

TVA Points To Completion Tree Planting

TVA is pointing to successful completion of tree planting on the remaining idle land of one Tennessee Valley tributary area as evidence that the job can be done across the whole region.

Reforestation this winter of about a hundred acres in the 199-square-mile Yellow Creek Watershed of northeast Mississippi essentially completes the tree-planting task on open land there, TVA said today.

One of TVA's key goals in reforestation is the Valley's remaining million acres of idle open land to put that land in useful and profitable forest. Two years ago TVA joined with state forestry agencies in an all-out campaign to finish the job.

Although the challenge in the Yellow Creek watershed was not as great as in Alabama, the methods used there show what can be done elsewhere, TVA said.

W. C. Hamilton, executive secretary of the Yellow Creek Watershed Authority, reports that when the Plant Trees — Grow Jobs project got under way in 1962 the watershed had an estimated 652 acres of idle open land in need of planting. "Landowners in the watershed, along with the agriculturalists and foresters who made the survey agreed that this open land should be put back into timber," he said. "Planting this area to pine became one of our major forestry goals."

Tree planting is not something new in this area. John H. Hinton, TVA forestry representative at Wilson Dam, Alabama, reports that landowners in Yellow Creek watershed have reforested over 18,000 acres since 1934.

But this last 600-odd acres was probably the hardest part of the whole job, he said. It had resisted almost 30 years of educational and conservation programs of the thirties and early forties and by the recent Soil Bank program.

"But we made up our minds to finish the job," Hamilton said. "We set up a local committee including representatives of the State Forestry Commission, the Extension Service, SCS, TVA, Tennessee River Pulp and Paper Company, and Hiwassee Land Company. These people contacted the owners of the land that was idle. During the 1962-63 planting season, 202 acres were planted. Another 98 acres were planted this winter. This 352 acres and we have just completed a reappraisal of it."

Hinton pointed out that some land will become idle from time to time in the future as it is taken out of cultivation, and will need tree planting. In addition, he said, the watershed has over 30,000 acres of poorly-stocked forest land which needs some planting to bring it up to full productivity.

He said that as the 18,000 acres of pine plantations mature they will account for about half of the wood production of the watershed's 90,000 acres of forest. The production of the city of the natural forest stands should be increased, he said.

Secretary Hamilton said that the goal is to improve all forest lands, promote additional forest product industries, and thus create more jobs for local residents. "We think that by 1975 the forests of this watershed can be providing close to 300 full-time jobs with wages of about \$690,000 a year. Landowners should be getting about \$50,000 a year from timber sales. The annual timber harvest should approach 3 million board feet of logs, plus 38,000 cords of pulpwood."

U. S. Department Of Labor Official To Address Clinic

D. C. Bedingfield, compliance officer from the Atlanta-staff of the Office of Labor-Management and Welfare-Pension Reports, will arrive in Sheffield Saturday and will be the guest speaker at a labor-management clinic at the Ironworkers' Hall, 506 Nashville Avenue North at 7 p. m. Oscar Wisdom, president of Tri-Cities Central Labor Council, said the clinic is open to officials of local unions not affiliated with the AFL-CIO group as well as representatives of all council members.

Child's Status As Taxpayer And Dependent

Parents who furnish more than half of their child's support are entitled to claim him (or her) as a dependent on their Federal income tax returns even though the child had income of \$600 or more during 1963 and is required to file his own tax return, J. O'Donnell, Jr. of Internal Revenue for the Birmingham Office pointed out.

He explained, however, that the child must not have reached his 13th birthday by January 1, 1964, or must have been a full-time student during some part of five calendar months in 1963.

Your child is not considered to be a full-time student if he or she is employed full time during the day and attends night school, or if the child is taking a correspondence course or an employee training course, said O'Donnell.

He also reminded parents that if their child is married and files a joint return, no exemption may be claimed for that child even though all other tests are met.

Taxpayers who have any Federal tax questions about exemptions may Document No. 5013, "Personal Exemptions and Dependents," by writing to their local Internal Revenue Service, O'Donnell said.

May Open A Private School

West End Parents for Private Schools in Birmingham, Alabama, are contemplating opening a private school for the fall term of 1964. The organization is now accepting applications for students that will be interested in attending Jefferson Academy. We need this information to complete our plans for the opening term, September 1964.

