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EDITORIAL GRIST

MORE REVENUE FROM LOWER TAXES

Secretary of Commerce Mueller has come out in favor of tax reform which will remove road blocks to business growth and establish the right business climate.

The matter arose when a newspaperman asked: "If a tax cut were to come, where do you think it should come?" The Secretary answered: "I would rather use the words, 'tax reform', because I think we have a lot of situations in our tax structure that inhibit business growth, and I believe that, as Secretary of Commerce, my responsibility is to make every effort to see that we establish the right business climate, so that investors and entrepreneurs, if you wish to call them such, are encouraged."

He then cited the fact that in 1954 "we had a substantial tax cut and, as a result of that tax cut, business was stimulated to the extent that within a very short period, we were actually taxings in more revenue at the lower rates than we were previously."

This emphasizes an economic truth that is too little understood. A heavy percentage tax, whether on business or the individual, does not necessarily result in maximum revenue to government. A more moderate tax, which stimulates investment, expansion and the creation of new productive wealth, will in the long run bring in greater revenue — and at the same time lead to more and better jobs and higher living standards for all.

YOUTHFUL LAWLESSNESS

An FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, dated October, 1959, signed by J. Edgar Hoover, says:

"One of the most shocking developments in our present American society is the volcanic upheaval of youthful lawlessness. Long indifferent to the problem of juvenile crime, the public now stands appalled at the spectacle of rampaging teen-age criminals. This tragic consequence of public apathy is now at a crisis and calls for an all-out counterattack against vicious young thugs."

"Blazing headlines of torture, sodomy, murder, and gang warfare toll the deprivations of teen-age menaces. The black figures of crime statistics present an even more doleful account. In 1958, arrests of juveniles under the age of 18 increased 8 per cent, while frequency of youth crimes but the savagery of these offenses is mounting day by day, year by year."

"Action against this youth menace must not be delayed. Past public ignorance of the problem, misguided sentiment for the 'tender age' of these lawbreakers, and the fallacy of economizing in the quantity and quality of our juvenile courts must be abolished. It is imperative that the American public stand shoulder to shoulder with the undermanned and overburdened law enforcement authorities in combating the youth crime attack."

"It is my firm conviction that the all-out campaign against these flagrant young criminals who commit serious crimes must include publishing their names and crimes for public information, the ready availability of past records for the information of appropriate law enforcement officers, and fingerprinting of these young lawbreakers for future identification."

MEDICAL NEWS DESIRED

Are people outside of the medical profession interested in news of medical developments, problems, and achievements? The answer is a hearty Yes — judging by the experience of the American Medical Association News.

This publication — which is the newspaper of American medicine — recently ended its first year of existence. It is, of course, published primarily for the medical fraternity. But general interest in medical news exceeded all expectations of the News' editors. They report: "During the year the News has been widely quoted and reprinted both here and abroad in newspapers, magazines, state and county medical society journals, trade papers, hospital and health publications, chamber of commerce bulletins, pharmaceutical periodicals, college and university publications, farm journals, insurance bulletins and magazines, science and military publications, and in reports of U. S. Congressional committees. One recent article from the News was published in 247 newspapers, and 14 others commented on it editorially."

"Articles from the publication also have served as the basis for editorials and network radio and television commentary, further acquainting the public with the role of medicine in our society. The response to articles appearing in the publication has been phenomenal. One short story brought requests for 204,776 pieces of literature."

The News' editors have every right to be proud of the enthusiastic reception given their informative paper. More important, it shows that great numbers of Americans outside the medical profession are deeply concerned with what is going on within it.

THAT "TEMPORARY" GAS TAX INCREASE

Since October 1, when the increased federal gasoline tax went into effect, total gas taxes have just about doubled the price the motorist pays for his fuel. In other words, combined state and federal gas taxes come to approximately 50 per cent of gasoline's cost to the consumer.

The higher federal tax is called temporary. The law provides that it will expire in 1961, but an experience with "temporary" tax laws of most any kind has been a sorry one. "Temporary" periods have been extended again and again. To all intents and purposes they have become permanent.

Now the president of one of our oil companies makes an important proposal. He calls upon the petroleum industry to "start — right now — to prepare for the hard fight we will inevitably face in 1961, when the 'temporary' tax is due to expire." He adds: "We owe it to our customers to keep the temporary tax temporary."

This proposal will surely have the wholehearted support of all gasoline-using citizens, which means practically all of us. The gas tax, remember, is a sales tax, which is paid entirely by the consumer.

NOT NEWSWORTHY

In Jackson, Miss., some days ago, 82 Negroes signed a petition protesting the plans of a white man to build a home in their neighborhood.

