

## Good News For Alabama Fishers -- Plenty Bass

MONTGOMERY — Bream and bass bit heavily in Alabama's nineteen public fishing lakes during the last two weeks, according to a report released today by State Conservation Director Claude D. Kelley.

Kelley said fishermen took about 75,000 fish from the lakes in the fourteen day period. The total fish catch, "recorded by state lake officials, weighed over 20,000 pounds.

The conservation officer attributed the larger fish harvest to "milder weather, warmer water and more fishermen." He said fish production was high in the well-managed lakes.

Kelley stated that local lake managers reported fishermen using red worms, crickets, catfish and artificial lures to land the fish.

He predicted that this May and June will be one of the busiest fishing seasons since the first state lake was opened in 1950.

Bass caught in the lakes this spring are averaging well over one pound. Many individuals has caught weighed from 7 to 19 pounds.

Some fishermen recently landed bream weighing up to two pounds. The bream group, made up of blue gills and shellcrackers, averaged one fourth pound.

The nineteen public fishing lakes are stocked and managed by the Game and Fish Division and operated by the Parks Division.

The lakes contain 1,349 acres of water and over 7,000 acres of land for public recreation.

South Alabama state lakes are located in Geneva, Coffee, Dale, Butler, Crenshaw, Pike, Barbour, Marengo, Dallas and Macon Counties.

Lakes in central Alabama include those at the Clay, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa sites. North Alabama state lakes are open to fishing in Madison, Marion, Cullman, Lamar, Fayette and Walker Counties.

## 100 YEARS AGO

### GRANT APPROACHES VICKSBURG

One hundred years ago this week, General U. S. Grant reached the outskirts of Vicksburg in his fifth attempt in a series of efforts to approach the well-fortified Confederate stronghold.

On May 16, 1863, Grant had won a decisive engagement at Champion's Hill, the Battle of Baker's Creek. The hill was situated on the main road about halfway between Vicksburg and Jackson, Mississippi, which had been taken by Grant two days previously.

## Questions And Answers About Your Social Security

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Q. I'll be 65 in September and will retire on September 30. How soon after that should I apply for my social security?

A. You should apply for social security 2 or 3 months before your retirement date. This will allow ample time to complete the details of your claim, and will insure that your first check is issued without delay.

Q. Is there any way I can find out how much social security will pay me, so I can decide if I can afford to quit working?

A. Your social security office will be glad to check your account or security benefit what your social you and tell you what your social you will receive. In fact, it's a good idea to talk to a representative while you are just beginning to think about retirement. He can tell you approximately how much your benefit will be at 65, and what it will be if you decide to retire before 65. He can also tell you what your file your claim. And by checking in advance, you can help your social security office to speed your first check to you.

Q. Friends have been telling me I should file for social security because I'm past 65 years old. I just don't see why I should, because I'm still working and don't plan to quit.

A. You should at least talk to a social security representative — and maybe make an application even though you are still working. In many cases it is possible to pay some benefits for a year, even though a person works in every month. This is so because of the way in which benefits are withheld because of employment.

If you earn \$1200 or less for the year, all benefits are paid. For earnings over \$1200 and up to \$1700, 51 per cent of the earnings are withheld for each \$2 you earn. For earnings over \$1700, benefits are withheld on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Depending on your month you expect to earn this year, it might be possible to pay you for part of the year. The only way to find out for sure is to check with your social security office. If your work is seasonal, you can be paid a benefit for any month you do not work in self-employment and do not earn over \$100 in wages, no matter what your total earnings are for the year. In this case, you should apply so that you can be paid for the months you do not work.

Q. I'm 72 years old and still working. I may retire the end of this year. How soon after retirement can I file for social security?

A. You should file a claim for social security benefits right away, because you can be paid for the month you reach 72 and for later months, no matter how much you work or how much you earn. However, your total earnings for the year are used in deciding what, if anything, is due in benefit payments for those months of the year before your 72nd birthday.

Q. I'll be 62 next December, and want social security benefits to start then. Can I apply now?

A. We cannot take a claim from you any earlier than 3 months in advance. This allows plenty of time to complete your claim, and in this way we can issue your first check without delay. But you can come in and file earlier than that, but need to justify what benefits will be needed to just what your claim. Quite often some evidence is needed to prove your age, and sometimes it may take a little while to find an acceptable document. If you check with us ahead of applying, we can help you in advance of these matters, well in advance of the starting date for your checks.

## Billy Miller Evans Graduates

Friends and relatives of William Miller Evans, who was born in Tusculumbia and attended kindergarten school here, and who is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Evans, the former Rebecca Hamilton, herself a graduate of Desher High School, have received invitations to his graduation ceremony at Desher High School on Monday, May 27th, exercises to be held in the high school auditorium in that city.

