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Birmingham — Importance of a deral cotton subsidy program to oducers was emphasized last week a national farm leader.

Charles B. Shuman, president of e American Farm Bureau Federaon, said that recent increases in otton exports through the subsidy rogram should not blind U. S. growrs to the need of meeting foreign ompetition.

Addressing a record 640 delegates o the annual meeting of Alabama Associated Industries, Shuman said he subsidy program gives American armers a chance to stay in the export market while preparing for the long-term pull toward regaining a arge share of the market abroad.

He said, that subsidized sales of cotton in foreign markets are making it difficult to sell other products to Mexico and Brazil.

He said "We know we cannot expect to build a prosperous cotton industry or trade program on such emergency measures."

Shuman said the situation calls for close examination, although the federatio nhas supported most of these programs.

"An estimated 60 per cent of U. S. agricultural exports last year were the direct result of government sales, gift and export subsidy programs," he added.

Shuman said that he does not consider it a healthy situation for American agriculture to be dependent on export subsidies and other special aides for export markets.

New president of AIA is William (Billy) Hood, president of Industrial Paint Mfg. Co., Birmingham. He succeeds H.S Galloway, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer for International Paper Co, Mobile, who moved up to chairman of the board.

Other officers elected were J. H. Eddy, manager of Karl Lumber Co., Birmingham, treasurer, and D. Troter Jones, Birmingham, executive vice president.

These vice presidents were named: J. C. O'Neill, executive vice president, Alabama, Tennessee & Northern Railroad Co., Mobile, first district.

Paul Scherf, vice president, The Andala Co., Andalusia, second district.

Frank Covington, president, W. F. Covington Planter Co., Dothan third district.

Hugh Comer, board chairman, Avondale Mills, Sylacauga, fourth district.

E. I. Evans, district manager, Republic Steel Corp., Gadsden, fifth district.

J. Lem Morrison, president, Blackbelt Creamery Co., greensboro, sixth district.

Albert A Powondra, manager, Cullman Lingerie Corp., Cullman, seventh district.

Paul Robson, plant manager, Wolverine Tube Division of Calumet & Hecla, Inc., Decatur, eigth district.

James G. Pearce, president, Birmingham Nehi Bottling Co., ninth district.

FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Death of Mrs. Nannie Beck, age 83, mother of T. T. and J. L. Beck, occurs Nashville, with interrment here and Rev. O. L. Minks officiating.

Mayor E. S. Gregory and Fire Chief Lee Mitchell are speakers before the Kiwanis club stressing the importance of fire preventio. Jesse Durham 21, is in hospital suffering from a knife wound inflicted by his brother, Clifford Durham. Mrs. Mattie White Rand succumbs at the age of 75, being the widow of the late Dr. E. P. Rand. Arthur Howard, one of 15 men from the sophomore class at the University elected to membership in Phi Eta Sigma honor society. Mrs. J. W. Rutland is in Birmingham. Mrs J. E. Sherrod and Mrs. Ruth Hamilton hostesses to the Methodist Service Class, with Miss Mary Harris presiding over the meeting. Wallace Hopkins returns to Birmingham after a visit to Mr and Mrs. A. S. Logal. Herman Stanley is a visitor from Tupelo to Mr and Mrs Lee Stanley. Mrs Clarence Underwood, a Birmingham visitor. Mrs. W. T Gilbert and Miss Carrie Stanley are visitors in Nashville. Mrs. W. T Burkett and son Wyatt are Birmingham visitors. Dr and Mrs C. B. Bray and Dr and Mrs Bob McGavock of Birmingham visit Mr. and Mrs. Burt Darrow. Con E. B. Almon attending the good roads meeting in Birmingham. James Tompkins and his guest, Ed Hyde resume their studies at the University after a visit to Judge and Mrs. N. P. Tompkins. Dr and Mrs. H.E Buggers of Dearborn, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter Florence to Harry K. Meadows of Dearborn, formerly of Tuscumbia. Mrs. Sam Leggett entertains the 20th Century club with Mrs. D. I. Howard presiding over the business meeting and Mrs. L. E. Hamlet reviewing the book "Character Training in Children." Mr. and Mrs Chas Hamlet of Decatur spend the weekend here. L. E. Hamlet of Birmingham spends the week-end here, returning to the Magic City with his wife and son who will spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. W. L. Stanley leaves for a visit to Mr and Mrs. Herman Stanley in Tupelo.

