

The Weather,
Montgomery: Cloudy and colder
Predicted high today 44, low 25
High yesterday 65, low 43. (De-
tails (Weather Map, Page 7B).

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Folsom Wins
Court Bout
On Reshuffle

State Supreme Court
Rules For Governor
On Reappointment

Reappointment hopes bright-
ened yesterday when the State
Supreme Court ruled that a con-
stitutional amendment doesn't
need a two-thirds vote in a special
session of the Legislature.

At the request of Gov. James E.
Folsom, the court handed down an
advisory opinion holding that the
two-thirds rule governing legisla-
tion not included in a special ses-
sion call doesn't apply to pro-
posed changes in the Constitution.

Folsom called the present ex-
traordinary session for a constitu-
tional convention to rewrite the
organic law. But since the Legisla-
ture has rejected that, he has en-
dorsed a reappointment amend-
ment passed by the Senate last
week.

Until the governor raised the
question, many legislators and
parliamentarians interpreted the
Constitution to mean any measure
outside the call for a special ses-
sion required a two-thirds vote in
each house to go through.

Section 76 of the Constitution
says "There shall be no legisla-
tion upon subjects other than those
designated in the proclama-
tion of the governor calling such
session except by a vote of two-
thirds of each house."

The justices of the Supreme
Court ruled in their advisory opin-
ion that Section 76 deals only with
legislation, namely "in each
house of laws." In other words,
the court said a constitutional
amendment isn't "legislation."

Consequently, the justices held
that passage of constitutional
amendments comes under Section
284 of the Constitution, which fixes
a three-fifths vote in the Legisla-
ture as the majority needed to
submit an amendment to the people.

The court's opinion could be
highly significant in the current
reappointment battle. On a close
vote, it could mean the difference
between success and defeat.

The two-thirds rule has been
interpreted by the same court to
mean two-thirds of a quorum vot-
ing in the Legislature. With all
members present as they have
been in recent days, it would take
24 votes in the Senate and 71 in
the House to pass legislation out-
side the special session call.

But a constitutional amend-
ment can be submitted with three-fifths
of the membership—21 votes in
the Senate and 64 in the lower
chamber.

Meanwhile, race-conscious Black
Belters in the House where tradi-
tionally opposed to both reap-
pointment and integration may
find themselves confronted with
this problem today.

"Would a continued filibuster
against reappointment material-
ize if after their discussion of a
"Freedom of Choice" school bill
aimed at preserving classroom
segregation?"

The third week of the present
special session roared to a close
last Friday with a small county
members of the House stalling for
time to prevent a vote on legisla-
tion to reappoint the House and
Senate membership.

Although the delaying action did
block a showdown on that issue,
it also prevented a possible vote
on the school segregation meas-
ure already approved by the Senate
and on the House calendar.

Reconvening after a weekend
respite, the Black Belt bloc led by
Rep. W. O. (Doc) Martin of Greene
(See FOLSON, Page 2A)

City's Taxpayers
Fight Deadline

Long lines formed yesterday as
Montgomery merchants and busi-
nessmen rushed to make last-min-
ute purchases of city retail li-
censes.

Deadline for license-buying is to-
day. After that, the license fees
will include a 10 per cent penalti-
ty.

For most of this month, City
Commissioner H. H. (Big Boy)
Hughes said his plea for merchants
to buy early was sporadic.

Hughes said total licenses sold
may reach as high as 10,000.

Prior to this year, merchants
who bought early were given a 10
per cent discount. However, that
practice was abandoned because
city officials said, the city needed
the revenue.

Lt. Col. Goodwyn
Dies In Carolina
Lt. Col. Albert G. Goodwyn, a
relative of Justice John L. Good-
wyn and a member of the U.S.
Naval Academy at Charleston.
He was born in Robinson Springs
and was a grandson of President
Tyler.

Funeral was held yesterday.

Straight thru to Tampa, Miami,
Jacksonville, Orlando, Ft. Myers,
No change of bus or baggage. Go 100
cents. Phone 4-5226. (adv.)

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None Injured
After Bombing
Of King Home



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By JOE AZBELL,
Advertiser City Editor
A bomb tossed on the porch of
the home of the Rev. M. L. King,
Negro boycott leader, 309 S. Jack-
son St. about 9:15 last night shat-
tered windows, ripped a hole in
the porch and cracked a porch
column. No one was injured.

Neighbors reported that a light
colored automobile was seen at
the time of the explosion. It was
believed to have stopped in front
of the home as a man got out
and placed or tossed the bomb
on the porch.

Coretta King, wife of the
Baptist minister, said she was sitting
in the front room of the six-room
white frame dwelling a half block
from the Ben Moore Hotel when
she heard footsteps and a thud
"like a brick hitting on the porch."

