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Southerners Planning New Policy

Washington.—Rebellious Southern Democrats were charting a new campaign this week to force President Truman to back water in the controversy over civil rights legislation.

The Southerners believe the whole issue will be brought to a head next Monday when a delegation of Southern governors, headed by Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, is scheduled to confer with Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath.

Northern Democrats insisted the whole thing would blow over without damage to the Democratic party. They recalled that the Southerners have been mad before over the same issues but that they haven't bolted the party.

The Southerners, however said they wouldn't be willing to forgive and forget this time until they have a definite understanding with the Democratic chiefs, Mr. Truman included.

The Southerners have threatened to send their delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia only on an unstructured basis. They fight that by withdrawing their support for Mr. Truman they could bring the Northern Democrats to terms on a platform acceptable to the South and, perhaps, put a Southerner on the ticket as Mr. Truman's running mate.

JUDGE KELLY TO LECTURE FRIDAY NIGHT

The Cave Street Grammar School Parent-Teachers Association is presenting Camille McGee Kelley, judge of juvenile court, Memphis, in a lecture Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Deahler high school auditorium.

There will be no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Judge Kelley is a native Tennessean, daughter of Dr. J. P. McGee, who at one time held the chair of surgery in the Memphis Medical College. She studied medicine two years before her marriage to Thomas Fitzgerald Kelley, a prominent Memphis attorney.

FRICION IN SOUTH LAID TO AGITATORS

Montgomery.—Former Congressman Joe Starnes of Tusculumbia Tuesday charged that outside agitators and "federal interference" was causing the trouble in the South between whites and negroes.

Starnes, vice-chairman, told the State Board of Education here, that such action was solely political to attract minority votes.

His outburst came as the board was considering improved educational facilities for negroes in Alabama. "I realize that we need to do something for them," Starnes said. "But I deplore all this agitation."

The former U. S. representative said that in his opinion, the federal government was getting to be a "boycott" for minorities and of authorities. "I think it's time we spoke out," Starnes said the regional education plans proposed at the recent Southern Governors' Conference appeared to be the best solution yet offered.

Gov. James E. Folsom, ex-officio chairman of the education group, said that he did not agree with the plan developed in the recent Tallahassee meeting of Southern governors, but said he went along with the other chief executives in hopes that the plan would work.

Folsom did not suggest a counter proposal, nor elaborate upon his statement.

MAKES HONOR ROLL

Monteville, Ala.—Alabama College's dean's list shows that Miss Betty McDonald of Colbert county made the first honor roll.

Miss McDonald is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald and is enrolled as a freshman at Alabama College, where she is majoring in vocational home economics. Miss McDonald graduated from Sheffield High school, where she received outstanding honors being valedictorian of her class.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter of This Date

Front Page Items: Percy Hillhouse of Sheffield buys the Tusculumbia Alban Dispatch from John W. Davis. James Strickland, automobile mechanic, and his companion, Miss Pauline Hargett, were almost instantly killed at a grade crossing in Cherokee by the Memphis Special, dying before the train reached Tusculumbia. Commissioners court convenes in its regular quarterly session. Strand theater presents Harold Lloyd, Pearl White, and Jack Holt.

Local Page Items: T. J. McMahon returns to Miami. Mrs. T. C. Morris of Decatur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCollum. Mrs. Henrietta Almon visits from Russellville. Mrs. Rex Winston returns to Albany after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morton. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Henderson spending some time in Florida. Death of Mrs. B. M. Geise of Chisca, is reported. Marriage of Miss Frances Morrison and James E. DiRago takes place at the Catholic church. Father Francis McVeigh of Marietta, Mrs. Dent Carr of the Morgan. Mrs. Harvey Robertson, soloist. Joe DiRago, best man, and Miss Rosa DiRago, bridesmaid.

HARRIS ANNOUNCES FOR REELECTION TO OFFICE OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Melvin Harris, prominent farmer and merchant of Marzenger, has announced his candidacy for reelection to the office of County Commissioner from the Northwest district of Colbert County in the primary election to be held May 4. In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Harris has issued the following statement:

To the voters of Colbert County: In seeking reelection to the office of County Commissioner, I desire to express my appreciation to the people of my home county for the confidence they have placed in me in the past. I have sincerely tried to be of service in promoting the best interests of the county and in doing my part in making Colbert county a better place in which to live. I hope that you will review my record in this office and I trust that you will find that I have not betrayed your confidence and have not failed in the discharge of my duties.

