

Colbert County Reporter

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OUR FOLKS IN SERVICE

U. S. Atlantic Fleet — Serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin is Joe A. Barnes, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Barnes of 305 West Seventh St., Tusculmbia, Ala.

The Wisconsin is one of 26 men-of-war participating in the annual eight-week Midshipman Cruise. She has some 800 U. S. Naval Academy and Naval Reserve Midshipmen aboard for on-the-job training.

While on the cruise the vessel will visit Scotland, France, and Quantanum Bay, Cuba.

The Wisconsin was recently relieved of her duties in the Korean area by the battleship USS Iowa.

Sergeant Louis E. Nesbitt, 505 N. Hook Street, Tusculmbia, completed processing for relief from active military duty at the Separation Center, Fort Jackson, South Carolina on 22 July 1952.

The new Separation Center, one of six in the United States, is geared to separate 300 discharges a day. He has previously completed 72-hours of preparatory processing which included medical and dental survey and finalizing clothing, pay and service records.

As a civilian Sgt. Nesbitt will continue to serve in the active reserve of the Enlisted Reserve Corps to complete his selective service obligation.

He is assigned to the Alabama Military District administration.

With the 7th Infantry Div. in Korea — The anti-aircraft gun has a new role in the Korean war, according to Capt. Charles L. Douthitt, 781 E. McCarty Ave., Indianapolls.

Captain Douthitt is commanding officer of Battery B of the 15th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion in Korea.

The captain characterized frontline use of anti-aircraft guns as one of the most effective methods of infantry support to be developed since the outbreak of the Korean war.

He explained that every non-commissioned officer in his unit who has been due for separation has voluntarily extended his Korean service by at least two months.

M/Sgt. William H. Underwood, Jr., whose parents live at 501 E. Fourth St., Tusculmbia, Ala., and Sgt. Kenneth E. Wood, Route 3, Porterville, Calif., are two men of the battery who recently extended.

Underwood is first platoon sergeant and Wood is a squad leader in the platoon.

They realize they have key jobs and that everything is being done for them on and off the line to make life a little pleasanter," the captain added.

Hamilton, the county seat of Marion County, was named in honor of Captain Albert J. Hamilton, the man who donated the site upon which the town was built.

MOVIE PROGRAM

- TUSCUMBIA — Tusculmbia Friday, August 1
- MUTINY — Tusculmbia, with Mark Stevens, Angela Lansbury, Patric Knowles.
- Saturday-Sunday, August 2-3
- BIG BOSS — THE AFTERNOON — Technicolor, with Ray Milland, Forrest Tucker, Helena Carter.
- DEADLINE — Tuesday, August 4
- CARSON CITY — in Warnercolor, starring Randolph Scott with Lucille Norman, Raymond Massey.
- Wednesday-Thursday, August 6-7
- THIS IS YOUR TOWN — Home Town Movies of Tusculmbia ALSO
- THE LIFE OF DAVID GARRIGUE — Technicolor, with Paul Henreid, John Sutton, Jeff Donnell.
- COLEBERT — Sheffield Saturday, August 2
- Double Feature
- PISTOL HARVEST — with Tim Holt
- HURRICANE ISLAND — in Super-pancolor, with Jon Hall, Marie Windsor.
- Sunday-Monday, August 3-4
- THREE OF DORCAS — Technicolor, with Paul Henreid, John Sutton, Jeff Donnell.
- Tuesday-Wednesday, August 5-6
- DEADLINE — Tuesday, August 4
- DEADLINE — U. S. A. — starring Humphrey Bogart, Kim Hunter, Ethel Barrymore.
- Thursday-Friday, August 7-8
- THURSDAY CITY — in Warnercolor, starring Randolph Scott with Lucille Norman, Raymond Massey.
- SHOALS — Florence Friday-Saturday, August 1-2
- MY DEAR CLARA — with Millard Mitchell, Gilbert Roland, John Beal, Marjorie Thompson.
- Sunday-Monday, August 3-4
- DEADLINE — U. S. A. — starring Humphrey Bogart, Kim Hunter, Ethel Barrymore.
- Wednesday-Thursday, August 5-6
- CARSON CITY — in Warnercolor, starring Randolph Scott with Lucille Norman, Raymond Massey.

