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## National Security Conference By American Legion

A conference on National Security sponsored by the Auxiliary of the American Legion, will be held at the Whitley Hotel, Montgomery, February 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Matt D. Holmes of Letochatchee, State Chairman.

The meeting will be open to all who are interested in learning what the average citizen can and should do to help keep the country secure amid the dangers threatening the free world today.

The theme of the Conference "Building the Wall of National Security" has been taken from the Bible: Nehemiah, Chapter 4. "So built we the wall, for the people had said, 'The theme will be of well-informed speakers. Dr. F. R. White, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montgomery will speak on "The Foundation of Christianity." Mr. Ed. Reid of the Alabama League of Municipalities will discuss "The Bulwark of Municipalities and Civil Defense," and Mayor Donald Sweeney from Maxwell Air Force Base will have for his subject "The Parapet Space and the Atom."

The National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Ollie J. Koger of Kansas is coming to Alabama for the conference. She served as Chairman of the Women's Forum on National Security in Washington, D. C. in January of this year. She, and the delegates from Alabama who attended the Washington Forum will bring echoes from that meeting. Reporting will be Miss Bernadine Thompson of Greenville, National Executive Committeewoman. Mrs. Clyde Ellis of Fort Payne, State President, Mrs. Dan Waite Jr. of Centre, Past State President, Mrs. Walter W. Andrews of Jackson, National Child Welfare Chairman, and Mrs. Matt D. Holmes.

The conference will be followed by a luncheon at which Mrs. Koger will be the guest speaker.

Delegates from Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units from all sections of the state will be in attendance. Invitations have been extended to all patriotic civic and fraternal organizations to participate in the conference and to attend the luncheon. Local Auxiliary President Miss Eileen Brown.

## Alabama Physicians To Hear Heart Talks

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama physicians will hear a two-day program of talks on treatment of heart disease here next month.

The Scientific Meeting on Cardiovascular Disease, sponsored by the Alabama Heart Association, will be held at the Guest House Motor Inn, March 13-14.

This will be the first time this annual program has been held in Birmingham. In recent years it has been held each June at Point Clear.

The session is expected to attract practicing physicians from throughout the state. The program will feature talks and panel discussions by six Medical College of Alabama faculty members and six speakers from leading out-of-state medical institutions.

The talks and panel programs are scheduled for three sessions, on the opening afternoon of the meeting and on the morning and afternoon of the second day. In addition, a group of informal "fireside conferences" will be held in the evening of the first day of the meeting, with all of the program participants serving as discussion leaders.

Medical College of Alabama representatives on the program will be these:

Dr. Champ Lyons, Chairman of the Department of Surgery; Dr. Tinsley R. Harrison, Professor of Medicine; Dr. W. Sterling Edwards, Professor of Surgery; Dr. T. J. Reeves, Professor of Medicine; Dr. Leland Clark, Professor of Biochemistry and Dr. E. E. Eddleman, Jr., Associate Professor of Medicine.

Select frozen foods last when shopping. It will reduce the amount of time the foods will be out the freezer.

Chop leftover celery with an onion and cook. It will make a freer item for future use in a stuffing or soup.

## "100 YEARS AGO"

### NAVAL "GHOST FIGHTING"

One hundred years ago this week, bad weather had enemies on both sides snowed under around Fredericksburg, Virginia. In the West the Confederate Army of Tennessee remained encamped around Tullahoma, Tennessee, and the enemy remained in winter quarters at Murfreesboro. Either winter quarters was done by either cavalry, naval actions were few, but one in particular involved a "ghost ship."

Near Vicksburg on February 11, the USS Queen of the West moved down the Mississippi with orders to destroy all Confederate vessels. She destroyed or damaged or destroyed 14 Confederate vessels as she moved down the river, but by the time she reached the mouth of the Red River, she was captured by the Confederate navy. The Confederate forces under the command of Commodore Richard Taylor used her to capture the USS Indiana. This fast maneuvering and double quick capture of the Queen was called "Albatross" by Porter. U. S. N. had to await to await the Rebels.

