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### TVA AND THE RIVAL POWER COMPANIES

The greatest increase in business prosperity of private power companies in the entire United States has taken place in the area of the TVA since the Authority began operations in the summer of 1933. The Tennessee Electric Power Company, operating in the very heart of TVA activity, has just been selected by the Edison Electric Institute, representing the Electrical Industry, as the outstanding company for the year 1934, because it has established "one of the most, if not the most, remarkable sales increases in residential, commercial, and industrial power in the history of the Electrical Industry." The record of the private power companies in the three major states in the area of TVA operation leads the entire United States.

"The fact that private power companies in the TVA area have taken the lead throughout the country, in a section of relatively low spendable income, shows how unfounded are the claims of private power interests that the TVA will destroy their business and impair their investment," Director David E. Lillenthal said. "The exact contrary has been the case."

If the power companies throughout the United States were to experience the same growth and prosperity as has been experienced by the Tennessee Valley private power companies during the short period of TVA operation, the Electrical Industry would be brought to a new high point.

The fact of the matter is that the Electrical Industry has fallen into a state of self-pity. The executives are spending their time complaining about the Federal Government's activities and seeking to lead the people of the county to believe that the Government's policies with respect to electricity are driving the private power companies into bankruptcy. These executives have been devoting their time in seeking to destroy the TVA and other Federal activities, because of alleged fears that these activities are unjust interferences in the exclusive domination they have exercised over this essential of life. The people of the United States are entitled to an explanation from the Electrical Industry. They are entitled to know the answers to the following questions:

"(1) If TVA is destructive of the private power business, how does it happen that in the whole country the outstanding examples of increased business and prosperity in the electrical field have occurred in the three states most directly affected by TVA, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia?

"(2) If the charges made by the Holding Companies, that TVA is destructive of the private power business, are true, why did the organized electrical industry this week award the Coffin medal for the most distinguished contribution to the electrical industry in 1934 to the Tennessee Electrical Power Company in the very heart of the TVA area?

"(3) How does the Electrical Industry explain that rate reductions made in the Tennessee Valley area, due, as it is said, to the destructive forces of TVA have resulted in the most remarkable increase in utility sales in the history of the industry?

"(4) What becomes of the charge of power surplus, which argument the utility industries are using against the completion of Federal projects on navigable streams, in face of the fact that in the Tennessee Valley area private power companies have increased their power consumption in a single year by 30%? In spite of these facts, if the power industry still insists that there is a surplus of power, is the power industry ready to take the responsibility of meeting the drastic power shortage predicted by the Federal Power Commission? How will it avoid responsibility for the retardation of recovery due to a shortage of power for industrial and domestic use?

"(5) Is it not a fact that if the same results in

### A CRISIS

The events of the past few weeks in our National capitol have been so far-reaching in their bearing on the governmental principles of our country that they will probably go down in history as the most important constitutional steps since the drawing of the constitution itself.

Through the agency of the NRA and other institutions by which the government tried to take over the affairs of the nation, our country was faced with the gravest situation causing direct conflict between the conservatives and the radicals, since the nation was founded.

Finding itself in the groove of an apparently unsolvable depression, the president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Congress attempted to put a wave of over-production that suffered from crippled distribution back on a proper basis through the direct medium of the government.

A system of "fair practice" principles were set up and declared to be law by the government and a huge loaning and spending program was launched through the same medium. Had all this been done through some sort of a private institution everything would have gone well. But because the government took these movements upon itself, cries of "communism" and "socialism" were begun, which may or may not be true.

"Share the Wealth" plans, "spending picnics" and similar charges, following the due course of those who through their own creative imaginations believed they could outdo the president, took the order of the day and were flung broadside into the teeth of the government.

Public utilities, representing the investments of millions of dollars, saw the system of fair practice eating vitally away at the cream which comes from capitalism, and the fight was begun.

The Supreme court ruled its judgment on the basis of constitutionality and naturally found part of the government's undertakings unconstitutional and if further investigation is made they will probably hand down the same charge to the other institutions of the government.

Now we are about to see the old constitution, which we learned to repeat by heart in the third grade but which very few of us really understand, undergo a complete change.

Such a procedure is perfectly natural. But if the constitution is to be revised so as to make the Roosevelt spending policies abstract law, then why start all the wrangle in the first place?

