

Coach Whitworth Outwardly Pleased With 'Bama Squad

University, Ala. — Alabama head coach J. B. Whitworth was outwardly pleased with the entire squad's performance during the first ten days practice but the veteran mentor singled out three sophomores for special praise.

George Salem, and left guard Cecil End Don Owens, left halfback Thornton, came in for some choice comments from Coach Whitworth as the Tide reached the halfway point in preparation for the Sept. 22 opener against Rice in Houston.

Owen, a well-built 6-3, 210 pounder, caught four "touchdown" passes Saturday in Alabama's first offensive scrimmage. The former Memphis, Tenn. all-city performer is currently leading five candidates to the starting right end assignment.

Owen played three different line positions at Treadwell High in Memphis but was stationed at tackle as a Bama freshman and was impressive in Spring practice after his shift to end. "He has come along fast in Fall drills," says Coach Whitworth.

Salem, an all-American at Birmingham's Ramsay High, moves remarkably fast for a 210 pounder and is waging a three-cornered scrap with Jim Loftin, 210, and Don Comstock, 195, for the left half post.

In last Saturday's scrimmage, Salem, brother of former Alabama All-American left halfback Eddie Salem, carried seven times for 84 yards and scored three times, once on a 39-yarder. He was not considered a starting prospect when Fall workouts began but now must be reckoned with.

Thornton opened Fall drills at the number four left guard choice but the former all-stater at Cherokee County High was moved to the second team after a standout effort in Saturday's 90-minute session.

The 6.0, 200 pounder's performance was particularly heart-warming to Coach Whitworth after the guard spots had been weakened by the loss of junior Gerald Maxwell due to a fractured ankle bone. Thornton now figures prominently in Bama's season plan.

Injuries to Maxwell and 218 pound junior tackle Roy Vickery (Atlanta) have forced Coach Whitworth to promote a sophomore and junior. Sid Neighbors, 6-1, 221-pound Northport sophomore has been moved to the number three left tackle slot. Charles Spano, 220 pound, Wharton Junior College transfer replaces the injured Maxwell.

Coach Whitworth, a veteran of 33 years of football as a player and coach, is optimistic over the Tide's '56 chances on the basis of increased backfield speed and better reserve strength 30.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 1973 bales of cotton were ginned in Colbert County Ala. from the crop of 1956 prior to Sept. 1 as compared with 208 bales ginned for the crop of 1955, according to Mrs. Ruth Jones, district supervisor of the census.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Rev. William Gardner, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was principal speaker before the Kiwanis club, urging aid to the needy. Number of citizens appear before the Board of Review urging a reduction in tax assessments of 20 per cent. District convention of the Knights of Pythias held in Florence, when H. Fleisner, Tussumnia, was elected first vice president. The Colbert county high school ends first month of new term with increased enrollment, and the faculty is composed of H. J. Holman principal, I. P. Thornton vocational agriculture, F. T. Dobbs coach, D. E. Sherrod principal junior high, T. K. Hearn English, Miss Faustone Jones physical education, Miss Kate Sabotta home economics, Mrs. G. O. Davis music. Two hundred freshmen arrive for the opening of State Teachers College at Florence. Bob Howard is recovering from a tonsil operation. Miss Susan Rhea Sever is resting well following an operation. Miss Virginia Graham of Decatur, and Miss Louise McBride of Memphis, guests of Miss Kate M. Irwin. Miss Norena Johnson visits in Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sockwell visit Shiloh Park. Attorney Harold C. Curry returns from a visit to his parents in Nashville. D. M. Herring and Robert Clinstead of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., guests of Miss Martha Mae Hale. John D. Rafter, III, Little Rock, Ark., visiting his uncle, John D. Rafter, Jr. Mrs. L. W. Reed hosts to the Mother's Club, with Mrs. J. E. Sherrill presiding, and Mrs. J. H. Robertson and Mrs. W. A. Wall present the program. "National Aid for Roads" will be the subject of Congressman Ed Almon at the U. S. Good roads meeting in Birmingham.

