

Judge of Probate

Home Accidents— You Can Help Save Lives Of Elderly People

Who are the principal victims of home accidents in the United States today?

Statistics show that by far the highest percentage are men and women who have reached or passed age 65. One of the primary causes of home accident deaths among these "senior citizens" is fire.

The rapid growth of this age group of our population, which now numbers well over 14 million and is increasing at an estimated rate of 900 a day, adds to the urgency of the problem. What can be done to reduce the toll?

The following simple but effective safety precautions are suggested by the National Board of Fire Underwriters:

1. When making or buying clothing, especially for an older person, avoid styles with long, flowing sleeves or sashes, which can easily catch fire.
2. Check heating pads regularly, in good condition. If not, have them repaired, or replace them.
3. When an older person is using a heating pad, check frequently to be sure the treated area is not getting too red.
4. When buying new heating pads, electric heaters and other electric equipment, look for the UL label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
5. Explain to older members of the family how to operate any new electric appliance they may have occasion to use.
6. Keep an eye on elderly smokers who are apt to daze off easily.
7. If there is a tendency toward absent-mindedness, try to keep track of where they put matches and lighted pipes, cigars or cigarettes. Be on the alert also for frayed and plugged in and stove burners left on.
8. If portable heaters are used, see that they are kept clean and in good condition.
9. Set heaters level, out of the line of traffic and away from combustibles such as curtains, bedding, etc.
10. Avoid using electric heaters in the bathroom.
11. Be sure every gas heater is vented to the outdoors unless clearly labeled that this is unnecessary.
12. Delegate the job of filling and cleaning an oil heater to some younger member of the family. Instruct that person to wipe up spills immediately.
13. Never fill or carry an oil heater while it is lighted.
14. Keep a door or window slightly open in any room where a gas or oil heater is in use.
15. Work out a Home Escape Plan, with alternate routes to the outdoors from every room, to be followed.
16. Hold practice drills, to be sure each member of the family is capable of taking the routes that are mapped out.
17. Figure out a workable method of reaching and rescuing anyone who is partially or completely helpless.
18. Always end your drills at the same prearranged meeting place, so everyone can easily be accounted for.

F. B. I. Conference To Be At Decatur

It has been announced by C. M. Kelley, Special Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that the FBI conferences on the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property will be held on September 23, 1958, in Decatur, Alabama. Additional conferences will be held at Birmingham on September 24, 1958, and at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 26, 1958.

Mr. Kelley stated that over 150 conferences on this subject have been scheduled by the FBI throughout the United States during 1958 and that they will deal on a local level with the methods by which law enforcement agencies can combat the criminal schemes of such people as confidence game swindlers, jewelry and fur thieves and passers of fraudulent checks.

The conferences will be operated on an open-forum basis permitting the free exchange of ideas, and stimulating suggestions for methods of reducing this criminal activity which each year costs the American public millions of dollars.

As a producer of pulpwood, Alabama ranks third in the Southeast.

Howell Heflin Chm. Speakers Bureau of The United Fund

Never before have the women of Colbert County been so thoroughly mobilized as they are for the United Fund public appeal. At their organizational meeting, Friday morning, in the Pink Division, Hotel Muscle Shoals, plans for the enlisting and training of the entire county-wide Women's Division that will number at least 400 volunteer workers. They will be responsible for the solicitation of all small businesses, profession of all homes on a door-to-door, building-to-building basis in both the residential and shopping districts of Sheffield, Tuscumbia and Muscle Shoals City. The area to be covered is divided into regions which in turn are arranged according to districts. Each district will be led by a chairman, co-chairman and from eight to fifteen workers.

Mrs. Gordon Ryland, Chairman of the Woman's Division, presided. Mrs. W. A. Ware is Chairman and Mrs. Frank Palmer, Associate Chairman. They will be led by Mr. Starling Bohannon as Chairman for Muscle Shoals City, with Mrs. Ralph Mitchell serving as consultant to the Women's Division in that community.

The next meeting of the Regional and District Chairmen and their Associates will be held at 11:30 A.M., in the Civic Room, Hotel Muscle Shoals, Lanchester will be served at 12 o'clock. Following the business session, The anticipated organization developments indicate that at least 75 women leaders will be present on this occasion. Mrs. C. H. Cheatham, Chairman of the Local Board announced that, under the chairmanship of Howell Thomas Heflin, Tuscumbia, the Speakers' Bureau met on Monday, September 15, in the Pink Room, Hotel Muscle Shoals Hotel. They planned for their part in reaching the social business, industry, fraternal and labor life of Colbert County.

Muscle Shoals Race Has Elledge In Lead

Louis Elledge, commissioner of streets and sanitation in Muscle Shoals City topped four opponents in Monday's municipal election, but may have to run it off with B. D. Kimbrough.

Elledge, seeking re-election ran up a 320 vote total, to 198 for Kimbrough. Collins Sharrow placed third with 177 followed by A. N. McKinney with 56 and E. L. Black with 38, by the unofficial tabulation.

In the election in Tuscumbia, the incumbent E. J. Henninger was elected without opposition with a very light vote being cast. This is the beginning of a fourth term.

Higher Benefit Checks After Feb.

The new amendments to the social security law, signed by President Eisenhower recently, will affect all most every American family.

The amendments will bring higher benefit checks, beginning in February, 1959, to the 12 million men, women, and children now receiving monthly old-age, survivors', and disability benefits.

The amendments also will increase the social security tax beginning January 1, on the earnings of the 74 million people whose work now counts toward social security benefits.

In addition, changes in a number of existing eligibility requirements will make thousands of individuals and families eligible.

The average increase for retired workers now receiving social security old-age insurance benefits will be about 7 percent.

Payments to retired workers aged 65 and over now range from \$30 to \$108.50. Under the new amendments, the minimum retirement payment for those now on th benefit rolls will be \$33, and the maximum \$116. The maximum for a retired worker and his wife would be increased from \$162.80 to \$174.

Payments to those receiving benefits as dependents and survivors will also be increased by amounts up to 7 percent, effective with the checks delivered in February. However, where several members of one family are receiving payments, each person may not get a full 7 percent increase. The maximum payment to a family, formerly \$200, now will be \$254.

EDITORIAL GRIST

"It is much better to sit tight than to attempt to drive in that condition." — Committee

The U. S. Supreme Court's recent decision to desegregate "at once" was no surprise, but a disappointment to all real southerners. But what can you expect of such men as Warren and Alabama's Black, who should be disowned by our people. He's not worthy to be recognized as a native Alabamian.

FIELD DAY FOR THUGS

Congress finally turned thumbs down on enacting any labor reform legislation until the next session. A Republican-Southern Democrat coalition was responsible for the outcome, after the many defects of the Kennedy-Ives bill had been glaringly exposed. But no affirmative action was taken to protect the country against the gangster elements which have infiltrated major unions. In the words of Newsweek magazine "The ugly picture of terrorism and hoodlumism was steadily growing darker. In many cities, it looked as if the thugs in labor were having everything their way. It was an explosive situation, one that decent people, sooner or later, would have to do something about."

President Eisenhower said the Kennedy-Ives bill fell for short of recommendations he submitted to Congress January 23.

It is a sad commentary on representative government when the best efforts of its lawmakers appear unequal to protecting the most elementary rights of private citizens.

SURROUNDED BY LINCOLN

Southerners who shy from buying and licking Lincoln postage stamps may finally have to abandon the mails entirely. Lincoln has the South surrounded.

Many, to avoid using the Lincoln 4c stamp, have bought combinations of 3c and 1c stamps. So guess what the Post Office Department has done?

On Feb. 12 next year, a 1c stamp bearing the likeness of the famous "beardless Lincoln" portrait will go on sale. A few days later another 3c Lincoln stamp will be issued. And on May 30 next year, another 4c Lincoln stamp will go on sale.

How many Lincoln stamps that will make, we know no idea. Perhaps a couple of hundred? They'll be swarming all over the place as part of the Lincoln sesquicentennial commemorative series.

It is said that Lincoln intended to treat the South with compassion. He certainly would never have plastered his portrait on every Southerner's envelope. Let's have a little Lincolnian mercy from Summerfield. — The Montgomery Advertiser.

"BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ATHLETES"

The heavy and growing emphasis on sports in our colleges has inevitably increased the chance of injury. That has caused the American Medical Association's Committee on Injury in Sports to prepare "A Bill of Rights For The College Athlete."

"The athlete," the Committee observes, "has the responsibility to play for his best, to keep in training, to conduct himself to credit for his sport and his school. In turn he has the right to optimal protection against injury as this may be assured through good technical instruction, proper regulation and conditions of play, and adequate health supervision."

The importance of good coaching cannot be minimized. Technical instruction leading to skillful performance helps in lowering the incidence and decreasing the severity of injuries. And good coaching excludes the discouragement of tactics outside either the rules or the spirit of the rules, which may increase hazards.

Good officiating is another need. Rules to protect players as well as to promote enjoyment of the game should be thoroughly understood by all involved, and be enforced by impartial and qualified officials.

Good equipment and playing facilities are major defenses against injury. The use of cheap, worn out, outmoded or ill-fitting gear is false economy.

Finally, good medical care is another essential. The Committee divides this into three elements. Part sports, many tragedies occurring each year result from unrecognized health problems. A physician should be present at all contests and be readily available during practice sessions. And in all medical matters, the physician's authority should be absolute and unquestioned.

These are all simple stipulations. Following them can and will cut the hazards of any sport to the minimum.

IN THE SERVICE

PORT CAMPBELL, KY. (AP)— Pvt. Carlton Chandler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Chandler, Route 2, Tuscumbia, Ala., recently participated in a field training exercise with the 502d Infantry at Fort Campbell, Ky.

An automatic rifleman in the infantry's Company B, Chandler ended the Army in October 1957 and completed training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He graduated as a member of the High School.

Doing grandstands have the right idea. Stop levels if you don't want to age as you grow old. Dancing, gardening, and even the exercise of keeping a house help prevent loss of muscle tone.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Among those attending Florence State Teachers College from Colbert County are James Frederick Allen, Minnie Lee Berry, Robert Clark, John P. Funke, Wm. Clifford Holland, Mrs. Beatrice Hudson, Edith Morrow Hyde, Nevel McClain, Ralph L. McCollum, Polly McMahan, Eleanor Lee Merrill, Gilbert Platt, Ellis Webb, Margaret Williams, Tuscumbia; Evely Keith, Otis B. LeMay, Virginia LeMay, John D. Pounders, Martha Burt, Jos. Statts, Sheffield; Frances M. Crockett Leightin, Sue Cunningham, Cherokee.

Hoyt is winner for commissioner of Sheffield over John N. Enoch. C. St. Michael, candidate for congress, staged big rally in Huntsville. Fourth annual Colbert County fair opens and among the displays was the flower display in charge of Mrs. James Dilligo and Mrs. Harper Bowser. Mrs. R. H. Campbell of Birmingham guest of Mrs. Rutland Tennessee Valley Authority ready to supply electric current. Misses Virginia Reed and Katherine Hart were in Belmont at Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Karan are Birmingham visitors. Mrs. J. E. Gambill and Mrs. Tommie Smith visited Mrs. A. M. Roan in Decatur. Miss Mary Underwood leaves for Athens to teach in the city schools. Miss Hazel Wells returns from Nashville. Mrs. E. J. Henninger and children return from a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Turner in Orange, N. C. Mrs. Wesley Williams, Miss Lemoine Curnin, Mrs. L. A. Williams and Mrs. Harper Bowser visit in Birmingham. Mrs. W. J. Morgan and son Edward are here for the school term. Miss Katherine Johnson arrives from McAlester, Okla. to spend the winter with her aunt, Mrs. S. B. McEyer and will attend Florence State. Dr. D. D. Cox of Sheffield is a visitor to Decatur. Tuscumbia Mothers' Club met at White House Springs with Mrs. Diah Hughtson and Mrs. Frank Tompkins hostesses, and Mrs. J. W. Rutland, newly elected president, presided.

Special Programs Of Development At Yellow Creek

Governor J. P. Coleman of Mississippi Sunday announced, jointly with the Tennessee Valley Authority, signing of an agreement under which a special program of development will be undertaken in the Yellow Creek watershed, in the extreme northeastern part of the State. Solutions will be sought for serious water and drainage problems, and ways by which such solutions will strengthen the economy of the 127,000 acre area.

Under the memorandum of agreement, the State will provide leadership for the undertaking, with TVA providing technical assistance. It marks an expansion of TVA's program to assist states in tributary watershed development, which already includes the Chestnut and Beech River watersheds in Tennessee. Yellow Creek flows into TVA's Pickwick reservoir near the point where Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee come together. The waterway drains parts of Tishomingo, Alcorn, and Prentiss Counties. It is largely a land surface barely eroded and with farms on bottom lands handicapped by persistent problems of drainage.