Porter camouflaged a coal barge making it resemble an ironclad and when it was sighted by the Rebels, the Confederates, though unarmed and unarmored, this "ghost ship" looked formidable enough to destroy the Confederate navy and bring about the fall of Vicksburg. Under heavy black smoke from the "ghost" ship sailed toward the Confederates. The Confederate naval force believing the ship a dangerous ironclad, blew up the Indiana and fled in the Queen—thus losing one of their prize captures.

This was also a bad week for the Allantian Confederate fleet. On the Federal coast of Georgia near McAllister, the CSS Nashville was captured by the USS Montauk. The Nashville had made several trips through the Federal blockade and had been the first warship to carry the Confederate flag into a British port.

## Rats To Be Used In Heart Research

AUBURN, Ala. — A group of rats are going on a diet here to help solve some puzzles about human hearts.

The diet prescribed for them is designed to produce a deficiency in a vitamin-like substance called choline. Rats with a choline deficiency are found to have large quantities of fat in the heart and blood vessels, and investigators would like to know why.

The study of the heart muscle tissue of choline-deficient rats is being done by Dr. Charles E. Hunt of the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine. The Alabama Heart Association, financial support of which is made possible by donations made to the Heart Fund Drive now in progress throughout the state and nation.

Dietary problems, particularly in violating the use of fats, have been given a lot of attention in recent years as possible causes of heart and blood vessel disease. Accumulations of fat in the arteries have been tagged as the villains in heart attacks, but the role of diet and other factors in causing the accumulations remains a subject of controversy.

Dr. Hunt says his study is probing the possibility that fats accumulate in the heart of a choline-deficient animal because the heart muscle is unable to burn them for fuel.

## Colbert Makes Road Program Adjustments

The Colbert Board of Revenue voted on Tuesday at its recent meeting to take over policy-making in connection with the county's farm-to-market road program.

The policy-making had been under the direction of the county highway engineer.

The Board also agreed that supervision would be exercised over purchases, repair bills or expenditures of over \$50 in connection with the farm to market highway system.

If you're making cookies and run out of nuts, here's a good substitute. Crush sugar-coated cereal lightly and add to the batter.

When boiling meat on the stove, keep at least one-fourth cup of water in the pan. It will prevent the meat from burning and smoking.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

### DOLLAR NIGHT

The price of a three-minute night-time telephone call, coast-to-coast, will drop to \$1 this spring. The bargain rates are being imposed on the Bell Telephone System by the Federal Communications Commission, but adjustments in other rates makes the schedule more palatable to the phone companies.

In 1940, the minimum coast-to-coast rate was \$4.25. The sharp reduction since then, compared with the upward trend of most prices in the 23 years, is testimony to the technological advance of the telephone industry. No more dramatic example can be found of the progress possible in a private-enterprise system devoted to continual expansion and improvement of service to the consumer. As anyone who follows the financial pages knows, while phone rates have been going down, the giant American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has grown and made money.

It is an interesting coincidence that the cost of phone calls should go down again when the cost of sending an ordinary letter through the U. S. mail has just increased 25 percent. The advocates of government ownership are welcome to draw whatever solace they can from the comparison.

### THE OTHER WAY AROUND

Mr. Kennedy, the one who's attorney general and instigator of lawsuits to desegregate schools receiving so-called federal aid because they are in impacted areas, seems to think that the federal government has been doing the local schools a favor in extending this assistance.

Actually, it's the other way around. An impacted area is one where a federal installation is located and children of military or civilian personnel assigned there attend the local schools. Because these children swamp local facilities, which would not be swamped otherwise, the federal government has provided financial assistance and for this reason alone.

Attorney General Kennedy has argued that the government has a right to desegregate the schools because they allegedly discriminate against children of Negro personnel in segregating them. Of course in taking this attitude he is ignoring the rights of the local children for whom the schools were built in the first place, and the further fact that local taxes are and have always been the backbone for public schools.

To put it another way, Mr. Kennedy would run the local schools because the federal government puts up a sum to help meet an emergency it causes in the first place and run it to the benefit of a handful of Negro children. Mr. Kennedy has a right to desegregate the schools of Alabama, but the federal government could go to county and city supported schools, thus relieving the government of the need to build facilities.

