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Gov. Patterson Approves New Law Enlarging Medical Care for Aged

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Calling it one of the most important pieces of legislation in years, Gov. John Patterson has signed into law a bill extending the state's program of medical care for old folks.

As a result the State Department of Pensions and Security has taken immediate steps to enlarge the medical care program for old age pensioners. Starting Oct. 1, they will be eligible for 15 days free hospital care instead of just 10 day-at state expense each year.

"This will be a \$5 million a year program," said Gov. Patterson. "It will benefit our elder citizens when they require help the most when they are sick. It is highly alarming to know that the state is now able to provide for them by paying emergency hospital and doctor bills."

Persons over 65 who are in need but who are not on old age pension rolls, will also be eligible for hospital care under the new legislation. But it will be several weeks before arrangements can be completed to inaugurate this new state service.

The medicare measure was one of five major bills passed by the Regular Legislative Session which Gov. Patterson has signed into law. Other new laws include:

1. The state's widely-acclaimed competitive bid law was tightened to require that everything the state buys or builds is done by bid. The new law fixes the maximum amount bid purchase at \$200,000 instead of \$800,000. The A.B.C. Board (previously exempted) under competitive bidding, makes all repairs and maintenance work subject to competitive bidding and provides that a contractor cannot collect if work is performed on an illegal, non-bid contract.

Gov. Patterson pointed out that the requirements of the new competitive bid law were "the practice of this administration."

2. A new \$200,000 Police Academy was authorized to be constructed on land already acquired next to the Montgomery Highway Patrol Post. The academy will provide year-round schooling for all state, county and city law enforcement agencies. Sleeping and eating accommodations are included in the academy.

3. A \$1 million revenue bond issue was authorized for an additional state office building on the State Capitol grounds. It is to be occupied by the State Highway Department and the State Department of Public Safety.

4. A \$10 million general obligation bond issue was passed to build a modern K-12 high school from Montgomery. Voters must approve the bond issue along with 40 other measures at the polls Dec. 5.

Almost a score of local school financing bills were also signed into law.

In County For August 26 Deaths Reported

Deaths Reported To The Covert County Health Department During The Month Of August, 1961
White:

Lillian A. Hardy, Sheffield; John L. Hamlett, Tuscumbia; William G. Goins, Tuscumbia; Thomas H. Harris, Cherokee; Clarence W. Mitchell, Sr., Tuscumbia; Bertha Mitchell, Tuscumbia; Sallie D. McGreggor, Sheffield; Elva B. Stricklen, Burnsville, Mississippi; Winnie S. Rhofes, Muscle Shoals; George M. Shelby, Sheffield; Elizabeth C. Stanley, Tuscumbia; Mary Sutton, Raco, Michigan; Emma Taylor, Tuscumbia; Lee H. Tidwell, Sheffield; Robert W. Stewart, Sheffield; David A. Crittenden, Tuscumbia; Daniel O. Grissom, Russellville; Rufus C. Shook, Sheffield; Edmond W. Gray, Tuscumbia; Marion T. Willingham, Tuscumbia; Ida Bell Bostick, Tuscumbia; Mary Ellen King, Vine-mont;

Colored:
Tim Allen King, Leighton; Romelia Cooper, Sheffield; Mariah Hill, Sheffield; Henry Pride.

Start clearing closets for winter coats. And check storage space for folding tables and chairs. Indoor activities make these articles more in demand. If you'll want to have them handy.

To Wage War Against Uterine Cancer Among Women

Birmingham, Ala. The American Cancer Society, Alabama Division, Inc. and the General Federation of Women's Club of Alabama have joined hands in a large scale war against uterine cancer—the curable disease that kills 14,000 women each year.

A joint announcement of this combined effort has been made by Mrs. Lillian G. Meade, Birmingham, executive director of the ACS Alabama Division and Mrs. J. A. Britain of Jasper, president of the Alabama Federation.

Primary emphasis in the drive will be to encourage every federated club member in the state to have a check up and a "Pap" smear examination as the first step toward a lifelong habit of annual check ups. Clubs will keep records of members' physical check-ups and "Pap" smears, and awards will be given to clubs with 100% participation of their members.

This is part of a nation-wide cooperative effort between the ACS and the GFWC. It detected in its earliest, presymptomatic stages, cancer of the uterus can nearly always be cured, according to the American Cancer Society. Presently, 14,000 lives are lost each year to this disease.