She said she was talking with
the wife of Roscoe Williams, Mont-
gomery electrician, and that they
feared the "thud" might be
"something dangerous." The two
women ducked through a side door
to the middle bedroom and went
to a third room in the rear. As
they reached the third room, they
said they heard the explosion.

In the rear room also was the
Kings' seven and a half weeks old
baby, Yolanda Denise.

Yano Pruitt, assistant state toxic-
ologist, said he believed the bomb
to be either a hand grenade or a
half stick of dynamite.

HOLES IN CONCRETE
The bomb hit on the south side
of the porch about six feet from
the concrete steps. It ripped a
slight hole about a half inch
deep, four inches long and two
inches wide in the tile-like porch
covering.

The bomb explosion shattered
the four windows on the front of
the house, sending glass flying
inside the living room on the north
side and den and music room on
the south side. The house is the
parsonage of Dexter Avenue
Baptist Church.

The house is about 15 feet from
the sidewalk and about 30 feet
from the street.

A neighbor, Ernest Walters, 301
S. Jackson, said he saw a light
colored car stop in front of
the King house and then move
away in a "terrific hurry." Walters
said he was walking up his
sidewalk when he saw the car
and immediately after heard the
explosion. He said he saw one
man driving the car.

The Williams woman told essen-
tially the same story as the wife
of Rev. King, she said she was
"shocked by the explosion."

PLEA FOR PEACE
As a crowd of about 200 Negroes
gathered outside the house, the
27-year-old Rev. King, in a dra-
matic scene, addressed them. He
began by asking the group to be
"peaceful."

"We believe in law and order.
Don't get panicky. Don't do any-
thing panicky at all. Don't get
your weapons. He who lives by
the sword will perish by the sword.
Remember that is what God said.
We are not advocating violence. I
want you to love our enemies. Be
good," he told them. Love them and
let them know you love them. I did
(See BOMBING, Page 2A)

Eden To Back President
In Position On World Policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—
Prime Minister Eden pledged Brit-
ain's full support today to Presi-
dent Eisenhower's statement of
policy that Russia should ease
world tensions by "deeds, not
words."

Eden personally assured Eisen-
hower of Britain's stand at the first
of a series of White House meetings
called to coordinate British and
American policies.

A conference spokesman, speak-
ing for both delegations, said Eisen-
hower and Eden reached full agree-
ment in their appraisal of Russia's
economic and political moves against
the West.

EDEN SATISFIED
The joint British-American view
was stated Saturday, to Eden's sat-
isfaction, the spokesman said, when
Eisenhower replied to a message
from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bul-
ganin. The President politely but
firmly turned down Bulganin's bid
for a 20-year friendship treaty with
the United States. He called on Bul-
ganin to prove Russia's peaceful
intent by settling specific East-
West problems, such as German
unity and disarmament, and ar-

ranging more contacts between the
Free and Communist worlds.

Today's White House meetings
focused mainly on the critical Mid-
dle East where half a dozen sepa-
rate crises have allowed Russia to
tip the balance of power in the region.

Specifically discussed, it was dis-
closed, were the bitter dispute be-
tween Israel and the Arab coun-
tries and Britain's quarrel with
Saudi Arabia, as well as other is-
sues in an area which includes dif-
ficulties over Cyprus, Egypt, the
Arabhad defense alliance and
French difficulties in North Africa.

The conference spokesman re-
ported that in his view the differ-
ences are very narrow in Ameri-
can-British policy in this region.
He declined to predict, however,
whether this would result in a joint
British-American program of ac-
tion.

The first Eisenhower-Eden meet-
ing, at luncheon, ranged not only
into Russia's moves but reviewed
whether the United States and Great
Britain should support such a treaty
with the organization for European
economic cooperation, it was said.
The meeting also covered new moves
being planned, such as the Euro-
pean Community. (See EDEN, Page 2A)

FUNERAL TODAY
Mencken's Ashes To Rest
In Oblivion He Desired
BALTIMORE, Jan. 30 (AP)—Be-
cause no one has ever produced a
"suitable burial service for the ad-
mittedly damned" as H. L. Menck-
en once suggested, the famed au-
thor's ashes will be laid to rest
simply and unobtrusively to-
morrow. Mencken died Sunday morn-
ing.

"Such a libretto for the inescapa-
ble last act would be humane and
valuable. I renew my suggestion
that the poets spit upon their hands
and confect it at once," he wrote.

Mencken's brother August said
tonight just a few old friends and
the immediate family will gather
at a "mortalist's place" at 1 p.m.

