

Nothing Is So Certain As Change," Says John Carter

That old saying "Nothing is so certain as change" can have a great deal of meaning for you as it did for John Carter. John had just celebrated his 75th birthday and he felt he had a lot to be thankful for. A lively wife, a healthy, teen-aged youngsters and good job. Life for him was progressing on an even keel until eight months ago when he was severely injured in a fall and had accidently met on it was an unpleasant change after another. He was hospitalized for a long period and when he finally returned home the doctor told him he would not be able to work a gain. Although he received a disability pension from his employer, he found that all of his needs were not being met.

When John learned over the radio of another kind of change. The commentator said that social security now pass disability insurance benefits to qualified persons who become severely disabled before age 65, and urged disabled people to seek information from their local social security office. Until a recent change in the social security law, these payments could be made only to disabled workers aged 50 to 65.

John's wife called the social security office and mentioned that he was unable to visit at the office. His application was taken by a representative of the social security office who came to the home of John and his family are now receiving \$254 a month in social security disability benefits.

Mrs. Mary King Temple, Manager of the Sheffield Social Security Office, points out that the story of John Carter illustrates the family provision which social security provides when the breadwinner becomes disabled, for any substantial gainful activity.

To qualify for these payments, she said, a person must have a disability so severe that he will be unable to engage in any substantially gainful activity with time or medical treatment. The disability must have lasted for six months or more before payments can start.

Mrs. Temple emphasized that one of the requirements for disability benefits is that the person has worked under social security for five years out of the ten years before he became disabled.

"If you or anyone in your family become disabled," Mrs. Temple said, "be sure to contact your social security office to see if you are eligible for disability benefits." She said that booklets on the recent changes in the social security law, including the change permitting payments to disabled workers under 50 years of age, are available, free of charge, at all social security district offices. The social security district office in Sheffield is located at 204 Annapolis Avenue.

Cherokee Signs Armour Plant Land Agreement

The town of Cherokee, negotiating under the Wallace Act, has signed a contract with a Montgomery investment firm under which the city will have title to the 1200 acre Armour plant property and building. The contract, negotiated at the regular board of aldermen meeting in Cherokee was signed with Thornton, Mohr and Parish investment bankers out of Montgomery.

Under the setup, the city will hold title to the property on which the Armour Chemical Research plant is to be built, subject to mortgages against the \$25,000,000 bond issue.

Circuit Court Calendar Set

The 1961 Circuit Court calendar for the thirty-first judicial circuit of Alabama which encompasses Colbert and Franklin counties was released Friday by Circuit Court Judge Clifford K. Delony.

The calendar begins with a week of Grand Jury investigations and civil cases in Franklin County Jan. 23 and will close with equity cases in Colbert County the week of Dec. 4.

The calendar is subject to change, but in the event of change, attorneys are to be notified.

Colbert County's initial 1961 Grand Jury session will begin the week of March 6.

EDITORIAL GRIST

AS IT SHOULD BE

The Congressional Quarterly — which is an entirely impartial service, providing its subscribers with factual and statistical reports on a variety of political matters — has summarized the results of organized labor's efforts in the recent Congressional campaigns.

It makes an extremely interesting study. The candidates which the major labor political organization opposed for office were, in other words, a few more candidates whom this organization considered "wrong" in their voting records were elected than those whom it endorsed as "right".

On top of that, the attempts of Mr. Hoffa's Teamsters Union to purge members of Congress who voted for the Landrum-Griffin labor reform bill were spectacularly unsuccessful. In fact, the campaigns were conducted against 40 of these Congressmen. Exactly one was defeated.

American voters — a category which includes the union rank-and-file as well as the rest of us — follow their own conscience, their own principles, their own private ideas of what is right and wrong. They can't be led around by the nose by any special interest groups — whether representing labor, business, agriculture or anything else.

