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State Business

Activity Up In '58, Report Says

Alabama business activity during the first four months of 1958 was generally favorable compared with the same period of 1957, the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Alabama reported.

Employment in non-manufacturing industries was up slightly; construction, trade and finance showed gains during the first four months, the report said.

Industrial output was lower than the 1957 period, but losses were largely confined to the steel industry. Average non-agricultural employment was down in the January through April period with heaviest losses reported in durable goods manufacturing.

Construction activity, as measured by the valuation of contracts awarded, was 20 per cent ahead of last year, this report said. Residential and non-residential building construction was below 1957 record levels but public works and utility construction rates were doubled by a 105.2 per cent increase.

Pulp, paper and paperboard production was 8 per cent higher than a year ago.

Cotton consumption by Alabama mills continued to decline.

Retail sales during the first quarter of 1958 were 2 per cent greater than in the same period of 1957. Sales of consumer durables—lumber, building materials, farm implements and automotive supplies—were down, but all the remaining retail categories reported sales increases.

Bank debits in the 11 largest cities of the state showed slight decreases but savings went higher.

Life insurance sales were at record levels during the first four months of the year.

But the steel production picture was darkened with ingot production from January to May at 37 per cent below output of a year ago. Production of pig iron and coke was similarly reduced.

Coal production fell 15 per cent. Cement production was down 11 per cent.

Business activity in Alabama during the first four months of this year, as compared to the same period last year and the percentage of change:

- Bituminous coal production, down 15.4 per cent
- Cement production, down 11.4 per cent
- Coke production, down 25.7 per cent
- Cotton consumption, down 7.6 per cent
- Electric energy consumption for industrial purposes, up 8.8 per cent
- Iron production (3 months), down 32.3 per cent
- Steel ingot production, down 37.2 per cent
- Pulp, paper and paperboard, up 6.3 per cent
- Construction total, up 20.5 per cent
- Residential construction, down 4.6 per cent
- Non-residential construction, down 15.2 per cent
- Public works and utilities construction, up 105.2 per cent
- Bank debits, down 1.5 per cent
- Insurance sales, ordinary life, up 5.9 per cent
- Non-agricultural employment total, down 2.0 per cent
- Manufacturing employment, down 6.2 per cent
- Non-manufacturing employment, up 0.025 per cent

NEWSPAPERS AID SOCIAL SECURITY APPLICANTS

By Mrs. Mary King Temple
Newspaper reading has proved especially profitable to residents of this area in recent weeks, according to Mrs. Mary King Temple, district manager for Social Security in Sheffield.

Mrs. Temple reported that a large number of people have been coming to her office recently with newspaper clippings telling about benefits the applicants didn't know they could get.

The chief reason for these people not knowing earlier that they could get benefits, Mrs. Temple said, was failure to understand that complete illness or retirement is not required. Under the law, any eligible person may earn up to \$1,200 a year and still receive his full benefits every month. Mrs. Temple explained "ordinarily one month's check is forfeited for every \$800.00 over \$1,200 that the beneficiary earns in the year, but regardless of the total earnings for the year, benefits are payable for any month in which the applicant neither earns wages of more than \$800.00 nor engages in self-employment."

Mrs. Temple said that recent studies in her office of claims for benefits show that a significant percentage of applicants are losing money by failing to apply for Old Age or Survivors Insurance on time. He attributed much of this to the mistaken belief that no benefits are payable to a person who is not completely retired. Since back benefits under the Social Security Law can in no case be paid for more than 12 months from the time application is made, people who delay too long in applying lose checks they could otherwise receive.

To remove stains from a porcelain bathtub or sink apply a paste of cream of tartar and hydrogen peroxide. Allow it to remain on the stains for 15 minutes, then rinse well. The surface will be white as snow.

FARM SAFETY WEEK

There's one coming event which every farm family in this country should welcome with enthusiasm. It's Farm Safety Week to be observed during the July 20-26 period.

Farmers face all the common hazards of modern living. In addition to the pursuit of their calling, they encounter special accident hazards all their own.

For example, take tractors and other mechanized farm equipment. These machines are absolutely essential to successful modern farming. The machinery engineers never lose sight of the safety factor. New safety devices are incorporated into the designs as soon as they are proven. Careful instructions concerning safe operation are issued. But all the precautions on earth will do no good if the users violate common-sense rules.

Youngsters are permitted to operate machines—and every so often a tragic and totally unnecessary death or maiming results. Farmers drive unlighted or inadequately lighted equipment on public roads at night—and the immutable law of averages says that this practice must end in disaster at frequent intervals.

Mechanically-minded farmers sometimes get ideas for making changes in their equipment, or in adding accessories of their own design and construction. More often than not, this creates new dangers to the operator. It's a rare farmer indeed who has the knowledge, the skill, and the facilities to improve on what the factory turns out.

During Farm Safety Week, authorities will deal with all manner of farm hazards and show how they can be eliminated or minimized. It's an opportunity that farmers can't afford to miss.

A VACATION HAZARD

Preparing for vacations takes work. Luggage must be checked, clothes bought, reservations booked, milk and newspaper deliveries, stopped, electricity and telephone shut off, house plants, gardens, lawns and pools provided for.

If you are going abroad you need passports, visas, guide books and a whole series of vaccinations. This year there should be a new vaccine on your required list—the Salk vaccine.

But even if you are not leaving the country, vacation time is still a dangerous time for polio infection. One reason lies in the nature of the virus.

There are actually three types of polio virus that cause paralysis. They are known as Type 1, or the Brunhilde type, named after a chimpanzee from whom it was first recovered, Type 2, or the Lansing type, from Lansing, Mich., where it was first identified, and Type 3, or the Leon type, named after a Los Angeles boy who died of it.

In different parts of the country one type may, at any time, be more prevalent than the others. For instance, you are going from California where the Leon type may be most prevalent, to New York, where the Brunhilde type may be most prevalent, your natural immunity may no longer protect you. Or even if you stay home, an influx of vacationers may bring in other virus types heretofore less prevalent in your area.

The virtue of the Salk vaccine is that it protects you against all three types. But unless you have been vaccinated yourself, you cannot be sure of immunity. Play safe and make vaccination a part of your vacation preparations.

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Mrs. Nelle Bigbee, Tri-Cities correspondent for The Birmingham News, commentator for a radio station and a former columnist for the Reporter, took over the reins of the Alabama Writers' Conclave at Montevallo last week-end.

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EDITORIAL GRIST

THE TRUE LESSON OF LITTLE ROCK

The nine Negro students who figured in the Little Rock integration muddle will be awarded the Springarn medal, according to an NAACP announcement. The medal is awarded annually for "distinguished service" by Negro-Americans.

The nine may indeed have achieved something worthwhile if the lesson of Little Rock is rightly interpreted. Their unhappy experience demonstrates the futility of trying to force upon a community an innovation that clashes with long-established usage and is utterly repugnant to the majority. It showed that while mixed classrooms are attainable at the bayonet's point, the bayonet cannot compel the genuine acceptance, the friendly and fraternal feeling and association, without which such an enforced deed is a wretched travesty.

Little Rock showed that majorities have rights, too, though some of our politicians at times overlook that fact in their frenzied efforts at minority appeasement. It showed that trying to "ram it down" the throats of the majority can pose a threat to national unity, even though the majority is slower to become aroused. History has ample precedents for backing off from the application of a law vehemently opposed by public opinion. This is especially true where the only law in the case is a ruling by a court of law which some of the nation's best legal minds think has clearly gone off limits, and not a bona fide law passed by the elected representatives of the people.

The prospect of the Little Rock fiasco multiplied a thousand-fold all over Dixie is enough to give pause to all but the most rabid reformers. There are heartening signs that the lesson has not been lost upon more reasonable men if it promotes a return to sanity on the race mixing issue, to accepting the realities of thinking and daydreaming, the Mason and Dixon Line, and to recognizing that the Little Rock experiment will not have been in vain.—Alabama Journal.

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CAMPAIGN BEING WAGED AGAINST DREAD LEUKEMIA

New York—Of all the battles being waged against cancer, none is more vigorous than the research assault against leukemia.

A disease of the blood and the blood-forming tissues, leukemia traditionally has been considered incurable. Nevertheless, substantial advances already have been made against the disease in humans, and judging from the results of current animal experiments, more can be expected soon. The American Cancer Society says:

For the first time leukemia, induced in laboratory animals, has been cured. Transplanted leukemia in mice was halted by giving them drugs or serums shortly after the animals had been inoculated with the deadly cells.

Perhaps much more significant, spontaneous leukemia has been cured in animals with massive doses of x-rays. To cure the disease, researchers have had to give the animals what would normally be lethal doses of radiation. They then saved the irradiated animals' lives again by injecting them with bone marrow from other mice or even rats. In many cases a strange and deadly sort of allergy developed in the animals as much as a year or so after the marrow transplants. One of the big problems now is how to rescue the animals—cured of leukemia and cured of a ray disease—a third time from death by transplant shock.

