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SOUTHERN COMPANY REFUTES PROPAGANDA



Shown above in the booth sponsored by this Association, the Tennessee Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and TVA at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting in Chicago from left to right are: John Oliver, General Manager, TVA; Paul Tidwell, Manager, Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative and member of Executive Boards of NRECA and TVPPA; Gordon R. Clapp, Chairman of the Board of Directors, TVA; and J. C. Hundley, Executive Manager of TRECA. (For story see Page 3.)

In a recent report to their stockholders The Southern Company, which controls the Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Gulf Power Companies, asked the question, "Will the new steam plants being built by the Tennessee Valley Authority mean ultimate encroachment on your system?" Their answer is as follows:

"Fifteen years ago a group of utility companies carried the fight on the constitutionality of TVA's power activities to the Supreme Court, where the final decision was adverse to the companies. Since then our group has maintained a workable and mutually advantageous operating relationship with the TVA, and there has been no attempt to extend TVA lines into the territory served by our group. Power is constantly interchanged with them over five high-tension transmission lines connecting our Alabama and Georgia companies with the TVA system. Since we give good service and have the capacity to meet the power demands and have the respect of the public, we feel that we are in no danger from extension of TVA service into our area."

We would like to recall the article in the June edition of the bulletin quoting two prominent utility executives from the Far West. This statement, together with the statement just quoted from the Southern Corporation, certainly makes the fantastic claim advanced by Purcell Smith and his propagandists of "creeping socialism" sound rather ridiculous.

ANNUAL MEETING DATE SET

The Executive Board in its official session in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Thursday, June 19, voted to hold the annual meeting of the Association in Chattanooga, Tennessee April 6 and 7, 1953. The Patten Hotel will be headquarters for the Association meeting, and a very fine program is being planned under the direction of Paul Tidwell of the Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative.

Mark this date on your calendar and make your plans now to be in attendance.

\$7,250,000 TAXES PAID BY TVA

Approximately \$7,250,000 will be paid by TVA and by distributors of TVA power as taxes or in lieu of taxes to state, county, and municipal governments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, TVA General Manager John Oliver announced today.

This payment, the highest total to date, is about \$4,000,000 more than former property taxes on all reservoir lands and on all privately owned power properties acquired by TVA and the distributing agencies.

Payments by TVA in lieu of taxes under the TVA Act to 7
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MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC CO-OP FETES EMPLOYEES

On Sunday, June 29, employees and members of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Electric Cooperative were treated to a picnic on top of Roan Mountain as guests of the manage-

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GUEST EDITORIAL

With the permission of President William F. Schnitzler of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union of America, we are reprinting an article that appeared in the official publication of this Union for the month of April 1952. The article is self explanatory.

POWER LOBBY ROLLS ALONG

"Will Public Power Victories Be Undone?" is the title of an article appearing in a recent issue of Labor, the weekly voice of the rail brotherhoods.

The answer given to the question is far from encouraging. The power trust, which, if it had had its way, would have prevented construction of the TVA, the Coulee, Bonneville and Hoover Dams, is now spending lavishly to further its aims of obstructing the will of the people. The aim of Power Trust lobbying in Washington is to prevent all further power developments unless they are undertaken by a dues-paying member of the trust itself. The Power Trust aims to do this by gaining control of the rivers and by obtaining long-term licenses to hydro-electric dam sites. In the cases where the Federal Government does succeed in building a dam, the Power Trust demands the right to distribute any power generated at the dam. To do this, it would first have to kill the "preference" law which requires power systems, built with public money, to first supply the power needs of public-owned bodies and farm electric "co-ops."

Even at this late date, when the TVA story is a shining example of valley development, that has brought higher income and increased well-being to all the residents of the Tennessee Valley, the Power Trust continues its subtle propaganda designed to tear down the TVA idea.

The Power Trust works more slickly now than it did in the old days when it used to buy state and national legislators outright. But its ends—monopoly sale of electric power at monopoly prices—remain the same.

TVA AWARDS EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS

Contracts totalling \$1,087,000 have been awarded for equipment—the largest of its type that TVA has ever purchased—for the TVA's new Colbert Steam Plant.

Boiler feed pumps will be supplied by the DeLaval Steam Turbine Company (\$357,000) and the Byron Jackson Company (\$370,000). The Sturdevant Division of Westinghouse Electric Company received a contract to provide forced and induced draft fans at a cost of \$360,000.

The boiler feed pumps will be run by 3,000-horsepower electric motors and have a capacity of more than 86,000 gallons of water an hour. They are used to pump water to boilers capable of generating 1,200,000 pounds of steam per hour. Two pumps are used for each boiler and a third is installed for use in case of failure of the others.

The forced draft fans, with a capacity of approximately 200,000 cubic feet a minute, are powered by 600-horsepower motors and furnish the air required for the combustion of fuel

APPROPRIATIONS BILL PASSED

The Tennessee Valley Authority fared well at the hands of Congress in this year's session, but the anti-public power coalition succeeded in crippling the public power development program in many other parts of the country.

Appropriations were voted to provide funds for the vastly expanded power program in the Tennessee Valley area but the compelling factor in the victory was the fear of many members of Congress, particularly Senators, that a reduction in the amounts requested would endanger the atomic energy program, and in so doing, endanger the safety of the nation.

Two separate appropriations were made by Congress for providing additional TVA steam generating facilities. The Independent Offices Appropriation bill provides the sum of \$186,027,000 for TVA for the fiscal year which started July 1, 1952. The House had sought to reduce the amount by \$14,757,000 by eliminating funds for construction of two additional units of the steam generating plant at the Shawnee installation at Paducah. The Senate, however, restored the funds and that body's action was approved by the conference committee and, subsequently, by the House.

The second appropriation for TVA was contained in a supplemental appropriation bill which provides funds for \$150,000,000 for starting a \$287,000,000 construction program for additional steam plant facilities with which to meet the new atomic energy expansion load. The expansion, to provide 1,710,000 kilowatts, will consist of four additional units at Shawnee, two additional units at Kingston, and the opening up of a new plant site in east Tennessee, near Rogersville, and a new plant in middle Tennessee, near Gallatin.

The proposed expansion of the Atomic Energy Commission's power requirements will result in one-third of the TVA system's capacity at the end of 1955 being devoted to supplying power to AEC.

The House reduced the \$150,000,000 appropriation by \$65,000,000 on motion of Representative Coudert, TVA foe, of New York, who argued that private utilities should be given the contract to supply AEC's additional demands. The House acted despite a forceful speech by Representative Robert Jones of Alabama, in which he pointed out that TVA's rates would save the Federal Government more than \$50,000,000 over a period of 25 years.

"This amendment (by Coudert) is willful extravagance," Jones told his colleagues. "It goes against the judgment of the agency responsible for the AEC program. It goes against common sense and responds to the wishes of one of the most greedy and ambitious lobbies this Congress has ever seen."

The Senate subsequently restored the full amount and was sustained by the conference committee, after which the House yielded.

In other actions taken by the Congress late in the session substantial cuts were made in funds sought by the Department of Interior for numerous power projects and similar reductions also were made in the appropriations for similar projects under supervision of the Corps of Army Engineers.

—Sam O'Neal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The speech above referred to by Representative Robert Jones of Alabama is one of the most forceful and clear-cut answers to the phony taxation argument, which has been advanced by the private utilities, that has ever come to our attention. We will be delighted to get you copies of this short speech if you will write this office.

and the feeding of pulverized coal to the boiler.

The induced draft fans, with a capacity of 311,000 cubic feet a minute, are installed at ground level and used to bring the hot air and smoke from the top of the boiler to the stack base, and then force them out of the stack. This requires a 1,500-horsepower motor for each fan.

HOME AND FARM ELECTRICAL EXPOSITION

TENTS AVAILABLE

As was reported in last issue of the News, quite a number of the power distributors are taking advantage of the availability of the Exposition tents for annual meetings and special meetings.

The Tullahoma Power System used the tents on July 3, 4 and 5 for the Centennial celebration at Tullahoma, which was a huge success. An exhibition was given by the Air Forces of the United States Army, and there were displays sponsored by local dealers of electrical appliances and many others. Mr. Sanders, Manager of the Tullahoma Power System, was more than pleased with the services rendered by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Association in connection with the Centennial.

