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Mann Reports Fifty Persons Die On Rural Highways

Fifty persons died in rural traffic accidents in April compared to 42 or April 1960 according to information released today by Safety Director Floyd H. Mann.

He said there were 42 fatal crashes during the month, 35 single death crashes and 7 multiple death crashes, 5 of them taking 2 lives each, and 1 that killed 3 people.

Director Mann pointed out, "That 25 of the 50 April traffic fatalities resulted from one-accident Twenty-one of these were driver deaths, 20 were killed as passengers, 7 males over twenty years of age, 9 females over twenty years of age, 3 teen-agers and 5 children. The oldest traffic victim during the month was an 85 year old man, the youngest was a three year old girl."

Mr. Mann stated, "That during the month of April most of the highway fatalities occurred on weekends. Sunday was a hectic day, 17 people died on Sundays, 12 on Fridays and 9 on Saturdays. This shows that during the month only 12 persons died on the other four days of the week."

Listed here are the causes of 50 rural traffic deaths last month: Excessive speed, running of roadway and striking fixed objects, 22; 15 of these on the wrong side of road, 13; 5 of these caused by 2 drivers going to sleep at the wheel; failure to grant right of way, 1; vehicles skidding on slick pavement, 2; running stop signs, 2; driving under the influence of alcohol at a high rate of speed, 3; an automobile ran into side of train, 2; a bicycle rider holding to a farm tractor killed when he ran against a rear wheel, 1; and automobile-pedestrian deaths, 4.

The Director concluded, "These facts clearly indicate that a huge majority of the traffic deaths during the past month were caused by irresponsible drivers. More than 90 per cent of the April deaths on rural highways occurred on weekends and resulted in a very high percentage of one-vehicle accidents which must be charged to the drivers in most cases."

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Body of Robert (Bob) Holland, age 48, who died when he fell from motorboat on Shoals Creek, was found half mile from Lee Highway bridge. Holland was brother of E. T. W. C. Jim Holland and Mrs. M. A. Rouch, Chief of Police C. T. Joiner is seeking an unnamed negro reported to have attacked with hammer Henry Tubbs, local resident. Home of Will Sharpston was practically all contents near Robbins Tire Company is destroyed by fire. F. A. Nolan of the Federal Housing Administration and Paul Coburn, county commissioner, were speakers before the Kiwanis club at the Cardiff Hotel. Agreement for refunding some \$1,393,000 of city bonds has been reached with the bond holders, according to a statement from Mayor W. L. Parr. A committee from Colbert Tuberculosis Association visit the Moran Sanitarium at Decatur, made up of Mrs. Clay Frazier, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Harper, Mrs. G. F. Littlepage, Mrs. J. E. Blackwood, Mrs. I. W. Rutland, Miss Clyde Foust and Miss Willie Drury. Miss Mary Verne Smith entertains Mrs. Mary Kathryn Blackburn, Dresher at home. Rev. O. L. Minks returns from the Southern Baptist convention held in St. Louis. Paul Kincaid and Leslie Ennis return from St. Louis. Geo. H. Henderson attends major baseball game in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Winton visit in Corinth. Mrs. Gus Bumpus of Montgomery, Dresher to Mrs. H. DeLong. Mrs. George Mc Bride of Muscle Shoals reported doing nicely at the hospital. Dr. C. R. Whitman returns from Birmingham where he attended a meeting of Howard College trustees. Mrs. R. F. Ridley called to Memphis owing to the illness of her brother. Mrs. Chas. Thigpen returns from a visit to Mrs. Trotter Jones in Birmingham. Mrs. C. R. Whitman visits her niece, Miss Eleanor Merrill in Asheville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Isbell announce the marriage of their daughter, Sheila to Vernon Tarbett of Henderson, Tenn. at Colbert Heights.

Clay Frazier, Jr. and Jimmie Tompkins return from the University of Alabama. Mrs. H. K. Bolser visit in Hot Springs.

Kitchen Work Easier With Good Planning

When you plan your kitchen, you make your life easier. It is a matter of planning for safety, safety and convenience. Elizabeth Dean, Auburn University, frequently used supplies within easy reach. For most women that's a shelf about 18 inches from the floor. Foods, utensils and cleaning supplies should be stored where they are first used. For example, items used in the kitchen, such as condiments, should be stored near the sink. "Stack only the items which are the same size," she says, "the easiest. This does away with lifting and handling. And to prevent fatigue, plan for short, direct routes for hands and feet."