TVA SAYS RAIN BELOW AVERAGE DURING AUGUST

The Tennessee Valley received an average of 2.74 inches of rain in August, far below the 65-year average of 4.26 inches for the month, TVA said. East of Chattanooga the fall was 2.44 inches, compared with the long-range average of 4.59 inches. West of that city precipitation was somewhat higher, 3.30 inches; the 65-year average for that section is 3.99 inches. Wettest spots during the month were Chickamauga Dam 4.64 inches, Chattanooga 4.04 inches, Decatur, 3.88 inches, and Nottely Dam 3.86 inches. Driest points were Fort Loudoun Dam 0.34 inch, Calderwood Dam 1.00 inch, Thorpe Dam 1.06 inches, and Knoxville 1.40 inches.

Runoff was below par in August. At Chattanooga it measured 0.51 inch, compared with the long-range average of 1.16 inches. Because of heavy runoff earlier in the year the total Jan. - August runoff at Chattanooga has measured 18.25 inches, just under the long-range average of 18.99 inches. Runoff at Kentucky in August was 0.34 inch, compared with the long-range average of 0.91 inch. The eight months' figure for runoff at the Kentucky Dam is 17.30 inches, somewhat under the average for those months of 18.49 inches.

Kerosene will usually cut away the greasy dirt deposits that collect in porcelain sinks and bathtubs.

EDITORIAL GRIST

THINKING IN THE CORN BELT

Not many months ago there were all kinds of dire predictions — many made for obvious political reasons — that agriculture was in for a Grade-A depression unless the government took new, drastic steps in the way of aid and subsidy.

Those drastic steps were not taken. But agricultural prices have been coming back — in some cases by big percentages. For instance, hogs touched a low of \$10.60 per hundred - weight last December. This August they reached \$17.

Moreover, there is evidence that the predictions of disaster — and the demands for evermore costly and expensive government aid — have been more common among non-farm than farm groups. For instance, Fortune, in its August issue, carries an article on conditions in the corn belt. It quotes from interviews with representative farmers. One, a young farmer who depends largely on hogs, expressed approval of Secretary Benson's refusal to put a floor under hog prices, adding: "We were in a bad predicament, but the only way to cure it was to let things get rough enough to get the boys to cure it themselves by breeding fewer sows." Another farmer pointed out that government guarantees would mean government dictation of his operations. A third hog producer, who was farming in the days when little pigs were being killed, said he was against controls because "people who have tasted freedom shouldn't turn back on it."

A majority of livestock men seem to hold views such as this. The country can be proud of such farmers.

RIGHT-TO-WORK IN KANSAS

The Republican gubernatorial primary in Kansas was hard fought. A dominant issue was the right to work — the law which provides that a man can join or not join a union if he so chooses, and that he shall have the right to work at his trade in either case. In the Kansas primary, the incumbent governor opposed the law. He was beaten by a man who supported it.

Long ago, the indefensible practice followed by some employers of blackballing union members was outlawed. The practice of making a man join a union in order to support himself and his family is blackballing in principle and equally indefensible.

DOLLARS AREN'T LIKE MINUTES

This country's gross national product — the money value of all goods and services produced — has passed the \$400 billion a year mark — almost double the 1945 figure.

However, as the Portland Oregonian points out, reaching this "magic" level is not as sensational as the announcement some months back that man finally had broken the four-minute mile. "The reason is that a minute is a finally had broken the four-minute mile. "The reason is that a minute is a constant measure — it doesn't stretch or shrink from time to time. The dollar is something else again.

Today's dollar will buy a little less than 70 per cent of what the 1945 dollar would buy. Therefore a \$400 billion gross national product, adjusted to 1945 prices, comes to only about \$300 billion. That is what inflation has done.

OUR POLITICAL MOSES?