ALABAMA TREES IN EXTREME CRITICAL CONDITION

Montgomery, Ala. — State Conservation Director Earl M. McGowan said that the prolonged drought in the state had caused a condition "extremely critical" in Alabama's rich woodland areas and that thousands of acres were being destroyed by fire.

"Many counties in North Alabama have had no measurable rainfall in three months," McGowan pointed out, "leaving dried crops and forests like powder magazines. Just the slightest touch of a spark and they burst into flame," he warned. "Continued high temperatures and no rain may see a critical situation become an emergency state at hand."

Thousands of acres of Alabama forests, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars already have been destroyed by fire in the state this year. But since July 1, the situation has become most acute, he said. Outbursts of fire dot hundreds of timber areas throughout the state.

"Alabama simply can't afford these losses, either from a financial standpoint or from the drainage of our natural resources," he declared in pleading for every citizen in the state to join in the battle to prevent forest fires.

"Referring to the importance of timber in the financial life of the state, McGowan reminded, "Just this week the Alabama Forest Industries Advisory Committee said that 'one out of every four industrial workers in Alabama is dependent on forest crops for his livelihood.' It was also the report of this organization that lumber, paper, and pulp, and furniture manufacturing, account for 10 percent of the per capita income of Alabama." This should emphasize the importance of preventing those blazes," McGowan said.

The state conservation director called for extreme care by smokers, campers and outdoor workers. Homes and field crops are also being destroyed by these fires, McGowan said.

"It is the duty of every Alabama citizen to do his best to prevent this waste of our resources," he said. He asserted that one out of every five Alabama forest fires is caused by careless smokers, and that many other fires were caused by simple carelessness.

He added that every faculty of the State Conservation Department had joined in the fight against forest fires and that federal agencies are joining in.

County officials, county agents, civic and farm organizations, Boy Scout and educational groups were urged to lend full support to the drive against forest fires.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING HELPING MANY FARMERS

Auburn, Ala. — Many Alabama farmers are now getting profits from the artificial breeding of dairy cattle.

"The reason for this is the increased production of offspring sired by bulls from the Auburn stud," says an API Extension bulletin. "And the number of cows being sired by these bulls is growing rapidly."

Since January 1 of this year, over 3,000 cows have been bred in 10 Alabama counties, and the heavy breeding season is still ahead.

It explained that through artificial breeding it is possible to spread the influence of one bull to several hundred dairy cows in one year. This is positive proof that artificial breeding of dairy cows is worthwhile—and the good part about it is that it's here to stay.

HOG CARE DURING HOT, DRY MONTSES

Temperatures of hogs often rise to 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher if shade isn't provided for them during hot summer days.

"Of course," says an API Extension Service bulletin, "these high temperatures knock out appetites and, in turn, upset meat-making possibilities."

It added that shade and plenty of clean, fresh drinking water are the cheapest things hog producers can give their pigs. Brush arbors in corn fields provide good shade. "And it should be remembered that thirsty shots at their own water trough are costing their owners real money."

EDITORIAL GRIST

THE TWO NATIONAL TICKETS

In this political year of 1952 the people of the United States to date have fared far better than we had dared to hope a few weeks ago.

First the Republican Party nominated Gen. Dwight Eisenhower and Sen. Richard Nixon, a top-ranking legislator. Then the Democrats, after an even more bitter session, have come up with another pair of able men, Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois and Alabama's own Sen. John Sparkman.

We are happy of course to see a fellow-Alabamian so highly honored. In a less critical hour for our country we would feel strongly the urge to support him. We cannot, however, afford to risk another four years of blundering and corruption such as we have been given by the Democrats.

