

Plant Trees Grow Jobs Says TVA

The intension seven-state "Plant Trees-Grow Jobs" campaign begun last fall has shown results in the planting season ended this spring, according to Kenneth J. Selgworth, TVA director of forestry development.

After four years of decreasing production and seedling sales, forest tree nurseries in the Tennessee Valley states have increased seedling production for the 1963-64 planting season by about 50 million, Selgworth said. This year the nurseries' supplies ran out as all available seedlings in the seven states (about 385 million) were planted and demand exceeded supply.

Last October the governors of the seven states joined with TVA in pledging to promote a faster tree planting rate, with the goal of fulfilling these states' long-range reforestation needs in seven years.

The planting rate had dropped sharply in recent years, partly because of changes in federal soil bank provisions and partly because the more readily accomplished reforestation has already been done—leaving the hardest part of the job ahead.

But there are indications the downward trend in the planting rate was halted in this last season, Selgworth said. Although complete state data will not be available until mid-summer, preliminary figures by TVA foresters indicate that planting in the 125 Tennessee Valley counties came close to matching the 61,000 acres planted the previous season.

Since reforestation is largely a matter of getting across the facts about the public and private value of planting trees where they are needed, Selgworth said, the outstanding support provided by the region's press, radio and television is a favorable sign that the "Plant Trees-Grow Jobs" program can continue to gain momentum.

The forest products industry and forestry agencies at all levels of government are participating. Tennessee Valley tributary area associations are supporting the campaign, and planting has shown an increase in those areas.

The program's goal for 1964 is reforestation of 500,000 acres in the seven states, including 150,000 acres in the Tennessee Valley.

As one means toward this goal, the agencies plan the organization of a about 7 county reforestation committees with 1,000 to 1,500 members, who will contract landowners personally to plant 100,000 prospective tree planters—owners of the million acres of Valley land in need of reforestation—are being assembled and will be supplied to the committees by state TVA foresters.

Also planned is an intensive effort to "grow" pulp and paper plants. So far three areas have been identified which have all the necessary qualifications for a pulp industry. Landowners will be encouraged to plant trees and thus grow an industry.

TVA is working on a project to "practice what it preaches" by encouraging reforestation among its employees who own land suitable for planting, and several wood product industries are considering similar programs for their employees.

Attend Legion Convention June 8 to 9 At Florence

Make your plans to meet your former war buddies at the Holiday Inn, Florence, Ala., on June 8-9. Chances are, some of them will be there at the First District American Legion convention, where the Florence Post will be host.

District Commander Hoyt Pearce and Adjutant Harley Smith have arranged an informative program, one that is entertaining, and it can be a vacation for you and your family. The First District Auxiliary meets there at the same time.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 8, with special business sessions scheduled during the day. New officers will be elected.

A banquet is scheduled for Saturday night followed by a dance. A religious and Memorial service will be conducted by the Department chaplain Sunday morning. The convention closes at 1 p.m. Sunday.

21,000 Claims Filled For Unemployment

Director Jack Giles of the Department of Industrial Relations reported to Governor Wallace that some 21,000 claims for Unemployment Compensation benefits were audited by his department during the first quarter of this year for detection of possible violators of the Alabama Unemployment Compensation Law.

Audits and investigations of the department revealed that some \$6,000 was paid to persons making fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation, with more than \$4,000 of this amount being recovered by the department.

A total of 31 prosecutions were initiated with convictions obtained during this period. There were only two dismissals by the courts and one case was referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for prosecution. Administrative penalties affecting future benefit payments were rendered to 153 persons.

A great percent of the fraud cases were found by the department's electronic computer, supplemented with the staff of trained investigators constantly checking claims in the local state employment service offices over the state.

The mechanical check matches payment against wage records of those filing for compensation. There were 20,775 investigations made by this machine during the quarter.

Actual field investigations were made in 502 cases, some as a result of Local Office detections, others at employer reportings, and others as a result of the mechanical audit.

The Department paid out nearly ten million dollars in unemployment compensation payments from January 1, to March 31. Director Giles said that when this amount is considered the number of violators is relatively small, and urged all qualified unemployed persons to file claims for benefits at their nearest State Employment Office.

Colbert Sends 4-H Delegates To Conference

Two Colbert County 4-H club youngsters were a part of Alabama's 30 member delegation to the eighth annual 4-H Regional Resource Development Conference June 3-7 at Fun Town Village, N. C.

Cathy McWilliams of Cherokee and Stanley Thorn of Rock Creek community made the coveted trip.

Ann Barr, Auburn University's state 4-H leader for girls, and W. R. Williams of the Tennessee Valley Authority in Athens accompanied the group.

Ben Richardson, assistant county agent from Colbert accompanied 4-H clubbers from Colbert and Lauderdale counties.

Four-H representatives from seven states—Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia were on hand. Main purpose of the conference was to develop among 4-H members a better understanding of the resources of the Southeastern region.

Cathy McWilliams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. McWilliams, and member of a test demonstration farm family. She is an outstanding member of her 4-H club at CVHS, and has been county talent winner for the past two years. She is active in 4-H project work and activities.

Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thorn is also member of a test demonstration farm family. He is president of the local 4-H club at CVHS and vice-president of Colbert County 4-H Council.

His project work consists of beef cattle, tractor program, and automotive care. He has entered the essay and speaking programs.

Mother Of Mrs. Matthews Dies; Rites Saturday

Mrs. J. D. Carey of Brooklyn, Ala., mother of Mrs. Kenneth Matthews and Miss Hattie B. Carey, both of this city, died last week.

Funeral services were Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Brooklyn Baptist Church.

Mrs. Matthews and Miss Carey were at their mother's home at the time of death.

EDITORIAL GRIST

GOV. WALLACE HOLDS HIS OWN

We congratulate Governor George Wallace on the splendid way he handled the lousy questions thrown at him by four of the most ultra liberal and biased newsmen in the nation on "Meet the Press" on television in New York last Sunday. He gave those Yankees a good going over as they tried to trap him with their tricky questions as any one we have seen or heard lately.

AMERICAN'S DEFECT

It is difficult for many Americans to understand the behavior of fellow Americans who defect and ask asylum in a communist country. Recently two Americans serving in the U. S. Army in Germany defected, one of them an officer, the first officer to defect to East Germany since the end of World War II.

Only a few enlisted personnel have defected to East Germany in the past, and usually these men were up for trial or in some kind of trouble with U. S. Army authorities when they took the action they did.

Nevertheless, there had to be a first and the case of Captain Alfred Svenson should not be too disturbing. For one thing Svenson was not born in the United States, but in the part of the world where he now seeks to establish a home.

And rather than puzzle over the whys and wherefores of his action, it might be more logical to wonder why the communists—so eager as they are for American defectors—had not heretofore been able to win over a single American in West Germany in the eighteen years since the end of World War II. Certainly that is a remarkable record of loyalty, in view of the massive communist subversion effort underway.

A record for economy does not apply to appropriations for a congressman's district.

You can recognize your friends by the fact that they sometimes have no favors to ask.

Most of the people that we run across are baffled by their own ignorance.

We wonder what the workers of 1863 would think of a thirty-five hour week.

A REASONABLE REQUEST

The sainted Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is now demanding that President Kennedy accompany the student who soon is to be entered in the University of Alabama. The student is a high-achieving, motivated, and intelligent young man in West Germany, known as J. P. Brown, Jr. and she and Kennedy would make a cute couple. Kennedy's sister when she kissed the Negro, Sammy Davis, Jr. So be a good sport, JFK, and go through with the performance. It might displease a few Southerners we could name, but it would be highly pleasing to the Rev. Dr. King, and he is the one to be considered.

REDS WIN IN ITALY

It is hard for Americans to understand how the Communists gain strength in Italy, against the Roman Catholic Church which is actively engaged in politics and government.

