

More Children Are Adopted In Fiscal Year Than Ever

During the 1956-57 fiscal year more children were placed in adoptive homes by the State Department of Pensions and Security than in any previous year, Commissioner J. S. Snoddy revealed this week. He said from October 1, 1956, through September 30, 1957, there were 218 children placed with a view to adoption.

"We are proud of this record because it indicates more and more community recognition of the value of agency placement," Snoddy declared, "we are receiving a higher number of referrals on children in need of adoption, and we have redoubled our own efforts to give prompt service to such children."

Snoddy said the number of placements last year was almost double the 122 made ten years ago and far in excess of the 154 made last year. "Agency placements were fewer than 100 per year for 1947," Snoddy said, "and in only two previous years have they exceeded 1955."

Discussing further the 1956-57 placements, Snoddy said the 218 children were placed in 193 homes. Forty-six of the children were in 21 family groups of two or three each, he explained, and these brothers and sisters were placed together. Snoddy said the Department has recognized the importance of bringing children and their new parents together at the earliest possible date. This means, he declared, that adopting parents are sharing with the agency certain responsibilities for medical care and follow-up treatment of remedial conditions.

Another reason given for increased placements last year has been added attention to the needs of older children. Snoddy said there has been a rise in the number of families willing to take school-age children and renewed attempts on the part of the agency to place them. Of those placed last year, 26 were 6 years old and over.

Snoddy said the other replacements included 163 infants under 2 and 39 toddlers from two to six.

In reviewing this upswing in placements, the Commissioner added that the Department has about 500 approved applications from families waiting for a child. He explained that there is increased interest in adoption on the part of the public with children in applications for children.

"This means a waiting period as long as the number of homes exceeds the number of children in need of adoption," he added, making it clear, nevertheless, that children are better served when the agency has a large number of homes from which to make a selection for a particular child.

The Commissioner concluded his statement by pointing out that he could not over-emphasize the protection that agency placement with social service gives to the child, and to his natural and adopting parents. He referred at the same time not only to the dangers of placement without social service, but also to violations of law that take place when an interested "go-between" seeks to bring the child and a couple together.

STATE'S BANKERS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR SERVICES TO FARMERS

New York — The banks of Alabama have been given special recognition for their outstanding service to the state's farmers during the past year—both through high quality of regular banking service and special activities in the agricultural field. The recognition took the form of an award to the Alabama Bankers Association by the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, the national organization of banks.

This is the nineteenth consecutive year that the state's banks have received the award, which is presented each year to those states whose banks have been of notable service to agriculture. This repeated recognition indicates the continuous nature of the bank program in agriculture across the state.

The awards are presented to salute the wide range of projects which bankers carry on as a means of bringing about greater understanding and cooperation between the farm and financial communities. Included are such activities as promotion of soil conservation and land management, cooperation with the extension service of the state agricultural college, support of farm youth groups such as Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs, and sponsorship of banker-farmer meetings to discuss mutual problems. Quality of regular bank service throughout the state is, of course, given major emphasis in choosing the award winners.

The two coaches and 18 squad members from Deshler High School's undefeated 1934 squad will be honored guests Friday night, October 18 at the annual Homecoming against Russellville's Golden Tigers.

The game will be played Friday night, at 7:30 p.m. at Deshler Stadium with the 1957 Tigers looking for their first victory.

The 1934 team was coached by Howard Chaparral, present coach of the Tigers, who was assisted by James Wade, a player, who was out most of the year with injuries, but proved valuable as a scout and assistant.

Members of the squad included Bat Elkins, manager; Dan Means, assistant manager; James Blankenship, captain and end (deceased); Thomas Crowe, alternate captain and guard; Lester Johnson, tackle; Jimmie Huston, quarterback; Albert McCormick, tackle; Lester Davis, center; Brodie McCormick, fullback; Allan Logel, tackle (deceased); Herbert Malone, end; Chippy Enlow, halfback; James McKelvey, guard; James Elliott, fullback; Joe Cabiness, halfback; Buddy McMahan, fullback (deceased); Frohman Young, end and James Byrd, halfback.

SEVEN CASES T. B. STILL REMAIN IN COLBERT

Montgomery — Tuberculosis was reported in Alabama during August at a rate almost 50 percent higher than in July. The State Health Department said that August cases totaled 261 while the July figure was 176.

The Department said 55 counties recorded tuberculosis in August. Seven cases occurred in Colbert County.

