

## Unemployment 'Cheaters' Are Closely Watched

**MONTGOMERY** - Several years ago a young California woman organized fictitious corporations in various parts of the state, had each of them covered by the unemployment compensation program and placed her name on the payroll of each corporation as an employee.

Her expansive "corporations" were designed for one thing and one thing only - beat the unemployment compensation law. Before being detected and prosecuted, she had collected many thousands of dollars in benefits.

This instance gained nationwide publicity, and brought the unemployment compensation program under a barrage of criticism as being a "cheater's paradise."

"Here in Alabama we have many similar cases of people trying to claim benefits while they are working," State Industrial Relations Department Director Jack Giles said, "but our fraud investigation agency is doing yeoman work in detecting unemployment compensation cheaters."

Not long ago, a young Birmingham man had to postpone his wedding for 90 days to serve a jail sentence for fraudulent claims to benefits. He had been working while receiving unemployment compensation.

"When asked by the judge why he had claimed benefits in a criminal manner, the young man replied: 'I was saving to get married.'"

"Actually the unemployment compensation program is designed to serve as a bridge between your old job and a new one," Giles said, "it is an insurance policy which pays a small check each week while you are out of work." But these benefits may be received only if an employee loses his job through no fault of his own, if the employee is able to work, and if the employee wants to work, Giles stated.

Annually thousands of unemployment compensation claims are filed in Alabama, and an audit is made on each claim. This audit involves matching payment histories for claimants with wage records of employers covered by the Alabama law. Through this method, many falsified claims are detected.

Field investigations are also made by a trained staff of investigators who not only detect claim frauds, but also prevent many individuals from filing false claims. These investigators are constantly reviewing claims in the 39 local employment security offices and checking various "leads" of illegal claims.

"The major objectives of our fraud control program," Giles stated, "are to prevent fraud and chiseling in claims, to reduce such actions on the part of claimants to a minimum, and to apprehend and punish claimants who violate the law.

"There can never be complacency about this problem. We know that to retain the confidence of the public, employers and the overwhelming majority of workers in the employment security program, we must continue our vigorous efforts to achieve our objectives," Giles said.

## Overall Financial Status Of SS Program Sound

There is reassuring news for residents of this area in a new booklet, just published by the Trustees of the two social security trust funds, John W. Robinson, social security district manager, said.

According to the Trustees, Mr. Robinson said, "the overall financial status of the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program is sound."

Income from the schedule of tax contribution rates now in the law, the booklet points out, "is estimated to produce adequate income to pay the benefits now provided in the law to all present and future beneficiaries, and to pay the administrative expenses of the program, without any subsidy from the general funds of the Treasury."

C. Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury, is the Managing Trustee of the social security trust funds. The other two Trustees are W. Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor, and Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The new publication, Mr. Robinson said, is a summary of the detailed annual report submitted by the Trustees to Congress earlier this year. By law, the Trustees are required to report to Congress each year on the operations and status of the two social security trust funds during the previous fiscal year and the anticipated operations and status on into the long range future.

The summary of the report contains the following highlights: "It is stated in a foreword, 'It is information on the many millions of people whose economic security depends, at least in part, on the continuing financial soundness of the program.'"

"The new publication of the Trustees and the combined assets of the trust funds will increase by an estimated \$3.1 billion over the 5 calendar years 1963-1967. While there will be an overall increase in the assets of the trust funds, the assets of the smaller of the two funds - the Disability Insurance Trust Fund - is expected to decline.

"The Trustee has therefore recommended that the law be changed so that a small portion of the increase in social security contribution rates scheduled for 1966 will be allocated to the Disability Insurance Trust Fund. 'If this is done,' say the Trustees, 'it is estimated that both parts of the program, as well as the program as a whole, will have enough income from contributions and from interest earned on trust fund investments to meet future benefit payments and administrative expenses.'"

"Such an allocation would not affect the overall soundness of the program," the Trustees state, "but would make for a more reasonable distribution of income between the two parts of the program." "No increase in the contribution rates is necessary; merely a reallocation of the rates between the two funds."