NO MANDATE

Writing in U. S. News & World Report, just after the election, David Lawrence said: "This is the time when we are all exhorted to lay bygones be bygones and to give our new leader the wholehearted support of all the people. But it is a time for more than mere exhortation to the populace. It is a time to remind the successful party and the victorious candidates for all offices that elections do not settle fundamental issues but merely serve as vivid reminders of the diversity of interests and pressures that make up the modern political struggle."

This is not a corping observation. It takes nothing away from Senator Kennedy's victory. But it does spotlight a development of a unique nature. This presidential election unlike any other presidential election in the history of this nation supplied no mandate for a party or a candidate. The popular vote was practically evenly divided between Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Nixon. A switch of a handful of votes would have swung the scales the other way.

WRONG PRESCRIPTION

In a recent month, new housing starts were below the number for the comparable month a year earlier. This in the view of some people was almost a disaster. The solution they demand is for the government to start pumping a lot of "cheap money" into the housing field before catastrophe arrives.

Well, there is evidence that the relatively modest decline in home building is simply the result of the fact that supply and demand are pretty well in balance. The shortage that was caused by war and the population explosion in all too many cases, is that government should be the doctor.

The fact is that there are limits to what any people can consume, whether it is houses or groceries. Another fact is that national growth must be measured over a period of time — not on a day-by-day, item-by-item basis — and that if we trouble to do this we will see that the plusses in our economic system far outweigh any minuses. A third fact is that turning to government every time something or other slows a bit is a sure way to invite more inflation, ever heavier taxes, and less freedom for all.

Mrs. Ryan To Lead Cancer Campaign

Mrs. Lucile Ryan of 510 Annapolis Street, Sheffield, has also accepted the responsibility of leadership in the American Cancer Society's educational program for Colbert County during the coming year, according to an announcement from state headquarters in Birmingham. She served in this capacity during the past year.

Mrs. Lillian G. Meade of Birmingham, executive director of the Alabama Division, announced the appointment of Mrs. Ryan and expressed "sincere appreciation for her willingness to undertake this most important effort."

"The American Cancer Society is grateful to Mrs. Ryan and to all who cooperate in the educational program," Mrs. Meade said.

Mrs. Ryan is a member and past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club who has as its project sponsoring the educational program of the American Cancer Society. She is a member of the First Baptist Church. Her husband is A. A. Ryan and they have a son and a daughter.

More Livestock In 1961 Expected By Specialist

AUBURN, Ala. — Total red meat production will set a new high next year, predicts Otis Russell, Auburn livestock marketing specialist.

"Meat production will probably increase enough during 1961 to supply each consumer with about four pounds more meat than he had last year," Russell expects the largest increase in beef production. And he says that pork supplies will be less plentiful during the first half of the year but should push above the figures of a year earlier in the second half if the 1961 spring crop is as large as expected.

Red-meat consumption per person will likely total about 165 pounds next year, second only to 166.7 pounds consumed in 1956, the marketing specialist says.

Florence State To Have New Science Building

Architects are working on the final plans for a \$718,000 science and home economics building which is the fourth in an expansion program of eight buildings on the Florence State College campus. The total project will cost approximately \$3,300,000 when it is completed.

Located just across the street from the new men's dormitory, which is now under construction, the three-story structure will resemble other additions to the campus with its concrete frame and brick face.

Plans are also nearing completion on another three-story building which will be erected on the campus. An addition to Collier Library, which will exist in the neighborhood of \$400,000, will be air-conditioned and will accommodate approximately 158,000 volumes. This will help alleviate the need for space for study and seating which is now a problem in the structure which was built in 1939.

Sewerage Plant Nearly Completed In Tuscumbia

Tuscumbia sanitary sewerage treatment plant facilities and outfall lines, now under construction, were tabbed "90 per cent complete" during a progress inspection made by federal and state officials in the company of Mayor E. J. Henninger and W. M. Paxton, Jr., engineer.

John Bolton, sanitation engineer for the state health department, Paul W. Richards, construction program director for the United States Public Health Service in Atlanta and Robert P. Binnings, representing Harry Hendon and Associates of Birmingham, who helped in the engineering of the local facilities, conducted the inspection.

