

## Business At High Level In Tri-Cities

Using bank debits as a comprehensive indicator of general business, activity in the Tri-Cities area remained at a high level during November. The total value of debits recorded, amounting to \$24,214,746, reflects a decrease of 18 per cent from October. However, October had 27 business days and November had only 24. Therefore, when a daily average of debits recorded is computed, an actual increase of 2.4 per cent is shown. Total debits recorded reflected a decrease of 2.4 per cent from November, 1946.

The November savings deposit aggregate of \$5,242,534 recorded in the banks of Florence, Sheffield and Tusculum was 0.3 per cent above the figure recorded at the end of October and was 8 per cent higher than a year ago November.

The postal savings balance mounted to \$1,064,424 at the end of November which was a 37 per cent decrease from the preceding month but an increase of 3.4 per cent over November, 1946. Postal savings have shown six slight decreases since 1947 but have maintained increases over each month of 1946.

Total postal receipts from the three post offices in the area reflected a decrease of 14.3 per cent from October. However, when the daily average is computed, a 1.6 per cent increase, the decrease in November is pronounced, being only 3.6 per cent below the October level. The total value of postal receipts recorded amounted to \$17,472 which was 4.9 per cent below November a year ago.

Building permits were issued in the Tri-Cities area during November to a total value of \$117,150 reflecting a decrease of 22.8 per cent from the previous month. Of the total value of permits issued, \$76,500 was for buildings.

Total mortgages recorded amounted to \$597,751. The total indicated percentage increase of 35.4 over October but a 6.4 per cent decline from November, 1946. Real estate mortgages made up \$411,555 of the total mortgages recorded but the category was 19.5 per cent below the year ago level. Although real estate mortgages reflected large increases over October and the year ago period, they represented only a small portion of the total value.

Reports from the Sheffield office of the Alabama State Employment Service indicate that the employment situation was not so favorable in the Tri-Cities area during November as there were 56 more applications for work than there were job placements. Placements had decreased 27.5 per cent from October and were 20.1 per cent lower than for the same period in 1946. Applications for work were 11 per cent from the preceding month and were 54.6 per cent higher than November, 1946.

The total dollar value of retail sales in Lauderdale County for November as indicated by sales tax payments was 3.6 per cent above November, 1946. Sales decreased 23.8 per cent in restaurants and cafes and small decreases were noted in department and dry goods sales and in food sales. All other classifications showed increased sales with the largest increase being in lumber and building material sales.

The retail sales for Colbert County decreased 1.6 per cent from November, 1946. Lumber and building material, restaurant and cafe, and general merchandise sales increased. All other types of sales surveyed decreased from the year ago figures.

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### SAVE THAT EXTRA PIG TO GET BIG PROFIT

An extra pig saved in every litter, would put thousands of dollars in Alabama farm pockets and give more meat to the world's hungry.

The average number of pigs saved per litter in Alabama is now six. "If we could have that seventh one, we would save 100 pounds of feed," explains an API bulletin.

More pigs are born in March than in any other month. The best day's work the hog producer can do, the bulletin says, is to be on hand when they are born. Pigs, from birth to 75 pounds in weight, need more tankage than any other period.

"Give the brood sows a ration of pigs plenty of tankage mixture, mineral mixture, and loose salt, all fed dry," the bulletin suggested to growers.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

IT'S OUR BUSINESS

A government commission studies the quality of education offered in American schools and the quantity of students to be served. Stressing the importance of higher education as it affects the problems of tomorrow, the changing society, the need of fulfilling demands of modern problems, means we must give better preparation, better working conditions to teachers overburdened with crowded classrooms, improve faculty selections, offer better salaries in order to interest individuals in becoming teachers.

In spite of the fact many schools have given salary increases, the commission states that the "strongest" institutions, the average salary last year was \$3,887, covering a nine month's jerid. They believe the average physician and real estate salesman make nearly twice that amount.