Miss Sara Counts of Birmingham and Mrs. Margaret Counts of Washington are guests of Mr and Mrs. William Counts.

Letter to the Editor

REYNOLDS THANKS REPORTER FOR SERVICES RENDERED

Editor

I want to congratulate you and your associates on the tremendous success of the "Salute To Reynolds and Ford" ceremony. It was a grand occasion and could not have been acomplished without the energetic and intelligent effort of you and those who served on the various committees.

As an expression of my deep appreciation I am sending you a Reynolds Metals tie clasp which I hope that you will wear.

With assurance of my sincere thanks and best wishes, I am.

Cordially,
KEEN JOHNSON
Reynolds Metals Co.
Louisville Ky.

EDITORIAL GRIST

ADLAI ON LOCATION IN HARLEM

What is "the gravest problem we face here at home" and what is still "the great unfinished business before the United States".

It is, Adlai Stevenson told his Harlem audience October 4, the business of forcing the mixing of the races.

Now in the candidly and previously expressed opinion of The Advertiser, there isn't a nickel's worth of difference in the thinking on this issue between President Eisenhower and Adlai.

But Adlai differs, and his Harlem speech was an effort to show that President Eisenhower is not a race mixer and is playing footies with the South.

On location in Harlem, Adlai said in a prepared address:

"Surely the gravest problem we face here at home this year is this issue of civil rights. I faced it when I was governor of Illinois.

"During that interval, we desegregated the National Guard. we used the National Guard to protect the safety of citizens in the Cicero riots, and we came within an ace of passing a Fair Employment Practices Act and were prevented from doing so only by a close vote in a Republican legislature.

"We eliminated all racial designations in the employment services of Illinois and on drivers' licenses, and so on . .

"Yet, despite the progress we have made, the achievement of equally of rights and opportunities for all American citizens is still the great unfinished business before the United States."

Adlai went on to say that Eisenhower had not been a "strong President" in compelling race mixing, but that he would be.

To Adlai's credit, let it be recalled that he talks the same in the South having said a good deal of that previously in Little Rock, Ark (not that makes much difference since the press is wherever he is)

What makes you grunt when you read such a speech is the fact that a candidate with such views and such a program aimed at Alabama can not only carry the state with ease, but that his party can raise a lot of money from Alabamians to pull campaign train through Harlem that he may assure its citizens that he will take care of Alabama.

Isn't something a bit turned around when men such as Gov. Timmerman of South Carolina, Gov. Coleman of Mississippi and Alabama Democratic Committeeman Charlie McKay are out before their people certifying Adlai as a satisfactory candidate?

It is certainly true, as they might say, that there isn't a nickel's worth of difference between the two, despite Adlai's assurance that he would crack the whip more "as the drones put it, and it owes nothing to the South compared with what the Democrats owe it." The Montgomery Advertiser

EPIC ADVANCES

The Sylacauga Advance has devoted an excellent editorial to some medical achievements, based on factul reports from a large insurance company.

The record is an extraordinary one. In the brief span of 20 years, 1935-55, mortality among the company's policyholders from tuberculosis, pneumonia and influenza declined 90 per cent. The decline in the mortality rate from syphilis and acute rheumatic fever was practically the same.

Particularly notable progress has been made in combatting communicable children's diseases. The death rate from these—which include measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough and diphtheria—was only 0.2 per 100,000 policy holders in 1955. And the death rate from typhoid fever and paratyphoid was even lower.

