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MUSCLE SHOALS AREA — Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Friday, colder Friday. Low tonight 42, high Friday 44.

HE'S 'IN' — Pearl (Knotty) Beckwith isn't living up to his specifications of "I'd rather be out than in" today. The Lauderdale Negro has been sentenced to a three-year term in Arkansas state prison. (Staff Photo).

Law Finally Catches Up With Knotty

Lauderdale Negro Is Sentenced

The law has finally caught up with fleet-footed Pearl (Knotty) Beckwith, Lauderdale County Negro.

The long, sought burglar, house prowler and escape artist has been sentenced to serve a three-year term in the Arkansas State Prison at Little Rock, according to a letter received this morning from officials of that State by Sheriff Earl Romine, of Lauderdale County.

The letter said that "Knotty," whose slogan was "I'd rather be out than in," was sentenced to a three year term in that state on Thursday, Feb. 17, for burglary, grand larceny and house prowling.

The letter informed Sheriff Romine that "Knotty" is also a suspect in an Arkansas murder, which was committed on Dec. 12, 1954, but no details were given concerning the latter case.

"Knotty" engaged in several bouts with the law in Alabama and Lauderdale County prior to his disappearance, apparently into the Razorback State and Sheriff Romine is still holding a warrant against him here for burglary and grand larceny, in connection with a housebreaking case, that was never served.

Officers never could catch the fleet-footed Negro, although they sighted him several times and ran him around Florence and the River Bottom area of the County on several occasions.

Some of the charges against "Knotty" in the past included prohibition law violations. Sheriff Romine said, adding that the Negro seemed to enjoy playing "tag" with officers for months at a time — and always winning the game.

Once, after his escape from Camp Fayette in Alabama on March 9, 1951, he was dubbed by local officers as the best "track star" ever produced by Lauderdale County.

"Knotty's" local court record follows:

In Circuit Court

March 15, 1943, charged with transporting whiskey; came into court and pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was fined $500 and costs, which he paid.

Nov. 16, 1950, pleaded guilty to manufacturing liquor and possessing a still and was sentenced to a year and a day in the state penitentiary.

Law & Equity Court

May 16, 1944, pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and paid $100 fine and costs and was given a six months suspended sentence.

June 3, 1946, he was sentenced to 12 months and 46 days at hard labor for petit larceny and on the same date was sentenced to 97 days at hard labor for destroying the property of another.

June 6, 1949, on a charge of assault with a weapon he paid a

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At The Theatres

SHOALS & COLBERT — "Rear Window," color, with James Stewart, Grace Kelly. Shoals feature 1:07, 3:13, 5:19, 7:25, 9:31. Colbert feature 1, 3:07, 5:14, 7:21, 9:28.

PRINCESS — "Jungle Man-Eater", with Johnny Weissmuler.

TUSCUMBIAN — "Fire Over Africa," color, with Maureen O'Hara, Macdonald Carey. Feature 1-243, 4:26, 6:09, 7:52, 9:35.

NORWOOD — "Smoke Signal," color, with Dana Andrews, Piper Laurie. Feature 5:50, 7:35, 9:20.

JOY-LAN — "Her Twelve Men," color, with Greer Garson, Robert Ryan. First show 6:30.

WILSON — "Prisoner of War" with Ronald Reagan, Steve Forrest, Dewey Martin. Also "Cry of the Hunted" with Vittorio Gassman, Barry Sullivan, Polly Bergen. Show starts 6:30.

PARK-VUE — "The Lone Gun," color, with George Montgomery, Dorothy Malone. Show starts 6:15.

Folsom To Sign Road Bill Today

Action To End Hard-Won Fight

MONTGOMERY (AP)—Gov. James E. Folsom is expected to sign his hard-won road program into law this morning, ending a month-long fight through the Legislature which ended with final approval yesterday.

After acting on a few local bills today, the lawmakers are expected to adjourn sine die to await another expected call from the governor for a special session—probably beginning about March 8—to consider industrial development.

The special session on the highway programs started Jan. 25.

As finally approved with only three votes against it in the Senate and six dissents in the House, the three-bill road package hikes the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes by one penny per gallon and sets up a new highway corporation with authority to issue up to 50 million dollars in bonds for highway improvements.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Folsom had announced at a press conference that the state highway department is ready to go ahead with work on primary and secondary roads estimated to cost about 46 million dollars.

Sen. Vaughn Hill Robison of Montgomery offered one amendment to limit the road bond issue to 25 million dollars and another to exempt fuel used in farm work from the tax increase. Both proposals were defeated.

Sen. Roland Cooper of Wilcox noted that an amendment already had been reached on giving farmers relief from the tax hike.

He said a bill amending an earlier tractor gas refund law will be included in the governor's next special session call, and most members of the Senate and House are already committed to support it.

An amendment to the Highway Authority bill which would have required the adoption of a schedule to begin paying off the bonds a year after date of issuance was defeated 25-10. It was sponsored by Sen. Joe Calvin of Morgan.