With the support of the people of the county and with the cooperation of my co-workers in the management of the affairs of the county, we have been able to operate upon a cash basis and reduce the county's indebtedness approximately one-half during my tenure of office and this has been accomplished without any increase in taxes. While the county has been operated with economy, at the same time, it is well known that a progressive program has been carried out.

The appropriations for Old Age Assistance and Public Welfare have been increased each year since I have been in office. I will continue to take a special interest and do all in my power to see that Colbert County does its full share in matching funds provided by the state and federal government for this worthy cause.

During my term of office the county has acquired by purchase the buildings necessary by the County Welfare Department, the County Farm Department, the County Engineering Department, and the County Education Department and constructed the building occupied by the County Health Department. All of these buildings are a credit to the county and there is no indebtedness against them for they were paid for at the time they were acquired.

Our county has kept pace with the most progressive counties in the state and in the construction of paved roads and is now carrying out a Farm to Market road program which will extend to every community in the entire county. The county's sound financial condition will justify the expansion and carrying out of this program.

I feel that my experience in county affairs would be of much help in carrying out the constructive program now planned for the future of Colbert County. I earnestly solicit and will greatly appreciate the vote and influence of all.

Your friend,
MELVIN HARRIS

Good shoes should never make the foot look conspicuous, and should be purchased with care, keeping in mind comfort, health, and appearance.

EDITORIAL GRIST

GEORGE WASHINGTON

The time of George Washington was a time of great epochs and great men. Many names of distinction were connected with this age. It is proven that a man of good works writes his name in history and the time in which each man lives, offers him the opportunity to show his worth. If an individual fails to grasp this opportunity to record his distinction, then he can't be listed as great.

Washington is the true American patriot, imbued with love of country, steeped in American traditions, devoted to progress and development of a new republic. He established a struggling nation by laying a firm foundation for its building. The task before him was one that might have crushed most men. After suffering military setbacks during war, he managed through courage, common sense and activity to hold together a half starved, unpaid army and win at Yorktown. During his administration as our first president, he displayed the same characteristics that were victorious in war.

NATIONAL SECURITY

National Security Week begins with Lincoln's birthday and closes with George Washington's. All have a vital interest in national security, as a responsibility in safeguarding our liberties. This is called an "atomic age," and with world conditions as insecure as they are today, the study of atom bombs with regard to national defense, is an individual's duty. We should have an Army, Navy and Air Force efficient and equal to meet the emergency. Such forces should be equipped with the newest scientific developments, training should be adequate, defense strategy keeping abreast with current problems, all civilians be informed along security lines. These are but a few of the points stressed for Security Week programs.

CONSIDER THE INDIAN

Billions of dollars for Europe's cold, hungry and helpless, millions for numerous foreign causes, and in our own country neglect of a group of Americans who are in as sorry a state. We boast of our national wealth, give unstintingly to destitute foreigners, but carry a blot on our record because of our treatment of the Navajo Indians. These Indians cannot vote, have no special security benefits. More than half of them die before they are 100 years old. With 24,000 Navajo children of school age we provide educational facilities for only 500. There is 14 times more tuberculosis and liver reservation than the average for the rest of the country. For 61,000 Navajo Indians there is one full-time dentist, one school nurse, no field doctors. We might consider caring for our own, and who could call this selfish?

WHAT A WINTER

A series of mercury drops and snow storms cold waves that grip the nation and penetrate even into the deep South leaves no more room for surprises, especially since the ground has worked against us. The winds of late February are winds of change, their gusts breath my warm us into March, but maybe not. Things in weather will probably keep right on happening until green sprouts feel safe in pushing forward and sun dirts the snow blanket. There is a different feel to winds of February, March and April, from blast and gale and gust. Needles of ice that have battered branches and pines, a way to slushy thaw, earlier sunrises, those who weathered the record storms of winter will welcome the slight change that offers hope for warmer days ahead. This move of nature from month to month is a slow deliberate process. But weeks move forward and soon the mulch over the plants will be removed will bloom, the sound of the lawn mower will be heard through the lawns and the rigors of the winter will be but a memory.

Some men are more interested in spading the garden for bait than they are for vegetables.

No wonder the man of the house is out of breath. He's trying trying to keep up with his running expenses.

The Constitution guarantees the pursuit of happiness. The catching up with it is your job.

The rumor flying around never has any trouble making a landing.

