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Plant Tree - Grow Job Program Week

Governor George C. Wallace has endorsed the Plant Trees - Grow Jobs program and proclaimed this week of February as Plant Trees - Grow Jobs Week throughout Alabama.

This is the second year of the seven-year crash program designed to bring Alabama's 1.7 million acres of open idle land back into production. Much of this land, once forest land, was cleared for agricultural purposes only to be abandoned in recent years due to loss of soil fertility through erosion of topsoil.

Today this land is a burden to the State's economy because it produces no income for the landowners. This negative income is lost income because the land could provide a profit if it were growing a timber crop. A recent survey of 98 pine plantations in the Tennessee Valley shows the average plantation is returning $15 per acre per year in stumpage values alone. Thus, Alabama landowners are losing $15 per acre per year on 1,700,000 acres of idle unproductive land or some $25,500,000 annually.

This year newspapers, radio stations, and television stations have again brought the Plant Trees-Grow Jobs story to the people of Alabama. County agents, State Forestry Division personnel, industrial foresters, Soil Conservation Service personnel, Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service community committeemen, garden club representatives, and numerous other people have actively participated in this campaign to reforest wasted land.

This year's tree planting season is well underway. Perhaps this week, the Plant Trees-Grow Jobs Week, is a good time to look at what has been done thus far during the 1963-64 season. Already some 25,000,000 seedlings have been ordered from Alabama's three forest nurseries. This is enough seedlings to reforest 25,000 acres of open land.

What does this mean to Alabama? It means about $420,000 of additional annual income to Alabama landowners in stumpage values. It means about 280 new jobs in Alabama's second largest industry, the wood-using industry.

Based on records of past seasons the tempo of tree planting can be expected to increase rapidly during the months of February and March. The goal this year is to plant some 160,000 acres in Alabama. This is more than double last year's accomplishment.

The attainment of this year's goal and the seven-year goal should be of concern to all Alabama citizens. Trees, the State's number one cash crop, already support an industry producing products worth about $500,000,000 annually. This is a rapidly expanding industry; last year it accounted for over half of the total industrial expansion in the State. Current predictions indicate the wood demand for the pulp and paper industry will increase by about 1,000,000 cords due to proposed expansion of existing mills. This is only one segment of the wood-using industry, an industry which also includes sawmills, veneer mills, and numerous other plants.

If you are interested in planting trees this year, the time for action is now. Alabama District Forester, Athol Hyatt, reports only two more deliveries of seedlings are scheduled for north Alabama counties. These deliveries will be made February 19 and March 4. To insure your supply of seedings, contact your county ranger, county agent, or ASCS community committeeman and place your order today. Any further delay in placing your order could result in the loss of one year's growth for your potential plantation. Remember, the average annual growth on one acre of a pine plantation is worth $15 to you, the landowner.

CENSUS TO COLLECT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

"How many weeks did you work in 1963?" This and other questions on work experience last year will be asked of persons in those households participating in the Census Bureau's February Current population Survey. Interviewers will call on local households the week of February 17-22, Thomas W. McWhirter, Director of the Bureau's regional office in Atlanta announced today.

Census Bureau interviewers who will visit local families in February include:

Mrs. Mary T. Taylor
Route 1
Cherokee, Ala.

Kirkland Announces For Board of Revenue

Mose H. Kirkland, widely known business man of Tuscumbia, today announced his candidacy for the Board of Revenue for the Northeast District of Colbert County, Alabama, subject to the vote of the people in the primary on May 5, 1964.

Mr. Kirkland has been a successful businessman and farmer for some 43 years and for some 23 years has had wide experience in the use of heavy tractor equipment. Mr. Kirkland was born and raised in Colbert County, Alabama, and has always been active in community affairs. His many friends feel that because of his experience with machinery and knowledge of the needs of the people that his chances to be nominated for this important position are excellent.

In making his announcement, Mr. Kirkland had this to say: "I feel that because of my experience I can make Colbert County an excellent member of the Board of Revenue. I have lived here all of my life and feel that I know how to handle this important position. I shall make every effort to see the voters and sincerely hope that they carefully consider my qualifications."

