

## Alabama Future Farmers Meet In Auburn June 6-7-8

Alabama Future Farmers from 263 chapters will convene in Auburn for their 28th State FFA Convention on June 6, 7 and 8.

T. L. Faulkner, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, announced that the 1,000 members and advisers who will attend the convention will represent Alabama's 13,866 FFA members. These farm youths will be gathered for three days and two evenings of leadership training, speaking, contests, awards, tours, business and recreation.

Dr. A. R. Meadows, State Superintendent of Education, will address the boys Thursday, June 6, according to Mr. Faulkner.

State Farmer degrees will be awarded to 272 outstanding Future Farmers for proficient farming and leadership in FFA, school and community. The youths who will receive this high degree have studied vocational agriculture for at least two years, have earned \$500 or more from farming and have this money productively invested or deposited in a bank.

The "State Star Farmer" award and four "District Star Farmer" awards will be presented to the five most outstanding Future Farmers receiving the State Farmer Degree.

The election and installation of officers will be another highlight of the convention.

State FFA contest finals will be held. The individuals and teams participating in these contests have won the right to compete for State honors by winning first or second place titles in their districts.

Awards will be made to FFA chapters and individuals in recognition of their accomplishments in the various phases of FFA work.

Registration will begin at 8 P.M. on Thursday, June 6. During the day officer candidates will be interviewed and the Safe Tractor Driving, Dairy Contest Judging and String Band Contest Finals will be held. At four o'clock, the chapter roll call and seating of official delegates will take place.

The first general session will be held Thursday evening. The Honor Guests will be presented and the Future Farmer of the year award will be made. The Public Speaking finals will be held and committees will be appointed.

At the second general meeting on Friday morning, James Quincy, National FFA Vice President, Trenton, Florida, will give an address. State Farmer Degrees will be presented and awards will be presented to winners in the following: Chapter Contest, Farm Mechanics, Electric Fencing, Soil and Water Management, Farm Safety, Forestry, Home Improvement, Star Dairy Farmer, Star FFA Reporter, Champion Corn Grower, Champion Cotton Grower and Honor Roll Chapters. State officers will be elected.

The Livestock and Poultry Judging Contests will also be held Friday Morning.

Friday afternoon the Star Farmer Ceremony will be held and awards will be presented in the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Judging and Tractor Driving. Finals will be held in the Radio Program Contest.

Friday evening, at the third general session, Honorary FFA Degrees will be conferred. The Quartet Contest finals will be held, and the State FFA President will deliver his message.

At the last general session on Saturday morning, State Officers will give their reports, new State Officers will be installed, J. L. Dawley, Assistant FFA Executive Secretary, will present the past officer pins and T. L. Faulkner will address the group.

### TUSCUMBIA RECEIVES RELIGIOUS TRAINING CERTIFICATE

Among those receiving Howard College Extension Division "Certificates of Christian Training" on Saturday, May 25 was the Rev. Elmer Fowler, of Tuscombiana.

The Extension Commencement will be held at Howard College in Birmingham at 10:30, May 25. Certificates will be awarded by President Harwell G. Davis. George Bagley, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Alabama Baptist Executive Board, Montgomery, will deliver the

### EX-BOOKKEEPER ADMITS TAKING HOSPITAL FUNDS

Montgomery. — State examiners reported Friday that a former bookkeeper of Colbert County Hospital in Sheffield has admitted taking \$8212 in hospital funds and "wrongfully appropriating the funds to his personal use."

In a special audit covering a two-year period ending September 30, 1956, examiners charged the shortage to Thornton P. Smith, who has since resigned his position.

The audit showed Smith paid back \$2328.50 of the shortage, while the remainder was reimbursed the hospital by the Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. of Hartford, Conn.

A copy of the examiners' audit was forwarded to the Colbert County solicitor for whatever action his office proposes to take.

The examiners in the bulky audit said that Smith has admitted taking hospital funds "by withholding cash in amounts equal to certain checks representing remittances from Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Alabama" and using the money himself.

The examiners also cited instances where overpayments totaling \$3000 were made in salaries to another hospital official, but added they were not sure these expenditures were illicit.

