CELEBRATES 101ST BIRTHDAY—George F. Mercer celebrated his 101st birthday at the Home Reader in Florence Tuesday. Mr. Mercer's only surviving child, Princess Farid Es-Sultaneh, wife of Prince Sultaneh Ghazan, flew here from Morristown, N. J. for the celebration. Mr. Mercer stated that his mother lived to be 96 and his grandmother 114. (Staff Photo)

## Taylor Rites Set Thursday

Funeral services for William Taylor, 27, of Rt. 2, Florence, who died Tuesday at 11:40 a.m. as a result of a gas explosion in which he was severely burned on Aug. 13, will be held Thursday.

The services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. at the Macedonia Church of Christ by Mr. Sanderson, assisted by Thomas Brewer. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Taylor was employed with the Tennessee Valley Bottled Gas Company at the time of the explosion, which involved him and a Killen homeowner, John McPeters. The accident occurred when a match was struck in the basement of the McPeters home after the two men thought they had fanned all the gas from a leaking heater pot.

Mr. Taylor, who was a veteran of World War II, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Geneva Kelley Taylor; two sons, Billy Ray and Lonnie Maxwell Taylor; two daughters, Linda Faye and Brinda Kaye Taylor; his mother, Mrs. Stella Taylor; two brothers, George Taylor and Arthur Lee Taylor; one sister, Mrs. Cora Lee Skaggs; one half-brother, Robert Lee Orr; and two half-sisters, Miss Evelyn Orr and Miss Helen Orr, all from Florence, Rt. 2.

Active pall bearers will be James Taylor, Earnest Wylie, Ed Taylor, Paul Roberson, Jack Clemmons and Walter Johnson.

The remains will be at the residence of Edward Baskins, Florence, Rt. 2, until time for the services.

Kilpatrick Service of Florence is in charge of arrangements.

## Brown Talks To Kiwanians About Schools

Dr. Leroy Brown, superintendent of city schools of Tuscumbia, spoke on "Educational Program for the School" at the recent meeting of the Tuscumbia Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Brown stated that this is the 100th year of public education in Alabama and that statistics prove that the average child is far better educated today than he was 100, 50, or 25 years ago.

The public schools are now in a crisis due to the tremendous increase in the number of children and there is not sufficient room, nor adequate teachers to take care of the increased school attendance," Dr. Brown said.

He further said that the Tuscumbia schools have a teacher load of only 29 pupils, which is among the best in the state. "However Alabama teachers are paid about $1,000 per year less than those of neighboring states and we can't expect to keep the best teachers here with this low rate of salary," the superintendent continued.

"I urge you, as members of the Kiwanis Club, to do something about these educational needs," he concluded.

Dr. Brown was introduced by Robert Hudson, program chairman.

Dewey Wilson, president, conducted the business meeting and announced that a softball game with the Tuscumbia Civitan club was scheduled for next week.

Visitors from Sheffield were Bryan Mitchell, Jerry Rye, Jess King, Roy Sutton, Sam Israel, Joe Wiseman and Edgar Enoch and J. L. Fambrough of Decatur.

## Legion Meets On Thursday

The Semi-monthly meeting of Florence-Lauderdale Post No. 6 will be held at the American Legion Home Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

All district vice commanders are urged to be present so that plans may be made and date set for the annual stews in the districts.

There will be a meeting of the post executive committee immediately after the regular meeting.

## Kilby Training School Opening On September 5

W. L. Davis, director of the Kilby Training School at Florence State, said today that the school will begin its operation for the 1955-56 school year on Sept. 5.

Students should come prepared to stay all day at the training school on that day.

## Burts Director Of Investment Company

A Florence attorney has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Investment Company of America, Inc., of Gadsden.

T. Eugene Burts, Jr., was named as a director for the multi-million dollar investment corporation, which will invest in insurance stocks and the industrial development of Alabama.

## Florentine Serves On Staff At Camp

A Florentine has been serving on the staff at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., this summer.

Miss Gracie Swarts, Florence, acted as hall girl, along with 38 other young Alabamians who served in various positions at the camp.

## Pentecostal Church Service Tonight

A special service will be held tonight, 7:30 at the First United Pentecostal Church, located in the 2300 block of Cloisheim Road, Florence, announced Rev. Robert McKeithen, pastor.

The service will be conducted by Rev. L. D. Overton, pastor of the Pentecostal Church in Greenhill.

## In Lawrence County: Negro Mother Of Five Gets 5-Year Sentence

MOULTON (Special)—Willa Dean Cunningham, Courtland Negro mother of five children, was found guilty of first degree manslaughter here Tuesday afternoon by a Lawrence Circuit Court jury and sentenced to five years.

The defendant, through her attorney, Leo Roberson, asked probation but a date has not yet been set for the hearing.

Willa state had asked the electric chair for the 38-year-old woman who was charged with the butcher knife stabbing of L. C. (Shorty) Randolph at her home in April.

The defendant took the stand Tuesday morning to relate the event that led up to the fatal stabbing of Randolph.

She cited three different occasions when Randolph threatened to take her life during the weekend immediately preceding the stabbing. The deceased made the threat after telling her of how he had obtained a sum of money, she said.

"The Cunningham woman said that she and Randolph had returned to her home from a neighbor's house when he threw her down on the porch and began beating her. She broke away from him and told him to leave.

Randolph stepped down off the porch, she continued, opened his knife and started advancing upon her. Willa Dean said she then ran and got a butcher knife out of her bedroom and twice told the deceased not to come on her. "I'm going to kill you and go to Decatur," the defendant quoted Randolph as saying while still advancing toward her.

When he continued toward her, the defendant said she stabbed him once in the neck and once in the chest.

George Jordan Byrd, the defendant's uncle by marriage, testified he heard Randolph made threats on Willa Dean's life two days before the stabbing and June Newman, Courtland Negro resident, said the deceased came into his house the day before the stabbing and "jumped on" the defendant.

B. V. Shaw, a white man from Limestone County, who farms north of Courtland and John Nelson, one of Shaw's employes, told of seeing the couple coming down the road the afternoon of the stabbing with Randolph holding Willa Dean's arm behind her.

The jury returned its verdict after about 1-hour and 18 minutes deliberation.

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Lawrence Circuit Court was to resume at 1 p.m. today with the first degree murder trial of Roy Langham, who is charged with the shotgun slaying of Willie Wiley Johnson, near Red Bank.

Two charges of burglary against Herman Clayton (Buddy) Coburn have been passed until Thursday.

## INSURANCE

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Three House and one Senate committee meet today to consider pending legislation which could still be passed by both houses before the lawmakers adjourn their 1955 regular session after just three more legislative days.

Bills which haven't cleared either the House or Senate before the recess Friday are automatically dead.

Despite a junior-size filibuster which erupted yesterday over the milk control bill, Senate members found time to change their minds about previously approved exemptions to a proposed new school tax on gross incomes.

By a 18-14 vote, the upper chamber reversed itself and put insurance companies back under the proposed new levy. The tax will also apply to banks, production credit associations and savings and loan associations if federal banks are subject to the school levy.

Opponents of the bill to regulate out-of-state milk imports cranked off the filibuster yesterday, afternoon to keep the farm bloc from bringing the legislation to a vote.

By controlling the floor from early afternoon until after 7 p. m., the opposing lawmakers temporarily defeated a move to put the House-approved milk bill ahead of Senate bills for a vote.

But the milk measure reached the top of the calendar again Friday unless some other action is made to shove Senate measures ahead.

By taking back its previous decisions to exempt insurance companies and some financial institutions from the proposed gross income tax, the Senate went along with the House and accepted the recommendations of a conference committee.

When the Senate wrote the exemptions into an enabling act several days ago, the House refused to accept them. The issue was then thrown to the conference committee.

The enabling legislation is geared to pave the way for the Goodwyn constitutional amendment, which is designed to provide an estimated $20 million dollars annually for schools through a new tax on gross incomes of individuals and corporations.

The Goodwyn measure has passed the legislature but must be approved by the voters in a special election in December.

The Senate filibuster did not block action on a bill to raise the maximum salary of state employes covered by the merit system from $7,200 to $8,000. It passed after being brought up by unanimous consent during the filibuster.

Over in the House, a bill to establish a state examining board ophthalmic dispensing or lens grinding, failed to pass.

Opponents either walked out of the chamber or would not vote.

The roll call machine showed 48 in favor of the bill, but the House speaker ruled that was not enough votes for a quorum.

The House approved and sent to the Senate an administration bill to authorize a $ million dollar bond issue for improving Alabama's state parks. It is a constitutional amendment which would have to be ratified by the people in a statewide referendum.

MONTGOMERY (AP)—Here is the 105-10 roll call vote by which the Alabama Senate agreed to a conference committee report to tax insurance companies subject to the proposed new school tax on gross income.

For concurrence in the committee report (18): Allen, Calvin, Cantrell, Cooper, Davis of Lowndes, Davis of Pickens, Dyar, Goodwyn, Graham, Lamkin, Metcalf, Moses, Newton, Roberts, Robison, Tate, Van Antwerp, Vann, Vernaugh of Randolph.

Against concurrence (10): Bennett, Bradford, Coleman, Edens, Engelhardt, Flowers, Gibbs, Jones, Leonard, Little, Reeves, Shelton, Stakely, Smith and Yarbrough of Autauga.

## Livestock At Athens

Athens Livestock (Limestone Co. Stockyards) Tuesday, Aug. 23.

By Alabama and U. S. Departments of Agriculture)

TUESDAY'S ACTUAL SALABLE RECEIPTS: CATTLE & CALVES 300 HOGS 40.

Receipts reduced, trade slow to fairly active, general quality same as last week; bulk of run slaughter cows steady to 25c higher; calves and vealers. Compared with Monday slaughter heifers 450-800 lbs. and 300-450 lb. slaughter calves steady to 25c higher; slaughter cows mostly steady, spots 25c higher; on strongweight Utility offerings, stock steer calves under 500 lbs. and slaughter bulls steady to strong; vealers 50-1.00 off.

Utility and Commercial slaughter heifers 450-800 lbs. 11.50-16.70; individual choice Commercial slaughter cow 11.00; Utility slaughter cows 9.80-10.30; Canner and Cutter cows 8.00-9.50; bulls down to 5.50; Utility slaughter bulls 12.80-13.80; Canner and Cutter 8.50-11.50; few Good stocker steer calves under 500 lbs. 16.50-17.00; Common and Medium 12.80-16.00; Common and Medium stock cows $80.00-165.00; Common and Medium stock cows with calves at side $78.50-90.00 for the pair.

Good and Choice vealers 20.25-24.00; Utility and Commercial 13.00-19.00; Good 20.00-23.00; slaughter calves 16.00-17.00; Utility and Commercial 11.00-16.00; Cull calves 11.00 down.

HOGS: Receipts reduced, trade active; best butchers 50c higher; sows steady to 25c up; mixed U.S. 1-3, 190-280 lb. slaughter barrows and gilts under prices 18.75; Choice slaughter sows 12.80-13.30.

## Sheffield City Commission In Routine Meeting

The Sheffield city commission held a routine meeting last night, at which only three matters were considered.

The city sexton was authorized to purchase a Ford tractor, and mower from Johnson Tractor Co. for $2,100, that being the lowest and best bid.

A beer license for L. B. Ingram, at 113 W. Third Street, was approved, and Elmer Watkins, previously granted a temporary leave of absence from the police force, was reinstated.

## Malaria Conquered By The Authority

The TVA announced yesterday that it has completed its sixth year in which no malaria cases were traceable to TVA reservoirs.

No cases of malaria traceable to the reservoirs has been reported in the area since 1948. The TVA program to wipe out malaria was begun in 1933, when TVA was formed. In 1934, an average of 28.38 percent of the population in the reservoir area in North Alabama showed evidence of malaria.

This was reduced to .49 percent in 1948, and to zero in 1949, where it has remained ever since.

