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YOU MAY BE FINED IF BUY OUTSIDE STATE

Alabama's highway building program may go begging to the tune of more than \$9 million.

E. N. Rogers, engineer-manager of the Alabama Road Builders Assn., said the state stands to lose \$9,229,418 in federal aid under a new bill recently passed by Congress.

The bill would give the state \$12,702,900 on a matching basis, Mr. Rogers asserted. But, the state will be able to match only \$3,563,382, he estimated.

Even under the current federal aid bill, the state will lose \$4,421,618 because it does not have the money to match all available federal aid, Mr. Rogers asserted. He said \$7,985,000 actually is available, but the state can match only \$3,563,382.

Mr. Rogers announced his figures after making an analysis of State Highway for 1951, 1952 and 1953. The study was made, he declared, "for the benefit of those" who doubted his earlier statements that Alabama would lose \$3 million to \$4 million in federal money under the present aid program and \$7.5 to \$8.5 million under the new bill.

Mr. Rogers' analysis showed the difference between receipts and expenditures in fiscal 1951 left \$8,261,764 for matching federal aid and for any construction which the state financed wholly.

In 1952 the figure was \$8,482,237 and in 1953, it was \$3,563,382. Mr. Rogers expects the situation to get even worse.

The Highway Department's estimate for receipts in fiscal 1953-54 is \$28,225,000, he asserted. Of this, \$7,425,000 is earmarked for county farm to market roads, leaving \$18,800,000 for state use.

Mr. Rogers' analysis showed that expenditures increase in the same proportion they have in the past two years, they will amount to \$18,496,354, leaving a maximum of \$2,303,646 to match federal aid available from October, 1953 to October 1954. Mr. Rogers asserted that any projects which the state might finance alone also would have to be paid for out of the \$2,303,646, he pointed out.

TWENTY COUNTY STUDENTS ENROLLED AT AUBURN

Auburn, Ala. — Of the 8,454 students enrolled at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute during this scholastic school year, 24 are residents of Colbert County.

As reported by the registrar's office, those from Colbert County include:

Billy Gene Barnes, Ethel W. Cantrell, John H. Christopher, James Luther Johnson, Rauney Leroy Mitchell, Sam B. Mitchell, Jr., Virginia F. Palmer, Robert E. Petty, Coleman C. Scott, Jr. and Anne Haden Wood all of Tusculumbia.

Attending from Sheffield are David Vaughn Goodlet, Fred H. Haynie, John Thomas Hudson, William T. McCarley, Jess F. Phillips, Jr., Robert Wesley Reeves and Arthur W. Reynolds.

Others are Charles Winford Burns and J. B. Burns, Allsboro; Charles Cooper King, James Rico King and Dorothy Joan Pruett, Leighton; Jack Berry Reid and William Lee Stutts, Cherokee.

BE INDEPENDENT. Sell Rawleigh Products. Operating now in city of Tusculumbia. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. ALE-52-0, Memphis, Tenn. 5-13-34-pd.

MAN WANTED FOR RAWLEIGH BUSINESS in city of Tusculumbia. Real opportunity. No experience needed to start. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. ALE-52-0, Memphis, Tenn. 5-13-34-pd.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter of This Date

After meeting in Sheffield in annual convention of Elks votes to meet next in Montgomery, after electing E. J. McCrossin, Birmingham, president, and M. B. Potts, Sheffield, vice president.