As the bill is worded, the state doesn't have to begin paying the principal on the bonds until about 12 years.

Demos Predict Tax Cut Bill To Pass House

By CHARLES F. BARRETT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders predicted today the House will pass a $20-a-person income tax cut in a bitter showdown late today. President Eisenhower's lieutenants sought to line up a solid "no" vote from Republicans.

Rep. Halleck (R-Ind) said "I think we'll succeed" in killing the tax cut move. Other key Republicans said privately the odds were against them. Both sides conceded the outcome might hinge on a handful of votes.

The democratic bill would provide a $20 tax cut, starting next Jan. 1, for each taxpayer and each dependent. It would reduce revenues about $15 million dollars for the fiscal year starting next July 1, and about $2,200,000,000 over a full year of operation.

Democrats wrapped this reduction into a package with Eisenhower's request to continue present corporation income and excise tax rates for one year. These rates are now scheduled to drop by almost three billion dollars annually April 1. There is almost no opposition to the extensions.

Republicans pinned their chief hope on knocking out the income tax cut in the Senate even if beaten in the House.

At his news conference yesterday, Eisenhower said reducing

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Sunday Afternoon: Family Day Observance Set At Diamond Alkali

"Family Day" will be observed at the Muscle Shoals Chlorine-Caustic Soda plant of Diamond Alkali Company at Wilson Dam Sunday afternoon.

Officials of the company have arranged an interesting program, beginning at 2 p.m., for the more than 200 persons expected to attend.

The visitation and acquaintanceship program is being carried out Sunday because operations have been made to place the new facility in operation beginning Monday, following its reconditioning. It was purchased by Diamond Alkali from the Federal government last fall.

Families will begin gathering at the plant at 2 p.m. and all will have assembled at Warehouse "C" by 3:30 p.m. where officials will discuss the philosophy and policies of the company, latest addition to Muscle Shoals' growing and thriving industrial family.

Highlights of the afternoon session will include the presentation of a 30-year pin to Bill Mahan, purchasing agent for the company who was transferred here from Cleveland, O. The presentation will be made by A. H. Ingley.

Other features of the program will be talks by Ted Lyon, vice-president-chlorinated products, and Bill McConnell, vice president-sales.

Supper will be served buffet style between 5:30 and 7, after which movies of Department "L" picnic (Painesville, O.), a companion plant to the Shoals installation, the Muscle Shoals Ceremonies on Diamond Alkali Day last fall, the Muscle Shoals Christmas Party, and the Houston (Tex.) Recreation Association's dedication ceremonies.

THE PROGRAM

2 P. M.—Families gather for Plant Inspection.

3:30 P. M.—Gather at Warehouse "C".

3:30-4:30—Discussion of Philosophies and Policies.

4:30-5—Presentation of 30 year pin to Bill Mahan by A. H. Ingley with appropriate remarks in reference to previous talk and to any other subject.

5-5:15—Talk by Ted Lyon, Vice President-Chlorinated Products.

5:15-5:30—Talk by Bill McConnell, Vice President-Sales.

5:30-7—Buffet Supper. Movies of Department "L" Picnic, Muscle Shoals Ceremonies and Muscle Shoals Christmas Party and the Houston Recreation Association's Dedication Ceremonies.

ABA OFFICERS—The officers of the Alabama Bankers Association at the meeting Wednesday in Florence are, (left to right) B. J. Vaughn, incoming chairman of Groups One and Two, and vice-president of the Morgan County National Bank, Decatur; Howard A. Morris Jr., secretary of the Alabama Bankers Association; Ed Smoot, outgoing chairman of Groups One and Two and vice-president of the First National Bank of Florence; and Walter Kennedy, president of the First National Bank of Montgomery and president of the Alabama Bankers Association. (Staff Photo).

Decatur Man Named Chairman: Tri-State Bankers End Meeting Here

BY MARTHA VAN BIBBER
Staff Writer

The election of B. J. Vaughn, Morgan County National Bank, Decatur, as chairman and the selection of Decatur as the city for the next meeting, highlighted the meeting of Groups One and Two of the Alabama Bankers Association which was held in Florence Wednesday, at the American Legion Home.

The First National Bank of Florence was the host bank of this meeting which was attended by over 200 persons from Alabama, Georgia," and Tennessee.

The meeting was called to order by Edward H. Smoot, chairman of the groups and vice-president of the First National Bank of Florence.

William H. Mitchell, attorney-vice-president and director of the First National Bank of Florence, gave the address of welcome. Mr. Mitchell congratulated Groups One and Two on their selection of a chairman, Mr. Smoot, and spoke briefly on the City of Florence.

The response was given by Robert B. Henderson, cashier, Bank of Moulton, Moulton, and he said, "Of my many places in North Alabama that are rich in culture, education, and civic work, there are few that can surpass Florence."

Walter Kennedy, president of the ABA, and president of the First National Bank in Montgomery, spoke on "Conditions of the Alabama Banking Association." He said that activities in almost every field of the association had increased. Some of these are: Most groups hold three or four meetings instead o an annual meeting, the legislative work will be taken care of by the new full-time secretary which the association has employed, and the installment credit committee is new this year.