"The status of the Social Security Trust Funds," are available upon request from the social security district office at 204 Annopolis Avenue, Sheffield, Alabama.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

**A COMMENTARY**

The action of the Senate in approving the treaty banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere was, in its way, a grimly vivid commentary on the world we live in.

The favorable vote, 80 to 19, was much larger than the required two-thirds majority. But there was little exultation, little feeling that a really long step toward world peace had been taken. It is fair to say that most of those voting for the treaty, Democrats and Republicans alike, did so with reservations. And the President, in his message urging approval, made it clear that no millennium is to be expected.

Why, then, was this treaty approved, and without amendment? The answers are several. World opinion of peoples everywhere was certainly an element. So was the feeling that any measure of control over nuclear weapons is much better than none. An overriding consideration was that the admitted risks in the agreement will prove to be outweighed by possible gains. And, finally, a question of U. S. world prestige and leadership was at stake.

Beyond all this, the fact remains that the Soviets have violated solemn treaties directly, or by subterfuge. It is this that must be watched with infinite care in the present case, and the President has promised that it will be done. We, along with more than 100 other nations, now have the treaty and the hopes that go with it. Will they be fulfilled?

**OUR INTELLECTUAL POVERTY**

The editor of the Grove City, Ohio, Record expresses long overdue criticism of our educational system which, with all its demands for more tax money, is failing woefully in one of its most vital functions. He says, "It is an ironic wrinkle in the American pattern that in the midst of unparalleled material wealth, there is intellectual poverty. Survey upon survey, study after study have dramatically demonstrated our youth are woefully ignorant of the most fundamental concepts of the functioning of a successful free enterprise economy.

"Students by the hundreds of thousands are being graduated into the competition of the market place without even a basic understanding of the vital incentive role of profit, the promise of automation and job expansion, of the responsibilities of both labor and management.

"A nation that has produced the finest free education system the world has known is endangering its strength by neglecting the vital traditional role of a free people—passing along their wisdom to their progeny.

"We have mounted the heights of global leadership through our commercial and industrial genius. Yet, through economic education is a subject almost unknown to our schools. It is long past time we completed the curriculum."

**DEATH IN THE HUNTING SEASON**

Another hunting season is upon the land. Millions of Americans will take to the woods this fall in quest of every form of game from cottontail rabbits to Canadian moose. All will go with hopes of success and of returning proudly home with filled bags.

But, the American Medical Association tells us at least 200 of these hunters will not return under their own power. They'll be brought back dead—the victims of hunting accidents involving guns.

The rules of gun safety are fairly voluminous—but they're also simple, founded on the hard rock of down-to-earth common sense. Here are some of the basics:

Know what you're firing at before you pull the trigger—which means be certain that rustle in the brush was by a deer, and not another hunter.

Never climb through or over a fence without first unloading the gun.

Never shoot at a flat, hard surface—ricochets can wound and kill.

Never look down the barrel of a gun to see if it's loaded. And keep the safety on until you're ready to shoot.

Keep guns and ammunition away from children.

Be absolutely sure guns carried into camp or home are unloaded. Keep them cased until your hunting area is reached.

Remember that alcohol and guns can be a lethal mixture.

In sum, treat a gun with the respect it deserves. Work on the principle that it's always loaded and ready to fire, even though you know it isn't. Then all the armies of hunters—youself included—will come home under their own power.

**CLOUD OF LUNACY BEGINS TO BREAK**

The clouds of lunacy which have enveloped Birmingham in recent weeks may be dissipating themselves. Gaston, the wealthy Negro lawyer, home man, and Shores, the leading Negro lawyer in King, Jr., in his recent strong exception to Doctor Martin Luther King's his usual custom of making new and more stringent demands Birmingham, hence this latest ultimatum. His demands this time are backed by the threat of a drastic boycott against the whites.