The specialist adds, "With good planning, accidents can be avoided. And if you have children, arrange a place for the play pen and high chair that is out of the way."

Local Man Honored By Selective Service

James C. Waddell, Jr., Tuscombiana, has been honored for his service with the Alabama Selective Service System. Mr. Waddell has recently resigned as a member of Colbert County Local Board No. 17. He received a Certificate of Appreciation signed by President John Kennedy, Alabama Governor John Patterson, National Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, and State Director Walter M. Thompson. Mr. Waddell also received commendation letters signed by Governor Patterson and by State Director Thompson.

Few people live out their entire lives in the same house. About 9 out of every 10 persons move at least once in their lifetime. During the 1958-59 fiscal year, a fifth of the nation's population, one year old and above, moved to a different house.

EDITORIAL GRIST

SOUTH LOSES A GREAT CHAMPION

We fully endorse the sentiments expressed by the Selma Times Journal in the following editorial. The sudden and shocking death of John Temple Graves has deprived the South of one of its ablest and most articulate champions of states rights and racial integrity. Nationally known as a columnist, author and speaker, he carried the message of the South behind the "paper curtain" to places where it otherwise would have been heard less strongly. For his unremitting and effective services, our people owe him a great debt of gratitude.

Although death came shockingly to John Temple Graves, it also came kindly and swiftly as he stood in the front line of battle for the South, while speaking his convictions before an influential group at Mobile. It also was typical of him, a gentleman by birth and inclination, that even when dying he displayed his usual consideration and courtesy by apologizing for the illness which forced termination of his address before completion.

Members of the City Commission here to be highly commended for calling an election for June 26 to issue bonds for the resurfacing of certain streets that are in bad condition and it is hoped the votes will favor the project by a handsome majority.

PLAYING INTO THEIR HANDS

As Birmingham Public Safety Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor aptly says, "People who go out looking for trouble always can find somebody to oblige them." But that does not excuse the violence and bloodshed which marked arrival in Alabama of the so-called "Freedom Riders" from the North.

These radical agitators come South with the stated intention of challenging law and order, and undoubtedly they expected trouble. Well, they got it, and while The Times-Journal does not experience distress over their knots and pains, it does deplore the fact that nothing has been accomplished thereby.

The mentality of these people is such that they itch to be some martyrs and we Southerners simply are silly enough to give them the way to handle such crackpots is to make them accountable to the law only, because law enforcement never can be achieved by violating it with punitive measures.

Our battle for self-determination and racial integrity must not be an aggressive one. It should be, instead, a delaying action to hold our lines until other sections of the nation feel the same stresses that harass us, and realize that a fight for Americanism is a fight for all Americans.

But they never will realize that if we persist in creating sympathy for the opposition with lead pipe-swinging tactics by a small minority of the citizenry, which really does not play a decisive role in the thinking and progressive action of our section.—Selma Times Journal

OUR ASTRONAUT

Now that we have successfully fired a man up into outer space, and straight back down again, we can say to the world we have done it—too. This is the public relations and propaganda value of the recent astronaut flight from Cape Canaveral.

As for the scientific and technical value of the flight, the successful astronaut mission's significance is less clear. What the flight entailed, actually, was the firing of an old-type (Redstone) rocket in the same manner as we fired many others—the difference this time being we had placed a man in the envelope up front rather than the same weight of more instruments.

Perhaps the most impressive fact of the United States feat, from the technical side, was the satisfactory recovery of the astronaut, and the general success of the whole operation. Thank-fully we experienced no rumbles, as if we played our over publicized efforts in the past too often, in the entire operation.

The next step of course is for us to orbit an astronaut around the earth, and after that we will attempt to develop ways and means for controlled flight in outer space.

Now, at least, we know we can recover a man from space flight if he can land within a specified area, and the United States is second among the world's nations to send a human being into outer space successfully.

It is good to see the pioneer space effort, involving human life, succeed. However, this should not mislead us into thinking we have caught up with the Soviet Union in this field. We are still trailing rather badly in the race to explore outer space, and our efforts should be redoubled and intensified. The success of the astronaut does not change this basic and unpleasant fact.