You always get a thrill over finding a stray quarter in the pocket of an old suit.

We are wondering if women will go from the Gibson girl style into the flapper age.

BURNIS TODD WOULD BE CO. COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce B. E. (Burnis) Todd as a candidate for commissioner from the Southwest district. Mr. Todd's friends consider him outstanding in qualification for the office he seeks. He grew up on a farm where hard work, good management and old-fashioned neighborliness are as evident today as they were in pioneer days.

Years of successful management of lumber mills, and different kinds of machinery afford Mr. Todd business experience upon which to base decisions concerning county affairs, friends state. Valuable experience in handling hired help was gained during these years in the mill business, they further stated.

Mr. Todd has shown a practical interest in a rural educational program that more adequately meets the needs of rural life.

While Mr. Todd is a man with deep conviction and steadfast determination of an officeholder, his supporters observe that he is able to work harmoniously with others in carrying forward plans affecting various groups and interest according to democratic ideals. He will appreciate your active support.

Ceilings with a light, flat finish are recommended by lighting specialists. This is because a ceiling of dark color absorbs light, and a shiny surface causes glare.

RAYMOND E. SHERRILL IS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

The Reporter this week is carrying the announcement of Raymond E. Sherrill as a candidate for county commissioner from the southwest district, subject to the action of the voters in the May primary.

Mr. Sherrill served the county for eight years as a commissioner from his district and friends state that during his term of office he built 300 miles of roads and is now a firm believer in farm to market roads and promises, if elected, to see that Colbert county has the best roads in the state. Since the federal government is now spending money in the counties for these roads, he says we should have and take advantage of this opportunity and declares he will bend every effort to secure these funds.

Mr. Sherrill is well known in the county and is a successful farmer in the southwest section of the county, having one of the more modern and up-to-date places in the county, which friends say he acquired from attention to his business and the use of energy and business management in his private affairs. They say he proposes to carry these business methods to the county commissioners office should he be named for the office.

The candidate is running as a democrat and says he will be more than grateful for the support of the electorate on May 4, next. Mr. Sherrill is a veteran of World War 1 and spent twelve months on the front lines in France.

QUALITY OF GINNING IS HIGH IN ALABAMA

Auburn, Ala.—The quality of Alabama's cotton ginning is probably the highest of any southeastern state.

Quoting production and marketing administration figures, API Extension Ginning Specialist Lawrence Ennis revealed that gin-damaged bales amounted to only 5 per cent during the past season. The year before 10 per cent of the crop was damaged in ginning.

During each of the past two seasons roughly 900,000 bales were ginned. By cutting the gin-damaged bales from 90,000 in 1940 to 45,000 last season, Ennis said farmers' income was increased at least \$500,000. He explained that gin-damaged bales are reduced one or more grades and for each reduction in grade a bale brings about \$1½ less on the market.

AL HORTON IN THE RACE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Al H. Horton this week announced his candidacy for commissioner in the northeast district of Colbert county subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary May 4. In making his announcement, Mr. Horton issued the following statement:

I hereby announce as a candidate for county commissioner of the northeast district, subject to the wishes of the voters of Colbert county in the election to be held Tuesday, May 4. In making his announcement, Mr. Horton issued the following statement: I am mindful of the great responsibility in looking after the county's interest both from a financial viewpoint as well as giving the type of service to the residents they deserve.

I have lived in Colbert county practically all my life and am duly qualified to serve you as commissioner. I am living at present in the northeast district, am married, have 10 children, six boys, four girls. Five of my boys served in World War Two and two sons-in-law.

I served as street and sanitary superintendent in Sheffield for 10 years. This equipped me with a very good knowledge of paving and hard surfacing streets and highways of which Colbert needs more of and I shall, if elected, do all in my power to assist in this program. In discussing the hospital with the average citizen as well as doctors there seems to be some opinion as to the need of greater hospital facilities and in this I shall also cooperate with the probate judge and associate commissioners with the view of giving this important function every consideration in my power to keep and advance our county schools to the high standard of efficiency which they now enjoy. I shall greatly appreciate your vote and personal influence.