Frankly to us and everyone else, we are altogether in the dark, and when all the chips are in, we will find ourselves right back where we started hunting some new angle for which to solve the old, unrelentless question of labor versus capital.

It has always been thus—and always will be. We are at war now just as much as we were during the secession—but this time the weapons are politics and governmental interests.

However there is no need for undue alarm. When all the firing is over we'll be faced with the something same problem of the honest people working for a living and feeding the dishonest.

### FIGHT SOIL EROSION

Did you know that—when the slope of land is increased four times, the speed of the water flowing over it is about double, the cutting power is multiplied by 4, the power to carry soil is multiplied by 32 and the size of particles it can carry is multiplied by 64?

Erosion removes twenty-one times as much plant food from the soil as cultivated crops?

Erosion costs the State of North Carolina 66 million dollars yearly by removing plant food alone?

Rotating crops reduce soil loss about one-third?

Burned-over woods lose over 33 times as much soil as do unburned woods?

Grass sod loses over 11 times as much soil as unburned woods?

More than 50 per cent of the cultivated land in the Piedmont region is severely eroded and gullied?

Seven and one-tenth per cent of all land in Piedmont North Carolina has been abandoned due to excessive erosion?

Three and one-tenth per cent of all the land in North Carolina has been abandoned due to erosion?

increased use of electricity could be obtained in other sections of the country by private power companies as are obtained in the TVA area that a tremendous step toward recovery would be taken through increase production of electrical appliances?

"(6) Are not the people of the United States entitled to good sportsmanship on the part of the private utilities, and should they not acknowledge that the prosperity of private power companies in the TVA area is due in considerable part to rate reduction and the spotlight of public attention, which has stimulated these companies to move out of the lethargy due to monopoly?"

## TURNING BACK HISTORY'S PAGES

### 10 YEARS AGO

Friday, June 12, 1925  
Mrs. R. H. Sneed, Miss Margaret and Max Sneed, of Lemon City, Fla., arrived last Friday to spend the summer in Murphy.

Mr. C. E. Long and Miss Inez Long, of Ranger were visitors in Murphy Sunday.

Messrs J. N. and Ralph Moody are attending court in Robbinsville this week.

Mr. Harry Miller who has been attending Emory University, Atlanta returned home Wednesday to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Miller.

Mrs. Robert Barclay and little son returned to their home at Copperhill, Tenn., Monday after spending sometime here with Mrs. Barclay's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

Miss Mary Bell returned last week from Greensboro where she has been attending the North Carolina College for Women.

Miss Hattie Axley spent one day this week in Blue Ridge, Ga.

Mr. A. B. Dickey and son, Charles and James Axley are visiting relatives in Harlan and Middlesborough, Ky.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Friday, June 11, 1915

Miss Cunningham of Copperhill, was a visitor here Sunday.

Mrs. Callie Hall has returned from a business trip to Atlanta.

Jacob Fulmer of Marble, was a pleasant caller at this office.

Mrs. Emma Hall of Atlanta, Ga., is the guest of Mrs. Edgar Darnell.

Mrs. O. W. Hendrix left Thursday morning for a visit to Atlanta.

Miss Lois Holland of Andrews is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. J. M. Dickey of Ranger, was in town Tuesday on business and paid us a visit.

Mrs. Reba Wood has returned from Asheville where she has been attending school.

Dr. H. N. Wells spent several days the first of the week in Raleigh on business.

Dr. B. B. Meroney left Sunday for Atlanta.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, June 13, 1905

W. B. Lenoir, of Sweetwater, Tenn. is here.

Willard Axley and Baylus Cabe, Jr., made a business trip Thursday to Hayesville.

J. H. Dillard and wife, left Tuesday for Greensboro to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Sloan, of Memphis, Tenn. accompanied by her little daughter, is visiting Mrs. A. J. Gurley.

Victor Carlton Olmsted, of Washington, D. C., is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Patton.

Miss Mattie and May Whitcomb and Diona Hartness, all of Ogreeta arrived Sunday to attend the closing exercises of the graded school.

Arnett Shields, of Culberson was

First-Run Pictures, in The Finest, Best and Newest Theater in Western Carolina

## THE HENN

Opens in Murphy Thursday, June 20 AT 2:30 P. M.

in town Thursday.

### 41 YEARS AGO

Tuesday, June 12, 1894

J. L. Smathers is in Bryson City. A. S. