ala., — October 4 — The South's unheralded business men today were given major credit for the dynamic forward drive of this region's economy by Dr. Frank J. Soday, vice president and research director of the Chemstrand Corp., Decatur, Ga.

In a speech prepared for delivery before a group of Alabama textile mill executives assembled to pay honor to their guests, the county home demonstration agents of Alabama, Dr. Soday said:

"The last half of the present century belongs to the South, and its rate of growth and standard of living will be limited only by the vision and ability of its industrial leaders."

Dr. Soday said the progressive southern business man has been the prime mover in the sweeping advance in the standard of living of the region and has assisted the people of the area as a whole in attaining those goals which the great religious and moral leaders have long envisaged.

"Once living in splendid isolation, the average top executive today spends up to one-third of his time in community affairs. Business today looks upon its work through the eyes of the community and carefully considers the total welfare of the area in making decisions," he added.

"The home demonstration agents to the textile officials listening to Dr. Soday's address were members of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers Association. The state's home demonstration agents were at the meeting as guests of the textile industry.

Textile officials said it was the industry's way of saying "Thank you" to the home demonstration agents for their continuing fine contribution to the community and home life of all Alabamians."

Speaking of the South's rapid economic growth, Dr. Soday said that during 1956 the chemical industry completed \$1.1 billion worth of new plants in the South equivalent to 36 percent of the nation's total.

"Some 1,060 major manufacturing plants were completed in the area in 1956," he noted, "and preliminary figures indicate that this number will be equalled or exceeded in 1957."

Dr. Soday said the total value of products turned out by southern plants last year was five and one half times greater than in 1939 and well ahead of the corresponding increase for the nation as a whole.

"The South led the nation in expansion in thirteen industrial groups, tied in three, and lagged in only four since 1948," he added.

Touching briefly on agricultural advances in the South, Dr. Soday praised the continued diversification of farms. He particularly praised the rapid gains made by southern pine in recent years.

"Southern pine at long last has become its own. The virtues of Association, sponsoring organization come into its own. The virtues of sound forest management have been preached so well that the region now has 65 percent of all the tree farm acreage in the country," he said.

Dr. Soday added, however, that the south still must create many additional jobs if it expects to hold its own 1,389 home demonstration clubs with people and stop their flow to other regions for employment. He said in 4-H clubs for girls.

## TUSCUMBA HOUSING AUTHORITY PLANS BEING RECERTIFIED

The City of Tuscumba's workable program under the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency has been recertified for the year, October 1, 1957, through September 30, 1958.

The announcement was made Friday by Albert M. Cole, Housing Administrator in Washington, who said the annual recertification is required to enable the Housing Administrator to review a community's accomplishments during the year. Such certification qualifies a city for various types of Federal assistance in carrying out its program of urban renewal.

Tuscumba specifically completed two of three items planned at the time of the original certification a year ago.

The items completed included revision of its plumbing code and adoption of a housing code, revision of the major street plan and zoning ordinance and completion of a land use plan, community facilities plan and a public improvements analyses by March of this year. This goal was not quite met, although considerable progress was made and the completion is now expected during the new period of certification.

Under the plumbing code and housing code plan, the city adopted the plumbing code Part III of the Southern Standard Building Code. It adopted as its housing code the minimum housing code prepared by the Alabama State Planning and Industrial Development Board.

The long range land use plan was approved in October 1956. The city's zoning ordinance was revised. A revised major thorough fare plan was adopted in March of this year. A community facilities plan was approved in June of this year and a public improvements program was also approved in June.

The city also made progress on its urban renewal project, the South Hill Urban Renewal plan which is now in the final planning stage. This is a 12.1 acre project which will be redeveloped primarily for non-residential use.

Attorney Leo Berryman serves as executive director of the Tuscumba Housing Authority and as such has worked with the City Commission in carrying out the various requirements during the first year.

Engineer Sydney Alexander of Sheffield is planning consultant for the Urban Renewal project.

In order to accomplish this, 500,000 new jobs will have to be created each year for the next ten years. He cited this as one of the greatest challenges now facing industry in the area.

He called for greater effort on the part of the South to provide better education for more of its people noting that this region has 25 percent of the nation's industry but is providing only 17 percent of the country's scientists and engineers.

W. C. Estes of Opp, Ala., chairman of the public relations committee of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers Association, sponsoring organization come into its own. The virtues of sound forest management have been preached so well that the region now has 65 percent of all the tree farm acreage in the country," he said.

He traced some of the progress made by these women, noting that in Alabama's 67 counties there are 1,389 home demonstration clubs with people and stop their flow to other regions for employment. He said in 4-H clubs for girls.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

### LEARNING THE HARD WAY

"The Trojans learned the hard way that you don't get something for nothing. The question now is whether the forty-eight states will learn the same lesson."

The Saturday Post's editorial deals with federal grants to the states for all manner of purposes. The states used to take care of themselves — sewage plants, industrial — safety programs, health research, etc. In 1947, these grants came to \$1,678,000,000. This year the total was about \$4,272,000,000. It will be much higher next year if present plans go through.