Alabama deaths from uterine cancer totaled 409 in 1959. The latest year for which a complete total was available from the State Health Department.

Cottons Play Big Part In New Fall Fashions

AUBURN, Ala.—Cottons in a blaze of colors, a flurry of shapes and textures are again the favored costume for young fashionables this fall, reports Jeanne Prester, Auburn Extension Service clothing specialist. Little girl designs will follow adult lines, she says. Dresses will fit loose but closer to the body than usual. They will have a flared skirt beneath long torsos which will create a relaxed effect. And fashions will have grown-up tailoring with deep inverted side pleats and lower waists.

Miss Prester says cotton will also play a big role in boys' wear. Corduroy, she says, will be stronger than ever in suits, jackets, slacks, sport shirts, and stadium coats this winter. A new husky basket weave in bold block plaids will be featured in outdoor garments, adds the specialist.

Census Bureau To Collect Information On Polio Shots

Information on polio shots will be collected from a number of local families in connection with the September Current Population Survey, the U. S. Census Bureau announced. The information is being collected for the United States Public Health Service so that estimates of the number of persons who have had polio shots can be brought up to date. The polio shot questions, to be asked of persons under 60 years of age, are: Have you had any polio injections or shots? How many shots have you already had? When did you get the latest shot?

The polio shot questions will be in addition to the regular monthly inquiry on employment and unemployment. The Current Population Survey, other sample areas of the country during the week of September 18. Information will be collected locally by Mrs. Mary Taylor.

Tuscumbia Club Elects Officers

Miss Joan Walker was hostess at her home in Valdosta recently to the Tuscumbia Les Petites Club, when new club officers were elected. To serve as president is Gail Painter, vice-president is Betty McGuyer, secretary is Jean Counts; treasurer, Linda Brackin; parliamentarian, Jane Walker; historian, Mary Jane Pate; reporter, Jenny Garrett. New club members are Gail Painter, Linda Brackin, Billie Poyster, Sandra Cox, Becky McGuyer, Mary Jane Pate, Joyce Morgan, Karen Moore, Charlette Smith, Jane Walker, Elaine Staples, Nancy Beck and Jenny Garrett.

EDITORIAL GRIST

VOTE MONDAY FOR TUSCUMBIA'S GOOD

The voters of the city will go to the polls next Monday to select a commissioner for the next three years, and in doing so should consider the qualifications and background of the two candidates carefully.

The editor, along with most other citizens, does not have the acquaintance of the new-comer who gotten into the race. He maybe a fine fellow, but he has never been tried and could not actually know what Tuscumbia needs in a commissioner.

But everyone here does know Mr. Henninger, the incumbent, his capabilities and his knowledge of municipal affairs, and realize and understand for what he stands for and what he has stood for in the past as a public official and a private citizen, therefore for the sake of sound, progressive and conservative administration of the affairs of the city, no one should hesitate for one moment in casting a ballot for E. J. Henninger, the sound and constructive business man, who thinks things but depend upon a conscientious decision in the interest of the people he represents.

THE FOOTBALL SONG

The football season is with us again, and it has more spirit and excitement, perhaps, than any other sports season. And so, as we enjoy the games this fall, we will hear the same old football song, over and over again.

We are not referring to the marching song or the alma mater of any college. We are referring to the song of the coach, which is now universal in the world over. It goes like this: "Well, we can't possibly do as well as we did last season. We've lost eight good tackles, fourteen top guards, sixteen great backs and thirty-four assistant coaches. No, we can't expect to do as well as last season."

"The opposition? It'll be stronger. Coach Jones at State is loaded with talent. That line is terrific. And that Bob Smith, the quarterback can do anything. All the teams in the conference look to be stronger. My going to be a rough season for us, all right. We'll be weak in the field. I don't think we can win at all by the end of the season."

Despite this weeping, of course, the coach quoted above goes on to win most of his games, precisely with a fine crop of talent. But this is the story among coaches, the nation over. And one can understand why, when he realizes the sudden death with which a football coach's magnificent efforts, so far as his position is concerned, in most cases.

The glamor campaign, by the publicity department, of the various colleges and universities, in the latter phase of the annual fall fever. These public departments are trying to make some selected favorite an all-American.

