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## 16 Enter Birmingham Stock Show

Seventeen 4H and FFA boys and girls from Colbert County will exhibit their cattle in the Birmingham Stock Show and Rodeo to be held at the State Fairgrounds the week beginning May 3. The youths will compete for the more than \$13,000 in prizes as well as the distinction of raising the Grand Champion of the show.

The list of exhibitors from the county follows: Deloney Blythe, Jr., Leighton Shirley Blythe, Leighton Hugh Bowling, Sheffield Brooks Bowling, Sheffield Charles Bowling, Sheffield Betty Jo Hurston, Tuscumbia Raymond Ligon, Tuscumbia Ella Ligon, Tuscumbia Bud White, Sheffield Eloise Tolson, Tuscumbia Howard Keeton, Cherokee Rex Keeton, Cherokee Jewel Dean Grissom, Leighton Betty Jean McBride, Tuscumbia Thomas Lyle, Leighton Jimmy Kennel, Leighton

This year's Show and Rodeo promises to be one of the best yet. It's a four-star attraction and will feature the following: The exhibit of 700 or 800 of the finest beef cattle raised in Alabama by the FFA boys and girls.

World's Champion Rodeo, produced by Verne Elliott and presenting the finest rodeo performers in the world.

Bob Willis and his Texas Playboys, the nation's No. 1 western swing band, and the Alabama State Beef Cattle Show presenting the best in Alabama.

While last year's show, sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce had no records to break but its show, it is believed that this year's show will outshine last year's. There may not be as many calves exhibited because the committee is limiting contestants to cattle grading "Good" or better. The screening of the calves is in line with the Chamber's prime objective in staging the show—the encouragement of the raising of more and better beef cattle in Alabama.

## SOUTHERN BELL ASKS FOR INCREASED RATES

The Southern Bell Telephone Company this week asked the Montgomery County Circuit Court for authority to place increased telephone charges in effect under bond while the determination of the reasonableness of these rates is pending before the court.

The company on March 19 filed notice of appeal to the circuit court from a recent Public Service Commission order which granted Southern Bell \$360,000 or about one-seventh of increased revenue requested of the commission.

"This action in court was taken for the purpose of providing the company with protection from daily losses of sorely needed cash," the company has under consideration the matter of higher rates," Alabama Manager Frank M. Malone of Southern Bell declared.

## NEW RECREATIONAL BOARD NAMED BY CITY COMMISSION

The city commission named a new park and recreation board at its Tuesday meeting. The new board consists of the members of the old stadium board: Dr. H. B. Beck, chairman; Bob W. Bailey, Jr., Jack Dobson, Jimmy Christopher, and James Sparks with the addition of Goodloe Price. This group will be known as the park and recreation board.

This new board will continue its duties in regard to the stadium and the supervision of Spring Park City playgrounds, and the Community Center.

The following five persons have been appointed by the board as a committee to have full and complete authority in all matters pertaining to the operation of the Community Center: Percy Hoskins, Jr., William Reed, Albert Hurston, Mrs. Billie Betts, and Mrs. Ed. Grant.

FOR SALE—Two rolling stores. A 1948 1/2 ton Chevrolet with new factory built body, 4-1941 1/2 ton Chevrolet with modern reconditioned body. If you are interested in a rolling store, you will be pleased with either of these trucks. If interested, write or contact Fred Bros, 901 N. Locust St., Lawrenceburg, Tenn. 42241-pd.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

MAN TAKING OVER NATURE

This business of saving dry ice on clouds for man-made rain, is running into difficulties. Maybe one fellow wants rain for dry crops and his next door neighbor plans to hold a family picnic in the yard. Our water law states that "water on all sources of supply within the boundaries of the state, either above or beneath the surface of the ground, belongs to the public." Some contend that "above the ground" means water content of clouds, but perhaps legislators who formed the water law didn't expect folks to produce rain artificially. Clouds move about, so that a man wonders if they might not come under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission. In order to protect us from suits, it is now authorized that the U. S. weatherman is the only one who is permitted to make rain. Remember, the sky is not the limit.

## OF THE HARVEST

As they plant the proposed nine million more acres of farm crops this summer than last year, we think ahead of the harvest. It means a larger work force and farmers are wondering where will come the extra hands needed by mid-summer. During the war the government paid the cost of transporting, housing of foreign workers. This is no longer true and those who wish to import foreign labor for harvesting, must pay transportation, provide sanitary housing, post bond for payment of wages, return the worker to the place where he was hired in his own land. In the southwest the Mexican laborer followed the maturing crops. Along the Atlantic seaboard labor from the British West Indies did the same. Agricultural workers may be as many as last year, but perhaps, with the additional planting, farmers will have to depend on high school and college students, to lend a hand.