Anyone interested in attending will help the organization greatly by filling an application as soon as possible. This information will give up the data necessary for a building, teachers, equipment and the subjects to be taught in the first term of the school. Applications are available at our office, located at 899 17th. Place phone: 781-4188. Anyone wishing to make a contribution, make check payable to West End Parents for Private Schools, P. O. Box 3674, West End Station.

Tuscumbia Club Hears Review Of Kane Book

Mrs. Paul Clark, assisted by Mrs. Silas Clark, entertained the Tuscumbia Study Club at her home recently.

A Valentine motif was used throughout the reception rooms. The table was covered with a pink cloth draped with red net, arranged by center piece arrangement of red carnations and red hearts flanked by burning red tapers in three-branched candelabra. The buffet held a small Valentine tree, and refreshments, were served with the Valentine decor, in keeping with the Valentine theme. Mrs. Earl Gamble poured coffee.

Mrs. O. L. Brasley presided at the business session and the members voted to contribute to the March of Dimes.

Mrs. E. J. James, program chairman of the month, reviewed "The Amazing Mrs. Bonaparte" by Harriet T. Kane. This is the biographical novel of Betsy Patterson Bonaparte, which was tried to be empress of France. She was a lovely Baltimore beauty who was married to Jerome Bonaparte, the youngest brother of Napoleon. Their love affair had a profound effect on both Europe and America; however, Betsy, was a devoted patriot and a woman of world events. France did not accept the marriage and Jerome Bonaparte's mother had the marriage annulled before the birth of a son. In spite of this, Betsy remained loyal to the husband who betrayed her by another marriage.

Butter will keep for at last two months in the refrigerator, or for at least six months in the freezer at zero degrees or below if it is unopened. It's easy to keep wooden articles clean if you observe the "no soaking" sign. Wash wood bowls and serving pieces quickly, rinse and dry immediately. A clean sponge set on or near the stove serves as a handy rest for stirring spoons. Be sure to rinse in hot suds after each meal.

EDITORIAL GRIST

A GOOD ANSWER

Two words that pack a great deal of emotional dynamite are communism and capitalism. They represent the fundamental economic and political systems under which peoples of the world live. By their nature, they are incompatible. Under communism, the people live for the state. Under capitalism, the state is a symbol of self-government, a source of national pride, but also a mechanism of limited powers.

Under capitalism, the people own and manage the principal resources and the productive facilities of the nation. This ownership is the source of independence. Ownership is an essential right which provides incentive and inspiration to the individual.

The incompatibility between communism and capitalism was obviously pointed out recently in a statement by Keith Funston, President of the New York Stock Exchange, to Premier Khrushchev during an interview when Mr. Funston was in Russia: "Mr. Chairman, contrary to what you have said, we businessmen believe that capitalism is going to defeat communism. Capitalism recognizes the all-powerful force of individual incentive and, hence, is consistent with human nature. Communism seeks vainly to suppress that force. Capitalism recognizes that people will work hardest only when they know that they will reap directly some of the benefits of their work, and can pass on those benefits to those who are closest to them. Moreover, in America, any one can own shares of almost any public corporation. Eventually, as individual ownership broadens and grows stronger, our industrial enterprises will be owned by the mass of our people. This system works because it is consistent with human nature. On the other hand, your system, which does not reward nature, everyone in connection with his individual contribution, must fail, because of the lack of adequate individual incentives. This is the root of the trouble you, in Russia, are having now with your agricultural program."

The ownership of industry by the people through voluntary investment is the surest way to defeat the menace of socialism and communism and preserve our capitalistic, free enterprise economy.

WHEN MONEY DOESN'T MATTER

There is a widely held belief, based on an understandable cynicism, that in political affairs the amount of money one side or another can command is a decisive factor.

There is no doubt that the well-heeled candidate or the well-backed campaign is often in an advantageous position. But not all ways — and not when the electorate is really concerned with the issue at stake.

Last October, Oregon demonstrated that fact at the polls. The issue was a bill which would have substantially increased the state income tax. A special election had been called under Oregon's unique system of referendum.

The bill was slaughtered, by a 3 1/2 to 1 margin. Now, as demanded by Oregon law, the contributions and expenditures of all groups and individuals involved have been gathered and published. And it seems that the money spent on behalf of the losing measure was more than 10 times as much as was spent by those who successfully opposed it.

The moral is plain. If the electorate is aroused and informed, money isn't everything. Indeed, under such circumstances, it hardly matters at all!