Some diseases have literally been fought to a standstill. In 1955 there was not a single case of once-dreaded smallpox. In 1935 there were more than 137,000 cases of malaria, as against a mere 477 in 1955.

As the Advance put it, such achievements represent epic advances in the fight against disease, and are one reason for the lengthening life span which now can be the prospect of every citizen." And life will be happier as well as longer.

Finally, another observation is in order. This superb record has been written by free men, working in a climate of freedom.

A SALUTE

What is a pharmacist?

He is a member of the "health team." His team-mates are the family doctors, specialists, nurses and hospital administrators who work for better community health.

He is the "scientist on the corner." He is that unique storekeeper who must have a college degree in pharmacy and pass the rigid examination of the State Board of Pharmacy in order to win the honored title of "Registered Pharmacist." But he does not stop there. Through professional journals and meetings he is up to date on the latest research and developments in pharmacy and medicine.

He is the physician's colleague and trusted aide. In direct contact with drug manufacturers, he helps keep the busy physician informed on the hundreds of new prescription drugs developed each year.

He is the physician's "warehouse." He must stock every drug that may be prescribed by the doctors he serves . . . medicines for hay fever, arthritis, the common cold . . . thousands of them. Many resemble one another, but there are no substitutes. The pharmacist fills every prescription exactly as ordered.

He is a good neighbor. He knows and likes his customers. He values their friendship and confidence in his professional skill — that skill which stands always dedicated to the well-being of his neighbors.

He is a public servant. President Eisenhower, in proclaiming National Pharmacy Week, has called attention to "the splendid services rendered by the pharmacists of America to the health of our people."

Because the pharmacist is all these things, he deserves a tribute of thanks for his devoted and indispensable service throughout the year. — Selma Times Journal.

THERE AIN'T NO SANTY CLAUS!

The News-Herald, of Cuba City, Wisconsin, has printed a timely letter from a reader, Elizabeth Lippitt. Here it is: "Santa Claus is comin' to town, his sled drawn by a Republican elephant and a Democratic donkey, with presents for everyone.

"Uncle Sam has millions for farmers who don't plant, millions for workers who don't work, millions for everyone's retirement, and billions for the upkeep of tired foreigners. All this and a debt of $278 billion, too. . .

"Won't some kind soul tell Americans the awful truth—there just ain't no Santy Claus!"

SIGN OF THE TIMES

The government now uses a check writing machine which produces 100 checks a minute. But, apparently, this machine is obsolescent. A new one is on order — and it will zoom out the checks at the rate of 300 a minute.

That is about as typical a sign of the times we live in as anyone could imagine.

PREPARE BUILDINGS NOW AGAINST SPRING STORMS

Prepare farm buildings now to withstand wind damage from spring storms, API Extension Farm Buildings Specialist advised.

Construction measures can be taken to help protect buildings located on the fringe areas of tornadoes, even though it is not practical to make them strong enough to resist the full force of this storm.

He suggested the use of knee braces to reinforce and strengthen frame buildings. Foundations of new buildings should be heavy and deep enough to resist lifting and overturning. If possible, buildings should be located on a site protected from winds by hills or other windbreaks. Steel straps, plates and the like are recommended for key structural points.

FARM OWNERSHIP LOAN SERVICES ARE EXPANDED

The farm ownership loan service which has enabled many Colbert county farmers to buy, enlarge, or improve their fams with 40-year loans has recently been expanded to enable the Farmers Home Administration to serve the credit needs of a larger number of farm families, James Byram, the agency's county supervisor, explained this week.

Under recent legislation loans may now be made primarily to refinance existing debts of owner operators of farms no larger than family-type. In the past the agency only refinanced loans when the refinancing was incidental to the making of real estate loans for the purchase or improvement of family-type farms.

Mr. Byram said the loans for refinancing will help farmes who have adequate real estate security and who are otherwise in a sound position but who are unable to meet their present credit obligations and need credit on more favorable terms and conditions than are currently available from others lenders.