With increased living costs the teacher's responsibilities are a burden. It is maintained that, if the beginning salary was high enough, it should offer competition and attract men and women talented in teaching. But yearly increasing the salary, for merit, you could hold the excellent teachers. We might improve working conditions, especially of those who are instructing the very young, the grade school teachers, in order to bring better qualified students into high schools and colleges. The importance of education for today and tomorrow, is so vital, it is a topic of profound interest to all of us.

Local Page Items: Mayor Jas. E. Ibsell spending some time in Hot Springs. Mrs. Wallace Payne returning from a visit to Thomasville, Ga. Miss Mary Brinkley Ibsell visiting friends in Tusculum. Mrs. Polk Montgomery, visiting Mrs. B. F. Little. Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Whitman return from a visit to Birmingham. Mrs. E. T. Hemery returns from the States. Williams returns from a visit to his sister, Mrs. Walter Martin, in Memphis. Mrs. Patty Ferguson entertains with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Francis Morrison. Mrs. Melville Burns entertains with card party at home. Mrs. E. E. Chilton, Estell Springs, Tenn., visiting his brother, Dr. F. M. Fitzgerald. Mrs. H. H. Golson goes to New Orleans for a visit. Mrs. L. W. Chapman and children return from Mobile.

### GILBERT HOVATER ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION AS COMMISSIONER

Friends of Gilbert Hovater will be interested in the official announcement appearing this week of his candidacy for re-election to the office of county commissioner from the north-west district, subject to the action of the democratic primary election May 4th.

Mr. Hovater was a successful candidate for this office four years ago when he won a striking victory over some popular adversaries, and since his election into the office he has since been engaged in general farming and operating a gin and planer in Cherokee.

He earnestly solicits the vote and influence of the public. If you have an electric mixer you should have a rubber scraper, for this is the best and safest implement to use around the inside of the mixer bowl.

The candidate is too well known in the county for his friends to tell of his many qualities, but they note his ability and his attention to the duties of this important office, and believe he should be honored with a second term.

Mr. Hovater is an experienced road builder, farmer and ginmer of the Brick neighborhood, a native of the county and is familiar with the needs and desires of the people, and he solicits your support upon his record as an office holder and a citizen of the county.

### EARL WALDRUP CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

Earl Waldrup announces his candidacy for County Commissioner for the Southwest District of Colbert County, subject to the action of the democratic primary on Tuesday, May 4th.

Mr. Waldrup is a native of Colbert County and has spent all of his life here. He is a widely known and popular young man whose broad experience and keen insight particularly equips him to serve the people well in this most important post, friends point out. His past record proves him to be the type of man that the people would want to serve them, his supporters say. He says he is keenly aware of the importance of the job for which he is asking the people to elect him.

He is willing to give his time unselfishly and pledges himself to handle the business affairs of the people of the county in an honest and efficient manner should they choose to elect him.

### VALENTINE DAY

This is a sentimental event, observed since the English language was first written and has a wide range in its expressions of exchanging messages and gifts. The fancy of the sender may lean to hearts and flowers, sweet verse and wide lace borders, or it may be a comic Valentine that brings a jest and pokes innocent fun. The cruel wit of the venomous type "comic" is less popular than it was a few years ago, for which we are grateful. This is the day for sentiment, not sarcasm. There is no age limit for sending and receiving Valentines. The world can use more of the spirit of cupid's darts and lover's knots. If you only say it with heart-shaped candies that carry "Why Not" and "I Love You," at least say it!

### THEN AND NOW

Words, with many of them about words, this is not thin at all, but a moment, die and are forever buried. Words from Abraham Lincoln have made a living tribute, a monument, to a great man. His words need be changed little to apply to present conditions. We find very fitting for today the second paragraph of Lincoln's second inaugural address.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations."

It's hard to tell which you like the least, the man who tells but half the truth or the one who goes all the way.