In conclusion Mr. Kennedy said, "The Alabama Bankers Association used to have largely social meetings, but now education is by far the most important part in these meetings."

The ABA Business sessions was conducted by Howard Morris, secretary of the ABA. Mr Morris discussed the coin collection method and said this was one of the finest of public relations projects. He also reminded the banks that the coins did not have to be displayed in the banks, but could be taken to schools or various other places.

"Most of us have been aware of the competition of the Federal Savings and Loan Associations and ABA has decided to publish a pamphlet to tell the public the basic differences between the two," said Mr. Morris.

He also spoke very briefly about

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Mother Who Killed Sons Said Sane

HOUSTON (AP) —A psychiatrist said today he believes the 28-year-old mother who has admitted killing and dismembering her two sons is legally sane.

Dr. C. A. Dwyer, Harris County psychiatrist, examined Mrs. Ann Williams last night and planned to examine her again today.

Sheriff C. V. (Buster) Kerr said he believed Mrs. Williams killed the two boys, Calvin, 9, and Conrad, 8, without an accomplice.

Mrs. Williams was arrested early yesterday after a young friend revealed he had unwittingly buried the youngsters' bodies, thinking they were spoiled deer meat. The dismembered bodies had been wrapped neatly in four packages and buried in a shallow grave near Algoa in Galveston County.

Kerr said he ruled out the possibility of an accomplice because he does not believe she could have found anyone willing to aid in such a grisly killing.

The former Pasadena, Tex., dime store clerk faces four murder charges two in Harris County and two in Galveston County.

She has said she killed the boys Feb. 17 in their trailer home in suburban Pasadena and carried them to a Houston apartment.

Autopsy reports have blamed the death on skull fractures but the young mother contends she did not strike them intentionally.

"She's afraid of making it all sound too brutal," Kerr said.

During questioning, the sheriff said, Mrs. Williams said sharply: "You're trying to make this worse than it is."

Mrs. Williams told of first trying to kill her sons with an overdose of sleeping pills Feb. 16. When the pills failed, she said, she strangled each child with a handkerchief.

Light Rain And Colder Forecast Tonight, Friday

Occasional rain is forecast for tonight for the Shoals area according to the U. S. Weather Bureau.

The weatherman says that light rain will fall late tonight and Friday and the temperature is due to take a tumble Friday with a high of 44 forecast after tonight's low of 42.

The falling temperature will be the result of the cold front moving in from the midwest.

Colbert Food Administrator To Be Named

With the distribution of surplus foods to needy families, women and children going full blast in Lawrence and Lauderdale Counties, M. Gresham Hale, chairman of the Colbert County Board of Revenue, pledged today that distribution of such surplus food would be undertaken in Colbert County without further delay.

Colbert County officials have been haggling over the program, especially the naming of an administrator, for several weeks, and present indications are it will be between 30 and 40 days before relief is afforded the stricken.

The officials of the incorporated cities in Colbert County and the county officials will meet at Mr. Hale's office again next Monday morning at 9:30, he said, to name an administrator, whose salary and travel costs are the only expense to the cities and county involved in the program. Registration, packaging and distribution are handled by volunteer organizations, committees and individuals.

"The food has been ordered, six car loads of it, through Oscar Bentley State Health Department Montgomery who has to do the ordering on the request of local authorities in disaster areas, Mr Hale said.

"If the food comes earlier than expected and is threatened with spoilage as happened with one carload of butter at Florence, it will be placed in cold storage, Mr. Hale said. Mr Hale said he realized that someone has to be responsible for receipt and distribution of the surplus foods and that he knows of no reason why he as chairman or some member of the Board of Revenue couldn't sign for it if it arrives before an administrator has been named.

"If anyone thinks I'm lying about this let them call Mr. Bentley at Montgomery and let him tell them about the conversation I had with him Wednesday morning," Mr. Hale said.

Brown Mitchell, of Central Heights, a graduate of Florence State Teachers College, has been named as administrator of the program in Lauderdale County, Mayor Walter N. Harrison said today.

"We have gotten four car loads already," Mr. Harrison said. "and two more car loads are due in today or Friday. Already here are a carload of butter, which has been placed in storage at Matthews & Fritts on East Tennessee Street; and one car load each of cheese, beans, and shortening, with one car load each of rice and non-fat dry milk now being enroute.

Lauderdale County distribution will begin in the next day or two to all families on Department of Welfare rolls and to all others certified as eligible in the county-wide registration now being car-

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Meditations for LENT

By DR. J. CARTER SWAIM
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Written for NEA Service

Lent links the life of man with the cycle of the natural world. The English term 'Lent' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'length,' a more familiar form of which is 'lengthen.'

Lent is the time of year when the days are noticeably longer. The term once meant nothing more than springtime. Springtime is the season when life is renewed, and in many parts of the world this is cause for celebration. In pagan lands springtime orgies mark the fertility cult.

There have been times and places in the world when the calendar began with the spring. The natural world knows nothing of the beginning of days which we note on January first. It is in December that the shortest day is passed, and not until March that the equinox occurs.

There is something therefore to be said for beginning the year with the spring. As a season of spiritual renewal, Christians link it with their Lord's sufferings and death.

Christianity has sometimes taken pagan rites and baptized them into the name of the Lord Jesus, and it is a sure instinct which leads the church to regard Lent, not as a season of riotous merriment, but rather of sober contemplation of the passion of her Lord.

Springtime is not the season of harvest but of seed-sowing. Jesus himself drew the spiritual analogy here:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24, RSV).

In Fuller Trial Today: Detective Allowed To Testify; Another Star Witness Hinted

Says Fuller Admitted He Was Bribed

Some Testimony Not Allowed

By REX THOMAS and LEROY SIMMS

BIRMINGHAM (AP)—A state investigator today was permitted to testify Albert Fuller told him he received huge profits from the racketeering empire that ruled Phenix City while he was chief deputy sheriff.

Judge J. Russell McElroy overruled defense objections in making the ruling as the trial went into its ninth day.

Prosecuting attorneys offered the testimony from investigator Willie B. Painter to show a motive for the murder of anti-vice campaigner A. L. Patterson, for which Fuller is on trial.

Patterson, who won the Democratic nomination for attorney general of Alabama, had promised to stamp out organized crime in Phenix City.

Judge McElroy ruled, however, that Painter couldn't testify about a statement the former chief deputy sheriff reportedly made to him last month about the bribery conviction returned against him.

The investigator, outlining his offered testimony yesterday, told the court Fuller admitted to him he took payoffs while he was a law enforcement officer. Painter said, however, that Fuller claimed that "false" testimony was used to get a conviction against him during the vice cleanup trials that followed Patterson's murder.

Fuller was sentenced to seven years in prison for taking protection money from a bawdy house. That conviction is under appeal.

Meanwhile state's attorneys hinted at highly "significant" testimony still to come in the lengthening murder trial.

They didn't give any clues to the nature of this new evidence however.

Meanwhile, as the trial went into its ninth day, the state still sought to show that Fuller told a state investigator of receiving huge profits from the multi-million-dollar gambling and vice ring that dominated Phenix City before Patterson was slain.

The investigator, Willie B. Painter, was on the stand when court was recessed late yesterday until 9 a. m. (cst) today. He told his story to Judge J. Russell McElroy after the jury had been excused, but the court withheld ruling on its admissibility until this morning.

Painter said he would testify that Fuller told him last month that he got "one-third of the take" from slot machines which operate unmolested there; that it amounts to thousands of dollars, and the Fuller himself helped get rid of some machines shortly after Patterson was murdered last June 1.

Chief defense attorney Roderick Beddow protested that the testimony would be immaterial because it had no connection with the slaying for which the former chief deputy is on trial.

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JURY FILES INTO COURT—The jury in the Patterson murder trial files into court in Birmingham today where Albert Fuller is on trial for the murder of A. L. Patterson. (AP Wirephoto).

Since January 4: Heartbreaking, They Wait, Watch For Son's Body

BY LUCILLE PRINCE
Staff Writer

Newspaper type has been telling a story of a young man's body being held by waters of the Tennessee River since Jan. 4, but behind this mere drowning news is a heartbreaking story of a family waiting and watching.

This is the story of the Pinegar family who travelled here from their home at Marianna, Ark., to try to find their son, Tommy, 16, who was drowned while fishing in a boat with Delmar Newsom, Tuscumbia man, whose body has been recovered.

The Pinegars—who might never have come to the Muscle Shoals District had their son remained alive—brought only bare necessities, never creaming that their waiting would be so long. Mr. Pinegar, who supports his large family as a commercial fisherman at Marianna, intended to carry on with that work while here, but was forced to return to his hometown because no more net fishing, to which he is accustomed, is allowed here. He said he could not support his family and children while fishing otherwise. So he travels back and forth whenever he can.

Sunday's edition of this paper carried an appeal from the Pinegars for funds to hire a diver from Marine Service at Memphis. A Florence father, Ollie Casteel, 421 Wess Irvine street, who is secretary-treasurer of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local, was touched by the story, and immediately began a pocket collection from his union members. A total of $100 was raised quickly, this being enough to pay the expert diver for services for one day.

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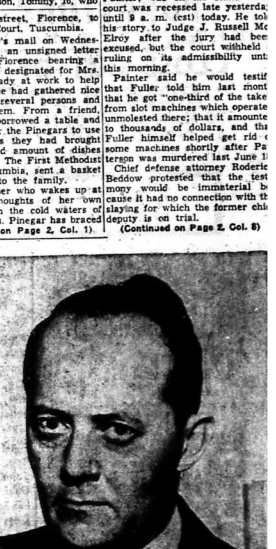
Mr. Casteel called the diver service at Memphis, and they too, became concerned with the story of the desperate family and the desire of the people of the district to help. The diver cut his travel rate of 20 cents a mile in half (The Pinegars had stated they have the $70 to pay for travel at the rate of 20 cents a mile). The diver also said that while an ordinary day's work for him constitutes eight hours, he would dive from daylight until dark in an effort to find the body for the usual price.