The program used to combat malaria mosquitoes was a cooperative effort in which state health agencies, the U. S. public health service and TVA all took a part.

After all preventative steps have been taken, continuous follow up by investigating the origin of every case of malaria in the TVA area. During 1954, the only six cases reported were traced to their origin in Korea.

## HARNESSING

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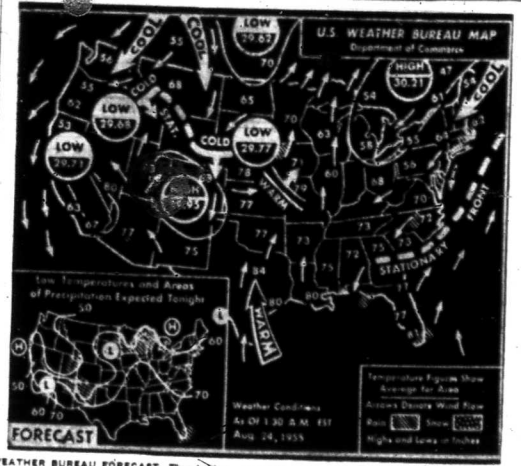
Anderson, Price and Hinshaw agreed that the General Assembly shown Russia is not ahead of the United States in peacetime development of the atom.

Rep. Holifield (D-Calif), another committee member who attended the Geneva meeting, said the first conference is that Americans seem to feel "something should be done with multitudes of papers presented at the meeting, but that Russian experts probably acquired fresh technical data.

He said the United States gave away more hitherto secret nuclear information than any other nation at the meeting. He added it is too




WEATHER BUREAU FORECAST—Thundershowers are forecast for tonight from the eastern Dakotas eastward to the upper Great Lakes, in parts of the central and southern Rockies and in extreme southern Florida. It will continue cool in the northeast. It will be cooler in the area around Lake Superior and warmer from lower Lake Michigan to southern Missouri and Illinois. (AP Wirephoto Map).

## The Weather

ALABAMA and MISSISSIPPI: Partly cloudy this afternoon, tonight and Thursday with widely scattered afternoon thundershowers.

Maximum temperature during the 24 hours ending at 6:30 this morning was 91; the minimum 67. There was no rain. Sunrise this morning was at 5:15 and sunset this evening will be at 6:27. Pickwick Lake stage this morning at 6 was 10.70 feet as compared with 12.20 feet Tuesday morning, a drop of 1.50 feet.

Precipitation and temperature data for the Muscle Shoals area for the week ending at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday was: mean 83, high, 91, low 67, and .16 inches of rainfall over a two day period.

## Death Claims Ben Righling

Ben Righling, Loretto, Tenn., died Sunday at his home at 10:30 p.m. Mr. Righling was 81 years old. He had been seriously ill for several months.

Mr. Righling was the husband of the late Annie Lamprecht Righling. Four of their five children survive: Henry, of Loretto; Charles, of Phenix City; William and Clem, both of Akron, O. There are three grandchildren. Other survivors include four brothers, Frank, John, Joe and Leo, all of Loretto; and three sisters, Rosie, Elizabeth and Mrs. Kate Henkel, all of Loretto.

A funeral Mass was said at 9 a.m. Tuesday by Rev. Joseph Tarpy, after which burial took place in the Catholic Cemetery.

Osborne funeral home had charge of burial arrangements.

## North Alabama Conservation Group To Meet

The North Alabama Conservation Association will meet at 8 o'clock Thursday night in the Florence Municipal Building.

All members are urged to be present.

## Mrs. Mary To Teach Secretarial Science

ATHENS (Special) — Mrs. Billie A. May has been added to the faculty of Athens College as an instructor in secretarial science.

Mrs. May is a graduate of State Teachers College at Livingston with a B.S. degree. She is presently employed in the business office at State Teachers College.

She will begin her work here at the opening of the fall quarter. Her husband is assistant coach at Athens High School.

## BUCHANAN TO

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by increasing our premium offerings next year for hogs and in general, to build the swine department, up to the point where it is comparable to our other livestock showings."