It takes 20 years for a man to know about the neighbors his wife can find out in one!

The man who says there has been no new sin for thousands of years has evidently forgotten a man named Hitler.

The trouble with the march of time is that it seems to be out of step. There seems to be no relief in sight for spring after getting a preview of what lies ahead in ladies millinery.

Mr. Waldrep has had wide experience in road work in Colbert County, which places him in position to understand its needs.

He has worked as an iron worker at Reynolds Metals Company and since has been engaged in general farming and operating a gin and planer in Cherokee.

He earnestly solicits the vote and influence of the public. If you have an electric mixer you should have a rubber scraper, for this is the best and safest implement to use around the inside of the mixer bowl.

A clean cloth, dampened with vinegar, makes an excellent cleanser for mirrors.

### Jefferson County Sets Record In Howard-Southern Appeal



Erkine Ramsay (seated), Birmingham philanthropist, presents his check for \$100,000 to Birmingham-Southern and Howard Colleges to climax Jefferson County's whirlwind \$1,000,000 campaign for the two colleges. Shown with Mr. Ramsay are Major Harwell G. Davis, president of Howard College (left) and Dr. George R. Stuart, Jr., president of Birmingham-Southern College (right). A world record is said to have been made by Jefferson County in exceeding its million dollar quota in a period of 17 days. The statewide appeal for the remaining \$1,200,000 will be launched in other Alabama counties April 4th. The General Education Board of New York will give the remaining \$300,000 of \$2,500,000 sought for the two colleges.

### W. W. THOMPSON IN RACE FOR ASSESSOR

W. W. Thompson announces his entry in the campaign for election as tax assessor for Colbert County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic primary, Tuesday, May 4, 1948.

Mr. Thompson is well known in Tusculum and Colbert County, having been in the dry cleaning business in Tusculum for the past twenty years and a citizen of Colbert County for thirty years.

Mr. Thompson is well known to the farmers of Colbert County through his work with the Farm Bureau and the Four H Clubs in connection with the Fat Stock Show in Birmingham.

As chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Tusculum Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Thompson was instrumental in organizing the Colbert County Farmer's Market.

Mr. Thompson has been active in Boy Scout work in Tusculum and the Tennessee Valley for the past ten years and is at present a member of the Colbert County District Council and the Tennessee Valley Council. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tusculum and has always been interested and active in all civic and educational work throughout the county.

Mr. Thompson said, in discussing his entry into the campaign, that he is well qualified to fill the office of tax assessor and is making his campaign on the pledge that, if elected, he will conduct the affairs of the office to the best of his ability and render a fair service to the taxpayers of Colbert County. He says he hopes to contact each voter prior to May 4 and asks that careful consideration be given to his candidacy.

### ELBERT C. HENRY IS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

Elbert C. Henry, well known citizen of the county, this week files his hat in the ring for county commissioner from the southwest district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary of May 4, 1948.

Mr. Henry is chairman of the board of registrars and has been a prominent worker for the good of the county, and his friends predict that should he be elected the county will be well represented.

Mr. Henry is an advocate of farm to market roads, honest and trustworthy, and friends say he is in every way qualified for the position which he seeks.

Friends also state that Mr. Henry's word is his bond and anything he tells you can be counted on.

He earnestly solicits your vote and influence on May 4th.

### DEATH OF MRS. SHERRILL OCCURS AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary Carolyn Grisham Sherrill, aged 75, of 809 East Sixth Street died Sunday morning at the Colbert County Hospital after a brief illness.

She was known to her many friends as Mrs. Molly Sherrill. She was born in Russellville and moved here in 1906. She was a member of the First Baptist church and was a member of the Susan Anderson Circle of the church. Her husband, Geo. W. Sherrill passed away in January, 1922.