HUMANITY'S SENTRY

March, by Presidential Proclamation, is Red Cross month. During this time Americans will be asked again to lend their support to this unique international organization which has done so much to alleviate human suffering throughout the world since its organization in 1863.

The great strength of the Red Cross is in its national societies, organized in some 90 countries throughout the world with a total membership of more than 157 million people. The League of Red Cross Societies with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, represents the national organizations and coordinates mutual efforts for disaster relief, development of programs, and staff training.

When a nation is stricken by flood, earthquake, storm, famine or some other form of catastrophe and needs outside help, it may appeal to the League, which then contacts the societies specifying the type of assistance necessary. Within hours, help is on the way, including food, medicines, clothing, and experienced relief personnel.

Finally, the International Committee of the Red Cross can move where no others can. For it is recognized by most states as the neutral channel for negotiations between belligerents, and as a means by which organized relief can cross battle lines or enter an area of conflict, moving between countries to points of conflict and suffering.

The Committee's representatives act as humanity's sentries. In its 83rd year, the American Red Cross stands ready to help when the call comes, whether from one person or a million. It deserves the respect and support of all.

CRUMMY BIGOTRY AT LOYOLA

The president of Loyola University is a bigot who shares the viewpoint of Kluxer klegals toward free speech.

He denied Gov. Wallace the right to speak on the university campus last week, but at the same time said Khrushchev and Castro would be acceptable as speakers.

Stan Dale of the university said that President Maquire had summoned him to demand that the invitation to Wallace be withdrawn.

Dale disclosed that Maquire merely said that to allow Wallace to speak on the campus "would offend the huge Negro community of the city."

Prof. Dale, it is good to see, spoke of the suppression with indignation and an uncommon frankness:

"I spent 45 minutes with Father Maquire trying to convince him how ridiculous it was to deny the governor of a state the right to speak on the campus. . . . He said the primary reason was that to allow Gov. Wallace to speak would offend the huge Negro community of the city."

"I am most disturbed about his decision, because we preach and teach freedom of speech, but then we bastardize it. I asked Father Maquire what would be his decision if we invited Khrushchev or Castro to speak here. He said that would be different as 'we would be very interested in what they had to say.'"

"The college newspaper staff is very disturbed about the bridgemen of freedom of speech."

No element in this country has been more victimized by bigotry than the Catholic, nor has any element been more vocal in denouncing bigotry. But the president of Loyola has suppressed Wallace's discussion of the civil rights bill. The university is thereby besmirched.—The Montgomery Advertiser.

Robbins Announces New Products

Robbins Floor Products, Inc., manufacturers of vinyl tile in Tuscumbia, Ala., which will offer additional job opportunities in Alabama. Governor George C. Wallace noted that this is one more example of the increasing number of diversified articles now being manufactured in the State.

These products, an all-purpose cleaner and a floor polish, are the result of five years of research in the laboratories of the Robbins Company. The cleaner and polish can be used for industrial as well as household purposes. They will be manufactured, packaged and distributed in Alabama.

Due to the increased demand for their latest products, the Robbins Company has announced that their present operations which will mean increased employment not only in the Muscle Shoals area but all over Alabama as facilities are set up for handling the distribution of the new products.

Two Alabama Counties Report TB In Swine

AUBURN — Recently two Alabama counties reported several cases of slaughter hogs carrying avian type tuberculosis.

Dr. Worth Lanier, Extension veterinarian, says, "All infected hogs are condemned at the slaughter house which means a costly loss to the pig farmer."

Dr. Lanier points out that studies show that better than 88 per cent of the TB infections in swine have been the avian type. "Hogs usually catch this disease from farm chickens on flocks, wild birds and the like," he says. An Auburn University staff member, says for this reason he advises farmers to keep porkers and poultry separated. Apparently, the presence of tuberculosis among swine is not so rare as it once was.

As human are also subject to tuberculosis, a real hazard exists wherever domestic animals are infected.

Each year immediately when TB has been found in animals they have been caring for.

Campaign For Funds To Be Made

Mr. Tine W. Davis, Executive Vice-president of Winn-Dixie, Inc. and President of Winn-Dixie, Montgomery, will serve as General Chairman of the state-wide campaign for the Alabama Boys Ranch Building Fund, a non-profit organization, for the purpose of housing underprivileged boys year round.

The Board of Trustees of the Boys Ranch, headed by Mr. Davis, will be responsible for the administration of the ranch, selection of the boys, and expenditures of all money raised during the campaign.