MOVIE PROGRAM

STRAND—Tusculumbia Saturday, Feb. 21

HEADING WEST—with Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnton

Sunday-Monday, Feb. 22-23

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY—in Technicolor, with Peggy Ann Garner, Lon McCallister

Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 24-25

WOMAN ON THE BEACH—with Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan, Charles Bickford

Thursday, Feb. 26

ADVENTURES OF DON COYOTE in Cinecolor, with Frances Rafferty, Richard Martin

Friday, Feb. 27

Double-Feature

LITTLE IODINE—with Jo Ann Marlowe, Mar Camner

Also

SUSIE STEPS OUT—with Nita Hunter, David Bruce

COLBERT—Sheffield Saturday, Feb. 21

FOR THE LOVE OF RUSTY—with Ted Donaldson

Sunday-Monday, Feb. 22-23

WOMAN ON THE BEACH—with Joan Bennett, Robert Ryan, Charles Bickford

Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 24-25

I'VE ALWAYS LOVED YOU—in Technicolor, with Catherine McLeod, Phillip Dorn

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 26-27

THUNDER IN THE VALLEY—in Technicolor, with Peggy Ann Garner, Lon McCallister

Also

IT'S A GIRL, SON—with Senator Claghorn

Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 25-26

BORN TO BRIDE—with Johnny Sandor, Ruth Austin

Chinese Gloomy About U.S. Help

Shanghai. The gravest Chinese reaction to the apparent exclusion of military assistance from pending American aid is the growing belief that Washington is recoiled to the loss of Manchuria, or feels powerless to help prevent it.

It is apparent to many observers Manchuria will be lost without American military help. And some believe China cannot survive as a free nation without Manchuria.

Two months ago Dr. Sun Fo, vice-president of China, told this correspondent that piecemeal American help would throw China into the Russian orbit as surely as no help at all. The coincidence of the present crises in Manchuria with Secretary of State George C. Marshall's reluctant and exclusively economic program makes the promised aid look to most informed Chinese like piecemeal assistance or even a straw for a drowning man.

It is not likely that the Chinese will dare look a \$570,000,000 gift horse in the mouth, but there is no doubt about how they feel already.

One high-placed person said privately American aid which ignored the military emergency in Manchuria would "out Yalta Yalta." He referred to recognition of Russia's "former rights" in Manchuria in the Staling-Roosevelt-Church pact at Yalta in 1945, a document which has been twisted virtually into a charter for recognition of Manchuria.

Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault's recent statement to Scripps-Howard Newspapers that the United States still could intervene successfully in Manchuria on a noncombatant basis occasioned a high level of flutter among Chinese nationalists.

WITH OUR FOLKS IN UNCLE SAM'S SERVICE

William P. Gresham, seaman, first class, U.S.N., son of Mrs. H. E. Gresham, Tusculumbia, Ala., is participating in the amphibious training exercises being held on the Southern California coast while serving aboard the submarine Oathless.

The amphibious exercises include landings at San Clemente Island, and at Camp Pendleton, near Oceanside on the California coast. After storming ashore from landing exercises and craft, the "leathernecks" of the First Marine division will maneuver inland to the airfield and develop it for future operations against the "enemy." Live ammunition from fire support ships and planes is used at San Clemente, but only simulated firing is done at Camp Pendleton.

William C. Branscome, fireman, first class, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branscome of Route 2, Tusculumbia, Ala., is serving aboard the fleet tanker USS Missipillon of Task Force 38, which is making a goodwill tour of Australia and the Orient.

BOB JONES QUALIFIES FOR REELECTION TO CONGRESS

Robert E. (Bob) Jones, Jr., who is serving his first term in Congress, has qualified with the secretary of state for renomination and election to this office.

No one has come forward to challenge Bob, and it is believed that none will because he has attended to the duties in a satisfactory way, and is entitled to a second term, his friends state.

ONE OF COLBERT'S OLDEST CITIZENS PASSES AT 82

John H. Sherrod, 82, who lived between Tusculumbia and Cherokee, died Tuesday morning at Colbert County hospital.

Mr. Sherrod was a retired real estate dealer and farmer. He had been a member of the Church of Christ practically all of his life.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Cammack Sherrod; four daughters, Mrs. Joe Foster, Tusculumbia, route 1; Mrs. John Whitlock, Tusculumbia; Miss Helen Sherrod, Memphis, and Mrs. Martha Thompson, Nashville; seven sons, H. F. and J. E. of Decatur; O. W. Shreveport, La.; Herbert L. E. B., James, and William, all of Tusculumbia; a sister, Mrs. W. T. Woodall, Florence, and 24 grandchildren.

Burial and funeral services took place Wednesday afternoon when a large attendance of friends paid their last respects to one of Colbert's oldest residents.