It all adds up to a sport, peculiarly American, a sport that we associate with cold weather, falling leaves, school and the coming of winter. In many ways, football, a professional sport in our educational institutions, is actually exciting of U. S. held sports. The season doesn't last a year, it lasts a lifetime. When it is over, the worst sports fan in the world, the football fan, is actually the height of it. The fall, the football season, is actually the height of it. The World Series, football and basketball sport. It is a time of year to be enjoyed to the fullest.

JIM FOLSOM COMES OUT FOR SEGREGATION

The U. S. Supreme Court in 1954 that segregation was illegal in the schools. Many people in Alabama have been fighting against integration since that time. It was seven long years ago in 1957 in the month of September, on Labor Day, here comes one James E. Folsom who has served Alabama two terms as Governor, and he now claims that he is a segregationist. As far as we know he has never said before that he was for segregation, and he has never lifted his hand to help prevent integration. He is the same James E. Folsom that sent the Governor's Cadillac to Montgomery Airport to meet New York's Negro Congressman Adam Clayton Powell. He entertained this Negro Congressman in the Governor's mansion and reportedly they drank whiskey together. When he did not like the U. S. Marshals to Montgomery when the "Freedom Riders" were there. He has never defended the South in its fight against the liberals and radicals in Washington, and if he is elected Governor for a third term he can be depended upon to cooperate with the Kennedy Brothers in their plans to completely integrate the South.

If Jim Folsom believes in segregation, so does Martin Luther King, Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, Adam Clayton Powell, Rev. Abernathy and Old Lady Roosevelt. Wait a minute, Jim Folsom is scared. He is trying to get on the side of the white people of Alabama in the Governor's race next year. He already has the solid Negro vote, and now he is trying to fool enough white people to get elected.

We don't believe the sensible people of Alabama will fall for his new line. — Centerville Press.

Twenty-five Years Ago

As Recorded In The Papers Of The Covert County Reporter

Another candidate is running for mayor, S. R. Mappes, well known former Sheriff John Stockwell issues edict that all slot machines operating in the county must be immediately taken to the Washington, D. C. Cheokee resort, passes at the home survivors being two sons, D. E. and J. W. Johnson of Cherokee and W. Floyd Wilson, young railroad man, enters the race for alderman from Ward 4. J. H. Donly of Tuscumbia, watchman at south end of the Tennessee river bridge, stations himself on duty. Frank and Mrs. W. L. Farr, Misses Beverly and Martha Farr and William Tannack attend the funeral of Mrs. R. L. Carl in Memphis. Miss Ester Hackworth on terms training at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis. Al Almon Williams returns from a visit with his mother, Mrs. James Ryder in Little Rock. Mrs. Walter Jones and Little Daughter Jane return from New York. Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Surratt have returned from a visit to Mrs. Sarra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. White. Mr. and Mrs. Will Lenhardt and sons Charles and George return from a visit to relatives in S. Charleston. Mrs. George Gantt and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson, are visiting in Atlantic City. Miss Kathrene Hyde enters the Alabama University. Mrs. F. W. Baneroff of Gadsden visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Montgomery visit relatives in Dallas. Miss Mary E. Tomkins is visiting in Washington. Young her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Houston, Bill Howard returns from Carlisle. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mages announce the birth of a son at the Covert County Hospital whom they have named Tom Heald.

Forest Products In Valley Reach \$500,000,00 Value

During the 1961 fiscal year the annual value of forest products in the Tennessee Valley reached \$500,000,000, an increase of \$50,000,000 over previous estimates. TVA reported. Fifteen years ago forest product value was estimated at \$327 million. Most years in the period 1946-1960 went from \$11 million to \$121 million. Average annual wages increased from \$2,800 to \$3,300. All values are in terms of 1960 dollars.

Accepted by Kenneth Seigworth, Director of TVA's Division of Forestry Relations, forest product annual values are expected to reach \$1,200,000,000 by the year 2000, and payments in terms of employment and wages," he said. "The forest products industry now ranks third among Valley manufacturers, only textiles and chemicals surpass it."

TVA's work in forestry is a cooperative effort, involving the U. S. Forest Service, state forestry and extension agencies, watershed associations, industry, and landowners. Seigworth said the year 1960, the first half of which falls in the 1961 fiscal year was a year of stock taking for TVA foresters.