EDITORIAL GRIST

GOOD BYE HUCK FINN!

Stephen Foster's "Old Black Joe" is a piece of immortal American, loved and sung by tens of millions of people over the generations. But it has been banned from certain air networks — on the grounds that it contains racially offensive phrases.

Now the New York City Board of Education has taken "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" from its approved textbook list for grade and junior high schools. A great many excellent critics regard Huck Finn as the greatest of all American novels, and practically all put a very high on the short list of genuine classics. The New York Times reports a publisher as saying the book was banned because, like Stephen Foster's wonderful old song, it was held to contain racially offensive material.

There is only one logical end to such a trend. All literary and musical material which happens to offend anyone should be banned — whether those offended are white men, yellow men, or black men; Protestants, Catholics or Jews; business men or labor leaders, and so on ad infinitum. Then we can all live in a cultural vacuum comparable to the Dark Ages.

WE ARE NOT OUTNUMBERED

Southerners who repeatedly have been warned by misinformed sources that they are outnumbered vastly throughout the nation on the issue of racial segregation would have obtained a "big lift" from attendance at a Craig Air Base welcoming party for notables from the mid-section of the nation on the way to Eglin Field to witness a demonstration of Air Force firepower.

Almost without exception, these notables, from North Dakota, Arizona, Montana, and adjacent areas voluntarily went on record as condemning use of troops in Arkansas, and most of them endorsed the South's stand on segregation.

For instance, Arthur Davis, governor of North Dakota, from whence came the infamous carthumper Federal Judge Ronald N. Davies, explained to everyone that his name is DAVIS and not DAVIES, and disclaimed connection with the grievous situation which now exists at Little Rock.

Gov. Davis' attitude struck the note which governed the proceedings at Craig Air Base, and Selimians who attended received vast encouragement concerning the attitude of the nation toward resistance to integration. — Selma Times Journal.

A STRANGE INCONSISTENCY

Not in living memory has there been so much agitation over civil rights as there is now. Yet, as David Lawrence points out in one of his columns, "strange inconsistencies emerge." For instance, two Senators suggested that President Eisenhower should "personally take those colored children by the hand and lead them into school" at Little Rock. "But," says Mr. Lawrence, "did any of the so-called liberals ever suggest or would they venture to recommend that the president take workmen by the hand and lead them into plants and factories where their right to work—a basic constitutional right—is denied them?"

In our industry today no man can hold a job and earn a living unless he joins and pays dues to union. It makes no difference whether he wants to join or not. It makes no difference whether he agrees or disagrees with the policies and actions of the union. It makes no difference whether he regards the leaders and officers of the union as good men or as scoundrels. Whatever the case, the union has an absolute monopoly power to compel obedience, on pain of discharge and unemployment.

The right to work is as basic as any right—free speech, freedom of assembly or the others. Without the right to work, the force of all the other rights are diminished. When will the right to "join or not join" be established once and for all and the union's power to enforce a variant of involuntary servitude on labor be ended?

PREPARE FOR ASIAN FLU

All too often epidemics have struck without warning in the United States, finding us unprepared. The same cannot be said of Asian flu. We know that this highly infectious disease is imminent and is expected to become critical this winter. The Red Cross tells us there are certain things we can do to be ready for them.

Asian flu is a much less lethal type of respiratory ailment than the Spanish influenza which swept the country in the closing months of World War I and claimed an estimated 635,000 lives. But the time to prepare for it is growing short.

Red Cross has already set in motion its contributions to an effective nation-wide community preparedness plan. The national organization has asked those Red Cross chapters that include the 14-hour Care of the Sick and Injured course in their chapter program to increase the number of classes available to incorporate special information concerning the care of Asian flu victims in the home, and to recommend to community residents that at least one member of each household take the training course. All Red Cross chapters have been supplied with fact sheets containing pertinent information about the Asian flu. Women already trained as volunteer Red Cross nurse's aide training course during outbreaks of the disease. There will be need also for many other trained Red Cross volunteers to transport patients to and from hospitals and clinics, to assist in preparing and serving meals, etc.

Onset of Asian flu is rapid, with fever up to 103 or 104 degrees. But there is no reason for panic. The need is for preparedness. Don't wait until the fever strikes.

CORONER'S JOB VARIES IN MOST ALA. COUNTIES

Now at William and Mary College Dr. Ransome will return to the University of Alabama as education director in February as education director of the Southern Regional Training Program in Public Administration and as a professor of Political Science.