"We believe the races should be segregated as far as possible," the petitioners said.

In New York recently, 1,100 white students boycotted four public schools in protest to the transfer of Negro and Puerto Rican children into a predominantly white area. White parents also picketed the schools.

The Jackson incident got only brief mention in some Northern newspapers, none in others. Reason: It did not jibe with the dogmatic conviction that all Negroes want integration.

The New York incident will receive nothing like the play the same set of facts would have if under a Little Rock or Richmond dateline. It does not fit the dogma that segregation is endemic to the South and that only Southern whites resist race-mixing.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Major Frank M. Dixon of Birmingham Armistice Day speaker at the Florence Past. Death of J. C. Carter, 48, former manager of the local Tennessee Valley Bank, is reported from Russellville. Circuit court opens for a three weeks term with J. T. Jackson of Sheffield as for-man. Hon. Travis Williams to address the American Legion and the public on Armistice Day at the First Methodist church.

Barnarr McFadden, widely known physical culture expert, is here to talk on recreation before American Legion. Thomas L. Lowery, 70, of Leighton route 2, is buried in the Popular Creek cemetery. Mrs. Fred Bickley is hostess to the meeting of the Maud Lindsey Study club at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. G. Rhoades in Sheffield. With Mrs. Chas. Thieme giving the program. Miss Louise Burns, student at Alabama college, visiting her parents here. Miss Virginia Reed, student at Ward-Gelmont here for the week-end with her parents, and Mrs. L. W. Reed ... M. and Mrs. T. C. Burns visit in Birmingham. Herman Stanley leaves for his home in Tusculum, Miss. after a visit of several days here with relatives. Misses Rebecca Hamilton and Polly McMahon, students at Athens college visiting home folks for the week end. ... Mrs. J. Kirby Abrams of Columbia, S. C., announces the marriage of her daughter, Cecelia June, to Arthur Chisholm Howard of this city, the wedding taking place in St. John's Episcopal church in Columbia. Walker Brown is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Brown in Leighton.

Over 700 Visit TVA Dams and Steam Plant

An estimated 710,700 visits were made to TVA dams and steam plants in October, TVA said. Fontana Dam was first with an estimated 124,100; Kentucky Dam was second with 103,300; Norris was third with 76,000. Others: Pickwick Dam 68,000; Fort Loudoun Dam 59,100; Chickamauga Dam 50,200; Douglas Dam 35,000; Watts Bar Dam 28,700; Wilson Dam 26,600; Guntersville Dam 21,300; Cherokee Dam 20,000; Boone Dam 19,000; Fort Patrick Henry Dam 16,000; Hales Bar Dam 14,500; Wheeler Dam 12,400; Watauga Dam 12,000; South Holston Dam 9,000; Widows Creek Steam Plant 4,900; Kingston Steam Plant 4,100; Colbert Steam Plant 2,300; Hiwassee Dam 2,000; Galatin Steam Plant 1,600; Johnsonville Steam Plant 1,500; John Sevier Steam Plant 800; and Shawnee Steam Plant 600.

Liquor Election Petitions Out

Petitions seeking another election on the question of having legal liquor sales in Colbert County are now in circulation in the county. Colbert, after having been set several years, voted dry in August, 1957. About 800 names of qualified voters are needed on the petitions to require the probate judge to call the election.

New Lock Is Dedicated At Wilson Dam

Assistant Treasury Secretary Lawrence B. Robbins was the principal speaker at the dedication of a new lock at Wilson Dam. Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson, slated to be the speaker, was forced to cancel his appearance because of the death of his father. The new lock, believed to be the largest lift-lock in the world and built at a cost of \$35 million, was dedicated last Tuesday. Tennessee Valley Authority Board Chairman Gen. Herbert D. Vogel of Knoxville, presented the keys to the new lock to Brig. Gen. W. W. Lapsley of Cincinnati head of the Army Corps of Engineers District, as part of the ceremonies.

Tusculum Man Gets Bank Post

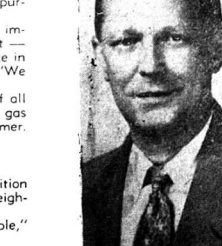
Marshall Dugger Sr., vice president and cashier of the First National Bank has been appointed a member of the Advisory Board to the American Bankers' Assn. Installation Credit Commission for the Sixth Federal Reserve District. Dugger was notified of his appointment by Edward J. Frey, of New York, chairman of the American Bankers' Assn.

Strickland Named To Baptist Post

MONTGOMERY, Henry D. Strickland, a former Dothan businessman, has been elected financial secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Executive Board. Dr. A. Hamilton Reid, executive secretary-treasurer for the board, said Strickland would take office Jan. 1, 1960.