The diver said that if the body was not located within three days, it would be considered useless to search further. He also promised to bring along special dragging equipment that could be used by the family. Mr. Casteel points out that with the diver's view in mind, not more than $300 will be needed to pay for his services. He is in favor of giving any money left over after the diver is paid to the family.

Mr. Casteel also made a collection of change from his Sunday School class at Central Baptist for the fund. He contacted Nelle Bigbee, who raised $291 for the wife of the other drowning victim, Mrs. Newsom, who is expecting her fourth child in July. Mrs. Bigbee consented to accept funds for the Pinegars also. Contributions may be given to her or to the family who have moved their quarters



TESTIFIES TODAY—Willie B. Painter, state investigator, was allowed to testify today that Albert Fuller told him he (Fuller) received huge shares of vice profits in Phenix City. (AP Wirephoto).

Federal Aid To Schools 'Unnecessary'

WASHINGTON (AP)—A presidential commission has before it today a report declaring federal aid "is not necessary" for the construction of new schools.

The report came to President Eisenhower's Commission on Intergovernmental Relations as some members of Congress were accusing the administration of being too stingy with federal funds in its school building program.

Prepared by a commission study group, the report recommended that the government gradually withdraw from the school lunch program, sharply curtain its aid to vocational education and stay clear of assistance to community libraries.

It said "federal aid is not necessary for either current operating expenses for public schools or for capital expenditures for new school facilities." The states can afford to spend more of their own money, it added.

Eisenhower has presented a program designed to stimulate the spending of seven billion dollars in the next three years to reduce an estimated shortage of more than 200,000 classrooms. The federal share of 1½ billion would be used mainly to enable the states to issue more construction bonds. About 200 million dollars would be allotted directly to needy school districts.

Bodies Of Ten Victims Removed

RIETI, Italy (AP)—Patrols today recovered bodies of 10 more victims from the wreckage of a Belgian Sabena airliner on a peak in the Apennines.

Eight bodies remain in the ice-covered fuselage high in the mountains 60 miles northeast of Rome.

Rescue crews had brought out 11 of the 29 victims of the Feb. 13 crash. Stormy weather interrupted operations yesterday.

DR. V. B. SMITH

Dr. V. B. Smith Returns To Office In Sheffield

Dr. V. B. Smith, former TVA dental officer and Sheffield dentist, has received his discharge from the Army Dental Corps and Thursday re-opened his office in Sheffield.

Dr. Smith's office is now located in the Sheffield Federal Savings and Loan Building.

Born in Martin, Tenn., Dr. Smith received his dental education at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. For a period of four years, from 1942 until 1946, he was connected with the Tennessee Valley Authority as a dental officer. At the completion of that time, he practiced in Sheffield until February, 1953, entering the Army Dental Corps. During his two years of this service, he was chief of dental surgery at the U. S. Army Hospital in Salzburg, Austria, with the rank of major.

Policemen Make Bond In Civil Rights Case

BIRMINGHAM (AP)—Two former policemen and a jail warden have made bond of $300 each on charges of violating the civil rights of a Negro prisoner.

A. S. Lynch and J. W. Sinlard were fired after they were charged with beating Charles Patrick in a city jail cell while warden Earl Jackson looked on. Jackson was suspended for 10 days for failing to report the beating or to give Patrick adequate medical attention.

The three were indicted following an FBI investigation ordered by the Justice Department.

Testimony before the Jefferson (Birmingham) County Personnel Board showed that Lynch beat the prisoner while Sinlard held him. The Negro was jailed after an argument with Lynch's wife over a downtown parking place. Patrick later was acquitted of charges that he cursed Mrs. Lynch.

More than 30,000 U. S. tourists visited Ireland in 1954 and spent an average of $300 each.

New French Leader Faces Many Problems

By HARVEY HUDSON

PARIS (AP)—Faced with a mass of accumulated big problems, ministers of the Premier Edgar Faure's new government plunged today into the task of learning their jobs quickly in advance of urgent decisions.

The National Assembly ended a 19-day governmental crisis last night by approving 309-210 Faure's bid to head France's 21st postliberation government.

But only 4 of the 20 ministers picked by Faure, a Radical Socialist (moderate), for his conservative-tinted Cabinet served in the previous government of Pierre Mendes-France. And two of the four have different jobs.

While most of the ministers have had previous Cabinet experience, they must catch up on the details of their new posts before venturing far in policy decisions.

Faure held the Foreign Office in the closing days of Mendes-France's term, after previously serving as finance minister. He must check out Antoine Pinay, the new foreign affairs chief, on international questions.

These are the Cabinet's most urgent problems:

1. The budget, only partially approved. The military budget has not even been submitted. The Assembly voted provisional funds to carry the government through January and February and probably will use the same device for March. The budget could cause Faure trouble since he firmly resisted demands for more spending under Mendes-France.