Clay day exercises held by Deshler High School, when Dr. W. H. Barton, pastor of the local Baptist church, delivering the annual sermon, program being in charge of Rev. D. C. McNutt, and taking part were Bobbie Cromer, Leon Mapes, Maurice Longland, Pauline Davis, Mary Margaret Hastings, Viola Campbell, Louise Mays, Harvey Crech... Miss Frances Reynolds, Tuskegee, to assume directorship of Sheffield-Tusculumbia Girl Scouts... Julian Askin, Southern Railway engineer, badly injured while leaving from cash and coming in contact with a bridge support... Three homes leveled by fire at Leighton, those of Ruby Brown, Paul S. King and Houston Reed... Dr. W. H. Greer is elected Alabama Power Co. surgeon at Tusculumbia. Pilot club holds meeting at the Cardiff Hotel, with Mrs. Lucy Wells and Mrs. Sam Nichols in charge of the program, when Jane Landers and Mrs. Americus Mitchell gave piano solos... Mrs. Harvey Robertson entertained in evening tables at the Newman Kellar Library Association... Miss Ethel Harwell, clerk in W. T. Moody's office, recovering from a recent operation... Mrs. C. W. Lettwith visiting in Birmingham... Miss Bessie Smith and Miss Letitia Rather visiting in Greensboro with the Newman Kellar Library Association... Miss Ethel Harwell, clerk in W. T. Moody's office, recovering from a recent operation... Mrs. C. W. Lettwith visiting in Birmingham... Miss Bessie Smith and Miss Letitia Rather visiting in Greensboro with the Newman Kellar Library Association... Miss Ethel Harwell, clerk in W. T. Moody's office, recovering from a recent operation... Mrs. C. W. Lettwith visiting in Birmingham... Miss Bessie Smith and Miss Letitia Rather visiting in Greensboro with the Newman Kellar Library Association...

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard have moved to the Tomlinson in Oakwood. First street. Eleanor and Blanche Merrill, after completing the school term here, have returned to their home in Calera... Mrs. James H. Palmer presents her advanced piano pupils in a recital... Alice Finley leaves for Birmingham to be with her mother, Mrs. Harry Finley... Sam Hall is reported on the sick list at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Curry.

SERVICES ARE HELD

C. C. RICHARDSON

Charles Clifton Richardson, 50 208 S. Jefferson St. died Tuesday night at Colbert county hospital. He had been in ill health for several months.

Final rites were held Wednesday afternoon at Brown Service chapel, with burial following in Oakwood. Rev. D. W. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist church officiated.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Mayme Richardson; two daughters, Miss Mary Ann Richardson, Miss Margaret Richardson; the father, J. E. Richardson; one brother, John A. Richardson, of Tusculumbia; one nephew, John Richardson of New York City.

Mr. Richardson was born in Colbert county and had made his home here practically all of his life. He was a member of the Baptist church and a graduate of Deshler high school, Tusculumbia, and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. He had been in the insurance business for the past 25 years.

EDITORIAL GRIST

WHAT ABOUT THE NEGROES THEMSELVES?

The finest editorial we yet have read concerning the Supreme Court's ruling against segregation in the public schools was written by a George Negro in the form of a letter to the Atlanta Constitution.

Because there is nothing we would add to or delete from this statement, we reproduce it verbatim, as follows:

"In all this talk about segregation, is anybody thinking about the Negroes themselves? It won't happen here in the South for a very long time if I am convinced, and one reason it will not is because the Negro does not want it. Not, at least, in the schools.

"Let me explain by an example. I have three children. The oldest boy will soon graduate from high school; the girl has two more years there; the youngest is still in grammar school. All three are bright, promising, attractive youngsters.

"The two older children are leaders in their group. They have many friends, they are constantly getting elected to offices, they make five grades. They seem to need many more things than their mother and I did at their age—they are always being asked to take part in plays and meeting special costumes, and there are the school parties and proms, and so forth. It keeps their mother and me jumping to supply it all.

"But do you think we mind that? Hardly. We are so proud we nearly burst, so happy over their busy and happy young lives which are so full and interesting. They will both go to college, of course. We have fine Negro colleges in Atlanta, and we know they will be prominent and popular there, too.

"Well, sir, maybe 500 years from now children like mine could have this sort of life in a school with white children. I don't know and I can't care, because I'm concerned with the here and the now. In my life-time or theirs they can't have it and this I know. They would be at a disadvantage. You can't legislate that disadvantage away. Maybe I ought to be willing for my children to be martyrs for the sake of complete equality for a future generation. I'm not. I shiver to think that for his happy, fulfilled, wholesome experience where their abilities and their attractive personalities get the place to which they are entitled in their own pattern, with their own group, there would ever be substituted a situation where they would feel unwanted and at a disadvantage and develop, instead of the happy confidence they now have in their own environment, a defiant attitude of inferiority.

"Our children are entirely satisfied in their own society group. I cannot see that they feel any badge of inferiority save at one place; they resent being made to sit at the back of the bus. If that were removed and if they could sit in the better sections at concerts, not the same sections necessarily for they prefer to go with their friends, but better ones, there would be no trace of race-resentment.

