

## Hoover Says Crime A Deterrent To Education

There is a deep and abiding concern prevalent in our Nation today on standards of education at all levels. Teacher training, physical facilities, curriculums and the complexities of financial support all demand and are receiving wide attention. This is an encouraging trend, and it typifies the awareness educators and citizens have for the welfare of American youth.

While focusing ever-greater efforts on these challenges, we cannot afford to ignore other effective defenses against one of our Nation's inescapable problems—crime, an enemy which destroys the very energy and resources vital to education.

The staggering toll of crime in this Nation is revealed in appalling statistics. The Uniform Crime Reports for 1962 reflect the commission of some 2,046,370 serious crimes during the year. More significantly, this exceeds the record for the previous year by 6 percent.

With the exception of murder, which showed a decrease of 2 percent, all classifications of serious crimes registered increases during 1962. Forcible rapes increased 2 percent; robbery was up 4 percent; aggravated assault and burglary rose 5 percent; larceny of \$50 and over shot up 8 percent; and the frequency of auto theft jumped 9 percent. The first half of 1963 saw another 9 percent rise in serious crime.

The index used to measure crime in this country is greatly influenced by the fluctuation of the property crimes—robbery, burglary, larceny and auto theft—which occur in ever-increasing volume. In 1952, young persons under 18 years of age comprised more than half of all the arrests for these crimes. Specifically, they were represented in 57 percent of the arrests for auto theft, 51 for larceny, 40 for burglary and 25 for robbery. Although only a small percentage of the young people are involved in these criminal acts, the proportion who are becoming involved is increasing much more rapidly than the population of this age group.

## Bryce Graham Resigns Solicitorship

Bryce U. Graham, 33-year-old native of Belgreen and Circuit Solicitor for Colbert and Franklin counties in the 31st Judicial Circuit of Alabama, has tendered his resignation, effective at the close of the regular fall term of court in Colbert county.

Graham, a graduate of both the University of Alabama School of Law and the Atlanta School of Law, will enter general law practice in Florence.

The solicitor has held the Colbert-Franklin post since 1953 when the circuit was organized. He was appointed by the then Gov. Gordon Persons in August of 1953 and has since been elected to the post for three terms, twice without opposition.



(AHTNC) — Army National Guard Pvt. Paul E. Carroll, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Carroll, 407 W. Second st., Tusculumbia, Ala., completed an eight-week telephone lineman course under the Reserve Forces Act program at The Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga., late in August. Carroll is a 1959 graduate of Mars Hill High School in Florence, Ala.

## Sheriff's Widow Is Successor

Mrs. Frances Cook, widow of Colbert County Sheriff Hermon Cook Friday was named by Gov. George Wallace to succeed her husband.

Mrs. Cook is scheduled to complete the unexpired term of Sheriff Cook, who was slain last August in a bootlegging raid. The term expires in January, 1967.

Cook was killed along with Littleville Police Chief James Cornelius Pace during a raid on a farm owned by Troy Thornton, 40, of Haleyville and Littleville.

Mrs. Cook is receiving hearty congratulations on her selection. She has announced that office personnel will remain the same, including all deputies.

## Goldwater Can't Understand Ike

NEW YORK Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower says he is "unclear" about Sen. Barry Goldwater's views. The Arizona senator replies that he can't understand it. In view of the wide publication my views have received.

Goldwater's reply was carried in the New York Herald Tribune, which Sunday published the statement by Eisenhower.

The former president denied what he said are reports that he is "anti Goldwater." This is simply not true," he said.

But Eisenhower said in the copy-right Herald Tribune story under his byline:

"I am unclear on precisely what Sen. Goldwater's present views are, and I think all Republicans would want to learn more about it now—and each of the other possible (presidential) candidates—would now approach the issues of 1964.

"Only when these men are on record with their current views will the party be in a position to make the most intelligent choice."

Goldwater, a leading but unnamed candidate for the 1964 GOP presidential nomination, told the Herald Tribune.

"It is difficult to understand how President Eisenhower can be unclear about my position in view of the wide publication my views have received."

The senator said he and Eisenhower have had frequent communication on labor, the economy and other matters.