The surviving brothers, August,
and Charles Mencken, of Pitts-
burgh, and a sister, Anna Ger-
trude, make up the family. The
old friends include Hamilton Owens
editor in chief of the Sunpapers;
Frank Kent, political columnist for
the Sun; James M. Cain, the au-
thor, now residing in Hyattsville;
Louis Cheslock and W. Edwin Mof-
fett, surviving members of the old
Saturday Night Club over which
Mencken used to preside, and Sieg-
fried Weisberger, former proprie-
tor of the "Peabody Book Shop" in
Baltimore.

BRIEF ADDRESS
August said either he or Owens
would address the small assembly
briefly.

"We'll simply tell them Harry
and Charles Mencken, of Pitts-

Benson Faces
New Troubles
With Congress

Muzzles Suggestion
For Assistants
To Eisenhower

By WILMOT HERCHER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Sec-
retary of Agriculture Benson came
under fresh fire in Congress to-
day, with Rep. Burdick (R-SD)
suggesting that Benson and some
other Cabinet members should
"wear muzzles."

Demand for Benson's resigna-
tion arose last week after publica-
tion of a letter, signed with his
name, applauding a magazine ar-
ticle which called the American
farmer "our pampered tyrant."

Benson's apologetic statement
Friday that the letter to the editor
of Harper's magazine was a staff
"boner" added to the uproar on
Capitol Hill.

COURAGE SHOWED
But Sen. Bennett (R-Ill.) told
the Senate the secretary's frank
acknowledgment of the error
showed courage and should per-
suade critics to withdraw their de-
mands that he resign.

Burdick issued a statement sug-
gesting that some members of
President Eisenhower's Cabinet
are suffering from "roof and
muzzle disease."

"Every time they open their
mouth," Burdick said, "they seem
to put their foot in it."

He said the President should in-
stall these men wear muzzles,
although he said he doubted whether
muzzles "would stop the ap-
pearance of letters in the maga-
zines under the name of a secre-
tary who never saw or read or
signed the publication."

BENSON'S 'BONER'
Benson's "boner" letter was
written after Harper's published
an article by John Fischer entit-
led, "The country slickers ask us
again." Benson's note was in reply
to a letter written by Horace A.
Knowles, the magazine's public
relations representative, saying he
thought Benson might like to see
the article "in support of your
position."

The department letter said:
"I have read the article by John
Fischer in the December issue of
Harper's with a great deal of in-
terest. It is excellent."

Sen. Morse (D-Ore) said he
thought the article was "a pretty
good example of Mr. Benson's
agricultural policy," and that he
didn't propose to accept the secre-
tary's "alibi" at its "face va-
lue." He said it was "interesting
that the writer's views 'had been
associated with those of Benson
'FALSE ASSUMPTION'
"I think the American people are
entitled to a secretary of agricul-
ture who runs his office more ef-
ficiently than that," Morse said.

Bennett told the Senate Benson's
resignation had been called for on
the "false assumption" that he
was the author of the letter bear-
ing his name.

Actually, it was written by Mrs.
Irene Slagstad, a 31-year-old Agri-
culture Department secretary, in-
(See BENSON, Page 2A)

Death Claims
Col. Mardre

Lt. Col. Robert B. Mardre, 54
died early yesterday at the Army
Hospital, Ft. Lee, Va., after a brief
illness.

Col. Mardre is a graduate of
Auburn and was for many years
superintendent of schools in Ope-
lika. He was called into active
duty with the Army immediately
after Pearl Harbor and served
two tours of duty in Korea and
Japan.

Before Col. Mardre left Korea in
March, 1955, he received one of
the highest citations that is given
by the Korean government in re-
cognition of outstanding service in
setting up an educational system
in the Korean Army.

Col. Mardre is survived by his
widow a son, Robert Burton
Mardre Jr., a senior at Alabama
Polytechnic Institute; a daughter,
Mrs. J. Gordon Scott Jr., and her
two sons, all of Opelika; and three
sisters Mrs. C. H. Patterson of
Atiana, Ga., Mrs. J. W. Tid-
more of Auburn, and Mrs. Hart
well Davis of Montgomery.

Funeral services will be held at
the First Baptist Church, of which
he was a member, Wednesday at
3 p.m. The family requests no
flowers.

Judge Davis Stakely
Seeking Renomination

Justice Davis Stakely qualified
yesterday as a candidate for re-
nomination to the State Supreme
Court.

He filed with the secretary of
state to enter the Democratic pri-
mary May 1.

ADVERTISER TODAY

Table with 3 columns: Class, Page, Rate. Includes entries for Classified Ads, 15th Movies, Comics, etc.

No lower rates ANYWHERE than
at The Advertiser. Only \$50.00 to Nashville.
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Blast Rocks Residence
Of Bus Boycott Leader



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KING ADDRESSES NEGRO CROWD
The Rev. M. L. King, Negro boycott leader, addresses the large crowd that formed out-
side his home at 309 S. Jackson St. last night after the house was bombed. He told the Negroes
"not to get your weapons, be peaceful, and remember if I am stopped, this movement will
not be stopped." Left to right are Fire Chief R. L. Lampley, Mayor W. A. Gayle, King, and
Commissioner Clyde Sellers.