Of course, this isn't the first and won't be the last thing Mr. Kennedy has backward — The Dothan Eagle

### "NO COMPROMISE"

There will be "no compromise" in the fight opposing the financing of health care through the Social Security System — the proposal generally known as Medicare.

That promise is made by Dr. Edward R. Annis, president elect of the American Medical Association. Medicare, in his words, would "neither the medical nor the financial needs of the old people who really need help." The Administrator backed bill got no where in the Senate, but it is clear, it will be offered again, with the fullest kind of White House backing and influence behind it.

What needs to be understood is that the medical profession's opposition to Medicare is not based on a callous indifference to the medical-financial problems of the aged or any other group. Indeed, the attitude is precisely the opposite. Medicine wants to improve the standards of medical care for all — regardless of the financial considerations involved. And it is convinced, from facts of record, that Medicare is the winning answer.

It would, to begin with, directly and deeply affect a government bureaucracy into medical practice and the allied arts, and the sad fruits of that can be seen in historical perspective, and the sad fruits of that can be seen in historical perspective, and the sad fruits of that can be seen in historical perspective, and the sad fruits of that can be seen in historical perspective.

The proper approach to meeting the health needs of those who are unable to finance it for themselves is found in the existing Kerr-Hills law, which provides federal financial aid to local agencies and stresses the importance of local responsibility, administration, and decision. If this law has proven inadequate, let it be broadened. But let the principle remain — and let American medicine, which is the best in the world, remain free.



Larry Hinken, senior at Decatur High School, and Fred T. Henson (left), the school's faculty advisor for the Junior Engineering Technical Society, are shown receiving expense checks and airline tickets for a trip to Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey. Making the presentation for Southern Bell Telephone Company, sponsor of the trip, are J. M. Street, Jr., the company's Decatur district engineer and I. L. Fambrough (right), district manager.

## Twenty-five Years Ago

### As Recorded in The Pages Of The Colbert County Reporter

Mrs. Alma Counts, 44, dies at the hospital following a brief illness, survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Counts, two sons William Owen and George, six daughters Elizabeth Mary Frances, Alma Edith Sara Jane, Margaret and Carolyn Foster, three sisters Miss Sara Counts, Birmingham, Mrs. A. R. Bauder, Tusculumbia, and Miss Ester Counts, Tusculumbia, four brothers, C. P. Counts, G. K. Counts, J. M. Counts and C. C. Counts.

Rufus Parter announces for reelection to the office of county superintendent of education. Mrs. Mary Taylor succumbs at the age of 75, funeral services being held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Middleton, a sister, and her pall bearers being E. T. Holland, J. O. Mars, Frank Dillgo, R. E. Hyde, Rufus Cabants, Roy Corckle, James F. Allen guests of his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Allen, Miss Nancy Margaret Rutland, a teacher in Blount, and a sister, Miss Mary Wallace Kirk attends State Writers Conclave in Birmingham.

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Members Club meets with Mrs. Will Emens and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, with Mrs. Frank Jenkins presiding, and Mrs. S. W. Chapman and Mrs. B. E. Harper were program leaders. Mrs. E. P. Garrett hostess to the Methodist Service Class, other hostesses being Mrs. Lee Stanley, Mrs. Will Emens, Mrs. Ruth Hamilton, Mrs. George Jenkins and Miss Lurline Cook. Frank Roggenbuck is ill at the hospital. Dr. W. R. Trapp and George Lawrence in Hot Springs. Mrs. L. T. Pride returns from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Young in Seaside, N. Y. Miss Virginia Edwards visiting relatives in Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook of Pickwick announce the birth of a son whom they named Stanley Strom. Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Leary are moving to Decatur to reside.

## Freight Traffic On Tennessee Sets Record '62

Commercial freight traffic on the Tennessee River in 1962 is estimated at a record 13.1 million tons despite the fact Wheeler lock was out of service the first 3 1/2 months of the year. TVA said.

The estimate for 1962 breaks the previous record of 12.7 million tons set in 1957, and is 13 percent more than the final 1961 tonnage total.

