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Farm Housing Loans Program Given Boost

Scenic Coast Route To Link Gulf Shores With Pensacola

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new short-cut providing a direct link between the Alabama Gulf Coast and Pensacola, Fla., will be open to traffic in another month or six weeks.

The scenic coast route will make use of a new bridge across Perdido Bay at Alabama Point on State Highway 180. The bridge, built by the Alabama Highway Department, was completed several months ago.

The direct Pensacola-to-Gulf Shore highway will be opened on a complete section of roadway still under construction on the Florida side. The opening is expected about Nov. 1.

State Paving Campus Roads For Talladega Blind Pupils

TALLADEGA, Ala. — The State Highway Department was busy this week paving roadways, sidewalks, and parking areas at the Alabama Institute for Blind and Deaf, now in the midst of a building program.

Gov. John Patterson ordered the paving several months ago when he visited the institute annual "Alblind" drive to receive the coveted annual "Alblind" award. He found campus roads and sidewalks in poor condition.

"Our blind students know every bump and mud hole on the entire campus," Pres. E. A. McBride told the governor. He promised to help the school, which is a state-operated agency, build better roads and walkways.

Highway Director Sam Engelhardt agreed but the projects was held up until the institute's rebuilding program entered the final stages. Otherwise, new campus roads might be badly worn by the time the fall term started.

Now underway is clearing and grubbing, machine grading, base finishing, treatments and special curbing. Six parking areas are also being paved.

In addition, plans call for State Highway Department help in landscaping the institute grounds.

Mr. Engelhardt has assigned the department's landscape engineer, A. Holly Mitchell, to assist in planning and supervising the beautification project. Plants and shrubs grown in the institute's own nursery will be used.

Classes for the fall term have just started in the institute. This year's enrollment, including adult blind trainees, totals about 810. Several Alabama's \$100 million school-building program, have just recently been completed on the campus.

Sheffield Lady Completes Naval Training

Carol Elaine Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Weinbaum, Sr., 1037 Alabama Court, Sheffield, Ala., completed ten weeks of basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois for Women, United States Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. and was graduated during a military review held on 15 September 1961. The local WAVE, a former student at Memphis State University will spend a 14 day leave with her parents before reporting to Great Lakes, Illinois for Electronics Technician School.

Seaman Apprentice Carol Elaine Banks received instruction in Naval Orientation, Naval History, military bearing, military drill, Ships and Aircraft, Navy Jobs and Training, Self Improvement, and Citizenship during her indoctrination period. The Sheffield WAVE enlisted at Florence, Alabama for three years, and was sworn in at Nashville, Tennessee.

Daniel and Burton Take Office Monday

Jack Daniel and Tom Burton, recently elected Tax Collector and Tax Assessor, respectively, take over the operation of these offices Monday, October 2, succeeding Joe Foster and Chas Thiippen.

Both these young men are popular and efficient and will no doubt render a good accounting of themselves over the coming years.

EDITORIAL GRIST

A LESSON FROM RUSSIA

"It appears that the Soviet Union may be gravitating away from the government-planned economy and adopting some of the ways of a free economy while we are gravitating away from a free economy and adopting a government-planned economy."

That significant observation was made by Edwin Vennard, managing director of the Edison Electric Institute. He based it on a recent article in Barron's magazine, written by Paul Wohl, which dealt at length with "creeping capitalism" in the Soviet Union. For example, Mr. Wohl pointed out that the Soviet government now officially tolerates free collective farm markets — and these are a very important part of the economy indeed, as they supply the bulk of the fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy products, eggs, poultry and meat consumed by Russian city dwellers. As another example, he observes that close to a third of all the new housing which went up in the cities between 1957 and 1959 was privately built.

Actually, the Soviets have long been moving away from what might be called pure communism — simply because it didn't work. They have had to offer incentives — and any incentive system is capitalistic in nature.

It's ironic that while this is going on in Russia, we give more and more authority to government, and move closer and closer to a planned life and economy.

NO NEED FOR MOTH BALLS

Bigger central government means more state control and planning of everything from business activity to what children are taught in local schools. Its record throughout the world is destruction of individual liberty and opportunity. Yet the federal government in its bureaucratic wisdom now seeks to protect the people from themselves in yet another way. Proposed legislation would create a national wilderness system of 55 million acres, within harvesting would be allowed, no roads could be constructed, recreational value would be restricted and exploration for materials or oil would be seriously hampered.

Every citizen has the right to expect that wild areas will be retained for the enjoyment of future generations, free from the intrusion of four-lane freeways, hot dog stands and litterbugs. This is a part of our heritage and should never be destroyed. But moth-balling 55 million acres is not necessary for this purpose, and would have serious economic effect.

Forest, mineral and oil resources in wilderness areas can be adequately developed without detracting from the wild beauty of the land where they are located — and often such development is of real benefit. Experience has shown that a well managed forest protects watersheds, and increases the opportunities for hunting and fishing. Managed forests also sustain a minimum of economic loss, due to fire, insects and disease. Unmanaged forest areas without access roads are a danger to other timber lands adjacent to them, and are of little recreational value, since very few people have the time or means for traveling through them.

