

Legislature Starts Full Scale Study School Financing

Montgomery Ala. — Alabama Senate last week launched its all-business study of the school appropriation and proposed new tax bills. Much attention is being focussed on the adjusted gross income bill introduced by Rep. Joe Goodwyn, Montgomery, which will be subject to a statewide referendum if adopted.

This referendum, and another for a proposed major school bonding issue—the House has suggested a \$100 million bond issue—would come up for a statewide vote 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, probably about Sept. 9-16. Voting 'day' would, therefore, be about mid-December.

Meanwhile, a Senate resolution has blocked passage of other appropriation bills, including a major armory building program which involves many cities and almost all counties. These bills will be taken up during the passage of the school program bills.

An administration-backed bill to create a State Office Building Corporation has now passed both Senate and House and will be signed into law by the Governor. It originally sought \$5 million for building. The Senate amended this to \$3 million. A Senate-House conference committee restored the bill to \$4. The bill provides that the three corporation members, Gov. James E. Folsom, Attorney-General John Patterson, and Finance Director Fuller Kimbrell agree on land purchases and related matters. Conference Committee, chairman Vaughn Hill Robinson of Montgomery told the Senate.

A bill to make it unlawful for merchants to sell goods below cost has met strong committee opposition in the Senate, and should be killed, say many representatives.

Charges that some former State and local politics are involved in the case which led to the disbarment of Sen. Reuben Newton, Jasper, identified after Governor Folsom, personally intervened with a message to the Senate.

The Governor urged senatorial support of the so-called "Ruben Newton relief" bill. He asked the Senate to "guarantee Senator Newton a fair trial before his life is ruined." But the senate will hardly go along with his suggestion.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO J. H. Bower, vice president of Rotary, presided at the weekly meeting and was the speaker, taking the subject, Activities of the American Legion, and Miss Daisy White entertained with several readings, and Dr. E. S. Gregory was in charge of the program. Rev. D. C. McNeill conducted funeral services for Mrs. T. C. Saunders, serving as pall bearers were Robert Palmer, Alvie McWilliams, Robt. B. Hurston, Ben Palmer Elwin Wells, Paul Weatherly. In a front page editorial the Reporter endorsed B. M. Miller for governor. A dispatch to this newspaper says Congressman E. B. Almon is meeting with big receptions over the district in his bid for re-election. Sam Crobie, a resident of Bishop, passes at the Colbert hospital. Mrs. Mary and Mrs. Taylor Bodkin, is complimented by Mrs. W. A. Fitts. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moody, Miss Berdie Moody, William, Margaret and Mary Carson, Moody visiting relatives in Arkansas. H. H. Russell, Jack Holmer, Jr. and Homer Stewart return from a camping trip at Burgess lake. T. J. Clem is reported in a serious condition at South Highlands Infirmary. Mr. and Mrs. William Golden visiting W. H. Golden. Miss Rebecca Adams and Miss Amanda Daniel, Cherokee's guests of Miss Rebecca Hamilton. Graham Bickley, who has spent the last year in France, is here visiting his family enroute to reside in Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. J. K. Swoope, Collierville, Tenn. guest of Mrs. W. M. Fierles. Miss Lena Webb and Miss Helen Mapes return from Guntersville where they attended a wedding. Mrs. W. O. Reed is home from a visit to her sister in Birmingham. According to reports, Miss Kate McClain continues to improve from a recent illness. Miss Ruth Staples visiting in Decatur. Mrs. Betty Leftwich and children North Carolina, visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Leftwich. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thompson and son, Adrian, return from a Birmingham visit. Miss Lucille Brasswell, return from Auburn. Rev. and Mrs. D. C. McNeill and daughter, Miss Elizabeth McNeill leave for Juaniska, N. C. Miss Lucy Gilmore and Mrs. Albert Hurston leave for a stay and Mentone Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Will Burns entertain in the members of their bridge club at the Country Club.

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EDITORIAL GRIST

SOUTH'S RIGHT TO FIGHT

The time has come for all Southern white men who oppose integration to give positive answer to those among us who would forbid us to fight by every legal means in defense of segregation.

We are beginning to hear now voices that for some reason were thunderously silent when the radical NAACP went to work to make null and void Alabama's constitutional barriers against the mingling of the races.

We are told that it is wrong for the state of Georgia through its board of education to revoke the Georgia teaching licenses of teachers who advocated integration of the races.