2. The Paris treaties to free and rearm West Germany have been ratified by the Assembly but still must be approved by the Council of the Republic, upper house of parliament.

3. Negotiations with Tunisia over internal self-government. Mendes-France was thrown out of office because of his North African policies, just as talks with leaders in Tunisia, a French protectorate, reached a climax.

4. Wage increases for workers.

5. Tax law revision. Small merchants and shopkeepers are protesting loudly against alleged discriminations.

Parties in the coalition included the Radical Socialists, Popular Republican Movement (MRP); De Gaullists and representatives of smaller factions. The MRP gave only hesitant support, indicating the Cabinet would not necessarily have a long life.

WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST—Rain is expected tonight along the Pacific coast with snow elsewhere in the Northwest and extending southeast along the Rockies to the Texas panhandle. A second wet weather area is forecast extending from the upper Great Lakes southward along the Mississippi and spreading out in the South to include the Texas Gulf coast and parts of the South Atlantic states. There will be rain in the south with snow elsewhere and some freezing rain in Arkansas and Missouri. There will be colder in the Mississippi valley, southern Plains, New York and New England, and warmer in the central Rockies. AP Wirephoto Map).

The Weather

ALABAMA—Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday with some light rain mostly in central portion; colder north portion Friday.

MISSISSIPPI—Mostly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Friday with some light rain mostly in south portion; colder north and central portions Friday.

ADD FORECASTS

TENNESSEE — Considerable cloudiness tonight and Friday with chance of rain extreme east portion, lowest tonight 36-35 west, 35-42 middle and east portions, turning colder Friday and Friday night.

Maximum temperature during the 24 hours ending at 6.30 this morning was 52, and the minimum, 40. There was no rain. Sunrise this morning was at 6:25 and sunset this evening will be at 5:30. Pickwick Lake stage this morning at 6 was 15.44 feet as compared with 14.05 feet Wednesday morning at the same hour, a rise of 1.39 of a foot.

Weather Table

	High	Low	Rain
Atlanta	62	45	.05
Birmingham	59	44	.02
Denver	20	0	.02
Los Angeles	71	50	.00
Nashville	50	34	.00
New Orleans	59	55	.00
Seattle	45	36	.14
Washington	56	35	.11
Miami	76	68	.01

DEMOS PREDICT

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taxes in the face of an estimated $2,500,000,000 federal deficit for the next fiscal year would be reaching "heights of fiscal irresponsibility."

Speaker of the House Rayburn (D-Tex), bristling at the President's attack, suggested Republicans already had reached the peak of irresponsibility. He said that while cutting taxes last year when the anticipated federal deficit was almost twice the estimate now, the Republicans "didn't give the little folks anything."

Louisville Will Use New Idea To Sell Ducats

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Freddie Grimm, president of the Louisville Colonels baseball team, has come up with an unique idea for bolstering attendance this season.

Effective March 4, and continuing through Baseball Week, March 19-26, the Colonels will give $1 to the favorite charity of each fan who takes an $11 book of general admission tickets.

On the purchase of each season box seat, the Colonels will contribute $4 to charity. In addition, the club will give a bonus ticket with each book and four bonus tickets with each season ticket.

Bank Of England Raises Interest

LONDON (AP) — The nationalized Bank of England raised its interest rates on loans today for the second time within a month to check the inflationary dangers Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler sees lurking in the British economy.

The rate was upped to 4½ per cent. On Jan. 27 it was raised to 3½ per cent from 3 per cent.

This step tends to tighten credit policies throughout the worldwide sterling area.

Fite Critical Of Highway Measure

MONTGOMERY (AP) — "Grossly inadequate," was House Speaker Rankin Fite's observation on the 50 million dollar roadbuilding program adopted yesterday by the Legislature.

Three bills, providing for a one-cent increase in motor fuel taxes and issuance of $50 million in bonds had just received final legislative approval when Fite commented:

"This gives the people of Alabama a road program, but it is grossly inadequate."

Market Reports

H. L. Reeder Cotton Company

Middling	34¼
Strict Middling	35

Shasta Cheese Corporation

Premium Sour Cream	43

Florence Packing Company

Steers & Heifers		Veals	
Choice	20.00	Choice	22.00
Good	18.00	Good	15.00
Commercial	18.00	Commercial	10.00
Utility	16.00	Utility	6.00
Cows		Bulls	
Commercial	12.00	Commercial	14.50
Utility	10.00	Utility	11.00
Cutter	8.00	Cutter	9.00
Canner	5.00	Canner	7.00
Hogs			
180-220			15.50
225-280			14.50
285-300			13.50
305-350			12.50
400-up			11.50
160-175			14.50
180-195			14.00
125-down			13.25
Sows 350-down			13.50
Sows 350-495			12.50
Sows 500-up			11.50

TRI-STATE BANKERS

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the state conversion of the ABA which will be held in May at the Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi, Miss.