Charging the state Finance Department with illegal award of two purchase contracts "which in effect amount to letting road contracts without competitive bids," Alabama Attorney General John Patterson has obtained a circuit court order stopping payment on the contracts. In addition, the attorney general declared that steps to recover funds already paid out may be taken.

The story behind the purchase contracts is a long one, which already has been detailed in the news column. In brief, it concerns a contract for a bread-nut effort to give political favoritism to certain contracts without regard to price and without adequate supervision of delivery. In such a circumstance, the attorney general not only is justified in stopping payments on such contracts, it is his duty to determine whether criminal charges against individuals involved are justified. If so, prosecution should be swift and relentless.

Already considered a formidable prospect for the coming governorship campaign, Attorney General Patterson would heighten his political stature immeasurably by successful consummation of such a cleanup. Ever since contempt for the law and brazened thievery began to make themselves evident for a political Moses to lead them out of a shameful wilderness of maladministration and conduct unbecoming high office.

If John Patterson proves himself that Moses by checking public pillage and putting some of those responsible in prison, he automatically would become a governorship candidate hard to beat. — Selma Times Journal.

E. E. BRIDGES RETURNS TO TUSCUMBIA; OTHER FLORENCE DIST. APPOINTMENTS

Rev. E. E. Bridges has been returned here by the recent conference held in Birmingham last week. This will be pleasing news to the Methodist membership and other denominations as well for Mr. Bridges has made himself most agreeable and cooperative, as well as being an earnest minister. List of appointments for the Florence district follow: James E. Harris, district superintendent, Anderson; Bethel, W. L. McDonald; Belgreen, Leonard McDowell; Blythe Memorial, A. W. Scott; Center Star, Elgin, W. M. Goodwin; Central Heights, M. L. Gunnin; Cherokee, Sam Berry Jr.; Cloverdale, Carl Harrison; Florence First, R. E. Branscomb; Florence, Associate Shirley Lowery; Florence, Monumental Park, L. O. Johnson; Florence, Northwood Avenue, C. L. Frederick; Florence, St. James, Paul Propst; Florence Weeden Heights, O. M. Ryan. Fennell Sanderson, J. D. Lott; Greenhill, W. H. Smith; Hackleburg, Thomas L. Lee, Jr.; Haleyville, Alton Parris; Isbell Circuit, W. S. Hart; Killen G. C. Eady; Lakeview, L. O. Killen G. C. Eady; Lakewood, J. J. Jaggars; Leighton, Herbert Hamilton; Lexington, J. F. Phillips; Littleville, A. J. Burgess; Margerum, I. D. Howard; Mt. Hope, E. L. Hunt; Oakland Pleasant Hill, C. D. Dobbs; Phil Campbell, Arthur Finch; Red Bay, W. H. Saxon; Rogers' Chapel, J. Walton Beasly; Rogersville, Guy W. Lender; Russellville First, B. B. Warden; Russellville East, Graham Ed. Shady Grove, Dorsey Thomas; Sheffield First, John C. Calhoun; Sheffield East, J. J. Webb; Sheffield Highlands, Bert Goodwin; Spring

VOTERS VOTE SOME IN AND OTHERS OUT

Voters in several large Alabama cities, including Decatur, Homewood and Auburn, Monday turned out in council city heads in favor of new faces.

Knux McRae state finance director during Gov. James E. Folsom's first administration, unseated Mayor H. R. Summer at Decatur. McRae won with 2,670 votes compared to 1,425 for Summer who was seeking his third term. Euel K. Gray ran third with 505. Tusculumbia Commissioner James H. Christopher was re-named to the city governing body, receiving 640 votes to challenger James C. Barnes' 319. They were opponents for a three-year term.

Incumbent City Commissioner Jesse F. Homan was re-elected to his Muscle Shoals post, receiving 318 votes for 15 for James S. Dodson and 37 for Lynn C. Scoggins.