Graduate of Howard College, Strickland was in the warehouse and brokerage business in Dothan until 1950 when he sold his business and went back to school to prepare for full-time religious work. Since 1952 he has been an associate in the executive board's Sunday school department.

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Nov. 16 Target Day For Assault Against TB

Colbert county residents will have an opportunity to join an all-out assault against tuberculosis Monday, November 16. That's the target day for the opening of the 1959 Christmas Seal Sale to fight TB. Practically every citizen of the county will receive Christmas Seals that day, along with an appeal letter explaining the need for a broader TB control program in Colbert County for next year.

According to Mrs. Clay Frazier, chairman of this year's Seal Sale, "We urge all our citizens to respond generously to the campaign, because it needs the backing of every one sincerely interested in helping to make his community safer from tuberculosis. The Christmas Seal Sale is the only means of support of our association's year-round TB control program and only during this campaign do we spread for help."

Each year one and twelve cases of TB are reported in Colbert County with 71 of those cases newly reported last year. Even deaths of tuberculosis are common in Colbert County last year.

When the postman delivers your Christmas Seal letter Monday, November 16, don't put it away, join the assault that day! In helping this cause, you are helping yourself, your family and community!

Serving on this year's Seal Sale Committee are:

Tusculum Pilot Club, Colbert County Health Department Staff, Mrs. Clay Frazier, Chairman, Mrs. Jessie Patterson, Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Geise, Mrs. Lurline Cook, Mrs. Louise Reed, and Mrs. Tom Morris.

Farm Bureau Reelects Randolph

Delegates to the 26th annual Alabama Farm Bureau convention in Montgomery Nov. 14 re-elected Walter Randolph to his 20th year as president, called for support prices equal to 100 per cent of parity for crops controlled by acreage allotments, but reaffirmed strong opposition to any form of government controls and price supports for livestock.

The official policy-making body for the big organization of more than 70,000 farm families also directed their state and national federations to begin "an expanded public relations program which will present the true picture and condition of agriculture in Alabama and the United States." And the delegates declared:

"We resolve to continue our support of economic reward for farmers according to their productivity and initiative which will be reflected by net income for the farm family."

New Board Of Registrars In Colbert

A new board of registrars has been appointed for Colbert County and assumed its new duties at the courthouse Monday morning.

Chairman of the new board is George W. Cantrell of Littleville, with Mrs. Eugene Berryman of Leighton, and Miss Martha Hurston of Tusculum as associate members.

Mr. Cantrell, the new chairman, is a holdover member, having composed the old board along with Owen J. Whatlock, Brick, chairman, and Mrs. Myrtle W. Little, Sheffield, the latter two not being reappointed.



GUESS WHAT?—Many household items, such as bed pillows and pillowcases, make wonderful gifts for the homemaker. It's easy to dress up a cotton-filled pillow and pillowcase to look like a jolly snowman. The pillow and case in middle stand at top with stuffing. Wrap pillow with large piece of cotton batting, shaping batting to pillow. Eyes, mouth, nose, buttons, and top hat are made of cardstock and are covered with colored tissue paper. Red ribbon was used for stripes on cardboard bow ties.

Walker conceals all the results of a grant from the State Foundation. Faculty advisors for the project were Dr. Glenn Baird, professor of preventive medicine and public health, and Dr. Ben Dransom, assistant professor of medicine. The Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Jefferson County provided the Heaf guns used in the tuberculin used in the tests. Significance of the test results lies in long-range possibilities for a program of testing very large groups of people. Any individual who has ever been infected with TB permits reacts negatively to a skin test, even though he may not have the disease in active form at all. An X-ray of the lungs is needed to identify an active case of tuberculosis. If it were still true that over half of all persons living in this country would react positively to the skin test, there would be little point in using such a method in a wide area testing program, since X-rays would have to be made of a majority of those tested.

12,335 Telephones Predicted For Tri-Cities In 1969

Southern Bell statisticians predict that telephones in the Tri-Cities will increase 42,335 by 1969. This will be a 57% increase over the present 28,912.

W. L. Ferguson and F. W. Brice, Sheffield and Florence managers for Southern Bell, reveals that these figures are based on a study of past growth of this area and general trend of population increase. They said that local telephone growth is a good barometer of the overall expansion of industrial, business and residential areas.

"Our company makes these forecasts periodically in order that we can plan for the future growth of a city or community. Only in this way can telephone service be kept abreast of local communication needs," Mr. Ferguson said.

Telephone growth in the Tri-Cities has been as follows:

1910	1,110
1920	2,061
1930	2,905
1940	4,230
1950	14,932
Today	28,912