TVA also said totals of 1,339,800 tons and 248,292,900 ton miles in November were the largest ever registered for a single month. The 1961 total represented savings to shippers of \$2.5 million as a result of the waterway. Shipper savings for 1962 have not yet been calculated.

The 1962 tonnage moved an estimated 2.2 billion ton miles, about 4 percent less than the record ton-mile total set in 1960 when there was less tonnage but a greater average distance for shipments. The ton-mile total was 17 percent higher in 1962 than in 1961, however.

The largest gains in ton-mile totals over 1961 figures were in the grain and petroleum categories. Grain and grain products (including soybeans) increased about 386 million ton-miles, or 100 to 150 million tons, to 1.1 billion. Chemical shipments also set a new record in ton-miles, according to the estimates. Petroleum products increased 126 million ton-miles to 386 million.

New movements on the river in 1962 included wood chips inbound to Calvert City, Kentucky, area and steel inbound to Chattanooga, Tenn. (S-C)

The chimney for TVA's new Bull Run steam plant will be 800 feet high above the plant ground level—the tallest steam electric generating station chimney in the United States and one of two-thirds of the country outside Manhattan island.

The Bull Run plant is being built by TVA, east of Oak Ridge, Tennessee and is scheduled for completion in 1965. It will contain approximately a single cycle of 900,000 kilowatt capacity, which is believed also will be the largest operating in the world at that time.

January rainfall throughout the Tennessee Valley averaged 3.1 inches, one-tenth of the normal 4.7 inch total.

Rainfall was particularly low west of Chattanooga, averaging just 2.5 inches for the month, compared to a normal of 4.7 inches. Only six January snows since 1936 have struck in that section of the Tennessee Valley.

## Consensus Bureau To Survey Job Experience Of School Dropouts

A special survey of youths not attending regular school will be conducted by the U. S. Bureau of the Census in connection with the February Current Population Survey, it was announced today.

Questions to be asked of persons 16 through 21 years old who are not enrolled in a regular school cover the kinds of jobs held during and after leaving school, job training since leaving school, kind of work being sought by the unemployed, and other information related to the background of these young persons.

The February Current Population Survey will also include special questions to determine the work experience of the entire American labor force during 1962. These questions will cover such items as number of weeks worked in 1962, whether work was usually full-time or part-time, amount of time lost because of unemployment and other reasons, description of principal job held during 1962 and similar items.

The special questions in the February Current Population Survey, as well as the regular questions on employment and unemployment are all being asked at the request of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Current Population Survey interviews will be conducted here in 356 other sample areas of the country during the week of February 18. Information will be collected locally from Mrs. Mary T. Taylor, Route 1, Cherokee, Alabama.

## Sickness And Disability Benefits From Federal Taxes

None of the following payments, which are received by a taxpayer on account of illness or personal injury, will be reported as income on his 1962 Federal tax return: Mr. Patterson, District Director of Internal Revenue for the Birmingham District office, advised this week.

1. Damages under a suit or in settlement of a claim for personal injury and payments under an accident or health policy on which the taxpayer pays the premiums.

2. Payments on account of a taxpayer's contribution to an accident or health plan jointly financed by him and his employer.

3. Payments under an employer-financed plan for sickness or injury to the taxpayer or his dependents if received as reimbursement for medical care, or as compensation for the permanent loss or loss of use of a member or function of the body, or for permanent disfigurement.

4. Pensions, annuities or similar allowances paid to an individual for injury or sickness resulting from active service in the armed forces of any country, or in the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, or in the U. S. Public Health Service, or payments to his beneficiaries by reason of the death of such individual.

Mr. Patterson said the law also allows (subject to certain limitations) a taxpayer to exclude from income amounts received as wages, or in place of wages, under a wage continuation plan financed by his employer when he is absent from his job due to injury or sickness.

You must attach a statement to your return showing your computation of the amount excluded, and listing the dates of absence, the nature of his injury or sickness, and whether he was hospitalized.

Your 2440 may be obtained from your local Internal Revenue Office for this purpose, he said. Taxpayers who have any Federal tax questions about sickness and disability payments may get Department of Internal Revenue Office, Mr. Patterson said.