Construction of the first unit, which will house estimated 858 boys, will cost an estimated \$58,000. A warehouse will cost \$25,000. An additional unit will be built each year. The goal of the campaign is \$500,000.

The Ranch will be located in the Carlowville Community in southeast Dallas County on 40 acres of land owned by the Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch. It will be patterned after the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, the hope of the sheriffs to have the first boys on the ranch in time for school this Fall.

Colbert Has Large Forest Area

Alabama is the most extensively wooded state in the Midwest. Forests now cover 67 percent, 21.8 million acres, of the land as compared to 20.8 million acres in 1953, a 5 percent increase. 21,442,000 acres of this is in commercial forests.

Colbert County came in for its share of this increase with a total commercial forest area of 222,000 acres. This compares to 212,000 acres at the time of the last survey, an increase of 2.5 percent. 56.3 percent of Colbert County's total land area is now in forest.

The kitchen sink makes a good catch basin for dripping-drip dishes washed out after the dinner dishes are gone. Use the door handle or an over-hanging cabinet to suspend a hanger.

Alabama Sportsmen Bag Many Bucks

MONTEGOMERY — Alabama sportsmen came out of the State's wildlife management areas with some record-breaking buck bags, according to preliminary deer harvest figures released today by the Department of Conservation.

The hunting results indicated that hunters on seven public management areas surpassed last year's take. Two areas, Lauderdale and Skyling (Jackson County) more than doubled their 1962-63 deer kill. The deer season, ending for gun hunters on January 1 and for archers four days later, was "productive" on both public and private lands.

Hunting yields at Blue Spring (Covington), Oakmudge (Hale, Bibb, Perry) and Butler were also about twice as large as last year's total. The deer kills at Chochee (Cleburne and Scotch (Clerke) were also up significantly from the 1963 figure.

Outdoorsmen bagged 148 bucks at the Chochee colts on opening day, one of the largest first day harvests in public hunting management history. At least five of the deer killed this season at Chochee were brought down by bow and arrow. The blue Springs hunters scored on 59 bucks, breaking this public area's all-time record.

Officials at Black Warrior (Winston) reported an estimated 63 deer killed down considerably from last year. The smaller harvest there and at Thomas (Colbert and Franklin), was attributed to a sharp decline in gun pressure. Hunter at Rob Boykin (Washington and Mobile), beset by torrential rains on several hunts, still managed to nearly equal the 1963 harvest. Deer hunters reportedly also made good kills at the Barbour, Covington and Coosa areas.

State Conservation Director Claude D. Kelley noted that reports showed a "continuous upswing" in Alabama deer populations. The complete deer harvest tally will be made public when completed, he said.

Charles Kelley, Game and Fish Chief, reminded hunters that most of the management areas will be open for spring turkey hunting beginning March 20. "These areas are open to sportsmen at no charge for hunting," Kelley said. "The management areas, covering half a million acres, are managed by the Pittman-Robertson Section. This game management agency is supervised by W. L. Holland, Jr., a wildlife biologist."

TVA Director To Speak At F. S.

Frank Ellis Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., Director, Tennessee Valley Authority, will be the main speaker at the award ceremony of the North Alabama Regional Science Fair. The ceremony will take place in Appleby Junior High School Auditorium on March 13.

The Fair, which will be held at Florence State College, March 12-14, will feature exhibits in mathematics and biological and physical sciences made by junior and senior high school students from throughout the North Alabama area. Smith was born at Sidon, Miss., on Feb. 21, 1918. He was educated in the public schools of Sidon and Greenwood, and was graduated from Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead, Miss., in 1936. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Mississippi in 1941.

Entering the Army as a private in 1942, Smith served in the European Theater of Operations, winning the Bronze Star and attaining the rank of major.

A former newspaperman and writer, he is the author of "The Yazoo River," published in 1954.

He was a member of the Mississippi State Senate, 1948-50, the Mississippi Historical Commission, 1949-51, and served as legislative assistant to U.S. Senator John Stennis, 1947-49.

Well Known Citizen Passes

Mary Ella Merrill, 80, 600 E. 6th St., died Saturday morning at the Colbert County Hospital.

Burial was in Williams Cemetery in Columbiana.

Survivors include, two brothers, R. L. Merrill, Siluria, Ala., Jesse Merrill, Birmingham.

Miss Merrill was a long time assistant to the late Dr. C. K. Whitman and made many friends here who were grieved at her death.