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## Weekly News Letter From Tennessee Valley Authority

The tenth and final generating unit has gone into commercial service at the Johnsonville Steam plant, west Tennessee, TVA said. The addition of this 150,000 kilowatt unit brought the plant's rated capacity to 1,275,000 kw and the TVA system capacity to 1,422,210 kw.

TVA said this week that the Bureau of the Budget, acting for the President, has approved transfer of 140 acres of a Pickwick Lake shoreline to the State of Tennessee, and 223 acres of land on Chickamauga Lake to Hamilton County, Tennessee, for public recreational use. Easement rights over an additional 61 acres are being given to Hamilton County.

The Pickwick Lake land is in Hardin County and is suitable for development of facilities for boat launching, camping, and other recreational use.

The land in Hamilton County is for public park purposes. Of the 223 acres, 25 acres are in three islands and the rest interest in this land will not be transferred until the islands are connected to the mainland by a causeway or bridge. Meanwhile these 68 acres will be used under an easement, among the improvements planned by the county are roads, utilities, and parking, picnic, camping, and swimming areas.

TVA announced award of the following contracts:

Air Preheater Corporation, Wellsville, N. Y., air preheater elements, \$124,112; Continental Electric Equipment Co., Cincinnati, main control writeboards, \$62,559; Willys Motors Co., Toledo, vehicles, possible maximum total, \$35,955; American Bridge Division, U. S. Steel Corporation, Birmingham, steel towers manufactured in Pennsylvania, possible maximum \$156,958; Gulf Oil Corporation, New Orleans, gasoline manufactured in Texas, possible maximum \$112,091; Chrysler Motors Corporation, Detroit, vehicles, possible maximum \$67,153.

TVA reported today that in a recent public auction of estate sites on Kentucky Lake it sold 36 lots for \$10,500. The combined minimum acceptable bids for the lots amounted to \$9,750. The lots were in the Lyon, Lakeview, Birmingham, and Brien sub-divisions, in Lyon and Marshall Counties.

Buford Martin, of TVA's Research and Demonstration staff, has been named chairman of a new subcommittee of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers to investigate energy requirements for electric house heating. The subcommittee was formed at the request of the Federal Housing Authority to devise a new formula for estimating heating costs.

Past experience indicate that actual heating costs have been less than estimated. On the new AIEE subcommittee, in addition to Mr. Martin, are C. W. Barry of the Philadelphia Electric Co., C. Beckett, West Heater Co. of San Francisco, and W. R. Milby, of Detroit Edison Co.

## Shaded Feed Lots Can Improve Cattle Gains

AUBURN, Ala.—Cattlemen should be particular about choosing a feeding site in the dry lot.

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According to the livestockman, recent research studies showed that cattle made satisfactory gains during the summer when ample shade was provided. These tests provided the cattle with no shade, natural shade, natural wind circulation with the use of fans. The cattle fed in the natural shade area made the best gains and used their feed more effectively. "Similar work done here at Auburn substantiated these findings," says Farquhar.

## Tuscumbia Death Ruled Suicide

The death of John Lee Bazzel, 56, former manager of the Shoals Transit Co., has been ruled a suicide by Coroner Stanley Elkins.

Bazzel was found dead early Friday morning in his car on a Florence roadway. He had been shot in the neck. A .38-cal. pistol was found in the car.

Bazzel had lived in Tuscumbia about 19 months. He resigned as manager of the transit company recently.

## Patterson Commended For Road Program

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Assn. of County Commissioners has gone on record to officially commend Gov. John Patterson for his state-wide highway construction program.

In a resolution, the commissioners praised the governor and his staff "for their foresight, their cooperation and untiring interest in behalf of a sound road program for our counties."

The county officials adopted the resolution at their 31st annual convention in Birmingham. Gov. Patterson was a featured speaker at the commissioners' meeting.

"The present administration has made a determined and successful effort to circumvent political pressures and formulate a fair and equitable road program for the counties of this state," the counties said in the resolution.

It pointed out that candidates in the past have been confronted "with uncertainties, confusion and other complications" in budgeting and planning their annual road programs.

## Annual Crop Acreage Survey Starting

Postmaster Jack Robson announced this week that Rural Mail Carriers (and Star Route Carriers) will be beginning distributing 1959 Survey Cards to patrons on the routes every day from Sept. 14. Cards will be placed in the mail box of a sample of farmers served from this office.

The Annual Crop Acreage Survey provides basic information to the Alabama Crop and Livestock Reporting Service in Montgomery for estimating acreage of principal crops harvested in the State. Reports from a good cross-section of farms provide the cornerstone for reliable estimates. Carriers participating in this cooperative survey are James W. Byrd, Route 1; Walker Kirkland, Route Two; Clifford Aycock, Route Three;

## Important Changes In West Coast Post Office

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced major plans for further mechanization and automation of the nation's Postal Service.