### MOVIE PROGRAM

STRAND—Tusculum Saturday, Feb. 14  
UNEXPECTED GUEST—with Billy Boyd, Andy Clyde  
Sunday-Monday, Feb. 15-16  
AFFAIRS OF GERALDINE—with Jane Withers, Jimmy Lydon  
Sunday-Wednesday, Feb. 17-18  
THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY—in Technicolor, with Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo, Also "The Royal Wedding," in Technicolor  
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 19-20  
GUNFIGHTERS—in Cinecolor, with Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton.

COLBERT—Sheffield Saturday, Feb. 14  
Zane Grey's UNDER THE TONTO RIM—with Tim Holt, Nan Leslie  
Sunday-Monday, Feb. 15-16  
A LIKELY STORY—with Barbara Hale, Bill Williams  
Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 17-18  
GUNFIGHTERS—in Cinecolor, with Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton  
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 19-20  
THE SECRET LIFE OF WALTER MITTY—in Technicolor, with Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo, Also "The Royal Wedding," in Technicolor.

### Governors Dodge Truman's Plans

Wakulla Fla. Southern governors adopted a calm attitude Sunday toward President Truman's civil rights program and left Gov. Fielding L. Wright of Mississippi apparently unable to make an immediate issue.

Wright said at the close of the meeting he had felt the Southern governors conference would be the logical standard bearer in a fight against the President's request to Congress for federal laws against poll taxes, lynching and segregation of the races on interstate carriers.

"But if all other recourse is unavailable, I stand ready to take other and more positive action," said Wright. He had asked the governors to get behind a Southern revolt, selecting a "favorite son" as Democratic presidential nominee. But his resolution did not get a second.

Before adjourning, the governors went far enough to appoint a committee to study the purpose of the President's civil rights program and chart a course for the conference within 40 days.

The conference achieved its stated purpose plans for a program of regional schools in the South where Negro and white students will be given equal training in professions and sciences.

The governors expressed the hope that the project would meet requirements of a Supreme Court decision that the states must provide both races with equal facilities.

A committee of five governors—Governor Wright—was appointed to study the President's civil rights program. Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina was named chairman. Others are Govs. Beauford Jester, Texas; Gregg Cherry, North Carolina; William M. Tucker, Virginia, and Ben T. Laney, Arkansas.

Wright apparently plans to go ahead with a mass meeting to legislate a course of action. Mississippi Legislature now in session, voted to attend in a body.

### WON'T BACK TRUMAN

Former State Sen. J. Miller Bonner, a candidate for delegate to the Democratic National Convention Sunday said he had withdrawn his support for President Truman.

Bonner said that Mr. Truman's civil rights program "proves him to be an arch enemy of the white man of the South."

Mrs. Callahan Lamar of Atlanta is the house guest of her cousins, Misses Anna, Elizabeth and Margaret Burt and Mrs. S. P. Cooper.

Arthur Shaw, Tusculum attorney, was week-end visitor in Decatur. Miss Frances Shaw and Miss Daisy Filpen of Tusculum, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, Jr.—Decatur Daily.

### J. O. MAYFIELD ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

J. O. Mayfield, well known businessman and farmer, formally announces his candidacy for county commissioner from the northwest district, subject to the action of the democratic primary election of May 4th.

Mr. Mayfield made a splendid race for this position four years ago and was only about 100 votes behind his opponent, who had made several previous campaigns for county office. The candidate is thoroughly qualified to serve the people of the county in this important office, friends declare, and that if and when he is elected he can be depended upon to look after the interests of his constituents. Mr. Mayfield is a firm believer in farm to market roads and will bend every effort toward having these constructed.

Mr. Mayfield has been in business in Tusculum for many years during which time he has made friends with every one with whom he came in contact and is known by most of the voters in the city and county for his honesty and integrity. He served three years in the marine corps of the United States; was born and reared in the county; has always contributed to all worthy causes and aided in their accomplishment. Mr. Mayfield says he is the candidate of no group or clique and if elected will go on in office unfeared by any promises.