He said they inventoried the forest resource and the forest products industry, reappraised the status of management on private forest lands, reassessed the quality of fire protection and examined the woodland grazing situation in the Tennessee Valley portions of Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina.

"In 1934," he said, "soon after TVA came into existence, the total forest area of the Valley was estimated at 14,969,600 acres. This had increased to 14,500,000 acres by 1946 and net gain in 25 years. Total timber growing stock also increased 16 percent between 1950 and 1960, going from 7.6 to 8.8 billion cubic feet. Saw-logs volume in 1960 was 29 billion board feet, a five percent increase over the 1950 estimates.

"But there is another side to this picture. One of every five hardwood saw-logs produced is a cull, as is every tenth pole-size hardwood. Although fire damage has been reduced to a burn of 0.3 percent per year, 12 percent of the forest area is being damaged by livestock grazing. More than a million acres of open land is in need of reforestation."

The 1960 survey of private forest land shows 7,370,000 of the 12,400,000 acres in this category now receiving far to excellent management. This is an increase of 1,900,000 acres since the last such survey in 1953. The number of forest owners possessing intent to manage increased from 39,800 to 60,500. Permanent ownership is now held by 94 percent of forest in 1953, as compared with 88 percent in 1953. Twenty-eight percent of the woodlands changed hands during the 7-year period, with 3 percent fewer owners—237,700 as a result."

Widows Receive Ten Per Cent Increase

Widows over 62 who get social security from their husband's account will receive a ten percent increase in their check early in September, according to Mrs. Mary King Temple, District Manager of the Sheffield Social Security Office.

This increase resulted from changes Congress made in social security this year. Mrs. Temple stated that the increase will be made without any trouble or inconvenience to the widows who get checks. She wishes to advise these widows it is not necessary for them to get in touch with the social security office or to take any other action.

This increase will also apply to a few widowers who are getting a payment from a deceased wife's account and some parents getting a check from a deceased child's account. Where both parents are getting benefits on one account, there will be no increase.

If you are a widow, widower or parent receiving social security and you think you are due an increase, wait until you get your check in September. Then, if there is no raise, get in touch with the social security office at Sheffield and ask them about it.

Fall Acreage Survey Starting

Producers of Florence, Sheffield, Leighton and Tuscumbia announced today that farmers in Covert County will distribute last year's acreage survey cards to their neighbors and 21 Soil Test surveys have been done in the past week and a final report department's annually, before the mid-ventures.

Reports from farmers are used in preparing the county's annual estimates of crop acreage and production. The county's efficient corps of rural mail carriers reports from farmers in all areas of Alabama are needed to prepare a basis for preparing reliable estimates of crop acreage harvested in 1961.

To assure our county of being adequately represented in the annual survey, postman's are urged each patron receiving a card to fill it out and place it in his mail box. Individual reports are used only in preparing official estimates.

Carriers participating in the acreage survey are: Florence Rt. 1 H. W. Weems, Rt. 2 N. L. Hall, Rt. 3 R. C. Cooper, Rt. 4 J. T. Romme, Rt. 5 J. W. Holland, Rt. 6 E. W. Townsend, Rt. 7 J. R. Fowler, Rt. 8 J. W. McMillan, Rt. 9 W. B. Flornier, Sheffield, Rt. 1 J. Norman T. Summers, Leighton, Rt. 2 Howard R. Jordan, Tuscumbia, Rt. 1 James W. Byrd, Rt. 2 Walker Kirkland, Rt. 3 Clifford Aycock.

Fall Planting Program Top

Mrs. Henry Rand entertained the Carmichael Terrace Garden Club recently at the first meeting of the season. Mrs. Roger Carpenter was co-hostess.

Mrs. Joe Stanley presided and appointed these committee chairmen: Mrs. J. H. McMillan, librarian; Mrs. G. B. P. Jr., Mrs. J. E. McWilliams, and Mrs. Henry Rand, telephone committee; Mrs. J. T. Conner and Mrs. V. H. Jackson, serapbook chairmen. Yearbooks were distributed by Mrs. Claybourne Mitchell, the club vice-president.

Ball planting of spring flowering bulbs was the program topic discussed by Mrs. Paul Sparks. Emphasizing the importance of buying quality bulbs, Mrs. Sparks pointed out that bulbs are judged on size, firmness, weight and condition. Different types of exhibitor type flowers were shown, and proper preparation of the soil, for planting was discussed.



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