We must clean house in Washington and the man in the best position to do that job is Dwight Eisenhower.

As insurance against the possibility of Democratic victory in November we are grateful for the availability of Governor Stevenson. He had the backing of the notorious Illinois machine headed by Jake Arvey but he has shown himself to be a man of competence and character. He has a mid-West political heritage, has been highly-educated and he has had valuable experience in the State Department. In addition Governor Stevenson has an urbane approach to national and international problems that contrasts strongly with President Truman's free-for-all, catch-as-catch-can running style for Stevenson not only is a reward for faithful party service and a sop for party solidarity in the South but a fine personal tribute.

Born on a humble Morcan County farm, the son of a tenant farmer, John Sparkman worked his way through the University of Alabama. He fired boilers, did such other odd jobs as opportunity offered, served as an assistant professor of history, took an active interest in extra-curricular activities on the campus and in the process won his Phi Beta Kappa key.

After 10 years as a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, Mr. Sparkman was elected to the Senate in 1946 where he has served with distinction and won the respect of both his Republican and Democratic colleagues. While he has seen fit to go along with the New Deal and Fair Deal operators much more than we would like, the people at large have had confidence in his basic integrity.

The Stevenson-Sparkman ticket has a heavy burden to bear—the burden of explaining away the inept and corruption-ridden Truman regime—the regime that has increased our taxes to a staggering point, that has brought about such catastrophes as the steel strike by its meddling in industrial affairs.

Despite final convention "harmony," the South will not soon forget the efforts of the Northern lunatic fringe to force Dixie out of the party. It is unlikely that there will be a revolt such as was staged four years ago by States Rights Democrats, but thousands who take a more conservative view undoubtedly will vote for General Eisenhower.

The Northern bully boys, the Lehmans, Junior Roosevelts, Blair Moodys and "Soopy" Williamss, used the Democratic convention as a sounding board to aid their cynic campaigns, but in doing so they certainly contributed nothing to the party.

One of the tragedies of the convention came when Tennessee, presumably because of the Kefauver ties with the Northern radicals, voted against seating the Virginia delegation.

Tennessee, alone among the Southern states, took this stand. Already there is growing indignation from the voters of the Volunteer state. Gov. Gordon Browning, delegation chairman who is running for reelection, probably will bring his action hard to explain.

The Reporter fully approves of the stand taken by the Birmingham paper and expects for the first time in its life to scratch the ticket this fall and support the republican electors. We have great personal admiration and respect for John Sparkman and wish we could vote for him, but we believe the republicans will give us peace in Korea, whereas the democrats seem to want to keep that useless war going, fearing if it stops it will up-set the economy and stop this phony prosperity we are having. Peace, to our mind, is the main issue, but the domestic policies need overhauling too. Stephen Sparkman and Sparkman are the Truman selected candidates and if they are elected we will have the same administration that we now have. Sparkman is a able for the republicans and the Truman exception, Trumaner and was for everything it stood for, with the possible exception of the FEPC, which he now embraces, an issue which is most important to the South.

John has been away from Alabama so long he is entirely out of touch with the sentiment here as his new-fair deal voting record will testify. As things stand today, Alabama will vote a majority for the democrats, but the republicans will poll the largest vote in history, making for a two party system in this state.

By supporting the republican electors it does not mean this newspaper will not support our state and county nominees. Only nationally will we stray from a life time tradition.

SPARKMAN WAS FOR IKE

As the Democratic Party nominee for vice president, Sen. John Sparkman will be campaigning in coming months against the man whom he has mentioned several times for the Democratic nomination for President.

"That man is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower."

On Oct. 15, 1951 Sparkman said: "I have felt rather strongly that President Truman would not stand for nomination next year... If the Republican Party made a nomination and I were to accept a platform which would appear to Gen. Eisenhower that the NATO program and our program of foreign cooperation generally was in danger in such event he would be available for the Democratic nomination."