It is another proof that churches should stay out of politics, as a general rule. In Europe, where the Roman Catholic Church has traditionally been a force in politics and government, and often controlled education, the strongest Communist parties are generally to be found in the Latin Catholic countries.

In the Protestant countries, like England, Germany, Holland, and the Scandinavian countries, the Communist amount to very little. Their party is also most insignificant.

In the two big Latin countries of Europe, Italy and France, the Communists have been numerous for years and in the recent Italian elections they picked up a million votes! They are one of the nation's largest single parties, if not the largest. And they made their gains recently in the Protestant countries.

Catholics often argue that had it not been for the Vatican's opposition to Communism, the Communists would be even stronger. But this doesn't explain why the Communists are so weak in the face of pronouncements from the Vatican against them.

The bitter truth is that Communism thrives wherever there is poverty, slum areas and illiterate masses. The policy of opposing birth control and thereby failing to limit population gains, increases poverty, crime, degradation and slum congestion in Latin countries—in Latin America too.

The greatest blow which could be struck against Communism (and some leading Catholics have agreed) would be for all churches to sanction sensible, practical, scientific birth control in countries where there are not sufficient natural resources and (or) wealth, to enable the upcoming generation to have a chance for a decent home, education and standard of living.

Arriving by plane last Sunday from the Sargeants, and her children, Conner, Chip and Mark, will arrive from Middlebury, Connecticut, to join the wife will be guests for two weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sargeant, Leighton. On Saturday children Rojean and William are vacationing in Daytona Beach, Florida.



What else did you learn on the corner today?

Mental Health Association Presents Citations

MONTGOMERY — During the 1953 annual meeting of the Alabama Health in Montgomery June 3-4 citations were presented to individuals and groups for outstanding work in the field of Mental Health and the relief of mental illness. The presentations were made by Dr. Grady Segrest of Mobile, President of the Alabama Association for Mental Health.

Among those receiving citations were the Muscle Shoals Mental Health Association, Omega and Gamma Chapters of the Beta Phi Society of Florence, and the Pilots Club of Sheffield. These citations are in recognition of the great interest in the promotion of good mental health, the fight against mental illness and in helping those confined to Bryce and Hospitals and Partlow State School.

These individuals and groups have helped to encourage people of Lauderdale and Colbert Counties to work in many ways in the field of mental health. The Alabama Association for Mental Health realizes that without such cooperation on a local basis and statewide provided by these individuals and organizations the steady advances made in Alabama in relation to Mental Health would not have been possible. A further improvement will depend upon the continued cooperation of all individuals and organizations.

It is interesting to note that Lauderdale and Colbert Counties have 383 patients confined to the three Alabama mental institutions.

"100 YEARS AGO"

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA

One hundred years ago this week, Thomas Hill Watts of Alabama, Attorney General of the Confederacy, wrote to the people of his state that he and his fellow government officials were public trusts created for the public and that he would not scramble for the gubernatorial office in Alabama in the midst of war.

Watts, an old Whig, however, promised to accept the governorship of Alabama if the people so desired and the people so desired. He had lost to Governor John Gill Shorter of Eufaula in the 1861 campaign but overwhelmingly defeated Governor Shorter in the 1863 elections, even though he had served Richmond as a reluctant candidate. This vote reflected the uprising against the secessionist of 1861.

His administration as Governor of Alabama from December, 1863, to the collapse of the Confederate government in April, 1865, is noted for emphasis on states' rights and an independent attitude toward the Davis administration, although Watts declared that he had withdrawn from the Cabinet with a far higher appreciation of President Davis' virtues than he had when he entered it.

The Legislature elected with Watts contained a large number of men favoring moderation or a peace policy, and Watts' resignation gave rise to rumors that he was leaving the Cabinet as a protest against the continuation of the war. Watts, however, came out strongly against re-unification with the North.

In answer to the rumor that he was a "reconstructionist" he stated, "He who is now, deliberately or otherwise, states under Lincoln's dominion is a traitor in his heart to the State, and deserves a traitor's doom."