Do not the schools of Georgia belong to the people of Georgia? We are told that even now integration in Georgia, the sentiment of those people would in a flood tide forbid the employment of faculty members in favor of integration.

The people of Georgia pay the salaries of their school teachers and send their children to them for instruction.

Then why is it wrong for the principal educational authorities of Georgia to pass regulations which do no more than warrant that public school teachers on that state payroll may not lift the knife and drive it in Georgia's back? We are told that it is wrong for white men to bind themselves in White Citizens Councils, even though every one of those councils has been legal, honorable and fine and distinguished men provide their leadership.

Why is it wrong for white men who oppose integration of the races to do what is being done in every county of the South by Negro men who do what is being done in every county of the South by the white man of the South? Integration is condemned; even though that same weapon has been from the inception in the hands of the NAACP, and openly and even boastfully so.

We are encouraged to be stupid. We are told over and over again in words of varying degree of directness that there is in reality no crisis; that "our Negroes don't want integration, and we are told that even though in Talladega County, in Macon County petitions asking admission of Negro children to white schools are poised and ready for submission.

We are told that the matter is of no grave concern, that no preparation for counter measures are necessary; even though it is as plain as daylight that the petitions are but preliminary to lawsuits that are going to be filed and pursued with unlimited financial resources.

For this is true unless as we can see now: Unless we fight as we have never fought before, pouring into the struggle all that we have in brains and money and courage and unity, within five years or less white and Negro children will sit side by side in our classrooms.

And if that ever becomes true—then with five years more it will become true: They will swim together in our swimming pools and dance together in school parties.

But there are those among us who do not mention such things. They are as thunderously silent about those inevitable consequences of forced integration as they are about certain other things; things known to them and pertinent.

Things, for instance, like the looming necessity of revising the curriculum of Washington schools, and practically everywhere in order that Negro youth in integrated schools might cope with it.

Things for instance like coping with standards of morals and behavior which are presented a crisis in Washington's integrated schools and which have caused thousands of government employees to flee the city and seek residence nearby so they might send their children to segregated schools.

But all that, so far as these voices are concerned, is a part of the great silence. That information is not broken by those who would not have segregated-minded Southerners use their weapons.

We do not believe that the South is governed in its thinking by appeasers.

So long as White Citizens Councils are law-abiding, we think they and other forces are going to be finally expressive of the South's unshakable resolve in this matter; a resolve that will not be broken by those who would not have us stand in defense against the ultimate, the intolerable.—The Talladega Daily Home.

THE POLICEMAN'S JOB

A well-earned tribute is paid by The Tusculumbia Reporter to those whose job it is to protect the property, the rights, and indeed, the very lives of the public they serve.

As reprinted in the Alabama Sheriff's and Police Journal, the policeman is entitled in these terms:

"He's just a fellow like you and me with a job to do but instead of an ordinary job like yours and mine, he takes his life in his hands every time he goes out on duty. How many times a day does he get a call that, in carrying it out, he faces criminals who will gladly kill him to stay free? How many times does he face some person who thinks he is bigger than the people of this city and nation, and can take the law in his own hands? Every time a policeman faces these people, he knows that there is a high probability that he won't go home to the wife and kids tonight. That wife and kids mean as much to him as yours and mine do to us. Police cars ride our streets 24 hours a day, not just for the fun of it but to maintain law and order. Those cruising cars get an order to investigate a report of a prowler in a neighborhood, to pick up an armed suspect to stop a fight and many others not romantic but full of danger—all to insure that you can sleep safely tonight.

In this context, the Reporter suggests that its readers give the local police force credit for a job well done in Tusculumbia. We take this opportunity to make the same suggestion locally. For there can be no gain-saying the debt owing by the public of the Anniston area to those local citizens whose work is the sphere of law enforcement. They labor long hours, often amid real danger, and their emoluments are quite modest.—The Anniston Star.

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (FRING)—Franklin D. Dawson, machinist's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dawson of Route 1, Box 194, Leighton, Ala., is scheduled to return here August 22 aboard the heavy cruiser USS Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles flagship of Commander Cruiser Division 6, has completed a six month tour of duty in the Far East.

FARM INCOME SAID

TO BE DECLINING University, Ala.—An agricultural economist analyzed declining prices and income of the American farmer in a panel discussion at the University last week.

