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8000 Cases Of Polio In Country

The number of new cases of infantile paralysis took a sharp upward turn last week, boosting the nation's total of victims for the month to more than 8,000.

It brought the total for the year of 15,000, compared with only 8,430 cases reported by the national office of vital statistics through Aug. 13 of 1948, a near record year. Last year's 27,680 total was exceeded only by the 30,000 in the 1916 record year.

In an Associated Press survey, North Dakota reported the disease at an epidemic stage there last week and said the state urgently needed more nurses.

A few more heavily populated states, including Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Wisconsin, do not expect to reach the peak of new cases until next month, while four states—already have more than 1,000.

Some Southern states, where onset of the disease usually starts earlier, have had a gradual decline, while Maine and Minnesota held about steady, and Arizona showed an increase.

Nevada with only 18 cases this year, again is having a light season, but health officials there reminded that most of the state's 22 cases last year occurred during the fall and winter months.

The sharp rise in new victims added 5,000 to the August total during the second nine-day period of the month. There were 3,100 new cases in the first nine days. August normally is the worst month of the year.

The survey showed that some large cities, notably Boston and New York, have been hard hit, while Philadelphia and Chicago were more fortunate than areas in other parts of Pennsylvania and Illinois. Generally smaller communities and rural areas appeared to be faring best.

DEATH OF P. C. GANONG GRIEVES FRIENDS HERE

Parker C. Ganong, 66, of 205 North Indian street, died Tuesday Saturday morning about 7 o'clock at his residence.

Mr. Ganong was born in Iuka, Miss., and had lived in the Tri-Cities area since 1918. He had been in contracting business since he came to this area. Mr. Ganong was a member of the Methodist church for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Arra Lee Ganong; a son, Carl Ganong of Tusculumbia; four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Runyon of Jackson, Miss., Mrs. Elbert Peaceock and Mrs. Blanche Crumpler, both of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Catherine Geary of Decatur; a brother, John Ganong of Tusculumbia; a sister, Mrs. T. Beck, of Tusculumbia; two grandsons and four granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the First Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. McCoy Guthrie, officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood cemetery, Hillside of Sheffield.

Pallbearers were Harris Nance, John Reid, Paul Puryear, S. R. Mapes, Dewey Wilson and Howard Chaparral.

HERE'S WHAT EQUALS BREEDING EFFICIENCY

Auburn, Ala.—Good dairy cattle breeding may be summed up as a lot of details done right.

The A. P. I. Extension Service specialists in L. A. work lists the four most important essentials in a good breeding program:

1. The bull—well fed, healthy, and exercised daily. 2. The cow—bred at right stage and provided with plenty of fresh clean water. 3. The dairyman—alert in keeping up with dates cows are due in heat, and having cows bred so they will calve at right time. 4. The breeding technician—If breeding artificial, he must use clean, sterile equipment, be prompt in answering calls, and use only good high-quality semen.

IN THE SERVICE

Herbert L. Ford, seaman apprentice, USN, of Route 2, Leighton, Ala., is serving aboard the Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Va. Mr. Ford, who entered the Naval service Jan. 3, 1949, received his recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Before entering the Navy he was graduated from Colbert County High School.

TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO

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

Mayor Jas. E. Isbell announces for election, with John W. Davis, Dr. D. H. Walker, Jas. E. Garnett, W. F. Wilson and E. N. McClain as aldermanic ticket. Officers for the County Council of Religious Education elected at a meeting in Cherokee, being W. T. Archer, president; J. T. McKee, vice president; Miss Bennie Frank King, secretary; Robt. Hudson, superintendent of religious education. J. Shelby Grisham, who died at home of a sister in Russellville, is buried here, with services from the residence conducted by Revs. M. P. Edwards and R. I. Waiston. Bread prices increased from five to seven cents per loaf. Mrs. M. Stella Lamb Webb and Frank Wood Morton is solemnized in Memphis. Mrs. J. B. Morton, Mrs. J. W. McWilliams, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson and Mrs. Rex Winton entertain for Mrs. Frank Morton, assisting the hostesses in entertaining were Mrs. H. H. Delony, Mrs. Charlie Carmichael, Miss Grace Merrill, Mrs. Pat Ferguson, Mrs. J. W. Payne and Mrs. L. M. Simpson. Mrs. Sam Nichols and Mrs. Willard Wells entertain at bridge and rick at home of Mrs. W. L. Karran, when Miss Esther Joy Trump was prize winner at rick and Mrs. Frank Morton the bridge prize. Judge and Mrs. N. P. Tompkins entertain members of Kiwanis club with luncheon at their home on the mountain. Mrs. E. B. Almon and Mrs. Charlotte Curry return from Elkmont Springs. Miss Nora Johnson home from Estill Springs, Tenn. Mrs. Robert Huston returns from a visit to Mrs. A. C. Stanley returns from a visit to Montgomery. T. R. Jones vacationing in Red Boiling Springs. Rev. M. P. Edwards conducting a meeting at Mt. Hope. Mrs. Sam Moore, Mrs. F. W. Scruggs and Mrs. J. S. Hunt return from Jaulaska. N. C. R. F. Ridley and daughter return from St. Louis. R. M. Wimpe, foreman of the Reporter returns from a visit to Georgia.

Mrs. J. O. Harris guest of relatives in move here from Memphis. Mr. Douglass going with the Piglet Wigly stores. Goodloe and Eaton change the name of the Tusculumbia Dispatch to the Tusculumbia Times. Voters of Muscle Shoals City nominate Robert Huston, mayor; George Harris, F. J. Gusmus, O. V. McGuire, J. H. Green and George Vaughn, aldermen.

SOMERVILLE URGES SUPPORT FOR COTTON COUNCIL

Advertising and promotion campaigns to sell the farmer, cotton are being conducted by the National Cotton Council on a nationwide scale. D. G. Somerville, County Agent, said in urging county-wide support of the Council's promotion and research program.

Advertising campaigns with an annual circulation of more than six billion are being conducted by the Council in support of cotton and cotton-seed products. The Extension agent declared. He pointed out that the campaigns carry hard-hitting cotton messages to consumers all over America.

"Fashion promotions including the internationally known Maid of Cotton tour are expanding the sales of cotton to a year-round basis," Mr. Somerville said. "This promotion activity has resulted directly in the recognition of cotton as the nation's number one fashion fabric."

More widespread promotion activity is needed, however, if cotton is to meet the challenges of its competitors, the county agent said. This expanded promotion work is possible only through full support of the Council program by every member of the cotton industry, he said. Cotton farmers are asked to contribute ten cents a bale to the Council at the time of ginning. Other branches of the industry contribute proportionate shares.

TUSCUMBIA IS AMONG MANY AUBURN GRADUATES

Among the more than 800 Auburn graduates, three are from the Tri-Cities. Gene N. Castibey, Tusculumbia; Henry R. Mitchell, Sheffield; and Elizabeth A. Nichols of Florence. Castibey majored in Forestry; Mitchell in Architecture and Miss Nichols in education.

Until 1966, Alabama's secretary of state was elected by the legislature to serve a two-year term.

EDITORIAL CRIST

NOT IN BRITAIN!

In a country that has upheld the rights of man from an early foundation known as the Magna Charta, a scene such as this seems unbelievable. Government agency disseminated a 65-year-old farmer, who owned his land but had not farmed it according to the government's efficiency program. He wouldn't move, refused to leave at the official's disposal, was passed, shot and killed, while he resisted arrest. Liberty and justice are merely but words in some countries, while Britain had its Magna Charta to proclaim its stand in the name of freedom. What is happening in a country when such pressure as was brought against this farmer, is "official" and done, supposedly, in the interests of the people? This is something for us to think about.

FOR OUR DEFENSE

The Pacific Islands were taken at a great sacrifice in American lives. If we had possession of them before the war the struggle with Japan would not have been as long. To retain control of them now is but a defensive move on our part. We are not interested in these islands for commercial purposes, as any critic must admit. To hold them now is but an effective means of carrying on our national defense. The United States, nor do we consider the islands as reparations. Many a home was affected by the suffering and sacrifice in the light of a defensive frontier and feel this is no time to tear down our defenses.

NEGRO LEADERSHIP

Two of the most vocal, if not leading, spokesmen for negroes are Paul Robeson, baritone, whose voice has won wide acclaim and Walter White for many years secretary of The National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

It is significant, The Daily thinks, that the son of Robeson and White, himself, recently were married to white women.

In fact, there are many who still contend that there is nothing in the attacks made on Southern laws and social customs except that the agitators hope to improve the economic life of the negro residents of this section. There are those who still insist that social equality definitely is not the goal of the efforts to break down segregation laws in the Southern states.

We refer them to the instances cited above. Robeson's son married a college school mate. White divorced his wife, a negro, and thereupon took a second wife, a white woman. Does either of them indicate a heart bleeding solely for the economic plight of the negro race?—Declarator Daily.

They should turn the atom bomb to some peaceful public need, like exterminating mice, eliminating fleas and the common cold germ.

Youngsters may be more sophisticated than in our day, but children can get mighty enthused about a hay ride.

Our economic emergency is just about due to receive an old-age pension.

The fact that women own 60% of the wealth of the country, doesn't mean they didn't get some of it from their husband's pants pocket.

Do you remember back when we wouldn't take a cough drop that didn't have the Smith Brothers' name on it?

It takes ten years to make a woman five years' older.