Family Has 12 Children In F. S.

By Bob Nixon
FSC News Director

It's unusual these day and time for a couple to have as many as 12 children. It's even more unusual for anyone with that many kids to manage to send 10 of them to college, when all 10 go to the same college, it becomes downright fantastic.

Yet that's what the Ralph E. Graham family of Belgreen, Ala., can claim. The Rev. Mr. Graham, an ordained Methodist minister, is himself a graduate of Florence State College. Seven of his children have graduated from Florence State, four are attending at present, and the youngest, a ninth grade student at Belgreen High School, plans to follow the rest of the family to FSC in due time.

Only Jack, 33, missed Florence State entirely, and that's because he is a career serviceman. He has spent 10 years in the Air Force, and now lives with his wife and one daughter in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

Although Mrs. Graham, a registered nurse, didn't attend Florence State, she came pretty close. She took her nurse's training at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence. A small woman of quiet dignity, Mrs. Graham's eyes reflect an intense pride when she speaks of her large family.

Tuscumbia Offers Site For TVA

The City Board of Commissioners Monday offered to supply the land and facilities necessary to transfer the headquarters of the Tennessee Valley Authority from Knoxville, Tenn.

A petition by Huntsville, Ala., real estate broker Basil Banks was filed Jan. 31 in Birmingham Federal Court seeking transfer of the TVA headquarters. Banks claimed the 1933 congressional act setting up TVA stipulated it should be located "in the immediate vicinity of Muscle Shoals," an area of North Alabama.

"Tuscumbia has sites available for location of the general offices of TVA and is ready to assist in financing the building of headquarters office buildings," the commissioners said.

"This statement is issued by the board since our citizens feel the TVA headquarters should be in the Muscle Shoals area and Tuscumbia has property readily available and ample means of financing construction of buildings needed through the industrial bond acts."

Colbert Group Names Officers

Colbert County Chapter, Alabama Society for Crippled Children and Adults, re - elected officers recently and heard a report on the Northwest Alabama Rehabilitation Center.

Officers re-elected were Sam J. Isreal, president; Mrs. Julian Olim, vice president; Joe Whiteside, treasurer; and Mrs. Loren Gray Jr., secretary.

Named to the board of directors for three-year terms were Mrs. Jack Huddleston, Mrs. Gary, J. G. Lewey D. O. Duggar, Felix Felton, James Snyder, Mrs. Olim and John W. Newman.

Elected to the board for one-year

EDITORIAL GRIST

THE SPRING BONFIRE

Spring and Summer politics in Alabama will unfold against a background of heat and passion.

The dispensation of the three-man panel of federal judges in Macon County won't make a lot of difference in the rate of integration, but it will be another galling thrust of federal reconstruction.

The congressional debate on the civil rights bill is sharp in the House, but it will become thunderous in the Senate when the filibuster starts.

Softening of the bill's provisions would inflame elements such as CORE. Enacting them as they are would inflame the South (and other parts of the country if they but knew the provisions).

Then will follow the two national conventions to nominate the candidates. Thence to the presidential campaign.

As all that proceeds, Alabama will be electing delegates to the Atlantic City convention of the Democrats and nominating the eight Democratic candidates for Congress who will oppose the Republican slate in the November election.

In the May primary election Alabamians will be called upon to choose between a slate of Johnson electors and a slate of unpledged electors.

There will be civil war within the Democratic Party with one host led by Gov. Wallace and the other by a trinity—Senator Hill, Senator Sparkman and Atty. Gen. Richmond Flowers.

Everything that is said by President Johnson and done in Congress will affect the course of this struggle.

Presumably this struggle will be fierce and certainly it will be spectacular because of the stakes and the combativeness of the leaders.

Wallace and the Hill-Sparkman-Flowers trinity are deeply antagonistic. The feeling will be intensified as the toe-cut proceeds.

Wallace's gifts as a campaigner are fairly well known. It is also well known that Wallace can hardly wait to get with his adversaries. He has important advantages and superiorities working for him — most everything except a case for unpledged electors. There isn't any case for that throwaway.

But it must also be recognized that Hill, Sparkman and Flowers are well endowed wranglers.