Happily, neither Gaston nor Shores cotton to the idea of this boycott. A boycott advocate sometimes works much as a clumsy oom as well. Gaston and Shores know this. They know that the white man. Gaston is a good example. He has insurance agents in the Blackbelt. It would not be a difficult matter for the white man, if he so desired, to keep these agents off his land in Hale and hurt Gaston unless Gaston starts hurting the white man. This is inclined to follow the leadership of Martin Luther King, Jr., to re-member.—Greensboro Watchman.

**Telephone Company Enriches School Fund**

Alabama's educational system received a \$1,872,349.33 boost recently when Southern Bell Telephone Company paid its state license or privilege tax to the Department of Revenue of the State of Alabama.

Wallace R. Bunn, Southern Bell assistant vice-president, presented the check to Phillip J. Hamm, Alabama's commissioner of revenue. The payment goes into a special educational trust fund, which is appropriated by the legislature for educational purposes only.

The payment is part of an estimated \$7,200,000 tax bill to be paid by Southern Bell to the State of Alabama and to the counties and municipalities of the state for the year 1963, exclusive of income, social security and excise tax payments to the federal government.

Don't place electric cords in door jams or under rugs. Constant closing of the door will damage the insulation. So will walking on the cord.

The best way to remove a dog hair from clothes is to moisten a rubber sponge and rub the cloth lightly.

**Destroy Old Stalks, Cotton Farmers Urged**

**ACBURN** - The state's cotton farmers enjoyed a sharp reduction in boll weevil numbers this year, but what about next year and the next?

Extension Entomologist Jim Buttram is urging cotton farmers that insects overwintering on old stalks.

So, according to the Auburn University expert, there's just one way to stop this hibernation - destroy the stalks.

Buttram says that if all Alabama cotton farmers will take part and help get rid of the weevil's preferred food and breeding places, they will be well on the way toward stopping one or two weevil generations next spring.

"Better yet, farmers can help further by not allowing an early infestation in any unworked fields," he adds.

Soggy biscuits are the result of too much liquid, too little fat, or baking at too low an oven temperature.

If a "ring" remains on cloth after removing a spot, try steaming the area over a kettle of boiling water.

**Mrs. Carpenter Hosts Gardeners**

Carmichael Terrace Garden Club welcomed a new member, Mrs. Charles Losser, when it met recently in the home of Mrs. Roger Carpenter.

After a brief business session, conducted by Mrs. Marley Cousins, vice-president, Mrs. G. B. Platt, Jr., introduced Mrs. George W. Terrell who presented the program "Beautiful Flower Gardens." Slides were shown of floral scenes and gardens from Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium and Germany.

Refreshments were served to 15 members and visitors, Mrs. E. T. Holland and Mrs. Terrell.

**Organ And Baritone Program At F. State**

An organ and baritone program by Margaret and Neil Wright of Middle Tennessee State College will be presented at 2:30 p.m., October 13, at the First Methodist Church, Florence.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Music Department of Florence State College and the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

As Recorded In The Pages Of The Colbert County Reporter

City schools open with 1000 enrollment, with exercises held at DeHarter with Supt. R. E. Thompson in charge and Revs. W. R. Battle and J. Luther Gains offering prayers. . . Col. James H. Spangler, list of civil war veterans, dies at the age of 94 at his home in Leighton, funeral services held at the First Methodist with Rev. M. M. Heflin officiating. . . John B. Sockwell is named president of the Kiwanis Club; James L. May, vice president; directors, Otto Mueller, Geo. Lawrence, Gary Buffington, Henry Shackelford, Judge C. E. Carmichael.

## TVA Discards 39 Year Old Steam Plant

TVA announced this week it is retiring from its power system the 39-year-old steam-electric generating plant at Hales Bar Dam on the Tennessee River about 15 miles west of Chattanooga.

It has not been operated since 1924 because much larger and more efficient new TVA steam plants can generate electricity at lower cost.

For example, TVA's newest steam plant at Paradise, Ky., has generating units with a capacity over 30 times as great as the two 20,000-kilowatt units at Hales Bar Steam Plant. The Hales Bar plant in full operation would cost at least \$1,000 a day more for coal alone than generating the same amount of electricity at the new Paradise plant.