And again on Nov. 7, 1951, Sparkman said, "Gen. Eisenhower has definitely made himself available for the presidency and he might accept the Democratic nomination... It is hard to conceive otherwise... The thing uppermost in the President's mind is continuation of his foreign policy and that Eisenhower is 'in step with him' so that... I believe the general has definitely made himself available and that availability isn't all in one place."

THE GOP OPPOSES SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

Every American who is interested in bringing the nation's health standards to the highest possible level—as well as in the perpetuation of freedom—will approve the plank adopted by the Republican Party at Chicago today.—"We recognize that the health of our people as well as their proper medical care cannot be maintained if subject to Federal bureaucratic dictation. There should be a just division of responsibility between government and the physician, the voluntary hospital, and voluntary health insurance. We are opposed to Federal compulsory health insurance with its crushing cost, its inefficiency, bureaucratic dead weight, and debased standards of medical care. We shall support those health activities by government which stimulate the development of adequate hospital services without Federal interference in local administration. We favor support of scientific research. We pledge our continuous encouragement of improved methods of assuring health protection."

It is reported that this plank, when read, drew more applause from both the delegates and the galleries than any other part of the platform. On a number of occasions General Eisenhower has expressed his unequivocal disapproval of socialized or politically-dominated medicine, so it is certain that the plank is in accord with his views.

With the various tribes of early Alabama Indians, red paint on their bodies and mounds was always a sign of war, while white paint was a symbol of peace.

Sidney Lanier, the famous Georgia poet, once worked as a clerk in Montgomery's old Exchange Hotel. The hotel was owned by his grandfather.

SPARKMAN NAMED AFTER CONFERENCE

Chicago — How Senator Sparkman was selected as Democratic vice-presidential nominee was described Sunday by Frank E. McKinney, the party's national chairman.

A reporter asked McKinney if the Alabama senator was hand-picked by Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, the presidential nominee.

McKinney replied that Sparkman's name was one of those on a list of men acceptable to Stevenson which the Illinois governor had prepared.

The President, Stevenson, Vice President Barkley, House Speaker Sam Rayburn, McKinney and others met at the Stock Yard Inn to discuss the choice of a vice-presidential candidate.

McKinney said President Truman and the others felt that if one of the names on the list were chosen there was the danger of offending the others. And then it was decided to select Sparkman.

CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM TO BE DISCUSSED IN AUGUST

Montgomery — A proposed Citizenship Program aimed at getting more people actively interested in public issues, sponsored by ten Alabama organizations with membership totaling many thousands, will be discussed at a series of nine meetings during August.

Dates for the meetings were announced by Walter L. Randolph, president of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, one of the sponsoring groups. Following preliminary discussions by representatives of all ten, Randolph said:

"The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss a proposed 'Citizenship Program' in Alabama. The main objective of the program will be to get more people acquainted with the major public issues now facing them and to get more of them to assume their responsibilities."

Meetings will be held Aug. 11 in Montgomery; Aug. 12 in Ozark and Auburn; Aug. 13 in Gadsden and Huntsville; Aug. 14 in Florence; Aug. 15 in Birmingham; Aug. 18 in Demopolis, and Aug. 19 in Mobile.

DEATH OF OLD COLBERT RESIDENT, OCCURS

Mrs. Mary Alice Turner, 94, lifelong resident of Cherokee, died Monday afternoon at the nursing home in this city.

She was the widow of the late Charles F. Turner, who passed away October 9, 1950.

Rites were held Wednesday morning from the residence in Cherokee. Rev. J. C. Weathers, pastor of the Cherokee Methodist church, officiating. Burial followed in Cherokee cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, P. W. Turner, A. P. Turner, both of Birmingham, and Homer H. Turner of Gadsden, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were Will Williams, Cletus Brown, Herbert Hill, William Alexander, L. A. Williams, Willis R. Turner.