NIXON ON FARM PROGRAM

It was interesting to note that former Vice President Richard Nixon struck out of the Kennedy Administration on its farm policies in his opening attack during his speaking tour which began earlier this month. Nixon noted that the price of corn instead of being higher, was lower than it was last year at this time.

And he blasted the Cockrane-Freeman farm program, which the Kennedy Administration is pushing, as one which would bring about complete regimentation of the American farmer. Nixon was insisting on making the point that Democratic proposals would bring about socialist regimentation all through the presidential campaign.

He is going relatively lightly on the President in the field of foreign affairs. Nixon could have blasted the President heavily on the recent Cuban invasion. He could have charged that we lost half of Laos since President Kennedy took office, and this is very close to the actual facts.

But the former Vice President has chosen the course which some politicians call the "high road." He is the spy-refraining from criticizing the President on questions such as the Cuban invasion, which would cause the nation great harm and divide the people.

Nixon might have missed a great opportunity to stir the people, and rally them to his side, by refraining from taking the gloves off and going after Kennedy and the entire administration on the Cuban invasion fiscally. His attacks on the Kennedy Administration have been surprisingly mild—for a man who has been given good ammunition and who—in the past—has excelled at the hard-hitting political campaign.

A compliment a day keeps the quarrel away.
No seller ever admits that prices are getting to high.
When two people think exactly alike one it not thinking.
Those who depend upon others will not be disappointed.
Careful driving doesn't always avoid an accident but it helps.

Sixteen Colbert Students Get Degrees From University

UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Over 1100 students were awarded degrees at the May 26 ceremonies at the University of Alabama. Sixty-five counties were represented and the candidates from Colbert County were:

- Barton: Leslie C. Holt, BS, Electrical Eng.
- Cherokee: Herbert C. Harris III, BS, Commerce & Business Adm.
- Leighton: Emily J. Blythe, BS, Education
- Sheffield: Margaret J. Waldren, MS, Biology
- Sarah: J. Virtue, BA, Art
- Dossey: H. White, Jr., BS, Geology
- Janel E. Jensen, BS, Commerce & Business Adm.
- Dortha K. Curry, BS, Home Ec.
- Ronald G. Martin, BS, Mechanical Eng.
- Braxton W. Ashe, BA, History
- John M. Ennis, MD, Tuscombiana
- Edward L. Goodwin, BS, Commerce & Business Adm.
- Archibald Wright, BS, Electrical Eng.
- James R. Wallace, BS, Mechanical Eng.
- James R. Datson, Ed.D., Secondary Education
- Aubrey L. Sewell, MD.

Chicken Is Good Buy; Restock Freezer Now

AUBURN, Ala. — For the next few weeks, chicken will be inexpensive and supplies will be large. Allen Brown, Auburn Extension Service poultry marketing specialist says, "With these big supplies available, now is a good time to restock your home freezer. And it's a good time to eat chicken, too. With all the pientes coming up, that won't be too hard."

The large amount of chicken on the market now is due to changes in production. Research has made it possible for a chicken to reach the market weight early—8 to 10 weeks. And at this age, they are tender and nutritious.

Modern plants built just for poultry processing and improved equipment have helped reduce cost, adds Brown. "Now's farmer can grow two sets of birds one time through efficient feeding and management. And all this means better chicken buys."

A 17 Million Record Established by TVA

A record \$17,378,577 will be paid by TVA and distributed to TVA electricity to states, counties, municipalities during the 1961 fiscal year. Georgia payment up to taxes. E. J. Van Miel, TVA General Manager, announced today. This is an increase of \$1,026,145 over the previous fiscal year and \$2,617,272 over the amount paid two years ago.

Payments of \$6,478,577 in lieu of taxes will be made by TVA to seven states and 127 counties. Power districts' payments are estimated at \$10,900,000, an increase of \$850,000 over last year and \$2,023,000 over that of two years ago.

The amount paid by TVA represents 5 percent of \$129,451,900, the gross proceeds from sale of power, excluding sales to federal agencies and TVA interdistrict sales. An additional \$5,892 was added this year to bring Georgia's total to \$11,027,272 going to counties. Counties in Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee will receive additional amounts as laws in those states provide for redistribution of a part (all in North Carolina) of their TVA payments from the state governments to local jurisdictions.