The Hales Bar Steam Plant equipment and buildings will be advertised for sale and sold to the highest bidder. If the construction of Nickajack Dam, which would replace Hales Bar Dam, is approved by Congress the reservoir of the new dam downstream will flood the old steam plant and it will have to be demolished.

Hales Bar Steam Plant was completed in 1924, eleven years after the site had been acquired by TVA in 1939 as part of the purchase of Tennessee Electric Power Company properties. The steam plant was used to help meet World War II power needs, and later the postwar demands brought on by growing consumer use and the requirements of the Atomic Energy Commission, before it was supplanted by modern steam plants in the 1950's.

Until the rains which fell in the final two days of September, last month was about the driest September on record in the eastern half of the Tennessee Valley and second-driest in the western half. The first September rainfall total for the Valley reported today by TVA was 1.7 inches, about 56 per cent of the normal amount.

TVA's highest report for the month was 5.8 inches of rain at Rosman, N. C., and the lowest was .15 of an inch at Burnsville, Miss.

**Retirees Showed Return Dependency Questionnaires**

**MONTGOMERY** - An urgent appeal to dependent parents of deceased servicemen or living veterans who are presently receiving money from the Veterans Administration to return their dependency questionnaires to the Veterans Administration was voiced by Walter C. Head Jr., director of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs.

Head stated that these dependency questionnaires were mailed with the check which the parents received on August 31, 1963. An alarming situation has now arisen, according to Head, who stated, "that current information indicates that in Alabama over 2,000 questionnaire forms have not been returned by these dependent parents." This presents a grave check since the parents received on the questionnaire by October 10, 1963, will cause payments to be stopped until such time as the questionnaires are returned.

Director Head added that the Department of Veterans Affairs is most anxious to assist these parents.

Head stated that parents can contact J. H. Christopher Veterans Service Officer, for Colbert County, located 105 West Fifth Street, in Tusculumbia, Alabama, for expert assistance and advice.

**Colbert Students Are Pledged At Auburn**

Auburn - Special - Betty Suzanne Williams, of Tusculumbia; Carol Joyce Underwood of Cherokee and Zena Anne Free of Leighton, were pledged as follows during the fall rush when 377 joined sororities:

Miss Williams, Alpha Delta Pi; Miss Underwood, Alpha Omicron Pi; Miss Free, Delta Delta Delta.

Miss Williams is a sophomore as is Miss Underwood, while Miss Free is a freshman.

Leaky kerosene or fuel oil heaters can be deadly. Check your heating equipment (regularly) during the winter and fix leaks immediately after they're found.

**Ave Maria Grotto To Display "Incunabula"**

On each of the four Sundays in October, Ave Maria Grotto will sponsor a public display of the college's rare book collection. Included will be a number of "Incunabula" or "cradle" books printed within fifty years after the first edition, or dating at the least from 1550. Amongst them will be bible copies, a scriptural commentary and other valuable items.

On view will be a large Latin "Graduale" almost eight centuries old. Nearly four feet tall, it was used originally for chanting the office. It contains the Psalms with the usual Gregorian notation plus other readings.

During the past summer, Father Paulus O. S. B., current professor of Oriental languages at the Catholic University of America, made a special study of these rare books. Father Paulinus, who is also a manuscript authority considers the St. Bernard collection both representative and unique.

The display will be other works dating back to the eighteenth century, some of them the first of their kind to be printed in English in America. Though of interest principally to the collector, still these items will have an attraction for the general public.

The grotto management extends a sincere invitation to its many friends, both scholars and lay, to inspect this unique collection, the first display of its kind to be organized in northern Alabama. The books will be located in the Coffee Shop, adjoining the Main Grotto Gift Shop. Display hours will range from 1:00 until 4:30 each Sunday afternoon in October. There will be no charge for viewing the books.

When the man in your family goes hunting, be sure his clothing is not only warm but safe as well. There is safety in bright colors, and blaze-orange has the list.

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