The tents have been scheduled as follows for the months of August and September:

August 7—North Georgia E.M.C., Dalton, Ga.

August 12—Southwest Tenn., E.M.C., Brownsville, Tenn.

August 16—Chickasaw E. C., Somerville, Tenn.

August 19—Forked Deer E. C., Halls, Tenn.

August 21—Gibson County E.M.C., Trenton, Tenn.

August 26—Meriwether-Lewis E. C., Centerville, Tenn.

August 29—Middle Tennessee E. M. C., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

September 1-6—Blue Ridge E. A., Young Harris, Ga.

We reported in the last bulletin that the Mountain Electric Cooperative was going to use the tents on September 15. We wish to correct this error as the tents will be used for the annual meeting of the Mountain Electric Cooperative on October 4.

The farm trailers will be used at all of these meetings and special showings have been arranged for the trailers in connection with the 4-H achievement program in Tennessee. On July 11, 18 and 25 the trailers will be at Columbia, Tennessee for this special event. The latter part of September and early part of October the farm trailers will be used at the Powell Valley Electric Cooperative in the territory around Jonesville, Virginia and on October 14 and 15 the trailers will be at Rogersville, Tennessee for the Holston Electric Cooperative program.

Those distributors that have not made requests for the use of the trailers and wish to do so should get their requests in immediately.

TVA STORY TOLD

Through the cooperation of TVA, Tennessee Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and Tennessee Valley Public Power Association a booth was placed at the last annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for the purpose of explaining the TVA story to a great number of people who are not familiar with the operation of TVA and the power distributors in the valley.

The booth was very much of a success and a great many stopped in at the booth and talked with members of the Association, TVA and TRECA. A great many pieces of literature were distributed through the booth telling the TVA story and giving a history and background of the region since the advent of TVA.

The Executive Board of the Association in its official meeting on Thursday, June 19, voted to ask the TVA to again participate in this type of display and have a booth at the annual meeting of NRECA in San Francisco next January and also have a booth at the annual meeting of the American Public Power Association which is to be held in Boston next May.

Plans are now being made to prepare this display which will be larger and more attractive than the one used this past year.

The photo on page one shows the booth and some of the people who were there during the meeting to man the booth.

We believe that this is one of the most effective ways to get the TVA story across to other sections of the country and to make them understand our operations.

EASTERN DISTRICT MANAGERS MEETING

The Eastern District Managers' Association is having its annual meeting at the New Gatlinburg Inn, Gatlinburg, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday, September 5th and 6th.

Mr. W. E. Speer, President of the Eastern Division and Manager of the Tri-State Electric Cooperative at Copperhill, Tennessee, reports that the Program Committee is planning a very good program for this meeting and they are looking forward to having a large number of distributors present.

Reservations should be made direct to the hotel of your choice if you plan on attending this meeting.

TAXES

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states and 135 counties will total \$3,036,207, an increase of \$591,411 over similar payments for the fiscal year 1951, Mr. Oliver said. He explained that the considerable increase over last year's payments resulted from increased power sales. TVA payments have been made monthly during the fiscal year to date on the basis of a preliminary schedule, and adjustments will be made where necessary in the checks for the months of May and June so that the sum of the 12 payments during the fiscal year will equal the amounts finally determined to be payable to each of the states and counties.

In addition to the direct TVA payments, it is estimated that municipal and cooperative distributors of TVA power will pay state and local taxes and make payments in lieu of taxes amounting to more than \$4,200,000 for the 1952 fiscal year.

More than one-third of the total TVA payments for the current fiscal year will be distributed among 135 counties, the remainder going to the state governments in the Tennessee Valley region. The amounts to be paid to each state and its counties are:

State	Payments to States	Payments to Counties	Total Payments
Ala.	\$ 503,506	\$ 41,949	\$ 545,455
Ga.	35,953	54,071	90,024
Ky.	190,388	31,407	221,795
Miss.	58,837	33,615	92,452
N. C.	111,635	9,054	120,689
Tenn.	1,007,247	947,463	1,954,710
Va.	9,481	1,601	11,082
Total	\$1,917,047	\$1,119,160	\$3,036,207

BOOKKEEPER AND OFFICE MANAGER AVAILABLE

Thomas Thornton Dupree, 3706 Sullivan Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, is available for hire. Mr. Dupree is married and has two children. He was graduated from high school and has had business school experience. He worked for two years as Office Manager for an Employment service concern, as general clerk in the Customer Accounting Department of the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga, and for three and one-half years he served as a supply sergeant in the United States Army. For the past six years he has been working as a salesman and doing general bookkeeping for a feed and seed concern.