In developing a national program, a fact to be remembered is that conservation and productive use of land, in no way conflicts with the goal of establishing more wilderness parks and recreational areas.

EXAMPLE OF HOW THE SOUTH TREATS THE NEGRO

"Uncle" Bob Pague is the type of Negro man that is universally loved in the South. In his younger days he farmed, but now that he is no longer young, he lives in Grove Hill. As long as he was able, he mowed lawns, but high blood pressure slowed him down in his activities. Of late he has barely been able to make his way about town, as cataracts are obscuring his vision.

When the white women of the town discovered his plight, they took the matter up with the local Welfare Department. This agency took the case up with the proper authorities and "Uncle" Bob was notified last week that he was to report to Mobile, where he would be prepared for an operation.

On Monday morning two white women of the town, neither of them obligated in any way to "Uncle" Bob, took him down to Mobile for a preliminary examination. They made the trip of their own expense and even procured a member of his own race to go along and render aid when he needed it.

At the proper time, they will take him down again for the operation. Neither the operation nor the trips will cost "Uncle" Bob one cent.

This is one example of how the South — the region which certain Northern elements so like to berate — treats its deserving colored citizens. — Clark County Democrat

Twenty-five Years Ago

As Recorded In The Pages Of The Colbert County Reporter

Howard Bros. open Rollins St. and 10c store on Main street. William Golden, Jr., promoted to cost accountant with the state highway department at Montgomery. Funeral services for Mrs. Anna DuBoise Burt, 63, are held with Rev. Chas. McRae officiating, she is survived by four daughters, Misses Anna, Elizabeth and Margaret Burt and Mrs. S. P. Cooper. Miss Pauline Frances Thomas dies at her home in Barton at 21, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke W. Thompson. Harry Thomas Edwards, 84, passes leaving his wife, Mrs. Sally Edwards; three sons, C. P., of Birmingham; J. K. of Pensacola Fla., and W. T. of Tuscumbia; three daughters, Mrs. F. M. Guerin and Miss Virella of Tuscumbia and Mrs. C. B. Black of Navoo. Under the coaching of Howard Chappell the Deshler Tigers swamp Cherokee by 32 to 0. The women who gave half a century of her life to Helen Keller and brought speech and comparative sight to her, dies in New York. Mrs. O. L. Minks, Mrs. L. H. Bradley, Mrs. T. L. Betts and Mrs. Tom Betts return from Memphis. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Julian of Montgomery visit here and at Leighton. Mrs. H. D. Greer, Miss Dolly Greer and Mrs. John Bragg of Decatur visit Mrs. L. P. Pride at Pride, Ala. Miss Edith Morrow Hyde a clerk in the legislature spends weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. E. Hyde. Miss Virginia Reed recovering from a recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Beasley and little daughter, Mary Louise, visiting in Memphis.

Colbert Looking To Tax As Aid For Education

By Courtesy of Birmingham News
Colbert County High School here has a beautiful, modern new addition — four classrooms — built at a cost of \$47,000, and not a single piece of new furniture to put in it. Why? The answer is proration. Simply not enough money, when even as little as \$2000 would buy the essentials.

Instead, old school furniture, wherever it can be found — some of it discarded, used for many years — is being brought to the school. A pile of it lays in one of the corridors, looking out of place in a shiny, sparkling new building.

An old building on the campus was renovated at a cost of \$24,000, but money gave out before a new roof could be added. Now the leaks in the roof are slowly damaging the interior.

These examples are just some of the results of five years of proration. There is no money for maintenance, the building needs paint, the gym is in bad repair, and the school, by any means it can, must raise money for supplies such as soap, classroom lights, bulbs, Aronome, mops, classroom supplies and teaching aids. It must also pay its own utility bills.

This school, along with other in Colbert County, was two weeks late starting this year. With the money situation so indefinite, teachers had voted not to retire unless they could reduce in salaries.

Salaries will not be cut, but the only hope for a nine-month school term hinges on the passing of a five-mil ad valorem tax in October. Already, \$70,000 of next year's money has been spent, and if the tax fails to pass, the schools will remain open only so long as the money holds out.

Considering the problems brought about because of the money shortage, this is an extremely efficient school, and is accredited by the Southern Assn. of Secondary Schools and Colleges. Headed by Marshall N. Newsum, Colbert County High has 597 students in grades 7-12, with 25 faculty members.

There is an excellent lunchroom, a bond and glee club, and a science department on which \$5000 has been spent in the past three years under the federal matching program. David C. Brown is superintendent of Colbert County schools, and Board of Education members are Frank Bullington, Luther Harris, Mrs. Gladys Durham, Henry Chaney and Glen Reynolds. Percy M. King Jr. is custodian of funds; Mrs. Rebecca McWilliams is curriculum director. Art and school trustees are Richard Allen King, chairman, and Marvin Morgan and Norman Summers.

Officers of the Parent-Teacher Assn. are Henry Chaney, president; Nell Wombaker, vice president; Mary Lynn Wombaker, secretary, and Mrs. Robert Underwood, treasurer.