What this means is the states are living off the federal government to an ever-increasing extent. According to the Post, 20 states in a late year were beholden to the federal government for at least a fifth of their revenues. In Wyoming the proportion was 43 percent — nearly half. In Missouri it was 32 percent.

The Post quotes a statement made by an authority in 1952. He said, "If present trends in Federal-state relations continue for another quarter century, the states may be left hollow shells, operating primarily as the field districts of Federal departments and dependent upon the Federal treasury for their support. That forecast was as accurate as it was ominous. Is this what the American people want?"

### WHERE NEGROES OWN CADILLACS

Archbishop C. J. George-born Negro churchman from Harlem, continues to give sound advice to his race in the face of overwhelming pressure by organized minorities.

Speaking before the opening session at Dutchtown, La., of the national convention of the African Universal Church, Bishop Addison termed racial integration "damnable for the Negro."

Bishop Addison also attacked the civil rights bill passed by Congress. "No laws and no groups of lawmakers can give the Negro or anyone else civil rights," he said, "Rights have to be earned from within a man."

He praised the lot of the Negro in the segregated South, commenting, "There are half a million Negroes in Harlem. Yet not a single toothpick factory or any kind of business is owned by a Negro. They work they even manage, but you? You have to come South to find a Negro owning anything."

Here is testimony to which every Negro should give ear, and the Times-Journal thinks it will be substantiated by large numbers of racial leaders throughout the South.

And well it should, for many of these South Negro financiers own as many Cadillacs, in as many colors, as Elvis Presley. — Selma Times Journal.

### PLACE FOR BIPARTISANSHIP

A short time ago the Young Republican National Federation held its convention in Washington and drew up a platform. At least one of the plans — that on public welfare — deserves the endorsement of everyone, regardless of political affiliation.

It reads, in part: "Health statistics reflect the remarkably high level of health of the American people. Our life expectancy continues to increase, the more serious communicable diseases, including poliomyelitis, are being brought under control. Unexcelled sanitation programs have produced safe food and water; advances in industrial hygiene have brought protection from industrial hazards; research in medical science has pushed nearer the day when successful prevention or treatment of cardiovascular diseases and cancer may be achieved; voluntary health insurance of many different kinds has been made available through competitive enterprise; it is cushioning the shock of the cost of illness to the majority of our people."

"We support the free-enterprise system in health because of its proven ability to achieve its objectives. We oppose all efforts to impose Government compulsion on the medical profession and other healing arts through health insurance or any other proposal that seeks that end."

The plain factual record is the best possible argument against socialized medicine or government-bossed medicine. The Young Democratic Clubs of America are to meet in Reno next November and draw up their platform. It is to be hoped that their health and welfare plank is in consonance with that of the Young Republicans. For here is one matter where there really can be bipartisan agreement as to principles.

### THE ASIAN FLU DISPUTE

The statement by Dr. D. G. Gill, state health officer, disputing the opinion of California doctors that Asian flu vaccine is (1) senseless or (2) could be dangerous, is reassuring to the public but the issue must still be confusing to many.

Dr. Gill, who never makes a flat statement until he's certain of the situation, cites the fact that the Army, Navy, Air Force, American Medical Association and Public Health Service have all agreed that the vaccine is not only advisable but a necessity.

As he pointed out, on any medical or scientific question it is possible to find a few dissenters. And certainly we would not challenge Dr. Gill's position. However, we will pass along the opinion of the New York Scientific Advisory Committee on Influenza. In a report to the New York City Board of Health, the committee came to these conclusions after studying the vaccine and the flu since July:

Because of the mildness of the disease there is no great concern about any epidemic in the city.

It is impossible at this time to estimate how many cases there might be if an epidemic were to hit.

The exact value of the vaccine currently being used as a preventive of Asian influenza has not yet been established.

The most sensible use of existing supplies of vaccine is to reduce absenteeism among those engaged in essential work.

Although Asian flu is spreading throughout the world, it has remained a mild illness of short duration. Complications and deaths have been few in comparison with the number of cases. This epidemic does not resemble the 1918-19 flu epidemic.

This does not contradict Dr. Gill, of course, but does seem to put the conflicting views in more reasonable perspective. — The Montgomery Advertiser.

**SCHEDULE FOR F. S. C. SET FOR HOMECOMING**

11:00 — Homecoming parade.  
11:30-12:30 — Lunch period-open house (dormitories).  
2:00—Kickoff, FSC vs East Tennessee State.  
3:00 (approx.) — Crowning of Homecoming Queen and other halftime ceremonies.  
6:00 — Barbecue.  
8:00-11:45 — Homecoming dance, semi-formal, at College Gymnasium.

A day left over from summertime, with warm temperatures and balmy breezes, is ideal for laundering those wool blankets, soon to be returned to use. The breezes will hasten drying and restore the blanket's fluffiness.

Nylon curtaining is resistant to soil, moisture, moths, mildew, and stretching. However, it is weakened by sunlight and may yellow with heat.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

### As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Tuscumba's new officials are sworn in, being W. L. Farr mayor; H. S. Sargent, E. H. Henninger, Robert Beasley, E. H. Craig and T. C. Morris, aldermen. Walter F. Miller appointed democratic campaign chairman of Colbert county by State Executive Chairman Jerome T. Fuller and will co-operate with the county Chairman John D. Rafter, Jr. According to John Yarbrough, county farm agent, dairy farmers of the county are laying away large crops of feed for winter use.

Judge N. P. Tompkins voices his opposition to the plan of the state to revert the county one cent gasoline tax to the state highway department. E. J. Henninger is principal speaker for the Kiwanis club's meeting at the home of Rev. D. C. McNutt, delegates were elected to the state convention at Gadsden, being S. R. Mapes, J. W. Rutland and Clarence Underwood. John Hurd returns to his home in Birmingham after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Karran. F. R. King is a Leighton visitor. Walter Bennett returns to his Tuscaloosa home after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. James Wood in Sheffield. E. N. McClain has accepted a position with the Tuscumba Lumber Co. Representative Chas. Carmichael and Mrs. Carmichael return to Montgomery. Mrs. W. T. Burkett, Wyatt Burkett and Mrs. W. A. Ware visit in Birmingham. Mrs. J. T. Haney and Miss Lilla Belle Haney visit in Jasper. Mrs. Emmett King and Miss Annie Lile of Leighton are Tuscumba visitors. Mrs. Chas. Thigpen is home from a trip to Washington. Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Gregory are visiting in Virginia. Clay Frazier returns to the University of Alabama after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Frazier. Mrs. Bradley McWilliams has returned from a visit with Mrs. James Walmsley in Bethlehem, Pa. Mrs. Rebecca Henry is hostess to the Matrons Card club. The wedding of Miss Helen Blackburn and Lear Wainwright of Athens takes place in the Methodist parsonage in Florence, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blackburn. Miss Annie Pride Tompkins entertains for Mrs. J. J. McPeake (Manelle Burkett) at a luncheon.

## LEIGHTON RETAINS ITS ALDERMANIC GOVERNMENT

In Monday's election at Leighton the Citizens of the town, to a tune of 157 against the plan to change the form of government from aldermanic to a commission and 64 for a change. The voting Monday was a clear cut victory for Mayor Roy Berryman, who with his councilmen, opposed any change. They had, too, the help of a big majority of the electorate. It was a more than two to one victory.

## Presbyterians From Sixteen States Gather At Miami

Miami, Fla. — A stream of Presbyterian men from 16 Southern states flew into Miami October 10, (today) for the beginning of a Men's Convention that is expected to be the largest gathering of Protestant men in American Church history.

Ten thousand or more laymen and ministers from throughout the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern Presbyterian) have gathered for the October 10-13 convention. Advance registration passed 5,000 by the close of September, and additional registrations continue pouring in.

The host state Florida, lead in registrations, with more than 1200, North Carolina, with 975, Georgia with 450, and South Carolina with just over 400 were following the leader in that order.

From all parts of the South, chartered planes, trains and buses brought the Presbyterian leaders. From one church in Texas, the Highland Park Presbyterian Church of Dallas, three privately owned DC-3's were donated to bring that church's delegation, free of charge. Also from Texas came the Texas Men's choir, made up of singers from throughout the state. It is under the direction of Dr. Wayne Bedford of Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

Top-flight speakers from throughout America and from three foreign countries, are included to address the convention. Included were Dr. Billy Graham the evangelist; Dr. Theodore Adams of Richmond, Va., president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Louis Evans of Hollywood, Calif., minister-at-large for the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; Jose Balbino, Protestant layman of Brazil; Elder Isaac Kanyinda, leading Christian of the Belgian Congo; Howard Budd of Corpus Christi, Texas, outstanding young businessman and Christian leader; and Dr. Jas. A. Jones, Richmond, Va., president of Union Theological Seminary.

Spectacular stagings and very extensive exhibits are a part of the convention Dinner Key Auditorium, where the convention is being held, is prepared to serve approximately 15,000 persons, including the wives of many of the delegates, who are attending.

Registration figures for other Southern states includes 375 from Alabama, 175 from Arkansas, 75 from Kentucky, 150 from Louisiana, 160 from Mississippi, 75 from Missouri, 35 from Oklahoma, 225 from Tennessee, 275 from Texas, 325 from Virginia, 160 from West Virginia, and 28 fraternal delegates from several other denominations.

## THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alless



"He turned out to be an English major at Yale — and I thought all along he was in the British Army!"

**PRACTISE SAFETY... PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN!**

DON'T LEAVE HOT COOKING UTENSILS OR APPLIANCES WHERE THEY CAN BE EASILY PULLED OFF. AVOID INJURY AND SCARS!