"From all that can be ascertained by your examiners this (the overpayment) represents an amount in excess of the contractual amount due the administrator (Miss Clyde Foust) for the services rendered."

"Nothing can be found in the minutes of the board available to your examiners authorizing or approving these excess payments," the audit added. "However, as previously noted, a substantial portion of the minutes cannot be located."

"The question of personal liability of the administrator for these amounts depends perhaps, in large measure, upon whether such payments were made with the knowledge and approval of the board and were they condoned by it."

The audit was prepared by examiners R. B. Cobb, W. L. Longshore and D. F. Tomlin.

### IN THE SERVICE

Fort Lee, Va. (AHTNC) — Army Reserve Major John C. Campbell, whose wife, Doris, lives at 219 Church St., Sheffield, Ala. is serving two weeks active at Fort Lee, Va., where he is participating in LOGEX-57, an Army supply exercise.

Major Campbell is receiving instruction in the latest methods and concepts of logistical support.

The major, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Campbell, 1220 Sherman St., Decatur, is a 1940 graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He is employed as a chemical engineer by the Tennessee Valley Authority, Wilson Dam.

Fort Lee, Va. (AHTNC) — Army Reserve Major John C. Evans, whose wife, Geraldine, lives at 504 Wilson Dam Ave., Sheffield, Ala., is serving two weeks active duty at Fort Lee, Va., where he is participating in LOGEX-57, an Army supply exercise.

Major Evans is receiving instruction in the latest methods and concepts of logistical support.

The major, son of Mrs. George W. Evans, 815 Sixth Ave., SE, Decatur, is a 1931 graduate of the University of Alabama. He is employed as an electrical engineer by the Tennessee Valley Authority, Wilson Dam, Ala.

San Diego, Calif. (FHTNC) — Navy Ensign William L. Stutts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Collins H. Stutts of Cherokee, Ala., is scheduled to complete a four-week course in duties of radar watch officers May 31 at the Fleet Air Defense Training Center in San Diego, Calif.

The course includes radar navigation, tactics, electronics, communications and air defense.

Before entering the service in August 1956, Ensign Stutts attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

Upon completion of the course in San Diego, he will return to his ship, the radar picket destroyer USS Higbee.

A half-shelf in the linen closet furnishes a handy space to keep wash cloths, hand towels, and guest towels. Commencement address.

Those receiving certificates will be guests of President and Mrs. Davis at a luncheon to be given Saturday noon at the Home Economics Building.

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### EDITORIAL GRIST

Don't worry about finding your station in life; somebody will be sure to tell you where to get off.

Marriage based on infatuation alone is an admirable attempt to make a short story long.

There isn't much success ahead when breakfast is all you get up for in the morning.

The doctrine that all men are, in any sense, or have been, at any time, free and equal, is an utterly baseless fiction. — T. H. Huey.

### COMMUNISTS IN THE UNITED STATES

The chairman of the House committee on Un-American Activities told Congress recently that 200,000 persons in the United States are now serving as Communist spies, saboteurs or propagandists.

He mentioned that this figure was the equivalent of about twenty Soviet combat divisions. The chairman, Representative Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, submitted the annual report of the committee.

The committee report this year shows that a number of Communists have become disenchanted with the Communist Party in the last year and they proved a very valuable source of information. However, it was stated that the hard core of the Communist Party remained as active as ever in this country and that they were being helped by many Americans who, unknowingly, repeated and swallowed Communist propaganda.

Some of the conclusions reached by the committee are most interesting. For example, the committee reports that a big campaign of political subversion, designed to paralyze this country's defense and security programs, is now continuing at a major pace. The committee also reports that one philanthropic foundation, The Fund for the Republic, made grants that could give "aid and comfort" to the Russians.

Another thing the committee reported, which every American citizen should be aware of, is that Communist cells had been located, as of several weeks back, in the Railroad Retirement and Social Security Boards, the Rural Electrification Administration and the Labor Department's committee during the Korean War, were "trasonable."

While we do not endorse everything the Walter committee has done, or will do, we think it has a vital role to play in the Congress of the United States and hope it will continue to actively fight for this country's safety, security and future.

### CAUSE FOR CONCERN

As the unsavory unfolding of a sordid spectacle of corruption and racketeering in the ranks of radical unionism continues at Washington, under the skillful direction of Senate investigators, the entire nation watches with growing concern exposure of conditions which easily could undermine the entire industrial foundation of our economy.

This concern particularly is evident in the South, where industrial expansion within the past few years has been without parallel in the history of our country. Standing on the threshold of its greatest era of growth and expansion, the South has cause to fear corruption and misuse of power among union leaders as about the only force which could check its strides toward a long-delayed economic destiny.

Consider the case of Selma, for example. Within a comparatively short period of time, this community has made remarkable industrial gains and is just beginning to "get going."

Already there are more jobs available for our people than ever before, and they are jobs which provide good livings with ample fringe benefits included. These jobs have been created largely through the efforts of public spirited citizens determined to keep their community growing with an influx of more and more people capable of earning and enjoying the better things of life.

And, significantly enough, these jobs were created without any aid from radical unionism. We have learned from bitter experience that it only is when jobs are available and payrolls are expanding that union vultures appear, eager to dip their claws into wage envelopes. They are not interested in creating, they are interested in exploitation of those who do create.

It is understandable, therefore that concern is growing among our constructive leadership over the possibility of assumption of power over our working citizenry by outside elements motivated mainly by what they can get out of constant agitation.

The concern of local employers is not what their workers will get, but what will go into the pockets of alien interlopers determined to assume power sufficient to assure quick and steady profits for themselves.

So far, the native good sense of our working element, which has been the major factor in attracting industry Southward, has rejected radical unionism. Most of these workers apparently have realized that local employers are not opposed to organized labor as such, but that they are opposed to practices of disrupted operations, violence and class estrangement which usually follow invasion of community development by alien elements.

If this good sense continues to prevail, Selma has a bright future as a growing industrial center. If it does not our only hope is that resulting handicaps will be no worse than those faced elsewhere. — Selma Times Journal.

Beef containing a great deal of fat—Grade A eggs are best for poach, bone, gristle, and fat—short ribs of beef, and cooking in the shell. Beef, for grilling, may be more expensive per serving than other meats, but grades B and C are more economical for scrambling and to use in pie cuts costing more per pound.

### SOUTHERNERS MAKE HEADWAY ON IKE'S CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

A small band of southern Congressmen has made considerable headway in educating their colleagues and the country to the hidden dangers in Eisenhower's Civil Rights bill in the early days of January the Civil Rights steam roller was all fired up, puffing and ready to make hash of the opposition. The bill was scheduled for House passage by February 15.

The steam roller has been slowed to a snail's pace. Skirmishes have been fought, true, but the battle scheduled for House victory was back in February, has yet to hear the firing of the first shot. The opposition has picked up strength after having alarmed and educated the country to the pitfalls of government by injunction and denial of the sacred right of trial by jury.

Doubtless the bill will eventually pass the House in some form. But the opportunity of finally defeating it in the Senate has been tremendously improved as a result of the House slow-down.

Anti-poll tax, anti-lynch and FEPC, during their early days, fanned anti-southern sentiment to fever heat in the beginning of the public was informed as to their effect. In time, these bills were completely exposed as political garbage.

Senators and Congressmen make their share of mistakes. It is not often, however, that they err against the will of the people; and, once informed of what is taking place under the dome of the United States Capitol, it is not often that the people err in their support of or opposition to pending bills. If the race-baiting and south-hating bills—anti-poll tax, anti-lynch and FEPC—had merit, if they had been worthy, sufficient support would have been mustered from the people to have affected their enactment. It was only by a delaying action that the public was ultimately informed of the dangers of these measures.

Sympathy for Civil Rights legislation was much stronger throughout the country six months ago than it is today. It is now subsiding even among some of its most ardent original supporters. If sufficient time can be gained, the Civil Rights bill will die and its decaying carcass will be unceremoniously dumped into the same garbage incinerator to which other south-hating bills were properly consigned. — By Congressman Abernathy of Mississippi.