## IN TIME OF PEACE

We are engaged, in time of peace, in a study of America's armed forces. Therefore, such study should be deliberate, with business knowledge, using sound judgment. During war, appropriations and expenditures are undertaken without too much contemplation, more in a mood of mass hysteria. Often warehouses are filled because of exaggerated demands. Overlapping orders create waste. Now is the time to think carefully of what millions of men and millions of dollars mean. Past wars give us some basis for calculation. The public wants preparedness, is willing to spend money to safeguard its liberty. Universal military training is another point for consideration. It strikes a more personal note and influences the lives of a great many civilians. In a recent address, Chief of Staff Omar Bradley said: "I need not tell you that your Army cannot be put on the shelf and remain forgotten like last year's hat. The Army today is a substantial part of your Federal government. It accounts for a substantial piece of your income tax. And yet, if your army is to be effective, if it is to be properly armed as an instrument of peace, it requires not only your money, but your time, your interest—and your service."

## YOUR WOODS

By J. W. Finch, Forest Ranger  
Each year, forest fires destroy property worth from 30 million to 45 million dollars. In some bad years the loss has been more than 100 million dollars. This does not include the loss of human lives, cattle, and wildlife. Millions of new trees are kept from growing. It is as important to protect young trees as old ones. The young trees will be needed for the wood of the future.

Did you know that many of our plastics are made from wood? Your telephone came from a tree. Other plastic products made from trees are combs, fountain pens, dishes, and building materials. Chemists have now made it possible for wood to be made into a feed for cattle.

A big log turned against a sharp knife yields off a thin ribbon of wood. This is called veneer. When veneers are glued together they are called plywood. Veneer is used for houses and furniture as well as airplanes. Fire scarred trees can not be used for veneer.

A fire west of Lane Springs was controlled by the help of Mr. Jess Worsham and son. This fire was caused by careless brush burning, according to Ranger J. W. Finch.

During March, Colbert County had 14 fires with 171 acres burned; Lauderdale 20 fires, 265 acres; Franklin 36 fires, 1274 acres; Lawrence 1, 6 acres; and Morgan 12, 298 acres. All of these fires were due to carelessness. They could have been prevented.

Pine and locust seedlings are still available for next year. There is no charge for them. Make your application early. See County Agent D. G. Summerville for your application.

Ashes from woodstoves will kill fish. The woods along Stuss Lake in Colbert County were on fire Sunday. If this fire had been left alone and had burned the woods around the lake, ashes would have blown into the lake. With the help of Harry McAlister, Jr., and Burks McAlister, Jr., Louisville the fire was stopped before much damage was done.

## SOUTH'S NEGRO LEADERS HIT DISOBEDIENCE

Atlanta.—Representative Southern Negro leaders agreed Tuesday that the fight against segregation barriers would be hindered rather than helped should negroes refuse to serve in a new military draft.

Negro college presidents and business and professional leaders said they could not go along with two members of their race who are urging "civil disobedience" to eliminate Jim Crow practices in the Army.

Grant Reynolds, wartime Army chaplain, and A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (AFL) outlined such a program before a congressional committee Monday.

They said they were seeking pledges from other Negroes not to serve in a "Jim Crow" Army in case of a new draft.

## COFFEE DAY TO BE HELD FOR CANCER FUND

Birmingham, Ala.—Coffee Day in Alabama on April 30, America's favorite beverage will be offered without charge throughout the State by restaurants displaying a red and white sign saying they are cooperating in the "Coffee Day" observance in the drive for funds for the American Cancer Society.

Alabama coffee-drinkers can have their coffee and carry on their personal fight against cancer at the same time because every penny they give for coffee at "coffee against cancer" restaurants on April 30 will go toward stopping thousands of deaths caused by cancer in Alabama and throughout the nation.

The price for a cup of coffee on Coffee Day? Whatever you want to give, be it ten cents or ten dollars. Each Coffee Day eating place will give the buyer a ticket with his coffee which will in turn be turned in, in place of regular payment when he deposits his contribution in a receipt book for donations.

The funds collected by eating places in Alabama on Coffee Day will be turned over to the local campaign headquarters of the American Cancer Society, to help finance the year-round program of education, research and medical aid to combat the killer which accounts for more deaths than any other single disease.

## MOVIE PROGRAM

STRAND—Tuscumbia Saturday, April 24

OVER THE HILLS—Santa Fe Trail—with Ken Curtis.

Sunday, April 25

DRIFTING—Santa Fe Warlock, Walter Brennan, Dean Jagger.

Monday, April 26

HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY—With Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara.

Also

MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY—With Dennis O'Keefe, Marguerite Chapman.

Tuesday-Wednesday, April 27-28

YOU WERE MEANT FOR ME—With Jeanne Crain, Dan Dailley, Oscar Levant.

Thursday-Friday, April 29-30

SONG OF LOVE—With Katherine Hepburn, Paul Henreid, Robert Walker.