"Even so these are rather small matters in lives as full and as interesting, with friends, study, good teachers, trips, as my children's are. I shall fight to the last gasp against having my children attend a white school."

Some people seem to have the idea that the American Medical Association, as the representative of the medical fraternity in this country, does little or nothing except fight socialized medicine—that, in short, it takes a negative, not a positive, attitude toward medical problems.

The Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal decided to find out just what does the A. M. A. have to say. It sent a staff writer, Robert Clark, to investigate. And it featured a long article by him which contains facts of interest to us all.

Some 60 per cent of all the association's revenues are spent for scientific work. It prints nine medical journals, scores of books, and thousands of pamphlets, all devoted to the war against disease and related matters. It conducts extensive laboratory tests in the fields of chemistry, microbiology and physical medicine. It rates hearing aids and other devices for acceptability. It maintains files on illegal practitioners, quacks, and fake and dangerous medicines. One of its newest activities, begun in 1952, has to do with the ever-increasing problem of mental health. A program of study in nine mental health fields is going on. It sponsors a foundation which has given close to \$5,000,000 to the nation's medical schools since 1951. It maintains medicine's largest reference library.

So it goes, in Mr. Clark's vivid factual article. And at the end he quotes "the significant paragraph from a statement made by an A.M.A. official: "Our most urgent effort should now be directed to the solution of the problem of the medically indigent and the chronically ill. We believe that this objective can be reached without major change in our existing mechanism."

KEY TO ECONOMIC ADVANCE

Harley L. Lutz, an authority on taxation, recently made this important contribution to current discussions of revision of our tax system: "... there has been some disposition to repeat the age-old but fallacious argument that what is needed is more consumption rather than more investment. This is the issue of a static versus a dynamic economy. The key to future economic advance and to the maintenance of employment, production, and income, is capital formation."

A sound and constructive tax policy must do everything within reason to encourage people to invest their savings in productive, employing enterprise, both large and small. And that means, in turn, that the people who take the risks involved must see an opportunity to earn a fair return on their investments.

Many folks return to religion after they've tried everything else.

Maybe it is true that two can live as cheaply as one, but today, by gosh, even that's too darned expensive.

Tests indicate that the safest place to be in an atomic blast may be inside a motor car. This, at least, holds out hope that most of our teenagers would survive.

We have been told that women's slacks do not come in odd sizes. Our informant says just get that way from wear.

Your temper is one of the few things that improves the longer you keep it.

CLAYTON BEST QUALIFIED FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Clayton, Ala. — Supreme Court Judge Preston C. Clayton, running to retain his place on the High Court, has been urged by Alabama voters to study the backgrounds and qualifications of the two Supreme Court Candidates.

His run-off campaign, which has carried him to nearly every county in Alabama, has been keyed with "Character — not politics, on the Supreme Court."

Judge Clayton again pointed out that while he will enter the run-off next Tuesday with the unanimous support and endorsement of his hometown Bar Association, his opponent will not.

"This fact is significant because your hometown people know you best," said Judge Clayton.

Judge Clayton also asked voters to support him on the basis of the time-honored Democratic custom of allowing a short-term office-holder to return for a full-term, providing a good job has been done.

Judge Clayton, a combat veteran of World War II, was twice selected as the Legislature's best parliamentarian and also was selected as the most efficient and the most determined legislator.

He is 50 years old, married and has four children.

To prevent cracking, never wash enamelled surfaces of your range while they are hot.

NEW INCOME TAX COURSE IS PREPARED

Director of Internal Revenue Geo. D. Patterson said that National Headquarters of the Revenue Service in Washington is in the midst of preparing a new and expanded High School Income Tax Training Course for use during the 1954-55 school year, and that distribution of teaching materials will be completed by mid-summer.

During the past school year, Director Patterson said, the majority of the high schools in the State of Alabama offered the Income Tax Training Course, and both teachers and school principals were enthusiastic over the unusually fine response it received from students, many of whom are required to file Federal income tax returns because of part-time earnings.

Entirely different lines are being followed in the preparation of the new tax course, Director Patterson said. While the course which proved so popular with students last winter dealt exclusively with the preparation of the simplest type of income tax return, the new edition will contain information on the preparation of the long form 1040, showing income from various sources, the itemization of allowable deductions, etc.