Principal Newman has B.S., M.A., and Ed S. degrees from Florence State and Peabody Colleges. He was a classroom teacher at Central High and Sheffield Junior High, and principal of Littleville Junior High, before coming to Leighton.

Faculty members are Hollin B. Abrams, Bonnie N. Beavers, Corinne Bradford, J. H. Bradford, Virginia Delano, Louise Garnett, P. C. Hall, Charles Hamilton, Jack Haezlbaker, Horace J. Holland, Paul E. Jones, Dorothy Landers, C. T. Manley, J. T. Mays, Evelyn N. Miller, Clara Myers, Lucene Norman, Rolland Odell, Marilyn Wombaker, Nety L. Sherrod, S. E. Sharrord and Daniel Hand.

Lela Welch, 67, Rt. 1, Cherokee, Succumbs

Mrs. Lela Irene Welch, 67, Rt. 1, Cherokee, died at the Colbert County Hospital at 10 a.m. Friday.

A native of Arkansas, Mrs. Welch had resided in Cherokee for the past nine years. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Faculty members were one daughter, Mrs. Archie Hanley, Rt. 1, Cherokee; one son, Johnnie B. Welch, Rt. 1, Cherokee; one brother, S. B. Watwood, Hammond, Ind.; and eight grandchildren.

For more flavor and higher nutritive value, add shredded cheese to scrambled eggs and omelets.



(AHTNC) — Pvt. William E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horbert B. Smith, 1209 Atlanta ave., Sheffield, Ala., recently completed the lineman's course at the Army Signal Training Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. During the eight-week course Smith was trained to install and maintain aerial communication wires and cables. He entered the Army last April and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. The 23-year-old soldier is a 1955 graduate of Sheffield High School and a 1961 graduate of Auburn University. He is a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

One Rat Can Cost Up To \$20 A Year

AUBURN, Ala. — One rat can be worth \$20 to you. But only if he's dead.

Each rat or mouse can eat or waste \$5 to \$20 worth of feed each year, and a pair of rats can do away with more than 50 pounds of chicken mash a year, or enough grain to feed a dairy cow for 24 days.

And there's no better time than right now to launch an attack against them, says Earl Kenamer, Auburn Extension Service fish and wildlife specialist.

During harvest, he explains, rats and mice follow farmers from the field to the crib and pantry. They ought to be killed now so they won't concentrate in home areas during their winter food shortage period, he says.

The specialist suggests using one of the "blood thinners" to kill the rodents. These poisons, he says, simply thin the blood so it cannot carry food to the cells.

And, he says, to do a really good job, neighbors should get together, buy poison in bulk and rid the whole neighborhood of rats and mice before spring.

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THESE WOMEN!

By d'Alesso



"Sure—I'll go easy with the rest of your salary. I wouldn't DREAM of being extravagant with the 54 cents I have left!"

James V. Byram, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor for Colbert county reported this week that his agency in Alabama closed the 1961 fiscal year with a record high in farm housing loans, and with prospects for another banner year of service to farm families because of new legislation that broadens eligibility for loans to include families living in rural areas but not engaged in farming.

With the aid of Alabama's share of an additional \$50 million made available last February, more than 700 farm owners in the state invested a new high of \$5,947,000 during the year in new construction, remodeling, and repairs of dwellings and other essential farm buildings in the same period farm housing loans in Colbert county totaled \$147,500.

Under the new housing act approximately \$430 million is available to the Farmers Home Administration for loans over the next four year period. Loans bear 4 percent interest and are repayable over periods up to 33 years.

Applications are made at county offices of the Farmers Home Administration. To be eligible an applicant must own a farm or a housing site in a rural area; be without decent, safe, and sanitary housing; be unable to obtain the needed credit from other sources; and be without sufficient resources to provide the necessary housing on his own account. He must also have sufficient income to meet payments on existing debts, take care of his other expenses, and make payments when due on the proposed loan.

The new legislation makes another advance in farm housing programs by authorizing the Farmers Home Administration to make small improvement loans without taking a mortgage on the farm for security in certain instances. This will cut down loan closing costs and speed up loan making, Mr. Byram said.

Under certain circumstances the new law authorizes building loans to lessees of farms.

This legislation also authorizes the Farmers Home Administration to insure loans for housing and related facilities for domestic farm labor. These loans may be made to farm owners, associations of farmers, State and local government units, and non-profit associations.

Funds for insured loans will be provided by private investors. The Farmers Home Administration will make and service the loans, and insure their repayment. The total volume of insured loans may not exceed \$25 million in any one year.

In 1959, the average American ate 15.9 quarts of ice cream.



(AHTNC) — Army Pvt. James C. Holt, whose wife, Patricia, and mother, Mrs. Aylene Holt, live on Route 1, Sheffield, Ala., recently completed eight weeks of military police training under the Reserve Force Act program at The Provost Marshal General Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Holt received instruction in self defense, traffic control and the basic procedures of civil and military law. Upon completion of six months active duty training, Holt is scheduled to spend the remainder of his military service with the 49th military Police Detachment, an Army Reserve Unit in Sheffield, Ala. The 21-year-old soldier was graduated from Colbert County High School, Leighton, in 1959.

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