Presenting the farmer's viewpoint Commerce Professor Ernest F. Patterson said that prices received averaged about five per cent lower for the first six months of 1955 as commodity items "without limit."

FOLSOM'S LIVING EXPENSES REACH ALL TIME HIGH

Living expenses at the mansion of Gov. James E. Folsom and family in Montgomery, after showing a slight downward trend in June, soared to a new high during the past month.

By far the biggest expense during July was satisfying the appetites of Folsom family and the many guests who visit at the mansion.

The July grocery bill was a staggering \$2,229.81, not including \$93.61 for milk and a few other small purchases.

The B. M. Taylor Grocery on Bell street got the lion's share of the grocery business. This store, which specializes in delicacies, billed the governor for \$1,350.20 during July. The remaining \$879.61 went to the Cloverdale Grocery.

The next most severe budget-buster was telephone service. Three telephone bills for the month of July were sent to the mansion, totaling \$521.64.

Meanwhile, laundry continued to show a marked decrease in cost. One month early in the year laundry bills had topped \$500, but the cost for July was only \$302.48, including \$239.73 to Darby & Sons and the remainder to Empire-Rouse.

Other smaller household expenses included a power bill of \$177.20, \$89 for water and only \$4.44 for natural gas.

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American Cancer Opposes United Fund Campaign

Mobile, Ala.—The policy of the American Cancer Society on participating in united fund drives in Alabama was explained in a letter mailed today, to county leaders throughout the state.

The letter was written by Dr. John Day Peake of Mobile, chairman of the executive committee, Alabama Division, American Cancer Society. It was mailed to fund raising organizations, newspaper, radio and television officials and others.

The letter set forth that the national policy of ACS is that no unit shall be permitted to participate in any new federated fund-raising activity, and that present participation in any united fund-raising program shall be carefully evaluated.

This policy was decided upon by the society's national board of directors. Dr. Peake wrote, "after a year-long study and comparison of those units engaged in federation, which conduct individual campaigns."

As state committee chairman he said a national survey found that in 68 units in the United States with complete five-year records of participation in a federated fund-raising, funds raised for the cancer society had increased 18% over a five-year period, while funds contributed to the society as a whole had increased 8%.

"The American Cancer Society has no quarrel with united fund appeals," Dr. Peake declared. "However, experience has proven to the American Cancer Society that its growth can be maintained only through individual fund-raising campaigns."

The American Cancer Society carries on a continuous program of education, research and service to medically indigent cancer patients. In annual national budget, the society has grown from \$800,000 in 1945 to \$24,000,000 in 1955. The cancer society has spent nearly three quarters of a million dollars in Alabama alone on research projects during that period.

"The American Cancer Society has found," Dr. Peake said, "that the funds it needs to carry on its three-point program to conquer cancer."

Dr. Peake pointed out that an educational program to save lives through early diagnosis and treatment of cancer is an important part of the society's independent annual campaign.

"The sole purpose of the American Cancer Society," Dr. Peake explained, "is the saving of more lives now, through early diagnosis and proper treatment, and eventual complete control, through research, of cancer, man's greatest enemy."

He said, "In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that the society budget, as its long experience with the cancer problem enables it to establish complete internal control of its timetable more accurately its costs than can be done by those who have not had this experience."

All policies of the American Cancer Society are set by its National Board of Directors, which consists of sixty-eight members, half of whom are lay, and half professional (medical), representing every geographical region of the United States. All policies of the Alabama Division are set by its State Executive Committee, half of whom also are lay and half medical.

STATE BANKS HAVE \$27,000,000 IN ASSETS

Montgomery, Ala. — Lonnie W. Gentry, Supt. of Banks for the State of Alabama announced today the total resources of the 104 State chartered banks and 2 branches as shown by the report of condition as of June 30, 1955 reflects assets in the amount of \$27,000,000.71. State chartered banks under the supervision of this office have experienced a growth of twenty-eight and one-half million dollars over the figures for the same date one year ago. Apparently, the banks are meeting the needs of the customers as the total loans on the last call date amounted to \$100,363,905. This is an increase of approximately eight million dollars in loans and discounts.

Cigarette sales will take the tar-tar right off silver or gold jewelry, and discounts.

THESE WOMEN! By Alessandro. An illustration of a woman in a dress standing next to a window. Text: 'You won't believe it, dear! My first one was stolen right off the window sill!' THE BRIDE