In addition, this year's Federal tax course will offer a section on reporting farm income and expenses, which has been requested by most of the better than 10,000 high schools throughout the country who have agricultural departments.

Director Patterson said that the original distribution of high school tax teaching kits will be made by National Headquarters in Washington, but that supplemental materials will be available to offices of Directors of Internal Revenue.

over it before we start.

Muffins are better when shortening is used in the flour, as for biscuits.

MOVIE PROGRAM

JUNE 1 — In Trucolor, with Vera Bablow, Joan Leslie, Vera Bablow, Pat O'Brien.

SUNDAY — Double Feature.

TRADER BORN — A jungle picture filmed in Africa. Also ANIMALS with Robert M. Murnan.

MON-TUES, May 31-June 1 CARNIVAL STORY — Technicolor with Robert, Steve Cochran, Lyle Bettger.

WEDNESDAY, June 2 HELL'S HALF ACRE with Wendell Corey, Evelyn Keyes.

COLBERT — Sheffield Saturday, May 29 Double Feature.

Lash LaRue in VANISHING OUTPOST. Also THE TALL TEXAN — with Lloyd Bridges, Marie Windsor.

SUN.-MON. May 28-31 HELL'S HALF ACRE — with Wendell Corey, Evelyn Keyes.

TUES.-WED. June 1-2 HONDO — in WarnerColor, starring John Wayne.

THURS.-FRI. June 3-4 CARNIVAL STORY — Technicolor with Anne Baxter, Steve Cochran, Lyle Bettger.

SHOALS — Florence Fri.-Sat., May 28-29

FIGHTER ATTACK — in Color with Sterling Hayden, Jay Page. Also "Baseball Highlighters of 1954."

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ROAD BUILDERS LEADER SAYS MAY LOOSE \$9M

Montgomery, Ala. — Alabama's who buy their cigarettes from out-of-state mail order firms to get a cheaper price (primarily, because state and local tobacco taxes are not included) had better be prepared to ante up the state's share of the levy.

And, according to B. B. Atkins, chief of the tobacco tax division of the State Revenue Department, such mail order purchasers can resign themselves to being assessed a penalty for having made such purchases.

State law provides for a minimum penalty of \$25 plus the tax due, for cigarettes bought through out-of-state mail order firms to avoid payment of the tax.

The maximum penalty fixed by state law is \$500.

While the state has been cracking down on buyers of such cigarettes for some time, it was not until recently that detailed records were received on the purchases, thus enabling the state to act against violators more readily.

Atkins said the recent conviction by a Minnesota federal court of a North Carolina firm specializing in mail order cigarettes for violation of the Jenkins Act, which requires a seller to furnish to the state information on purchases to its retail buyers, made available to the State Revenue Department information on purchases from Alabama more readily.

The convicted firm was the Veterans' Purchasing Agency which has sold to Consumers Purchasing Association of North Carolina. The latter is making reports to the state in compliance with the Jenkins Act, Atkins said.

Letter To Editor

SELDEN INTRODUCES BILL TO DEVELOP COAL RESERVES

Editor:

During the past six months I received resolutions from all over Alabama favoring the Alabama Power Company's proposal to construct five additional dams on the Coosa River.

Recently identical bills were introduced in the House by eight members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation dealing with this subject. An identical bill was also introduced by both Alabama Senators. If enacted, this legislation will make it possible for the Federal Power Commission to grant the Alabama Power Company a preliminary permit to make the necessary surveys in connection with this project. Enclosed is a copy of the bill I introduced on April 28, 1954. (H. R. 8225).

Today was among a number of witnesses who appeared before the House Public Works Committee in favor of the legislation. Since I have received so many endorsements of this program outside of my district, I thought perhaps you might be interested in the enclosed statement.

My very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Armistead J. Selden, Jr.

Washington.

It's easier to separate whites and yolks right after removing eggs from the refrigerator.

SAFETY CHECKUP

The man in this picture is following the recommendation of the American Cancer Society to have a chest X-ray safeguard against death from lung cancer. The ACS advises that men over 40 have chest X-rays twice a year. Early cancer can be found only in the early stages. In the last decade lung cancer deaths among men climbed from 6,000 to 17,000.

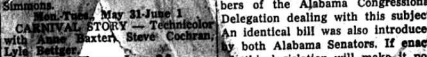


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