Mr. Bolton said that the inspection of the sewerage projects was made to determine the amount of the partial payments to be made under Public Law 660, through which a \$100,000 grant was given Tuscumbia.

Farmers, their suppliers, and those directly dependent on processing and distributing farm products account for more than one-third of total United States employment.

Judge Lashes NAACP For Depriving Rights

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Washington State Supreme Court Judge Joseph A. Mallory accuses the Negro race of trying to deprive whites of the right to choose their associates in private affairs.

The 64-year-old veteran jurist also said he had been the victim of retaliation by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People over his position in a previous case involving racial discrimination.

Judge Mallory wrote in an opinion involving a cemetery's refusal to permit burial of a Negro child in a restricted section.

"The Negro race, ably led by the NAACP, makes the result of every Negro lawsuit the measure of its success in securing not only rights equal to whites in public affairs, but also of special privileges for Negroes in private affairs."

"This explains why the NAACP administers massive retaliation upon judges for opinions that do not advance the Negro cause."

The judge said the NAACP had actively opposed him in his recent successful bid for re-election to a fourth 6-year term.

He went on to say in a special opinion concurring with the majority in the cemetery case.

"This lawsuit is but an incident, the second of a series, in the overall Negro crusade to judicially deprive white people of their right to choose their association in their private affairs."

The State Supreme Court ruled in a Seattle Negro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Milton V. Price, who sued the Evergreen Cemetery Co. for refusing their request to bury their child in a section reserved for infants.

In his concurring opinion, Judge Mallory said the Prices were offered burial space in another children's section of the cemetery open to both white and Negro.

"A victorious crusade of the NAACP for special privileges of Negroes to intrude upon white people in their private affairs can only be won at the expense of the traditional freedom of personal association which has always characterized the free world," he wrote.

"From time immemorial the scope and extent of an individual's choice in his private affairs has been the Anglo-Saxon measure of his liberties."

"No individual right has been more cherished than the right to choose one's associates."

"Restraintment in the private affairs of life, on the other hand, has been the badge of the police state."

"It remains to be seen how resistant our ancient liberties of private association will be to the variety of mass pressures being mobilized by the NAACP."

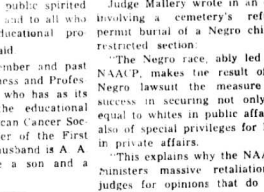
"It is, indeed, a concerted and aggressive force to be reckoned with."

White-Bigbee Wedding Invitations Out

The following invitations have been received by friends in the Tri-Cities and elsewhere: "Mr. and Mrs. Ben Deal. White request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Linda Juanita, to Mr. Lee, Willingham Bigbee, Saturday, the seventeenth of December, nineteen hundred and sixty, at seven o'clock in the evening Southside Baptist Church, Sheffield, Alabama."

Reception immediately following the ceremony in the church parlor.

THESE WOMEN!



By d'Alessio

What's about it, Mr. Gramick — along the French name of the Americans prices?"

Two Colbert Students Receive Degrees

AUBURN, Ala. — Elizabeth Ridley Copeland, Tuscumbia, received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Auburn University, today Thursday, in the Student Activities Building.

Dr. Melvin Philpott, vice-president of the University of Florida, Gainesville, was commencement speaker to the 323 fall quarter graduates.

Morning activities began with the Military Commissioning of 36 young men in Langdon Hall. Commissions were awarded as follows: Army, 22; Navy, 6; Marine Corps, 2; and Air Force, 6.

After this ceremony President and Mrs. Ralph E. Draughton entertained graduates, their parents and other friends with a coffee in the Student Union Ballroom.

James Millard, Rutland, Leighton also received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from Auburn on the same day.

Heffins To Stage Open House Monday Night

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Heffin have issued the following invitation: Open House, Howell and Elizabeth Ann Heffins, 2111 E. Sixth Street, Tuscumbia, Ala., December 19, 7 to 9 p.m.

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