When debts are refinanced by the Farmers Home Administration under this program, the repayments will be scheduled over periods up to 40 years according to the borrower's ability to repay. Interest, or interest plus insurance charges, will be 4½ percent.

The regular credit services of the agency including loans for the purchase and improvement of family type farms are continued.

Private lenders supply most of the funds for the agency's farm real estate loans under the insured loan program. The lender receives 3½ per cent interest and the Government charges an additional 1 percent for insurance. The Farmers Home Administration makes services, and collects the loans.

The new law also provides loans for developing and improving farms that are smaller than family type. To be eligible an applicant must be an established farm owner, carrying on substantial farm operations and spending a major part of his time farming. He must also have a dependable source of outside income.

These loans will assist farmers who own small farms and rent additional land and small farm owners who depend on off farm employment for part of their income. The credit can be used to improve land and buildings.

The interest rates and terms are the same as those for loans made for refinancing debts. Interest or interest plus insurance charges will be 4½ percent. The loans will be repayable over periods up to 40 years.

Like the loans that were already available, loans under the new authorities will be made only to applicants whose credit needs cannot be adequately handled by banks or other lenders.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 9452 bales of cotton were ginned in Colbert County from the crop of 1956 prior to October 1 as compared with 10,837 bales ginned for the crop of 1955 acording to the report of Mrs. Ruth Jones, Cotton reporter.

Vote For Amendment 2 Will Aid Mentally Ill Kids

When a child who's mentally retarued reaches the age of five, he's eligible for admission to Partlow State School at Tuscaloosa.

The school was opened in 1923 to help educable and trainable retarded youngsters make the most of their limited mental capacities.

When the five-year-old's parents, who have watched their child struggle for development against the handicap he incurred before birth, take him to the school, they must face and make a decision. They must answer a question put to them by the school's director, Dr. R. C. Partlow. "Do you really want your child here under these crowded conditions?" "We're trying to do a job here that we can't do under these circumstances," he adds.

Partlow State School is one of the three institutions where tragic overcrowding will be relieved if the $4,000,000 bond issue covered in Amendment No. 2 is approved by the voters on November 6th. The bond issue will provide new buildings, renovations of old ones and new equipment for Partlow, Bryce, and Searcy Hospitals for the mentally ill.

Right now partlow has about 1500 inmates. In some of its dormitories, beds are lined in neat rows, as close together as they can be pushed, down each side of long wards. Additional beds are turned length-wise in the aisle between the rows. The children go to school in a little five room frame schoolhouse that's neither fireproof nor big enough to accomodate their classes.

One item way up on the list of structures to be built if the amendment is passed is an isolation building separate from the other dormitories where children with infectious diseases can be placed. Right now any simple infection picked up by one of the children may spread unchecked through his cowded ward. Also to be built if funds are made available are a tubercular ward at Searcy Hospital and two new 200-bed wards at Bryce. Right now Bryce Hospital has about 4800 patients, more than double its intended capacity, and Searcy has an additional 2500.

The $4,000,000 in the bond issue fund is to be repaid over a 20-year period from the general tax fund. No new taxes are to be levied to retire the debt. Under provisions of the amendment, the fund is protected so that future administrations cannot divert it to other purposes withou approval of the voters.

"In my opinion, this is the greatest opportunity the people of the state have ever had to do something for the unfortunate wards of the state who are committed to these institutions," John D. McQueen, long time member of the Bryce Hospital Board of Trustees, has said.

Chill candles in the refrigerator for 24 hours before using them on the table. They will burn evenly and will not drip.

WEATHER MAN at Federal Civil Defense Administration headquarters at Battle Creek, Mich., plots areas affected by simulated fallout during Operation Alert 1956. Radiation fallout predictions, based on twice-daily nationwide high-altitude wind observations by the Weather Bureau, are plotted daily by an assortment of government agencies at all levels as routine preparation for the day when these winds might be carrying real fallout. (FCDA Photo)

"I warn you — if Colossus Enterprises gobbles up poor little Apex Novelties, I'm pulling out!"