Mr. Dupree comes very highly recommended by former employers and anyone wishing to contact Mr. Dupree can do so by writing to him direct at his residence.

MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS SECTIONS SELECTED

All of the Sections of the Association have been organized and Chairmen appointed for the year 1952-53. For your information we are listing below the Sections showing the Chairman and members of each:

ACCOUNTING SECTION

Chairman:

C. H. Shibley, Bristol, Va., Power Board.

Members:

Luther Nance, Murray Electric System.
Marshall Mulherin, Southwest Tenn. E.M.C.
J. N. Williams, Huntsville Electric System.
Jimmy Davis, Joe Wheeler E.M.C.
A. Ray Aycock, Tupelo Water & Electric Dept.
E. R. Dent, Monroe County E.P.A.
W. E. Landers, Murfreesboro Board of Public Utilities.
C. M. Stewart, Warren R.E.C.C., Inc.
C. F. Wahli, Knoxville Utilities Board.

Members at Large:

R. W. Mathisson, Knoxville Utilities Board.
J. B. Hawkins, Tennessee Valley Authority.
N. W. Wade, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Div.
H. B. Matthews, Tennessee Valley Authority.
B. N. Peterson, Tennessee Valley Authority.
R. H. Dulaney, Electric Power Board of Chatta.

DISTRIBUTION PRACTICES SECTION

Chairman:

Clyde J. Martz, Huntsville Electric System.

Members:

L. E. Marshall, Knoxville Utilities Board.
W. E. Speer, Tri-State Electric Cooperative.
R. V. Taylor, Philadelphia Utilities.
W. H. Saxton, Tallahatchie Valley E.P.A.
W. L. Anderson, Pulaski Light & Water Dept.
Ewing Hoskins, Tri-County E.M.C.
J. W. Johnson, Athens Electric Department.
C. E. Bryan, Jackson Electric Department.
Chester Osenbaugh, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division.
N. T. Kinzly, Nashville Electric Service.

Members at Large:

Merrill DeMerit, Tennessee Valley Authority.
D. M. Brown, Tennessee Valley Authority.
George Parker, Electric Power Board of Chatta.

DISTRIBUTION STANDARDS SECTION

Chairman:

C. E. Bryan, Jackson Electric Department.

Members:

D. M. Brown, Tennessee Valley Authority.
F. W. Floyd, Electric Power Board of Chatta.
W. E. Hooper, Sheffield Power & Water Dept.
K. P. Campbell, Cumberland E.M.C.
W. H. Saxton, Tallahatchie Valley E.P.A.
T. W. Bray, Jr., Nashville Electric Service.
R. V. Taylor, Philadelphia Utilities.
James Meyer, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Div.

INDUSTRIAL SALES SECTION

Chairman:

W. G. Davies, Electric Power Board of Chatta.

Members:

Ralph Haworth, Cleveland Electric System.
Bradford Jones, Knoxville Utilities Board.
W. L. Whitworth, Sequachee Valley E.C.
K. A. Woltersdorf, Huntsville Electric System.
Q. E. Eddens, Decatur Electric Dept.
W. W. Carlton, Columbia Power System.
A. C. Gibson, Nashville Electric Service.
Herman E. Taylor, Clarksville Dept. of Electricity.
H. E. Ayres, Tennessee Valley Authority.
R. W. Vaughn, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Div.
C. C. Sneed, Jr., Pontotoc E.P.A.
J. T. Ames, Holly Springs Water & Electric Dept.
John Stanfield, Tennessee Valley Authority.
Frank E. Callahan, Jr., Tenn. Valley Authority.

MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC

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ment of the Mountain Electric Cooperative.