## EDITORIAL GRIST

### A "BANKRUPT" TAX SYSTEM

"It almost appears the makers of our tax policies had set out deliberately to restrict growth and penalize effort and enterprise," said Dr. Norris O. Johnson, of the First National City Bank of New York.

With no mincing of words he continued: "Our present federal tax system is bankrupt. Not only has it failed to balance the budget but it has also become a drag on individual effort and economic growth. It needs to be revised and the time for that revision is right now."

In the area of specifics, Dr. Johnson finds that the main trouble is an excessive reliance on individual and corporate income taxes. In a recent year 83 per cent of federal tax revenues had an income tax source. That is a larger proportion than is taken by any other central government. The result: "Our deeply progressive income tax rates encourage a slogging of productive effort, or even complete withdrawal from the labor force by some of our ablest people," said Dr. Johnson.

A solution of the problems connected with tax reduction, balancing the budget and constructive tax reforms would really pump money in a lagging economy. Solutions aren't simple but they must be found if we're to keep our position in the most competitive and explosive period of history the world has ever known.

### ON THE RAZOR'S EDGE

The nations and peoples of the world stand on the razor's edge.

It is now known that there has been a tremendous increase in this country's nuclear capability — which means the ability to blow up practically everything on earth. A single nuclear submarine, of the new advanced design, carries more explosive power in her warhead than was unleashed in all of World War II.

It must not be assumed that the Soviets have made comparable progress — if "progress" is the proper word to apply in this connection.

Extraordinarily elaborate protections have been taken to guard against the use of the ultimate weapon because of faulty intelligence accident. As yet, nothing can be done to set the record straight. According to our recollection, no set the record straight. According to our recollection, no set the record straight.

The goal of disarmament looks far away. Yet, certainly, it must be the goal of all people everywhere. The money, the energy, the resources, that are spent on weapons of unbelievable destructive power, if applied to useful ends, would create an infinitely better world. And, most important of all, it would remove that terrible question: "Will someone push the wrong button?"

### TWO PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN HERE

Since there has been quite a discussion as to how many presidents have visited this area, we would like to set the record straight. According to our recollection, no set the record straight. According to our recollection, no set the record straight.

### ARTIFICIAL EATING

It's about time Americans woke up to the fact that they are eating chemicals instead of natural food, far too much of the time. Pick up your favorite snack or food and read the "contents" on the label. Chances are good that you will find "artificial color" and "artificial flavoring" on the wrapper.

The truth, then, is that you don't know what you are eating and enjoying. It may be a bright red cherry mint, with a delightful cherry flavor, but the red is artificial and no cherries ever came near the product. It contains artificial flavoring.

Europeans like their homebaked and home-cooked foods, and use no chemicals in them. When we buy vegetables which are artificially colored, we really don't know whether we're getting green vegetables or not.

When we get anything with artificial flavor, we are being subjected to the latest sales techniques and often the most profitable production techniques. It is time for us to look for and honor honest foods, which are just what they appear to be, without any artificial color or flavor.

### AMERICANS ABROAD

There is a place on this globe where Americans are still liked. When the supply ship Proteus recently sailed from Holy Loch, Scotland, for Charleston, South Carolina, there were sentimental cheers and tears as Scots waved goodbye to the Polaris sub depot vessel.

The ship had been stationed at Holy Loch for two years and twelve days.

In that time, some 130 officers and men married Scottish girls. Another 200 members of the Proteus' company transferred for home. And another group had to leave and sail away against their wishes.

It's good to know that there is at least one foreign port or city where an American might find refuge in evil days. In spite of all the billions we have poured out to the world since World War II, cities and countries where Americans are really and genuinely popular are few indeed.

Dollars can do many things, but they don't buy friendship.

Human nature is what encourages individuals to find an excuse for what they happen to desire.

The human race will be greatly improved when men attend to the business of improving themselves.

We can take a certain amount of what is known as "small talk," but we have, upon occasions, heard too much of it.

Mercy is all right, and we commend it, but not to those who drive automobiles while under the influence of alcohol.

## Alabama's Egg Business Is \$100 Million A Year

AUBURN — The business that Alabama's 7 million egg layers create isn't chicken feed. It amounts to more than \$100 million a year.

"Here's the way it adds up," says Allen Brown, Auburn University Extension Service poultry marketing specialist:



A REPORT FROM George C. Wallace Governor of Alabama

This has been a busy week here at the State Capitol.

In my address to the opening session of the 1963 Legislature, I pointed out several things which this administration would like to see accomplished.