Goldwater, an Episcopalian, also commented regarding his Jewish ancestry.

"I would be very naive," said the senator, a wealthy Phoenix department store owner, "if I thought that discrimination had disappeared in this country to the point that they would forget that I'm half Jewish."

## It's Time To Buy All Licenses Again

Judge Gresham Hale said that the new fiscal year for the county and state began Tuesday and virtually all new licenses, including auto tags and privilege certificates, are on sale.

Judge Hale said that poll taxes and property taxes may be paid at the tax collector's office. "The poll tax may be paid in advance, but must be paid by Feb. 1, 1964, if a person wishes to vote during that year." 1964 is slated as a big election year on all levels of government.

He added that the tax collector "does not keep a record of persons who pay their poll tax," and this may be checked in the office of the probate judge.

Automobile license tags must be purchased and on cars by Nov. 15. Hale said. "The privilege licenses must be obtained by Nov. 1 or there will be a penalty."

As is the custom each year, auto-license buyers generally follow one of two buying patterns, either at the beginning of the period or at the end. Lines reach from one end of the courthouse to the other during these two periods and it often takes an entire day to purchase a tag, however, around the middle of the 45-day period, only a few minutes are required.

The time has also come again for the hunters and fishermen to buy their new licenses.

Reports from the bedside of Mrs. Frances DiRago, who underwent an operation in a Memphis hospital this week state that she stood the ordeal fine and is on the road to recovery.

## EDITORIAL GRIST THE BIRMINGHAM STORY

A preface to the Birmingham Story was written when the Kennedy brothers opened a Pandora's Box, impacted with social disorder and racial hate, but the lid had already been pried loose by the Supreme Court's 1957 decision.

The first chapter of this now infamous and incomplete story was written at the time an embittered, untrusting news media, a diseased, corrupt group of lower school politicians, and an unscrupulous, gullible public, all contributed to an overthrow of the city government. From that time on the Magic City has been on a nightmarish downward slide which reached a horrible climax on a Sunday morning.

Hardly had the dust from the crumbling walls settled down in front of every section of the country, by word of mouth, newspaper and television. Not even a decent period of mourning was allowed for the dead. They were forgotten in an aftermath of anger and bitterness.

Because of the ill feeling that exists between the two races in Birmingham, the victims being colored, the whites became almost automatically the accused. Not whites by name, but whites by race.

Because Governor Wallace has been the leader of segregation in Alabama and because he has resisted by every legal means the federal government encroachment on civil rights, he is being accused of aggravating the provocative situation that resulted in the crime. Because the Governor acted within what he construed to be his constitutional right, and in accordance with the mandate given him by the people of Alabama, he is unjustly accused as would be the preacher King whose demonstrations in defiance of law and order has done more to aggravate hard feeling between the races than has any one person or thing. The only difference being that in his case he received the blessing of the President of the United States who now so unflinchingly accuses Wallace.

Who are accusing anyone, nor are we holding anyone guiltless sympathy with the murderer. We are grateful for the incident nor more in.

We do, however, resent with the same bitterness they are showing, those people in particular from other parts of the country, who are venting their spleen against the Governor of Alabama and against the people of Alabama for an occurrence beyond their control. And we resent with equal bitterness the news media at home and abroad who support rather than deny assumption of guilt.

Most of all do we resent the manner in which our representatives in Congress keep slandering upon their kith and kin.

For the past ten days there has been an incessant bitter attack upon Governor Wallace and the State of Alabama from practically every nook and crossroads. The vultures are picking off the bandwagon. Editors are bursting out their particular verbiage, columnists are having a Roman Holiday and the sob sisters are stretching their girdles. There are few papers in the nation to offer any defense so they have a captive audience.

All of this will not bring the victims back to life. It will not bring solace to those in mourning. It will not and cannot undo the things that have been done.

The only thing it can do and is doing is to pour salt into an open sore. To keep aflame emotions; to advance political ambitions and enlarge upon bitterness between the races.

Why not let the dead past bury the dead and we look forward to the living. — Sylocauga News

## JOB MAKER

Of what use are profits? There's a quick and easy answer. You can say that profits benefit the owners of businesses, large and small. And so they do. The percentage of profit earned by various public opinion polls, that industries is far lower than is generally believed.