L. Y. Dean, III, president of the Eufaula Bank and Trust Co., Eufaula, spoke on "Bank Pension Plans." He said the individual banks must establish their own pension plans, as each plan must be tailored to fit the bank. He also said that the lack of such a plan pulls down efficiency and keeps young people from getting jobs, which older persons who haven't retired are still holding.

Mr. Dean discussed the different types of formal plans, how to set them up, and their funding. The bank should be careful in setting up plans, because they can be very costly to the banks and inadequate to employees," he said.

Robert F. Stamps, Chief Municipal Research Department, Equitable Securities Corporation, Nashville, spoke on "Some Problems in Municipal Financing." He said that borrowing plans had to be determined by the trend of growth of the municipality and its need for future borrowing. Bankers are in the best position to advise the people and leaders of the towns, about borrowing, said Mr. Stamps.

Mr. Smoot appointed a nominating committee consisting of Lester Smith, Morgan County National Bank, Decatur; E. F. Walker, Traders and Farmers Bank, Haleyville; and J. Cline Weeks, Bank of Winfield, Winfield, to nominate the incoming chairman.

The group also voted to adopt the plan for Groups One and Two to finance the meetings on a prorata basis.

A banquet was held at the Coffee High School Cafeteria, Florence. Dr. Turner W. Allen, professor of History at FSTC was the speaker and used "Economic Instruments of Foreign Policy" as his topic.

"I should like to emphasize the importance of the Banking profession in our foreign policy," Dr. Allen said. He listed four facets in our foreign policy program: Keep America strong, build a great military machine, give economic aid to friendly nations, and give economic aid to the underprivileged areas of the world to keep them from turning to Communism for support. According to Dr. Allen, America has done all of the above. He says that the people who hope for a post-war collapse or depression have been disappointed because America is still strong and that since 1945 the United States has built a military machine that has thrown off all aggressors. He also stated that the remaining two are being done.

"I am tired of hearing apologies for American foreign policy and I'm tired of hearing that Communistic ideas is inevitable. This plays directly into the enemy's hands. I think we have learned well that appeasement admits defeat and gives only the enemy the taste of victory," Dr. Allen said.

"The answers to increase foreign policy will not be answered by the politicians of this country, they will be answered by you, the bankers and men of finance. It will require your best efforts and soundest judgments of economic instruments to go on keeping America strong," Dr. Allen stated in conclusion.

B. J. Vaughn, Morgan County National Bank, Decatur, was unanimously elected chairman of Groups One and Two for the next session. The next meeting will be held in Decatur.

COLBERT FOOD

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ried out. Up to this morning about 12,000 Lauderdale Countians had been registered to receive the commodities. Mayor Harrison said, with registration still going on.

Mayor Harrison said federal officials had informed Lauderdale County personnel connected with the program that food cannot be sent into a county until a county administrator has been named to receive it and be responsible for its distribution.

Mayor Harrison said he plans to make personal appeals to local civic clubs and ministers to have their clubs and churches volunteer their services for packaging the materials, each group to be responsible for one month.

The only expense in Lauderdale county is Mr. Mitchell's salary and auto travel costs, which will be paid by the city and county on a 50-50 basis. All other work is carried out by civic-minded volunteers.

Stock Market Slightly Lower

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market was slightly lower in early trading today.

The Bank of England raised its bank discount rate for the second time within a month, this time a full percentage point from 3½ to 4½ per cent. The action caused a shakeout in the London stock market.

However, London dealers reported surprising steadiness among U. S. stocks on the London exchange and most brokerage houses were inclined to minimize the importance of the English action on U.S. securities.

Nevertheless, the "big board" reacted sympathetically with the London market. Steels, motors, chemicals, utilities and most mining issues were depressed. Railroads, aircrafts, radio - television and oil stocks were mixed.

Among the losers were Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, American Telephone, Radio Corp., Boeing, Kennecott Copper, Baltimore & Ohio and Eastern Air Lines.

Higher were Curtiss - Wright, National Distillers, Admiral, Loews and Consolidated Natural Gas.

Workers Riot In Protest Of Ruling

SAARBRUECKEN, Saar (AP)—Police using tear gas and water hoses broke up a march on Parliament today by several hundred metal workers protesting a mediation board wage ruling.

Labor chief Richard Rauch promptly countered by calling a 24-hour general strike for tomorrow by the Saar's 210,000 organized workers.

Seventy thousand metal workers struck Monday for a 15 per cent wage increase. The mediation board granted a 12 per cent boost last night, and the strike was ordered ended.

There are enough autos in the United States to carry every person in the country with all the rear seats empty.

U. S. To Seek Agreement On Atom Control

LONDON (AP)—The United States pledged today to seek an "honest and workable" agreement with Russia for reduction of nuclear and conventional weapons.

But it said it didn't see much hope for such an understanding.

Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., U.S. delegate to a secret five power conference on disarmament opening here tomorrow, told a news conference:

"When and if an honest scheme is developed, the United States will be in the lead in trying to live by it, in a matter that means so much to suffering humanity we must not overlook any possibility."