Among them were:

- (1) Increased pensions for our senior citizens.
- (2) Additional education revenues above those raised in the Special Education Session.
- (3) Increased funds so that the industrial acquisitions can be increased. The State Planning and Industrial Development Board is doing a good job, but it needs more funds to promote the State.
- (4) Help in promoting the tourist

## Leading Educators Scheduled At Howard

Three of the South's outstanding speech educators will be among guest lecturers during the First Howard College Summer High School Workshop in Communications, June 10-14, on the Howard campus. Dr. Harvey Cromell, Head of the Mississippi State College for Women Department of Speech and Mrs. John Thomsen, former director of Forensics at Shades Valley High School in Homewood, will both assist with the Forensics division of the Workshop. Dr. Allen Bales, prominent concert reader and guest artist in numerous civic theatre productions throughout the South and Associate Professor of Speech at the University of Alabama, will appear at one of the Workshop Assembly programs as a concert reader.

The second escapee from the local city jail has been apprehended in Phoenix, Ariz. The Colbert sheriff's office said this morning.

Jailed in Phoenix was William Audrey Taylor, who escaped with three other men the weekend of April 27-28. He was charged here with escape, a misdemeanor, and not grand larceny as originally listed.

Still at large in the escapee are Charles Robert Collins, 36, charged with carnal knowledge of a girl under 12, a capital offense, incest and assault with intent to murder, and Pride Eugene George, 21, charged with grand larceny.

The fourth escapee, Willie Dewitt Dawson, 24, was arrested May 3 by deputies and police and was sentenced to five years in prison in Circuit Court.

## Farm Agents Accused Of 'Politicking'

Federal farm agents have been portrayed by the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation as supersalesmen peddling the Kennedy administration farm program as part of their official duties.

"Politicking" was the word used Monday night by Fletcher Farrington in describing the activities of ASCS office managers in Colbert, Lauderdale and Lawrence Counties.

Farrington is director of commodity services for the bureau.

Farrington told a meeting of Colbert and Lawrence County farmers at Leighton that the U. S. Department of Agriculture is keeping Alabama county ASCS offices open Saturdays to promote the administration wheat program.

Farmers will vote May 21 on whether to continue rigid production controls and government price supports.

The government denies that undue pressure is being exerted on farmers to vote "yes." Government officials say the ASCS offices are being kept open six days a week merely to provide information on the program.

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What is being suggested by the administration is that the government manage your farms or is the government?

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industry in Alabama Tourists pay many tax dollars into the state treasury and they require few of the services paid for by tax dollars.

I also pointed out to the Legislature that my stand on segregation is the same as it has been all the time. I told them, "I shall react vigorously with outside meddlers whether it is from high government sources or otherwise."

"During the campaign for Governor I advocated continuous legal resistance to the Justice Department, the Federal Courts and those who would disrupt our way of life."

"As the highest constitutional of a sovereign state, resistance on my part is resistance of the people. It is legal resistance and if there are those who term this defiance, then this is legal defiance."

"That has been my stand, it is my stand, and it will continue to be my stand."

The white people of Birmingham are to be commended for the restraint which they have shown during the demonstrations which have been taking place there. Only lawless negroes have been involved.

I present the reflection which was made on them by the President of the United States when he said, in effect, that there was a long time record of abuse inflicted upon negroes.

This is unfair and unjust to the people of Birmingham and to the State of Alabama. The white people of Birmingham and an overwhelming majority of negro people in Birmingham have shown much restraint and patience and it is necessary that this attitude continue. Law enforcement must be and shall be left in the hands of proper constituted authorities of the State of Alabama.

## Kill Pets' Fleas With Insecticide

AUBURN — Wherever you find dogs or cats, you're bound to find fleas.

But, you don't need to put up with them.

Auburn University Entomologist Roy Ledbetter says they can be controlled with insecticides.

Follow the recommendations of this Extension Service specialist to rid your pets, home and grounds of these pests.

1. Dust pets with one per cent Rotenone, five per cent malathion, five per cent sevin or 0.5 per cent corral. Wash or spray dogs and cats with malathion (2 tablespoons of 57 per cent emulsifiable concentrate to one gallon of water). Don't use sevin on kittens under four weeks old.

2. To control fleas in the home, first clean the entire area thoroughly with a vacuum cleaner. Carefully clean areas where pets have been so as to remove any flea eggs or larvae. Clean under the edges of rugs, under furniture, the upholstery of furniture, in corners and along baseboards.

Burn all material collected to prevent further infestation. Then, spray the floor and lower walls and carpets with pyrethroid pyrethrins.

The first step in yard control is to eliminate heavy infestations of fleas in areas such as pens. Remove and burn or bury refuse from around such areas.

Apply a spray at the rate of one gallon for each 1,000 square feet of surface. Use one of the following insecticides: one or two per cent solution of Diazinon, malathion, chlordane or lindane.

If control is not established in a few days, a second application should then be made with either a higher concentration or another insecticide.

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