The study made by Coleman B. Ransome, Jr., shows a wide variance among counties in their methods of choosing the coroner, the amount and source of his pay, and the qualifications of men holding the position.

Dr. Ransome shows that the state law makes few requirements for holding the office. Candidates do not have to be qualified by their education, or by the way they run for the office.

At the time of the study, 15 Alabama counties had no coroner. Nineteen paid less than local laws provided, 16 paid the required rates and 17 paid straight salaries ranging from \$300 to \$6,000 yearly.

Dr. Ransome offers several suggestions for improving the general quality of the office, in order to make the coroner the responsible officer he should be. The coroner's office and the state Department of Toxicology and Criminal Investigation could be organized, he said into a centrally-administered system of regional offices.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Jas. W. Rutland elected president of the Kiwanis club, Geo. W. Schmidt secretary-treasurer, directors R. E. City council elects minor employees and slashed salaries. I. L. Hay, city clerk, A. S. Logel, chief of police, L. D. Williford patrolman, Henry Weatherly, chief of first department, J. E. Delony, Jr., city attorney, J. F. Martin, cemetery sexton, J. F. Finley, city engineer, S. R. Leggett, treasurer, J. W. Moss, plumbing inspector, Walter F. Miller elected district lieutenant among Kiwanis at recent Gadsden convention. Mayor W. L. Farr of Tuscumbia and Mayor W. H. Richeson of Sheffield proclaim fire prevention week. Gill Kim brought reports his car stolen while parked in front of his residence. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Karran return Thompson, N. B. Ware, A. D. Sherrill, W. F. Miller, Clarence Underwood, from Birmingham. Miss Emma Cook, Alabama College student, spends week-end here with her parents. Among those attending Auburn-Duke football game in Birmingham were W. H. Cannaack, G. H. Carter, George Carter, Jr., Walter Miller, Frank Merrill, Herbert Carmichael, Askew Huston, Jimmie Hindman, Bill Howard and Robt. E. Hyde. Mrs. Jane Brown Morgan visit Birmingham. Mrs. Chas. Tupper is in Montgomery at the bedside of her sister Mrs. Trotter Jones. Miss Mayhan Rutland, Miss Rebecca Hamilton and Miss Edna Earl Rogers attend the Auburn-Duke game in Birmingham. Miss Sara Counts returns to her home in Birmingham after a visit here with her parents, having come to the bedside of her sister, Miss Esther Counts. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hamlet announce the birth of a daughter October 8, naming her Aidenia Joy. Delta Kappa Sorority of Deshler High School entertains with open house, and officers of this society are Miss Mayhan Rutland, president, Miss Rebecca Hamilton, vice president, Miss Virginia Reed, secretary-treasurer, other members being Miss Eleanor Finley, Miss Alice Finley, Miss Polly McMahan, Miss Margaret Williams, Miss Katherine Hyde.

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DESHLER'S HOMECOMING SET FOR FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Detailed planning is about completed by Deshler High School students and faculty members for the annual Homecoming, to be held on Friday night, October 18. The Deshler cheerleaders will sponsor the activities, with the Deshler High Tigers host to Russellville at the Stadium in the annual Homecoming game.

Students are presently carrying out ideas for the theme, and making floats. The Homecoming queen will be elected from the senior class, and a representative from each class will be among the queen's attendants.

Deshler's first undefeated football team (1956) will be honored and will receive recognition at the halftime along with the crowning of the queen.

In plentiful supply next month per, to the extent that money will be young tender broilers and available. Garrett explained that venterians working with the field fryers — at price levels that appeal to thrifty shoppers.

John A. Garrett, Montgomery, Director of Commodity Services for the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, said representatives of producers and other segments of the industry had asked Agriculture Commissioner A. W. Todd to submit a program to the State Board of Agriculture and Industries calling for:

1. Equipping and staffing the present poultry laboratory at Auburn, which would be the central laboratory in the expanded system.
2. Equipping and staffing the present small-scale laboratory at Albertville, which in the past has been operated with funds appropriated for animal disease work, and which under the new plan would become one of the main laboratories.
3. Field laboratories to be established at Heflin, Cullman, and Jaskin, to the extent that money will be available. Garrett explained that veterinarians working with the field laboratories could visit farm flocks

THESE WOMEN!



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