That aside, profits have another extremely important use. They make jobs.

A brief editorial and statistical group in the August issue of Nation's Business tells the story concisely. Its substance is this: When profits are low, unemployment is high. When profits are high, unemployment is low. In short, profits make jobs."

The graph—which covers the 1954-1962 period—bears out these words. When profits are squeezed down, unemployment rises. When profits are adequate, unemployment declines.

Yes—profits make jobs.

## "STIFLER OF ENTERPRISE"

Next to the featherbedding circus that is dormant for a time, the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission that the Southern Railway must charge 16 per cent more for hauling grain in its "Big Gun" hopper cars, than it wants to, takes the prize.

Apparently the ICC will let railroads reduce rates only so long as they do not get business back from competitors who took business away from them by cutting rates.

Mr. Bronson, Southern's president, estimates this last bureaucratic copier will cost his customers \$6 million to \$7 million a year. He says that the use of modernizing if ICC won't allow a road to offer its shippers cheaper service, the firm has a better chance to be reelected, as he fully realizes his favorites won't have a ghost of a chance if they are compelled to run at large from the state.

We only hope that Governor Wallace will not fall under the pressure of his enemies and call a special session just for that purpose. As we see it most of, if not all, of the clamor for a special session comes mainly from the Kennedy worshippers.

## CONSOLIDATED BOBS UP AGAIN

Our good friend of many years standing, Barrett Shelton, publisher of the fine Decatur Daily, is obsessed, as are other outsiders the four local municipalities, which of course we unalterably oppose as do most of our citizens, for reasons stated by us many times. Barrett also advocates a special session of the legislature to restrict the state so as to give the Kennedy "yes" congressmen a better chance to be reelected, as he fully realizes his favorites won't have a ghost of a chance if they are compelled to run at large from the state.

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When buying school socks, be sure they are loose enough around the toes so they won't limit the grasping action of the toes. Buy socks for growing children big enough to allow one-half inch past the longest toe.

A good way to light the kitchen counter work areas is with a 30-watt fluorescent unit attached 18-22 inches above each work surface.

Allowances, even if small, should be given to children regularly.

## Twenty-five Years Ago As Recorded In The Pages Of The Colbert County Reporter

According to figures released by Paul Coburn, A. B. Blackburn, Raymond Sherrill, Melvin Harris and Judge C. E. Carmichael several thousand dollars have been received for benefit by relief recipients for this county.

Colbert County High School opens with 230 and Cherokee Vocational High opens with 375 and addresses were heard from R. L. Layton, Mrs. Ben Harris, Lawrence King at Leighton, at Cherokee E. J. Honinger, W. D. Hampton and W. J. Blankenship. James F. Clement, oldest Colbert Confederate veteran passes at age of 88. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rutland and family move to Cherokee to reside.

Mrs. Frank DeVere, former Tusculumbia, dies at her new home in Tusculumbia. Samuel Emmett, 70, passes at his home in Barton. Tommie H. Giles celebrates his 25th year with the local telephone company. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Russell and daughter, Cleo Powers and Carol Jean, called to Greenville, Tenn. on account of the death of Mrs. Russell's father.

Gov. Collector D. H. Sherrill has returned from Montgomery where he attended state meeting of tax collectors. Mrs. David Cochran of Tusculumbia and Mrs. Marlan Moore and small son of Memphis, visit Mrs. P. Tompkins. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mapes of Birmingham visit here.

Bids are asked by the highway commission for construction of building of concrete deck on Sheffield-Florence \$1,650,000 bridge. Wedding of Miss Barbara Jordan Ellis and Arthur Barton Pride are married home of parents in Florence, groom being son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Pride.

U. D. C. chapter meets with Mrs. L. T. Pride at Pride with hostesses being Mrs. Pride, Mrs. John Curry, Mrs. Sam Hall, Mrs. E. L. Goodloe, Mrs. J. C. Geise, Mrs. Z. C. Reed, Mrs. G. Henderson, Mrs. I. L. Hay, Miss Sallie Garner, with Mrs. Otis McElright being in charge of program. Mrs. James Tompkins returns from a visit with friends in Mobile. James DiRago, Jr., enrolls and Columbia Military Academy. Mrs. J. A. Ferguson returns from Memphis. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle Bullock were recent Birmingham visitors.