She was a life long member of the Methodist church in Cherokee.

COLBERT SCHOOL ROW MAY DELAY BUILDING

Plans for construction of a fifth Colbert County High School may be indefinitely postponed.

Due to a controversy over the location of the proposed school, Dr. Floyd Dotsan, chief of the State School Survey staff, has recommended abandonment of plans.

In an open letter State Supt. of Education W. J. Terry said that in his opinion the school should be constructed half way between Colbert Heights and Littleville, due to the fact that the entire area population is fast increasing.

Colbert County Superintendent of Education J. T. Boxman is reported to be in favor of the Colbert Heights site. State Sen. A. W. Todd and Rep. Paul Coburn are said to be against this location.

The first term of the Alabama Supreme Court was held at Cahaba. This initial session began on the first Monday in May, 1820.

EMOS ARRANGE EPT. 1 START OR CAMPAIGN

Chicago — Democratic National chairman Frank E. McKinney said today that both President Truman and Vice President Alben W. Barkley will campaign "to the fullest extent" Presidential Candidate Adlai E. Stevenson.

McKinney said the Democrats have decided on a "sharp, hard-hitting" campaign that will not begin until road Sept. 1.

McKinney and Vice Presidential candidate Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama conferred with Stevenson at private home where he has been staying here.

The announcement of campaign plans meant that the Democrats would marshal their biggest guns for the forthcoming election battle on behalf of the reluctant governor who accepted a "draft" from the Democratic convention.

McKinney referred to the battle plan as a "four-edged sword" instead of a "two-edged sword." He meant that Mr. Truman and Barkley would join Stevenson and Sparkman in an all-out bid.

"The services of all of them are going to be employed to the fullest extent," McKinney said.

He did not give details of the Sunday plan, but the Democrats will throw at the Republicans but said he would confer with Mr. Truman and Barkley on their part immediately after returning from a vacation Aug. 10.

Mr. Truman earlier had promised to get out and stump for the Democratic nominee.

McKinney said the campaign will be an intensive one compressed into the two months from Sept. 1 to election day in November.

"I believe in confining to a sharp, hard-hitting campaign not to exceed 60 days," he said.

Sparkman indicated that plans for an expanded stable of stumpers already are well under way.

"We have already rallied a very strong speaking force from the House, Senate and various governors and we ought to have a very lively campaign," the Alabama senator said.

McKinney was asked about a statement from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters last night that the Democrats adopted a "one-plank" platform concentrated on their past achievements.

"Apparently he (Eisenhower) hasn't read the platform," McKinney said.

Letter To The Editor

Gessner T. McCorvey, of Mobile, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama, and for twelve years Chairman of that Committee, on being interviewed by the Press as to his reaction to the Civil Rights Plank of the Sparkman Platform, Committee of the Democratic National Convention, said:

"I think the Civil Rights Plank adopted by the 1952 Democratic National Convention is much more offensive to the people of the South than the 1948 plank."

"I am inclined to agree with Senators Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota, who contends that the 1952 plank is stronger than the 1948 plank."

"This year the Democratic Convention refers, with approval, to the action taken by the Department of Justice in successfully arguing in the Courts for the striking down of racial restrictions in deeds conveying real property in residential sections."

"Heretofore the people of the South, both white and colored, have been able to maintain their own residential sections, and in the breaking down of all segregation in our essential and necessary segregation practices."

"Not only did the Democratic National Convention comment with approval on this action of the Federal Government, but it refers to the important part that the Department of Justice has taken in breaking down all segregation in our public schools and State Universities. Then, to add insult to injury, the Sparkman Platform Committee added these words: 'We are determined that the Federal Government shall continue such policies.'

"If this Civil Rights Plank is Lister Hill's and John Sparkman's idea of a "watered down" Civil Rights Plank, then God help us if they had "watered it up!"

Mobile, Ala.