Yellow Creek is the northern end of the proposed Tennessee-Tombigbee canal that would give a direct water route from the middle reaches of the Tennessee River to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Yellow Creek area was first studied by TVA as a site of an experimental project for watershed area development in 1952. TVA help to the State with the State taking full responsibility and leadership. A Yellow Creek Watershed Authority was established by the Mississippi Legislature last spring to administer local watershed development. The state agency will be channeled through the State with authority to work directly with TVA and other agencies. When the watershed authority's board is completed, officials of TVA and various state agencies will confer to plan initial steps.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Congress of the United States did pass and sign Public Law No. 917 on August 2, 1956 proclaiming the week of September 17-23 Constitution Week, and by local ordinance the Colbert Chapter National Society Daughters of American Revolution has called attention to the importance of proper observance of Constitution Week and urges the careful study of our great Constitution which is the bulwark of our liberties; and

Whereas, the Constitution and the first ten Amendments of the Constitution known as The Bill of Rights is perhaps of greater significance than at any time during our history; and whereas, we are hereby pleased to proclaim the week of September 17-23 Constitution Week and urge our people to read and re-read this wonderful document and come to more fully understand its significance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Tuscumbia to be affixed this 16th day of September, 1958.

E. J. HENNINGER Mayor

Resident of East Colbert County Passes

Mrs. Matto-Lee Posey, 72, a native and lifelong resident of Colbert County, died Friday at her home in the county hospital. The Lighthouse woman had been ill for several months.

She was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p. m. at the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church with Revs. H. C. Kildner and Warren Kidd officiating. Burial followed in Old LaGrange Cemetery with Brown Service in charge.

Mrs. Posey leaves her husband, Oscar Posey of Leighton, two daughters, Mr. Gower Berryman of Town Creek and Mrs. William Seaborn of Ft. 2, Tuscumbia, six sons, Garvin, Melvin, Durwood, Jr., D. and Curtis Posey, all of Leighton and Percy Posey of Town Creek.

One sister, Mrs. Vashti Bradford (Orlean) Ala., three brothers, B. A. Grooms and Albert Grooms of Leighton and the Grooms of Sulphur, Okla. Pallbearers were Hoyt Fretwell, Leonard Walker, Bruce Gargas, Alex Seaborn, L. A. Ford and Frank Holmes.

Another Colbert Native Passes At 68

William Henry Isbell, 68, a native and lifelong resident of Colbert County, died Friday at Colbert County Hospital after several years illness. He was a farmer and member of the Baptist Church.

Services for Mr. Isbell, who lived on Rt. 2, were held Sunday at the Valley Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Hotts Kitchens officiating. Burial followed in Glendale Cemetery with Brown Service in charge.

Mr. Isbell leaves his wife, Mrs. Bertie Isbell; one son, John A. Isbell of Rt. 1, Leighton; four daughters, Mrs. Clifford E. Aycock, Mrs. William H. Kimbrough and Mrs. Roy Manley all of Rt. 2, and Mrs. Leslie Sparks of Flossham Park, N. J. Two brothers, Bud Isbell and Ulyess Isbell of Rt. 2, three sisters, Mrs. Jonas McClung, Mrs. Nolan Jeffreys and Mrs. Mamie McGregor, all of Rt. 2.

Pall bearers were Larry Jeffreys, O'Neil Seckwell, James Isbell, Wayne Hester, C. H. Sparks, James Byrd, Leslie Jeffreys and Thurman Kimbrough.

Alabama Has 21 Cases of Polio

Montgomery — Alabama's polio count for 1958 stood at 21 cases, all paralytic at the end of August. The State Health Department said the 22 cases were recorded during the same eight month period last year.

Two-thirds of this year's cases were reported during August. The Department said, however, that in some of these cases illness actually began earlier. Reporting was delayed pending final diagnosis or until complete information could be obtained.

Three of the other seven cases were reported in February, two in April and two in July.

Clothes closets that seem damp can be helped by placing an electric fan in the doorway to blow air through the garments. See that the clothes are not hung too tightly on the clothes rod. An electric light left burning in the closet will also dry the air.

THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alessio



"How quaint our boss is! He expects to find that Ajax Company letter under 'A'!"