Clyde Elsea, President of the Tennessee Rural Electric Cooperative Association and Manager of the Mountain Electric Cooperative, reports that this is an annual event. Since the cooperative has been sponsoring the picnic he has found that relations between employees and management have improved considerably and it is one of the best mediums for management and employees to get to know each other better.

Quite a number of the power distributors throughout the Tennessee Valley area hold these annual picnics for their employees and in every case it is reported that the relations between management and employees have improved considerably.

The Executive Secretary of the Association was privileged to talk to the Mountain Electric group on Sunday and enjoyed himself very much.

Herman Hill, Mt. Pleasant Power System.
Raymond Forkner, Upper Cumberland E.M.C.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION

Chairman:

William Hooper, Sheffield Power & Water Dept.

Members:

Earl A. Holloway, Arab Electric Coop., Inc.
Q. E. Eddens, Decatur Electric Dept.
John F. Meagher, Elizabethton Electric System.
C. M. Elsea, Mountain Electric Coop.
F. J. Wallheiser, Duck River E.M.C.
John T. Butts, Franklin Electric Plant Board.
James L. Mattox, Columbus Light & Power Dept.
Louis Wise, Four County E.P.A.
W. M. Roberts, Pickwick E.M.C.
Robert N. Mitchell, Bolivar Electric Dept.

Members at Large:

R. S. Diggs, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Div.
Bert Osborne, Electric Power Board of Chatta.
George Munger, Tennessee Valley Authority.
Buford Martin, Tennessee Valley Authority.
W. D. Hall, Nashville Electric Service.
Marcus Wilson, Tennessee Valley Authority.
Clyde Carpenter, Knoxville Utilities Board.

SAFETY SECTION

Chairman:

Fred C. Prince, Knoxville Utilities Board.

Members:

Henry Reeves, Erwin Utilities.
W. L. Whitworth, Sequachee Valley E.C.
Neal Stevens, Bessemer Electric Service.
J. H. Couch, Winchester Power System.
W. W. McMaster, Middle Tennessee E.M.C.
F. R. Tillman, Northeast Mississippi E.P.A.
Norman Miller, New Albany Water & Electric Dept.
Edward S. Ferguson, Murray Electric System.
W. M. Roberts, Pickwick E.M.C.

Members at Large:

C. G. Alexander, Tennessee Rural Electric Coop. Assn.
James F. Belcher, Nashville Electric Service.
W. P. Binks, Tennessee Valley Authority.
H. G. Pruett, Electric Power Board of Chatta.
C. W. Rittlemeyer, Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division.

ACCOUNTING SECTION TO MEET IN KNOXVILLE OCT. 20

The Accounting Section of the Association will hold its annual open meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee October 20, 1952 at the Farragut Hotel. A very fine program has been planned by the Program Committee and, as this will be just a one day meeting with the banquet Monday night, we believe that there will be a large crowd in attendance.

A printed program will be mailed to the distributors in the very near future, and a tentative program will be published in the next issue of the News.

Those wishing to do so can make their reservations for Sunday night direct to the Farragut Hotel.

Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

FIGHT AGAINST POWER—(Editorial)

"The Idaho Power Company's fight with the Bureau of Reclamation for control of the electric power resources of the Snake River is being portrayed in pro-company propaganda as a fight between private enterprise and socialism. Actually, it is a struggle to determine whether a minimum or a maximum of power shall be developed for a power-hungry region . . . The Snake River controversy is part of a nation-wide effort on the part of a number of privately owned utilities to destroy the unity of Government power systems by picking some key project right in the middle and trying to take it over . . . Similar tactics are being used by the Virginia Electric and Power Company on the Roanoke River in Virginia and North Carolina, and by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the Central Valley of California . . . In none of these instances is the issue a simple one of private vs. public power. All are issues of minimum versus maximum use of the resource of water power, with the privately owned utilities invariably on the side of the minimum."

—St. Louis, Post-Dispatch, 5/3.

A man was driving a car with his wife in the back seat and stalled the car on a railroad track with the train coming. His wife screamed, "Go on! Go on!" Her husband retorted, "You've been driving all day from the back seat. I've got my end across; see what you can do with your end."