COLBERT—Sheffield Saturday, April 24

SIOU CITY SUE—with Gene Autry.

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WALTON'S GABBY—Hayes, John Carroll.

Also

TRIBUTE—Sheffield Sunday, April 25

VARIETY GIRL—with 40 great stars.

Monday-Tuesday, April 26-27

Double-Feature TROUBLE WITH WOMEN—With Ray Milland, Teresa Wright.

Also

SILVER STALLION—With David Sharpe, Janet Waldo.

Wednesday-Thursday, April 28-29

MY FAVORITE BRUNETTE—With Bob Hope.

Friday-Saturday, April 30-May 1

TERROR TRAIL—With Charles Starrett.

## CRIME INVESTIGATIONS INCREASED BY STATE "FBI"

Montgomery, Ala.—For the third consecutive month investigations by the State Bureau of Investigation and Identification have shown an increase. C. T. Donaldson, Bureau Chief, announced.

Investigations for March totaled 123 cases as compared to 114 cases during February and 88 cases in January. Final action was taken and closing reports were made on 153 cases during February and March.

Donaldson said the cases investigated during March consisted of the following type cases: Personnel matters, 2; slot machines, gambling and gambling devices, 1; special inquiry, 3; automobile accidents, 2; miscellaneous, 5; rape, 3; larceny and theft, 13; assault with intent to kill, burglary, 28; robbery, 6; homicide, 1; forgery, 6; theft of motor vehicles, 14; identification, 1; escaped prisoners, 1; missing persons, 2; unlawful flight to avoid prosecution or the giving of testimony, 1; desertion and other investigations for the Army and Navy, 8; and frauds, 1.

A total of 1,275 fingerprint cards were received by the Bureau during March.

Thirteen criminal investigators, secured from the State Personnel register, investigate cases upon request by local law enforcement officials.

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## NEGRO WITHDRAWS APLI ENTRANCE APPLICATION

Montgomery.—William Bell, 27, negro war veteran, announced that he had withdrawn his application for entry to Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn.

Bell, a sophomore at State Teachers College for Negroes here, had been the first member of his race to seek entrance to an Alabama white school. He said he had withdrawn his application, because "I was upset over all the talk around about it."

The former master sergeant, who spent 49 months of a seven-year Army career overseas, said he had written a letter to APLI officials withdrawing his application.

Bell said reaction throughout the state on his application had caused him to have a nervous attack. He said he wasn't exactly threatened, "but some people said things about me that weren't kind."

Bell, a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, several weeks ago had threatened to go to court, if barred entry at Auburn.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY

The Tennessee Valley Historical Society met Tuesday night at the community center, with 20 members present. Persons in this area will be interested to hear of the reorganization of this group of civic minded citizens.

The officers elected were: Lawrence King, president; Miss Nina Leftwich, first vice-president; Mrs. W. T. Archer, second vice-president; Mrs. Carlisle Bullock, secretary; Mrs. Edward Goble, treasurer.

The society decided to move the Frank King collection of historic relics to the library in Leighton for display.

The next meeting of the Society will be held in May, at the Leighton library.

## Lewis And Union Assessed Big Fine

Washington.—John L. Lewis Tuesday night appealed to his soft coal miners to go back to work after he had been fined \$200,000 and the United Mine Workers \$1,400,000 for criminal contempt of court.

Many miners, protesting the penalties against Lewis and the union, had refused to dig coal.

Lewis' headquarters here had nothing to say about Lewis' latest move. But word that he had asked the miners to go back to work came from union leaders in the field.

Frank Hughes, UMW international board member and president of District 3 at Greensburg Pa., said he said this message from Lewis: "We are today executing bonds pending appeals. I do hope you will convey to each member my wish that they immediately return to work."

District President David Fowler, at Muskogee, Okla., also reported receipt of Lewis' message, without giving out its precise contents.

Fowler ordered men in his district back on the job. Earlier he had predicted the conviction of Lewis would lose the government 10 times more production than has been lost to date, and recommended that "anyone can influence" the men.

Reachable officials at UMW headquarters denied knowledge of the Lewis message and suggested at first that district presidents' orders to resume work were based on Lewis' April 12 recommendation that they resume digging.

Informed of the text of the message these officials said only that the district presidents' statements will have to stand for themselves for the time being.

When telephone callers identified themselves as newspaper men, Lewis' home reported him unavailable.

Judge T. Alan Goldsborough assessed Tuesday's big fines.

## DEATH OF FORMER TUSCUMBIA

Funeral rites for the late John Keenan were held Sunday afternoon in Memphis, where he had resided for many years.

The deceased was born in Tuscumbia and was the son of the late J. E. Keenan and Lettie Warren Keenan, prominent pioneer citizens of this section. Surviving are his widow and four daughters, five sisters and a brother, Alfred Keenan, of New Orleans.

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