Parley Set
For Arrests
On Sundays

The arrest Sunday of 10 mer-
chants in the county for violation
of the state's blue laws has brought
on a meeting of county law officers
concerning the controversial
Sunday closing statute.

Court of Common Pleas Judge
Alex Marks will meet today at 10
a.m. in the east courtroom of
the courthouse for a conference
with Circuit Solicitor W. F. Thet-
ford, Sheriff Mac Butler, law en-
forcement officers and "any inter-
ested merchants."

Sheriff's deputies arrested four
store operators on the Troy High-
way Sunday, two at Ramer, two at
Wagon Community, and two others.
Each was released, however, af-
ter posting bonds for \$100.

Sheriff Butler offered no com-
ment on the wholesale arrests in
the county Sunday, except that he
hopes "something definite can be
worked out" at the meeting today
concerning the enforcement of the
state blue laws in Montgomery
County.

Police Chief G. J. Ruppenthal
said no arrests for violations of
the blue law have been made in
the city since the recent crack
down. "We have received no re-
ports on any stores operating con-
trary to the Sunday closing law,"
the chief said, adding that "the
merchants have been very coopera-
tive with us."

Among those arrested were R.
A. Alford Sr., justice of the peace
and operator of a store and service
station on Troy Highway.

Others included R. A. Gipson,
manager of Hayward Powell
Store No. 2 and Hayward Howell,
owner and operator of Howell's
Store No. 1, both on Troy High-
way; J. B. Phillips at Ramer;
James Kahn, Kahn's Store at Pine
Level; Clovis H. Hilton, proprietor
of Hilton's Store on Upper Wetumpka
Road near Flatwood Community;
J. Massingill, operator of
Massingill's Grocery near Flat-
wood; Caterina McCarty, operator
of McCarty's Place at Wau-
dash; Sam Dal Porto, proprietor of Dal
Porto's Store at Mt. Meigs, and
James F. Browder, at Ramer.

Moore has been awarded the
contract to manage the new, 250-
acre West Alabama Fishing Lake,
located nine miles west of Tusca-
loosa. It is the largest fertilized
fishing lake in the world.

News stories published Sunday
had been critical of the fact that
Moore's contract had been award-
ed without competitive bidding.

Drinkard confirmed this fact
yesterday, but added "as far as
I know never in the history of the
state have fishing lake contracts
been let on a bid basis."

"There were several applica-
tions made for the contract, and
Moore was selected as he was



WHERE BOMB HIT
Police Officer M. L. Wray points to the spot on the front porch
of the King home where a bomb hit last night exploding and shat-
tering windows, a column and ripping a mailbox from the wall.
The bomb left a shallow hole about four inches long and two inches
wide. It was believed to be a hand grenade or a half stick of
dynamite.

City Offers
\$500 Reward
In Bombing

The Montgomery City Commis-
sion last night offered a reward
of \$500 for the capture and con-
viction of the persons who bombed
the home of the Rev. M. L. King,
Negro boycott leader.

W. A. Gayle, speaking for
the City Commission said:
"We do not condone such acts
of violence under any conditions
in our community.

"The persons who committed
this terrible crime should be pun-
ished to the fullest extent of the
law.

"We are asking the cooperation
of the entire community to find
the guilty parties. We want any
details, however small they may
be, that may lead to the arrest
of the guilty parties.

"Not in our community or any
community in this land of ours
should there be such terrible acts
of violence. We are strongly in
favor of law and order.

"We are offering a \$500 reward
for the arrest and conviction of
the guilty parties. We are provid-
ing police protection for the Rev.
King and we hope that the com-
munity will cooperate in furnish-
ing us any facts that will help
to solve this crime."

(See DRINKARD, Page 2A)

Drinkard Denies Favoritism
In Award For Fishing Lake

Conservation Director W. H.
(Bill) Drinkard denied emphati-
cally yesterday he had shown
any "political favoritism" in
awarding a contract to man-
age a huge fishing lake to E. M.
Moore, the father-in-law of Gov.
James E. Folsom.

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acre West Alabama Fishing Lake,
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loosa. It is the largest fertilized
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"If he makes \$25 a day it will
be good," Drinkard added.

Under the contract, Moore han-
dles the selling of one-day fishing
permits, boat rentals and conces-
sions. The fee for fishing is 50
cents a day, with Moore keeping
half of it.

"There's a lot of hard work in-
volved in operating a lake of this
size. It's a 24-hour job," Drink-
ard said.

(See DRINKARD, Page 2A)

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