It would seem on the present face of things and also the basis of the past that they will have to assume the defensive roll and seek to trip or wear out Wallace in some fashion. Their ingenuity is not to be discounted.

The whole business becomes fascinating when you consider that Wallace, Hill and Sparkman are perhaps the three most sensitive and knowing politicians in Alabama. We will know in May who miscalculated. — The Montgomery Advertiser

THE TWO AND A HALF MUSKETEERS

Senators Hill and Sparkman, along with Attorney General Flowers, make up our latest Two And A Half Musketeers. They have formed an unholy alliance to challenge Governor Wallace for the top political banana spot in Alabama, which reminds one in a small way of the old David versus Goliath affair.

How Sparkman became sold on the alliance is hard to understand since he is soon to come up for re-election. Hill has nothing to lose. Just starting his last 6-year term he will be beyond the age limit when his time is up. Flowers went along because he is anti-Wallace anything and just to go along for the ride hoping he might pick up a few political crumbs which he needs so badly.

Not only does Governor Wallace enjoy the widest national popularity of any of the 50 governors, but he is at this time the most popular individual and governor this state has undoubtedly ever had. Certainly this is no time to board a lifeboat — particularly in his own den.

The Hill-Sparkman-Flowers trio will make no dent in the political scene, but their combined efforts might be just the thing that will draw Wallace into the senatorial ring against Sparkman and should this happen the Senator might just as well start contacting his friend Johnson for a federal job.

Another pleasant note might be added here to the effect that did this happen, Alabama has standing in the wings a good gubernatorial prospect in Jim Allen. — Sylacauga News

INTEGRATION MAKES SLOW PROGRESS

Ten years ago the U. S. Supreme Court handed down its integration decision. In the intervening years there has been little evidence that the nation, north or south, intends to comply with the edict of the court. Television recently showed a scene in Cleveland, Ohio, which evidenced clearly that integration there is no more popular than it is in the south. This week the TV was showing boycott marches in New York City. Next week it may be Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit or some city in the south. Sentiment is the same everywhere, yet the liberals, the fanatics and the colored trouble makers continue to try to force it on unwilling and unsympathetic whites.

Despite the fact that all the civil rights measures needed are already in effect, there will be many weeks of Congress wasted in a futile attempt to make integration work. This time could well be devoted to more useful purposes.

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio

"Would you mind foregoing your tip, waiter, so we can all afford the $3.75 table d'hote dinner?"

George Wallace On His Way Again

Governor George C. Wallace flew to Cincinnati Monday afternoon for the first step on his Midwestern search for for new industry for Alabama.

The Governor will combine conferences with 12 leading industrial firms in the Midwest with speeches in seven cities.

Conferences with industrialists will be held in Cincinnati, Columbus, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Madison, Wisconsin.

Speeches will be made in Cincinnati, Columbus, Minneapolis, and Madison.

In making the speaking and industry - hunting tour the Governor is fulfilling one of his campaign promises. He pledged to the people that he would devote at least two months of every year to traveling and searching for new industry.

The Governor stated "When talking with the industrialists, I plan to tell them that the people of Alabama believe strongly in the free enterprise system. I am going to tell them that Alabama wants new industry and that we are going to keep Alabama's business climate favorable toward new industry. I will also tell them of our views on States Rights and local government."

Governor Wallace and his party will return to Alabama on Thursday, February 13.

On his recent trip through five Western States the Governor was received enthusiastically by capacity audiences everywhere he appeared.

Ernest P. Nelson For Bd. Of Revenue

Ernest P. Nelson, well known citizen of Colbert county, who resides and farms near Cherokee, is a candidate for the county board of revenue from the northwest district, subject to the action of the voters in the May up-coming primary election.

Mr. Nelson is a member of the Building and construction workers union No. 1293, and has had experience in other lines of endeavor other than this building employment, having been with the Southern Railway.

The candidate is a native of the county and has many friends who are backing him in his ambition to be a member of the governing body of the county, and say that he is well qualified for the position.

Mr. Nelson will be more than grateful for your vote and influence, promises to give his best to the schools, roads and other public functions that the county needs.

GREENVILLE AFB, Miss. — Airman Third Class Robert E. Franklin III of Sheffield, Ala., is being reassigned to Woodbridge RAF Station, England, following his graduation from the technical training course for United States Air Force fire protection specialists here.

Airman Franklin, son of Mrs. Helen Franklin of Sheffield, was trained to prevent and fight structural, aircraft, and material fires and to perform preventive maintenance on fire fighting equipment and vehicles.

The airman, whose father, Robert E. Franklin, resides at 131 Cloverdale Road, Natchez, Miss., attended Natchez - Adams County High School.

One of Alabama's biggest industrial expansions has been in plants allied with the poultry industry. They include processing plants, weed mills, hatcheries and poultry equipment and chemical companies.

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Appliances with motors need air in order to work at full capacity. So, give freezers and refrigerators plenty of breathing room.

TVA Revenue From Power Sales At Peak

Tennessee Valley Authority electric power revenues were at an all-time peak during the last half of 1963 but net income dropped below 1962 levels, according to the agency's quarterly power report issued this week.

Power revenues for the six months ended December 31 were $137,584,000, which was $9,052,000 more than in the comparable period of 1962.

Revenues from sales to the municipal and cooperative systems distributing TVA power were $54,376,000 an increase of 8 percent over the same six months of 1962. Revenues of $28,955,000 from sales to the large industries TVA serves directly were up 14 percent.

Net income from power operations was $22,179,000, down a little more than $2 million from those in the previous year. The decline resulted chiefly from severe drought conditions on the TVA system, in contrast with last year's near-average rainfall. This restricted hydro power production and required increased use of coal for steam power.

Net power proceeds, on which debt service on TVA power borrowings has first call, totaled $169,919,000 in calendar 1963. That was up $2,864,000 over 1962.

TVA paid $20,103,000 to the United States Treasury at the end of 1963 as a return, or dividend, on the Federal appropriations invested in the power system. This payment increased to $162,951,000 the amount paid to the Treasury under the 1959 amendment to the TVA Act. The total includes $30 million in repayment of the Federal investment in power facilities.

The second issue of TVA power notes, totaling $35 million with a 118-day term, was sold at auction in November at an average discount rate of 3.919 percent. Power borrowings outstanding at the end of the year totaled $230 million, consisting of $145 million of long-term bonds, $35 million of publicly held short-term notes, and $50 million of borrowings from the U. S. Treasury.

TVA's power program obligations have been added to the Treasury's list of Government agency securities that are eligible as collateral security for deposits of public moneys. Banks qualified as depositaries may now pledge their holdings of TVA power bonds and notes as security for their Treasury tax and loan accounts and other Treasury deposits they may hold.

The Tennessee Valley region has recorded substantial gains in employment in most categories of manufacturing, according to a recent TVA study. Its expanded resource base has offered greater opportunities for industrial growth. Over the 30-year period covered by the census years 1930 and 1960, manufacturing employment in the area served by the distributors of TVA power increased about 150 per cent, compared with an increase of approximately 75 percent in the Nation.

The number of manufacturing firms has roughly doubled since 1939 both in the Tennessee Valley region and in the seven states in which the Valley is located. The national increase was about 70 percent.

New Officers For A.P.A.

TUSCALOOSA — E. M. (Sparky) Howell, Publisher of The Onlooker, Foley, was elected president of Alabama Press Association, trade organization of state daily and weekly newspapers, at the conclusion of the association's annual convention here Saturday.

Other officers named at the meeting were Ralph Callahan, The Anniston Star, first vice president, and Ed Donnelly, Andalusia Star-News, second vice president. Jones W. Giles was reelected secretary-manager.

Four new members elected to the nine-man Board of Directors were Bob Morrissette, Jr., The Atmore Advance District Two; Bruce Jetton, The Wetumpka Herald, District Four; Karl Elebash, Jr., The Graphic, Tuscaloosa, District Six; and Leroy Simms, The Huntsville Times, District Eight.

Experiments in hybrid bee strains have produced a bee colony that can produce an average of 292 pounds of honey a year. Wild bees produce only about 25 to 35 pounds of salable honey a year.