Mammals are classified as man and the lower animals—and we sometimes wonder.

REGISTRATION AND FACULTY ANNOUNCED FOR DESHLER

Boyd Puryear, superintendent of the city schools, has requested that Deshler high school students observe the following registration schedule.

Twelfth grade—Tuesday, Sept. 6; at 8 a.m., Mr. Puryear stated. He said 9:1 p.m. Tenth grade—Wednesday, Sept. 7; 8 a.m. Ninth grade—Wednesday, Sept. 7; 1 p.m. Eighth grade—Thursday, Sept. 8; 8 a.m. Classes will begin Friday, Sept. 9, at 8 a.m., Mr. Puryear stated. He announced the 1949-50 faculty as follows:

Mr. Carol T. Beasley, Spanish and science; Mrs. Dorothea Bozeman, commercial subjects; Miss Margaret Brooks, mathematics and science; Mr. Howard Chappell, physical education and coach; Miss Louise Cleary, home economics; Mrs. Hilda Ganong, social science; Mrs. Urmeda B. Hoyle, history and Latin; Mr. J. O. Johnston, diversified occupations; Mrs. Mildred A. Leggett, commercial subjects; Mr. Warren W. Lustrre, band and chorus; Mrs. Mary J. Moore, Physical Education and History; Mrs. Janie B. Morgan, library and French; Mrs. Mary C. Potter, English; Mrs. Mary B. Pruett, English; Mr. Boyd Puryear, principal; Mr. Zollic C. Reed, Jr., biology and chemistry; Mr. James H. Sparks, assistant principal and coach; Miss Margaret Ware, Secretary; Mrs. Sadie B. Young, mathematics; Mrs. Idelle B. Young, English.

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 30, Valosta, Crooked Oak, New Bethel

W. A. Richardson's Home, 8:30 to 9:40; Johnson's Store, 8:50 to 10:00; Lime Rock School, 9:20 to 10:30; Crooked Oak School, 10:15 to 11:30; Pratt's Store, 11:45 to 12:10; New Bethel School, 12:20 to 1:30; Mrs. Williams Sherrod, 2:00 to 2:30.

Friday, September 2
Valdosta Store, 8:30 to 9:00; Willingham's Store, (Valdosta), 8:10 to 9:30; Richardson's Store, 8:40 to 10:00; L. Smith's Store, 10:10 to 10:30; Pride School, 10:40 to 11:05; Hovater's Store, 11:15 to 11:35; Fred Rutland's Home, 11:40 to 12:40; Dally's Home, 12:50 to 1:10; Mrs. Kirchner's Store, 1:15 to 1:35; Barton School, 1:50 to 2:15; Barton Post Office, 2:40 to 3:00.

There are more students enrolled at Montgomery's State Teachers College for Negroes during the present summer session than in any other Negro normal institution in the entire country.

DAIRY FARMERS OF ALABAMA HAVE ASKED FOR NO INCREASE

Montgomery.—The dairy farmers of Alabama have not requested an increase in the price of milk and did not request the recent hearings following which the Alabama Milk Control Board ordered an increase of one cent per quart in the price of milk in areas under its jurisdiction.

This was emphasized in a statement from the dairy committee of the Alabama Farm Bureau Federation, which said, as a matter of fact, that the last series of hearings "were instigated and called at the insistence of certain large milk distributors, who demanded that the Board reduce the price to the farmer by 25 cents per 100 pounds.

"The farmers attended the hearings and resisted any effort to force another reduction in farmer prices," the statement declared, "but no demand was made by the farmer for an increase in the price of milk to the consumer."

It was pointed out that the last price reduction to the consumer, effective April 1, was two cents per quart, which was the equivalent of 96 cents per 100 pounds. Of this reduction, the farmer absorbed 65 cents and the remaining 27 cents was absorbed by distributors, stores and others engaged in the industry.

"To force an additional reduction of 25 cents on the farmer would be to cause him to absorb all of the two cents reduction," said the Farm Bureau in discussing the proposed 25-cent per quart increase ordered for September 1.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 6

Classes will begin at the Cave street elementary school, Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. Registration for all students will be held on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 1 and 2. All students entering the first grade will be required to furnish a birth certificate.

The faculty will be as follows, it was announced by Grady Hyde principal: First Grade: Mrs. Claudine Shirley, Mrs. Clara Box, Mrs. Allene Staggs, Mrs. Earl Sibley.

Second Grade: Mrs. Annie K. Hatch, Mrs. Mae Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Lipsy. Third Grade: Miss Margaret Burt, Mrs. Mabel Kennedy, Mrs. Marguerite Williams.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Zollic Reed, Mrs. Katie Blackburn.

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Beatrice Hudson, Mrs. Joanne Goggins, Miss Celeste Parsley, music department.