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## EDITORIAL GRIST

### THE SOMETHING FOR NOTHING DELUSION

Writing in Reader's Digest, no less an authority than Director of the Budget, Maurice H. Stans, gives this country a much-needed warning.

His point is that the nation's solvency is gravely threatened by the something-for-nothing delusion — the idea that money which comes from Washington somehow doesn't cost us anything.

In his words, "Despite the plain evidence of what government deficit spending and inflation have done to our dollar, bills have been introduced in Congress this session that would burden the national debt by another \$30 billion a year." Then, he cites specific areas where federal spending can be curbed and vast sums saved. These include the farm programs, slum clearance, benefits to veterans for disabilities not connected with military service, rural electrification (U. S. Farms are now 95 per cent electrified), and various kinds of public assistance.

One of the biggest reasons for the swelling federal debt and the weight of taxation in federal spending for purposes and things which people should either provide for themselves, or which should be provided by state and local government. This let-the-federal-government-do-anything philosophy, unless checked, can lead only to runaway inflation and a national financial collapse that would make the depression of the '30's look like a picnic.

### WHAT PRICE TAXATION?

The recently-enacted tax on industrial machinery, which will help to provide some \$32 million more for schools has cost the state of Alabama 15 new industries. So stated W. Cooper Green, vice president of Alabama Power Company in charge of industrial development. Mr. Green made this statement before a convention of county commissioners.

Exclamations from the power company executive, and the one man who has done more than any other to bring new industry to Alabama were to the effect that, "The recent action of the Legislature and the Patterson administration has certainly hurt us. We have lost 16 prospects including a \$50 million dollar development that went to Tennessee because it would have cost \$750,000 more in tax to have located in Alabama."

This is the price the people of Alabama will be called upon to pay as a result of the recently passed tax bill, and in light of such an experience we would again ask what price taxation.

That more pay for teachers in the state's system is an imperative matter and that new school facilities are of equal importance is generally admitted and goes without repeating. To accomplish this at the cost of new industry is an extreme price to pay, when there were other avenues open.

Nevertheless, this is water over the dam. The bill has been enacted into law and it is yesterday's news. We should not lessen our efforts toward obtaining new industry even in the face of this handicap and we should seek to broaden and enlarge those industries we now have.

Another "victory" like this for education and they will have lost the battle. —Yalcagau, News.

Quick quote, from the Journal of the American Podiatry Assn.: "The thing most often opened by mistake is your mouth."

### NEGRO GAINS ENDANGERED

Forced mixing of the races is endangering the remarkable advance of Negroes not only educationally but in income as well. Consider, for example, that in the last two decades, average earnings of male Negroes rose almost 500 per cent, whereas for white males the gain was approximately 400 per cent.

It's true that the wage minimum for Negroes was lower than for white in 1939, and it still is. But the gains scored by American Negroes — unequaled by any other ethnic group anywhere in the world — were the product of racial harmony, which clearly is served best by segregation in residential areas and in schools. No well might be apparent a few years hence that the Negro's economic advance began to drag in the late 1950's, due to racial hostility fomented by a series of ill-advised decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court.

At stake are gains not only in pay but also in what's referred to as "labor force participation."

Historically, a larger percentage of Negro than of the white population has been out of work or looking for work, chiefly because it was necessary for more Negro women, children and old people to contribute to family support.

In recent years the percentages of teen-age Negro boys and of elderly Negro men in the labor force have declined until there now are no appreciable differences between their rates and the rates for white boys and elderly men.

Consequently, the census study attributed this change to "migration away from farms, extension of education, and acceleration of public and private retirement plans," which have "apparently had an especially large impact on the nonwhite population."

While relatively more Negro than white women are in the labor market, the difference has narrowed partly because of the increase in the number of white women at work and partly because improvement in the Negro family economic situation has made it less necessary for its girls and elderly women to seek work.

Indeed, among girls in the late teens and early 20's, a period of peak employment for white women, the percentage for Negroes in the labor force actually is lower than that of whites.

—The Anniston Star.

## THESE WOMEN!



## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

### As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

The local chamber of commerce unites with the newly formed Colbert County Chamber of Commerce, for a "most progressive step," says John D. Rather, Jr., the retiring president of the Tuscumbia group. . . . Court orders blocks transfer of electric power systems in 14 North Alabama municipalities to the Tennessee Valley Authority. . . . Labor Day celebration here, a big success with long parade beginning here and ending in Florence. . . . Rev. T. E. Fowler, 101 15 years pastor of the Crooked Oak Baptist church, passes away. . . . Death takes Mrs. Laura S. Hurley of Leighton, following a long illness, her pall bearers being Ruby Brown, Mrs. B. Harrison, J. C. Hunt, Ben Harris, W. D. McCarty and Tom Morrison. . . . Fire in Ligary Woods does damage to the houses of Rosie Thompson and Sarah Malone. . . . Mrs. N. J. Underwood is in charge of the new recreation hall at Legion Park. . . . Mrs. John Rutland and Martha Hester, of Red Hook, celebrate joint birthdays, age 72 and 14.