TWO DESHLER STUDENTS IMPROVING AFTER MISHAP

Two members of the Deshler High School football squad who were seriously injured Saturday morning at 6:45 o'clock at the corner of Fifth and Dixon Streets when the tail gate of the Ford dump truck on which they were riding came open and threw them to the street. We are glad to report they are on the road to recovery.

The two boys, Charles Raymond (Pete) Cook, 17, and John Allen Burnett, III, 17, sustained fractured skulls and were rushed to Colbert County Hospital in a Brown Service ambulance.

Both will be seniors at Deshler High School this fall. They were working with the Street Department this summer and were riding in the bed of a city truck at the time of the accident, driven by Andrew Smith, also a city employee.

Cook is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cook and Burnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Burnett, Jr.

MRS. KATIE BELL COBURN DIES AT 79 HERE

Mrs. Katie Belle Richardson Coburn, 79, Rt. 3, the Coburn Mountain community, died at Henrichson's Convalescent Home Saturday at 5 p.m.

A native and lifelong resident of Colbert County, Mrs. Coburn was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from Mt. Moriah Baptist church with Rev. Charlie Thorne officiating, assisted by Rev. Leboron McCarty. Burial followed in the cemetery there.

Surviving are four sons, Morris Coburn, Olive Springs, Tenn.; H. E. Coburn, Birmingham; Earl S. Coburn, Rt. 3, James A. Coburn, Littleville; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Tomblison, Lemon Grove, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Melvin Massingill, Florence.

Census Divisions For Colbert County Selected

In a joint program with the State of Alabama and each of its counties, the Bureau of the Census is establishing areas known as "Census County Divisions" for use in statistical reporting. These areas will be used to replace the election precincts previously used as census reporting units.

Benjamin V. Reed, a member of the Census Staff, was here last week from Washington, D.C., to consult with county officials and to solicit their advice in regard to the proposed areas.

Census County Divisions should be particularly useful for local statistical purposes. For the most part, they are based on the population centers which serve as a focal point of each division. The statistical data collected for these divisions in coming censuses will serve to measure the sphere of influence exercised by the population centers. It is believed that the Census County Divisions will be a handy tool for the use of county officials, local newspapers, and business organizations.

Mr. Reed assured us that the county divisions set up by the Bureau of the Census will not interfere in any way with existing governmental units of the State or counties.

Colbert County has been divided into 5 Census County Divisions as follows: Cherokee, Leighton, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, Tusculumbia.

DR. MAXWELL IS HONORED FOR SERVICES

Dr. W. J. Maxwell, of Sheffield, has been honored for 15 years service with Colbert County Selective Service Board No. 17.

Dr. Maxwell, who is Medical Advisor to the Board, has received a "Certificate of Appreciation," signed by Lt. General Lewis B. Hershey, national Selective Service head, and commendation letters from Gov. James E. Folsom and Alabama Director James W. Jones.

Folsom wrote, this certificate "affords me the opportunity to add my personal appreciation for your faithful assistance in Alabama's operation of the System by accepting the many responsibilities of your job, and in efficiently administering this patriotic service; you have demonstrated the sterling characteristics of an outstanding American citizen."

Jones said, "You have every right to be proud of this recognition shown by the Director of Selective Service and by the Governor of our State, which expresses in a limited way my sincere appreciation for your splendid cooperation with this headquarters."

IN THE SERVICE—

New Orleans, La. (PHTN)—James H. Egall, electrician's mate, third class, USNR, of 800 N. Cave st., and Lawrence O. Kimbrough, Jr., fireman, USNR, of 2221 Woodmont dr., Colbert Heights, all of Tusculumbia Ala., returned to New Orleans, La., June 14, aboard the attack transport USS Liddle after a two-week naval reserve training cruise in the Gulf of Mexico.

During the voyage the reservists took part in anti-submarine warfare operations, gunnery exercises and visited Tampa, Fla.



The polio season is just weeks away!

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE—TAKE YOUR POLIO SHOTS! See your doctor or health department.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Allesio



"With you men, it's always 'marry the boss' daughter'... Don't bosses have sons WE can marry?"

MOVIE PROGRAM

TUSCUMBIAN—Tusculumbia

Sat., June 21
Night Passage—Also Man Afraid
Sun., June 22
Midnight Story—Also The Great Man

Mon-Tues., June 23-24
The Sheepman

Wed., June 25
Hear Me Good

Thurs-Fri., June 26-27
Macabre

COLBERT—Sheffield

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The Sheepman

After cooking a roast, allow it to set outside the oven for about 30 minutes. It will become firm enough to carve easily.