Mayor J. H. Morgan of Cherokee was re-elected in a walk, polling almost twice as many votes as his closest opponent. The count: J. H. Morgan 183; Ray Lenton Hays, 99; A. R. Carter, 84; J. C. Vaughn, 35.

The victors in the Cherokee city council race were Homejean Grisham, 280; Edward E. Tapp, 247; Pat Logan, 184; James T. Gibbs, 178; and James Thompson 167.

Mayor Berryman who was unopposed as mayor of Leighton received 133 votes. It was "five in and five out" in the city council race, with the five winners being Hazy Marthaler, 131; winners Maurice Ford, 127; Robert Lyles, Jr., 118; Felton King, 100; Marvin Morgan, 100.

Negroes who sought city council posts at Prichard and Huntsville were soundly beaten. At Prichard the Negro loser was the Rev. Joshua Barney first of his race to qualify in a Prichard council race.

FORMER TUSCUMBIA DIES IN ILLINOIS LAST WEEK

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Boston Outler, 51, who died Tuesday, last week were conducted Tuesday afternoon from Brown Service Chapel, by Rev. R. D. Cook and Rev. E. E. Bridges. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

She had lived here most of her life but for the past 10 years had resided in the Illinois city. She was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church at Peoria.

Surviving are the husband, Rufus Outler, of Peoria, a son, Robert Bailey Boston, Jr., both of Grants Pass, Ore.; a sister Mrs. H. M. Mauldin Tuscumbia; a niece, Mrs. Robert Mapes, of Tusculossa.

Pall bearers were Marcell Ray, M. K. Watkins, W. T. Gooch, D. C. Martin, Fred Butler, L. O. Haynes.

Montevallo Provides Recreational Facilities For Students

Montevallo, Ala. — Alabama College has made great strides in its intramural program for men and women students this year. Dr. John Chellman, mens' intramural sports director announced.

Available for students this term are ten tennis courts, a practice golf course, six volleyball courts, soccer field, hockey field, softball diamonds, touch football fields, and an area for track and field events.

Castling and canoeing will be popular activities at the 28 acre lake located within one mile of the main campus. Instruction is offered in both of these activities for men and women. Canoeing trips will be scheduled for the year.

The indoor-outdoor swimming pool will be the scene of intramural competition for men and women students.

"One of the unique features of the intramural program will be a co-recreational intramural program which will be sponsored by the staff of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation," Dr. Chellman said.

This program will include competition in archery, badminton, golf, swimming, tennis and volleyball. In addition to the co-recreational program, men's students will have their own team sports competition in soccer, hockey, basketball and softball.

An active program of intramural sports is being planned for the freshmen men. It will be an outgrowth of the required program of physical education which is taken by very student enrolled.

Dr. Chellman explained that the purpose of the program is to provide wholesome active recreation activities which will supplement the academic schedule of each male student in the school.

"To provide the average student with adequate instruction in a number of activities is the only sound method of developing his interest in sports," Dr. Chellman said.

Other facilities at the college for intramural activities are table tennis, horseshoes and cross country. Most of these activities will be taught in the required program of physical education and can be organized for intramural competition.

The Mens' Intramural Director also said that the program will be developed around the interests and desires of the incoming freshmen and it will be entirely voluntary.



Birmingham, Alabama — Mortimer H. Jordan of Birmingham, well known official of an Alabama utility, has been appointed chairman of the 1957 annual crusade of the American Cancer Society in Alabama. Jordan's appointment and acceptance was announced by Henry P. Johnston, campaign committee chairman of the Alabama Division, Inc., through the state office here in Birmingham. As statewide chairman for next year Jordan will organize and lead thousands of volunteer workers throughout Alabama in the annual cancer crusade in April. By declaration of the national Congress, April is the month when the American Cancer Society places particular emphasis on public information regarding cancer and calls upon the people of Alabama and the nation to support the society's three-point cancer control program of education, research and service.

THESE WOMEN! by d'Alessio

THE BRIDE

"What's she in a hurry? We're not even late yet!"