The county payments represent the amount equal to the average annual ad valorem county and district property taxes paid for the two tax years immediately preceding acquisition on power property purchased and operated by TVA as of the end of the 1960 fiscal year and on that portion of land acquired for reserved purposes and allocated or estimated to be allocable to power. The 1961 payments to 104 counties are the same as last year, six counties have slight increases, and payments to 27 counties are smaller. Sales of surplus reservoir land account for most of the county payment reductions, only two of which exceed \$100.

May Production To Top April Upturn In Output

The Federal Reserve Board report that industrial production was up in April, ending a nine-month slump, has forced even the die hards to admit the recession is over and the recovery is underway.

The weekly survey of the national economy by The Advertising Council indicates that May's records will top those of April, when, according to the FRB, industrial output jumped 2.5 percent for the best showing in 14 months.

Paperboard orders, a good sign of increasing business, reached an 18-month high of 371,000 tons in the first week in May. Since cartons made of paperboard are used by a wide range of manufacturers and distributors, paperboard order by box makers usually indicate the sales volume businessmen expect in the near future.

Steel production has risen to 1,943,000 tons, nearly 70 per cent of capacity. The Wall Street Journal reports that, "It is possible that steel production, which a few weeks ago, was running at about half of capacity, may come close to 75 per cent of capacity by the end of the month."

General Motor's early May car sales were the highest for the period since 1956. From May 110, G.M. dealers delivered 84,752 cars, the highest since the 91,070 cars delivered during the comparable 1956 period.

Builders and mortgage lenders indicate that spending on residential construction totaled \$1.6 billion in April, up 15 per cent from March with the uptrend expected to continue in May. Builders believe a big factor in the uptrend is increasing consumer confidence. "More people seem to be in a buying mood," one New York builder said.

Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon in announcing that the recession is really over predicted a gross national product of close to \$530 billion by the year's end, compared to a recession low of \$500 billion.

On the employment front, Secretary Dillon has asked for 2,300 more government workers. Their job seeing to it that the estimated \$25 billion in income tax cuts are unreported and untaxed each year is not lost to the government in the future.

Candidates For IRS Positions Should File Now

George D. Patterson, Jr., Director of Internal Revenue, this week reminded persons contemplating taking the Treasury Department's Special Enrollment examination in September that their applications must be submitted before July 1, 1961.

Applications and full information may be obtained from the Birmingham Office of Internal Revenue Service, Mr. Patterson said. This District's tests will be conducted at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 27 and 28. If sufficient applications are received from other areas of the State, consideration will be given to giving the test in other areas.

The applications should be mailed to the Director of Practice, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 25, D. C. A check for \$25 payable to the Treasurer of the United States, must accompany the application. The examination is to qualify persons, other than Certified Public Accountants and attorneys, who wish to represent clients in tax and other matters before the Department.

Housing Loans Simulate Economy

Farm housing loans serve the dual purpose of providing better homes and stimulating the local economy. Farmers Home Administration county supervisor, James Byram, pointed out this week.

The loans are made to farm owners for building and repairing farm homes and other farm service buildings, and are repayable over periods up to 33 years at 4 percent interest. Homes and other building constructed with the loans provide work for electricians, carpenters and others. The purchase of building materials increases local trade.

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Colbert County Teacher Now A. E. A. President

J. Daniel Hand, incumbent vice-president of the Alabama Education Association, assumed the AEA presidency upon the resignation of W. A. LeCroy, May 19.

Hand, principal of Colbert County's Spring Valley Junior High School, and LeCroy were elected to office in January and took over their duties March 17. LeCroy's resignation stated the "intricacies" of his new post as state superintendent of education would necessitate his resignation as AEA president. He was appointed by the Governor to fill the unexpired term of current superintendent, Dr. Frank Stewart, president-elect of Troy State College. Stewart will assume office July 1, upon the retirement of Dr. C. B. Smith. LeCroy will take over the duties of state superintendent June 1.

AEA President Hand has served as president of both the Colbert County Teachers Association and the Colbert County Principals Association. He received the B. S. degree from Florence State College, attended Peabody College and the University of Alabama, and is currently working toward an M. A. degree in School Administration at Florence State College.

To keep old potatoes from turning black, put a teaspoon of vinegar in the water while boiling them. The flavor will not be changed.

To stop odor when cooking cabbage or cauliflower, place a piece of bread in the uncovered pot.