MOVIE PROGRAM

STRAND—Tusculumbia Saturday, August 27 Double Feature

OKLAHOMA BADLANDS—with Alan Lane. Also with Roddy MacDowall. Sunday, August 28

THE ACCUSED—with Loretta Young. Robert Cummings. Monday, August 29

BRIDE OF VENGEANCE—with Goddard, John Lund. Tuesday, Wednesday, August 30-31

FOREVER AMBER—with Loretta Young, Robert Cummings. Tuesday, Wednesday, August 30-31

FLAMINGO ROAD—with Joan Crawford, Zachary Scott. Thursday, September 1

THE ACCUSED—with Loretta Young, Robert Cummings. Friday, September 2

BRIDE OF VENGEANCE—with Goddard, John Lund. Friday, September 2

RITZ—Sheffield Sunday, August 28 Double Feature

THE IRON CURTAIN—with Dana Andrews, Gene Tierney. Also UNFAITHFULLY YOURS—with Linda Darnell, Rex Harrison. Monday, Tuesday, August 29-30

DOUBLE FEATURE GIRL FROM GOD'S COUNTRY—with Jane Wyton, Chester Morris. Also ROAD HOUSE—with Ida Lupino. Corned Double.

Wed., Thurs., Aug. 31-Sept. 1
Wed., Double Feature
URUBU—story of the Vulture people. GANGES OF NEW YORK—with Charles Bickford, Ann Dvorak. Friday-Saturday, September 2-3
DOUBLE FEATURE
THE LUCKY TEXAN—with John Wayne. Also
THE NOOSE HANGS HIGH—with Abbott and Costello.

British Labor Leader Hits U.S. System

London.—A British labor leader said that Britain "would rather take the risk of civilizing countries than that of being kicked around by the unlettered, pot-bellied money magnates of the United States."

Tom O'Brien, general secretary of the National Association of Theoretical and Kins Employees and member of the powerful General Council of the Trades Union Congress, made the statement at a political rally in the London suburb of Finchley.

O'Brien's speech climaxed increasingly violent reaction to American criticism of the Labor Government and Britain's need for further economic help.

His speech appeared to have a sobering effect on the British press, which until today had reacted sensitively to the American criticism. London newspapers called his statement "disgraceful" and demanded an end to the Anglo-American "slanging match."

"The freedom-loving people of Britain might be tempted to prefer the tyranny and poverty of the East rather than abject subservience to the opulent vulgarity and offensiveness of the west," O'Brien said.

"The Almighty dollar mentality of the American industrialists will not seduce the Europeans to jettison their traditions of culture and civilization, even in the face of Communist menaces."

The conservative Daily Mail, usually anti-American in its comment, asked, "Journalists and politicians on both sides of the Atlantic to cultivate a sense of responsibility." "Last night's disgraceful speech by Mr. Tom O'Brien, M. P. is a case in point. Such people are supposed to be anti-Communist, yet whether they realize it or not they are working mightily on behalf of the Reds to control Britain with America," the paper said.

CARD OF THANKS

The kindness and sympathy of neighbors and friends in our recent sorrow will always remain with us as precious memory. Our sincere thanks and gratitude for all these comforting acts.

MRS. QUINTON COBURN and children MR. AND MRS. PAUL COBURN MR. AND MRS. TULLIN PADEN MR. AND MRS. PAUL C. COBURN MR. AND MRS. H. C. WATSON MR. AND MRS. EARL C. JIVIDEN JAMES RALPH COBURN THOMAS COBURN MRS. DORIS COBURN

HAMPTON-McNEES SUFFER FIRE LOSS

The building occupied by Hampton-McNeas Motor Company, located at 205 East Sixth street, was gutted by fire last Thursday night together with auto parts.

John Hampton, co-owner of the Ford company, was overcome by smoke while helping fight the flames, and was taken to the Colbert County hospital, but has now recovered.

A. H. McNeas, co-owner, stated that it was impossible to estimate the extent of the loss at this time, but added that the loss is covered by insurance.

Fire Chief Mitchell stated that the fire started in the parts room and by the time the firemen arrived at the scene, smoke and flames were shooting from the roof of the building. A truck from the Sheffield fire department was pressed into service.

Reported as damaged by the smoke and flames were five new automobiles and one new pick-up truck. Also damaged were several cars which were there being repaired.

The shop room and the parts room were seriously damaged. The loss to building and contents has been estimated at \$50,000.

LEIGHTON MAN ATTACHED TO AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Preston Delony, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Presley H. Delony of Leighton, Ala., is attached to the aircraft carrier USS Valparaiso which has just been awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant and "E" for her general excellence throughout the fiscal year July 1, 1948 to July 30, 1949.

The award is a competitive one, based on overall battle efficiency. Each department of the ship is graded to determine the vessel's final mark in the competition.