### EARLY ENROLLMENT IS URGED FOR ORPHAN STUDY

George A. Bacon, Service Officer, Colbert County, of the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs, stated this week that it was very important that young men and women who are planning to enroll this fall in college under the War Orphans Education Program begin the processing of their application at once.

The program is for sons and daughters of war veterans who died of injuries or diseases resulting from their military service in World Wars I or II or the Korean War. Adoption of the program by Congress in 1956 was strongly supported by the Legion on the basis of numerous national convention mandates.

Generally war orphan students must be between the ages of 18 and 22. Since many colleges are crowded, early application is necessary to insure that prompt action on this spring will help assure speedier service not fail in processing claims and issuing checks.

War orphan students may receive up to 36 months of schooling, generally in institutions of higher learning. The Government pays them up to \$110 per month for each month of schooling.

Removable shelves will often increase storage space in cupboards. These removable shelves should be placed high enough to use some of the waste space between the stationary shelves.

Soap or detergent, dish and pot scrapers, cleaning powders, and other dishwashing needs should be kept within easy reach of the kitchen sink.

Ice cold soup will help remove a ring from a swollen finger.

At meeting of city board of education, with Chairman John D. Rafter, Jr., presiding, it was voted to carry the schools thru for the full nine months by abolishing the position of football coach and reducing the salaries of grammar teachers from 25 to 40 per cent. Approximately 8100 residents of Nashville visit to district, coming on an L & N excursion train. — Deshler High school will graduate 40 pupils, with Nick Ware valedictorian and Miss Hazel Kinzer salutatorian, and among the graduates are Sam Brower, Harold Castleberry, George and Hoy Cloud, Rosemary Cohen, Emma Cook, Clay Frazier, Frances Funke, Martha Landers, Virginia Means, Frank Merrill, Evelyn Moore, Ralph McCollum, Joe McWilliams, Annie Pride and Mary B. Tompkins, Ellis Webb, J. C. Walker, John F. Funke. City council reduces all salaries of city employees and officials 25 per cent. Judge N. P. Tompkins is working on a plan to postpone the county tax sale for 30 days. — H. P. Russell is a visitor to Corinth. Associated press reports the Lindburgh baby found dead with body badly dismembered near the home of the Lindburghs, but who did the kidnapping is still a mystery. — Miss Lucile Braswell, county home agent, returns from Talladega. Misses Nora B. and Elizabeth Wagmon return from a visit in Birmingham. Scott, small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Henninger, reported on the sick list.

Dr. W. H. Greer of Sheffield is recovering from a recent illness. Miss covering Mrs. J. B. Tompkins gives bridge party honoring Mrs. Jack Dobson, a recent bride. — Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Hicks return to their home in Camden, Tenn., visiting the Dicksons here. Walton W. Grzard, head of the Sidebottom Ice Cream Co., in Sheffield, passes away after a long illness, funeral services being held from Tuscombiana Presbyterian church with Rev. W. V. Gardner officiating, interment being made in Nashville.

### NOW IS TIME TO FILE DISABILITY CLAIMS

Now is the time to file for disability benefits, Mrs. Mary King Temple, Social Security District manager said. This particularly applies to any person who became totally disabled and who has not worked since before January 1955. According to Mrs. Temple if he does not file for his disability benefits by June 30, 1957, he will lose his right to Social Security benefits and possibly to all Social Security benefits.

In order to qualify for disability benefits, the disabled worker must be between the ages of 50 and 65. He must have Social Security credits for one and one-half years out of the three years, and five out of the three years just before he became disabled. The disability must have existed for as long as six months and be expected to continue. He must be disabled badly enough to prevent him from doing any substantial work.

The fact that a worker is drawing total and permanent disability benefits from an insurance company, a former employer, or another government agency, does not of itself qualify a worker for Social Security disability benefits.

Disabled persons who have not worked in recent months because of a disability should contact the nearest Social Security office and file to protect their Social Security benefits before July 1, 1957.

The Social Security office in this area is located at 101 West Third Street, Sheffield, Alabama.

### THESE WOMEN!



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