Miss Carol Minor has accepted a position in Birmingham. Little Jimmie Ferguson returns from a visit with his aunt in Memphis. Jimmie Huston Jr., of the U. S. Medical corps visits his parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Huston.

## Fire Prevention Week Coming Up In October

AUBURN — The week of October 6-12 is National Fire Prevention Week in Alabama and throughout the nation.

Alabama farmers should remember that the best time to fight a fire is before it starts.

Partly or misused heating and cooking equipment start more fires in farm homes than any other single cause. Other major causes are chimney sparks, defective electrical equipment, overloaded wiring and careless smoking.

Also, care in using gasoline and kerosene could cut destructive farm fires as much as 20 per cent. The safest method of storing gasoline is in an underground tank. Above ground, gasoline and kerosene containers should be located at least 40 feet from buildings.

## M. L. Pride, 90 Passes Away

Merriweather Lewis Pride, 90, Rt. 1, member of a pioneer family of this county, died Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Colbert County Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Brown Service Chapel with Rev. Edward G. Mullen officiating. Burial followed in Florence Cemetery with Brown Service directing.

He is survived by two nieces, Mrs. M. D. Ingram, Florence, Mrs. R. A. Waggoner, Sheffield; two nephews, James Gilbert, Florence, Henry Gilbert, Barton.

Bearers were Goodloe Pride, Sam Thompson, C. E. Gunn, Homer Crittenden, Percy Hoskins, Jr., V. H. Wanner.

Use convenient outlets in the wall not ceiling socket for connecting appliances. The wire in the ceiling socket isn't big enough to supply the appliance.

## Non-Farm Employment Continues To Rise

MONTGOMERY — According to a survey by the State Department of Industrial Relations, Alabama's nonfarm employment continued to rise at August to a high of 805,300 workers, an increase of 1,900 over the previous month.

Meanwhile, unemployment in the State was estimated at 53,900 persons, a decline of some 5,100 since July, and approximately 10,500 below the figure recorded during the same period last year.

Industrial Relations Director Jack Giles said over-the-month gains in employment were registered in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries, but the addition of 1,400 workers in the factory division, the manufacturing industry reported the largest gain.

Fluctuations were wide and varied in the manufacturing group, bringing an increase of 700 workers. Big gains were noted in contract construction and trade, while transportation, communications and utilities were making slight additions to their work forces.

Giles noted that the greatest loss in employment occurred in the government division with all segments, Federal, State and local, reporting declines.

The decrease in the number of unemployed was attributed to improvements in nonfarm wage and salary employment. Also, many of the workers who were employed in July had temporarily recovered from the last force in August. This included self-employed, unpaid family workers in both farm and nonfarm activities, as well as some domestic service workers.

The average factory production worker earned in August \$65.89 per week, a drop of 41 from the gross weekly earnings of the previous month. Still the August earnings were \$2.89 above the comparable year ago wage.

Average hourly earning also took a tumble during the month, but remained six cents higher than last year's average. There was no change in the prior month's work week length of 40.7 hours, but the average was slightly higher than August 1962.

Even if you believe all the guns in your house are unloaded, play safe and keep them away from children. A gun cabinet with a locked door is the safest place for guns.

Soft, unripened cheese, such as cottage and cream, is quite perishable. Use it within a short time and keep it refrigerated in a tightly covered container.



(AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Paul G. Reeves, whose wife, Patricia, lives at 536 Highland ave., Florence, Ala., completed an eight-week radio relay and carrier operation course at The Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga., early in September. During the course he learned to operate complex communications equipment used by the Army signal corps. Reeves entered the Army last April and received basic training at Fort Polk, La. The 20-year-old soldier attended Sheffield High School and was employed by the Seven-Up Bottling Company, Sheffield, before enlisting in the Army. His mother is Mrs. Lela I. Reeves, lives at 2507 Hatch Blvd. Sheffield.