Funeral Services Conducted For Mrs. Henson

Mrs. Esther Henson, 62, Milk Spring Rd., Tusculumbia, died Saturday at the Kelley Nursing Home in Haleyville.

Funeral services were this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Colbert Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include the husband, Lee Henson; a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Puente, Conoga Park, Calif.; a brother, Dewey Roberts, Opelika, Ala. Active bearers were Garland Clark, J. R. Garrie, Joey Willis, Abe Garrie, Bud Willis, and Chester Henson.

The Pickwick Lake camp of Tommy Couch was the scene of a party this weekend for Bob Ezell and Bill Hodge of Meridian, Mississippi, Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers of Tommy and Arthur Ray, Jr., of this city. Owen Hovater is a guest of the four frat members.

'Miracle Worker' Opens Second Season June 27

June 27, the 83rd birthday of Helen Keller, famous blind native of Tusculumbia, will be celebrated with the second-season opening of "The Miracle Worker," story of her life staged at her childhood home "Ivy Green."

Long before the opening date, plans are shaping up. Rehearsals are underway at Ivy Green with few changes in last year's cast, say Ward and Lyn Wagon, co-directors. Anne Cash of Florence will repeat her performance as Annie Sullivan, and Theresa Conley, Sheffield, will again play the blind child, Helen.

The play will be produced by the Starmaker Playhouse, sponsored by the Helen Keller Property Board and the Tri-Cities Branch of the American Society of University Women. Each Friday night from June 28 through Sept. 6, the play will be repeated and if the show is rained out, an extra one will be staged on the following Thursday night.

Hundreds of Tickets have already been sold. Over 5000 patron tickets, which mean reserved seats, have been purchased, and hundreds of regular seats have already been engaged. However, tickets will be available at the Ivy Green gate each Friday night.

Last year, members wondered if they would have an adequate audience for one of the 1962 American Legion opening night on the audience increased in number until it was necessary for children to be seated on the ground, and some adults were perched on ladders, and steps, and others had to stand. Chairs and benches were borrowed from local parks and from the amphitheatre at Florence State College.

This year additional chairs will be placed under the giant oak trees at Ivy Green.

Tusculumbia Boys Honored At Montgomery

Montgomery — Mike McMackin of Dasher high school, Tusculumbia, a member of next year's senior class, is being honored at the 1963 American Legion Boys State at Huntington College along with more than 400 other outstanding delegates from a throughout Alabama, has just been elected City Manager, an important office at the 1963 Boys State.

A plaque was presented to Buddy Vandive and David Nelson of Tusculumbia.

Specialist Offers Tips For Electricity Safety

AUBURN — Too many Alabamians are injured or killed needlessly by electricity.

That's the opinion of Auburn University Extension Service Specialist Tom Gaillard.

Gaillard, a mechanization expert, suggests the following:

1. Don't connect too many lamps or appliances to a single circuit. Twenty-amp fuses usually are connected to number 12 wire-circuits and will safely supply 2,400 watts. Fifteen-amp fuses protect number 14 wire circuits and supply 1,800 watts.
2. Don't run lamp or appliance cords over radiators or pipes when handling cords appliances.
3. Never touch an electric appliance or switch when standing on a damp floor.
4. Don't place cords in door-jamb or under rugs. Constant closing of the door will damage the insulation. So will walking on the cord.
5. Use convenient outlets in the safe setting of outlets — for the wire in the ceiling socket isn't big enough to supply the appliance.
6. Don't leave a connected iron unattended even for a "few minutes."
7. Never yank plugs out of sockets by the cord. Pull the plug itself.
8. Replace frayed cords or cracked insulation.
9. Use when you a lamp, appliance or extension cord look for the S.E. C.C. embold and UL label. This is your proof of a tested, electrically safe cord.
10. When making repairs or additions to your home wiring, check your local inspection bureau for a qualified electrical contractor. Remember that wiring isn't the "do-it-yourself" group.