But Lodge warned that there is "not much ground for optimism." Tomorrow's talks will bring the United States, Britain, France, Canada, and Russia together to resume work as the United Nations disarmament subcommittee.

Russia's delegate, Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, conferred with British Minister of State Anthony Nutting just before the Lodge news conference.

Lodge challenged the Kremlin to live up to its Feb. 18 statement that "the people of the world are demanding that there be set up wider international cooperation for the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

The American delegate said:

"No one is more anxious to have international cooperation on the peaceful uses of atomic energy than President Eisenhower."

Pointing out that the U.N. has passed a resolution calling for the stockpiling of atomic fissionable material for peacetime uses, Lodge said:

"Wouldn't it make a wonderful impression if the Soviets would contribute some fissionable material to the stockpile which is being set up subject to the terms of the U.N. resolution?

It said "federal aid is not necessary." Taylor had charged that the statement by some such concrete step which they can well afford to take."

Gen. Taylor May Replace Gen. Hull

TOKYO (AP)—Kyodo News Service said today it had learned that Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor will succeed Gen. John E. Hull April 1 as commander in chief of the United Nations Command and Far East Command.

The agency did not disclose its source.

A spokesman at Hull's headquarters had no comment.

Taylor, commander of U.S. Army forces Far East and the U.S. 8th Army in Korea, is in Washington where Army officials termed his visit routine.

Community Wins Cash Award

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)—A cash prize of $500 has been awarded farmers of the Silver Run-Antioch community to be used for community improvement.

Farmers in the area were named district winner of the State Cotton Improvement Contest, and the award was provided jointly by the Alabama Cotton Manufacturers Cottonseed Products Assn. The award was made Tuesday night.

Farmers in the community produced 409 pounds of lint cotton per acre, almost double Talladega County's average yield.

Feb. 21, 1945, the U. S. Air Forces dropped 3,000 tons of bombs on the Nuernberg marshalling yards—the largest weight of bombs ever to be dropped on any single target.

Bill Would Ease Farm Cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The spotlight on efforts to hike the national cotton acreage allotment for 1955 shifted today to the Senate where a subcommittee took up a bill to ease severe cutbacks for some growers.

A House bill, passed on a voice vote yesterday, calls for an increase of 3 per cent—some 540,000 acres—in the total acreage to be planted under this year's cotton program.

House approval came shortly after the Agriculture Department announced the support price for most of this year's cotton crop would be 90 per cent of parity.

The Senate Agriculture subcommittee on cotton was expected to act sometime today on a bill somewhat similar to that passed by the House.

The move for an increase in the acreage comes principally from southern states where many growers have complained that this year's acreage cuts are too severe to permit them to operate economically. Many complaints were from small growers out to one or two acres.

This year's cotton acreage allotment has been limited by the Agriculture Department to 18,100,000 acres, compared with 21,300,000 last year and nearly 25,000,000 in 1953.

The House bill would raise each state's cotton allotment 3 per cent to be used, first, to give small growers a minimum—five acres or the grower's highest planted acreage in any of the past three years, whichever is smaller.

SAYS FULLER

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Patterson's death touched off a momentous vice cleanup that sent many of the racketeering lords and their lackeys to prison.

Then, six months after the slaying, Fuller was indicted for first degree murder along with former prosecuting attorney Arch Ferrell and former Atty. Gen. Si Garrett.

Patterson was murdered 17 days after he had won the Democratic nomination for attorney general to succeed Garrett. Ferrell and Garrett are awaiting trial.

The hint of surprise testimony against Fuller came from chief assistant Atty. Gen. MacDonald Gallion, one of the prosecutors.

He said the state expects to produce evidence "more significant" than any developed so far in the trial as the time for the close, we expect to have an exceptionally strong case."

Gallion also predicted the prosecution will rest its case probably tomorrow if not late today, depending on the length of defense cross-examination.

The state yesterday brought out testimony from two men who corroborated an earlier witness's testimony that Fuller was seen shortly after the slaying without the gun they said he almost always carried.

Two others told of a dark car parked at the same spot where a taxicab driver testified he saw Fuller jump into a waiting automobile and speed off a minute or so after the Patterson killing.

The cab driver, James R. Taylor of Columbus, Ga., was recalled to the stand for cross-examination in an attempt by the defense to show he gave misleading information to authorities about another murder several years ago.

But Judge McElroy ruled the line of testimony inadmissible.

Beddow told the court he hope to show by it that Taylor was either a "prevaricator" or that he liked to be identified with such investigations.

HEARTBREAKER, THE

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herself well for the ordeal of waiting and wondering when—if ever—he will be found. She is a tiny woman who looks almost like a child herself. Her voice is low and calm. Death has stricken her family of 12 children once before—the time her twins died. One of her sons is in the Army in Germany now, and her youngest is 17 months old. The rest of the children are with her now.

She said her husband has come to believe Tommy is wrapped in a fishing net, probably with the motor of the boat, since neither of these have been found.

Young Pinegar had married an 18-year-old Margerum girl 18 days before he was drowned. She is Ella Mae Hayes Finegar.

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