W. B. Davis of Memphis visits his father, J. W. Davis. . . . Mrs. W. E. Freeman and Miss Elizabeth Freeman visit in Birmingham. . . . Mrs. Alvin Hicks of Camden, Tenn., visiting Mrs. Emma Dickson. . . . J. M. Carmichael of New Caney, Pa., here visiting his family and other relatives. . . . D. O. Matthews reports quilt ill at the Colbert county hospital. . . . Mrs. E. J. Blackwood, of Birmingham, visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Trapp. . . . Mrs. S. B. McTyer of Sheffield and Mrs. Minnie Gant of this city, visit in Atlanta, Ga. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis return to their home in Bloomfield, N. J., after a visit with Mrs. Davis' aunts, Miss Mattie and Lou Guy. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and Miss Kathrene Lee of Nashville visit Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Morris. . . . Mrs. Mimpie Patterson, of Tampa, guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. White. . . . Miss Rebecca Hamilton visits Miss Helen Wood in Athens over the week-end. . . . Wedding of Miss Minnie Street and Noah Aston of Leighton is announced. . . . Mrs. Sam Smith of Fulton, Ky., visits Mrs. T. B. Bickley, George Lusk and David Walker Hamilton and Oliver Turner and Julian Askin of Sheffield, enter Auburn. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Chas Hamlet return from several months stay in Decatur. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Palmer announced the birth of a daughter, whom they have named Virginia Fairfax.

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Speaking of the contrast between the yellow brick being used for the new part of the hospital and the red brick in old section, Mr. Whitfield explained that it was going to be necessary to point the old brick anyway to waterproof it so yellow was chosen as the more modern color.

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## A. P. A. To Hold Clinic

UNIVERSITY, Ala.—A clinic designed for the construction and training of newspaper photographers and advertising department members is slated by the Alabama Press Assn. for Sept. 18-19 on the UA campus.

The first workshop of its kind to be held in the state, the two-day affair will include separate and joint sessions for the photographers and advertising people.

The Friday session for photographers will be highlighted by a discussion of "What Makes A Good Picture," given by a technical representative of Eastman Kodak Company. A panel discussion on sports photography will follow.

On the same day (Sept. 18), the advertising group will hear Lane Williams, sales manager of Macor Telegraph News, discuss sale training. A design and layout workshop will follow in the afternoon with D. F. Turner, general manager of the Meridian Star, Inc., as director.

At the joint sessions, the theme will be centered around the use of photography in advertising. "Dinner on the Boat," will be the evening feature when all conferees will dine on Gulf States Paper Corporation's E-Z Craft.

## Tuscumbia Man Dies In Crash On U. S. 43

27-year-old Tuscumbia man was killed last week when the car in which he was riding wrecked while attempting to pass a truck. The Highway Patrol identified him as Lonell Soffley.

The accident happened on U. S. 43 south of here.

Fresh fish offers menu variety and convenience, since it cooks easily and quickly. Fresh fish may be fried, baked or broiled in about the same amount of time as many heat-and-eat foods.

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## Sheffield Plant Makes Parts For Ford Falcon

Vital parts of Ford's new Falcon are now being produced at the Sheffield aluminum castings plant, Harry G. McMurtry, plant manager, said.

Initial scheduling of Falcon parts began at the Alabama plant early in August.

The list of Sheffield-made Falcon parts includes pistons, oil pump, cover and body, water outlet connection, flywheel housing and automatic transmission castings.

Although the Falcon program has not accounted for an appreciable increase in employment at the Sheffield plant, McMurtry said approximately 30 persons have been added to the production staff in the past six months.

At present the plant is operating on a three-shift basis with 650 employees.

In addition to the Falcon castings, the Sheffield plant now is producing aluminum engine and transmission parts for Ford, Edsel, Mercury, Lincoln and Thunderbird passenger cars, as well as Ford trucks.

There has been no shutdown time for changeover to production of 1960 model parts.

## State Egg Production Is Higher This Year

AUBURN, Ala.—Poultrymen in Alabama produced 12 percent more eggs during the first five months of this year than in the same period last year.

According to API Extension Poultry Specialists S. L. Davis, this compares to a five percent increase nationwide. The Alabama Crop and Livestock Reporting Service reports that the total number of eggs produced on Alabama farms during the first five months of 1959 was 438 million.

This is compared with 391 million produced last year.