During the directors' meeting, final plans were made for this year's fair, which opens its six-day run at the fair grounds this year appeared to be higher than ever before and the swine show, morning, three additional industries, Metallurgical Company, Stylon Southern Corporation, and Alabama-Tennessee Natural Gas Company had asked to be added to the list of local industries, who are given their employees admission tickets to the fair for industrial days.

Classified Ads Get Results!

FIRST TUSCUMBIA BALE—Mrs. O. C. Johns of 1408 West Montgomery street, Sheffield, received the premium for the 565 pound bale of cotton, ginned Tuesday by Underwood-Carpenter Gin Company. The cotton was grown on the Baker farm, back of Robbins. Shown with her is B. Parker Cotton Company. Although it may have been the first Colbert County bale to reach the gin, Cliff Price, Leighton Negro, was given credit for producing the first bale. His bale was ready for ginning Saturday, but was not ginned until Tuesday when the King' gin in Leighton took it. (Staff Photo).

## Coffee Band Rehearsal Set Monday Morning

The first band rehearsal of the school season for Coffee High School will be held Monday at 8 a.m., announces F. C. McClure, director.

Mr. McClure urges all members of the band who expect to participate in the band this year to be present at the rehearsal, which will be held in the band room.

## Market Reports

H. L. Reeder-Cotton Company

Middling 33¼
Strict Middling 34

Shoals Cheese Corporation

Premium Sour Cream ..... 41

Florence Packing Company

Steers & Heifers — Veals

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| Choice | 20.00 | Choice | 18.00 |
| Good | 22.00 | Good | 15.00 |
| Commercial | 18.00 | Commercial | 12.00 |
| Utility | 11.00 | Utility | 10.00 |
| Cuttr | 8.00 | Cutter | 6.00 |

Cows — Bulls

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| Commercial | 11.00 | Commercial | 13.50 |
| Cutter | 8.00 | Cutter | 9.00 |
| Utility | 10.00 | Utility | 12.00 |
| Canner | 5.00 | Canner | 7.00 |

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| 200-240 | 18.25 |
| 245-270 | 18.25 |
| 275-300 | 18.25 |
| 300-400 | 18.00 |
| 400-500 | 18.00 |
| 180-180 | 18.00 |
| 180-155 | 18.00 |
| 120-down | 18.00 |
| Sows 250-down | 11.00 |
| Sows 250-485 | 10.00 |
| Sows 500-up | 10.00 |

## URGENT

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have now abandoned this area more than 180 miles wide where so much French blood was shed in the weekend massacres.

"There apparently are no French troops ever much in the region. There simply are not enough available for the job.

"The forces I saw in the towns seemed quiet for further cleanup operations in the countryside as soon as reinforcements reach them. Meanwhile, they concentrate mainly on searching Moroccan houses for suspects and arms.

"Others protect the property of Frenchmen who have fled. Fighter planes buzz the thatch-roofed Arab villages. All cars on the roads are formed into military convoys. Those French civilians who still remain in the towns have been armed by the authorities.

"A number of Moroccans were found shot yesterday between Zem and Kasba Tadla, but no estimate of their number was available."

A French army communique last night denied sabotage was involved in the plane crash in which Gen. Raymond Duval, commander of all French troops in Morocco, was killed Monday. Gen. Antoine Franchi, military governor of the Casablanca area, has taken over command of the Moroccan operations.

## FLORENCE TO

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gain he instructed the workmen to get the worst streets first and that if any money was left after this work was done the other streets would be fixed.

"I assure you if we have the money we will fix your street," stated Hall.

Chief of Police Noah H. Danley was authorized to attend the FBI conference in Birmingham beginning Thursday. The conference theme will be bank robberies and Chief Danley was also given permission to take a member of the police squad with him.

## COLEMAN NEW

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will run against Coleman.

The new governor will succeed Gov. Hugh White in January. Gov. White was prevented by the state constitution from seeking re-election.

Coleman promised to keep Negroes out of white schools, regulate public utilities and wipe out gambling on the Gulf Coast.


## In Lawrence County: Negro Mother Of Five Gets 5-Year Sentence

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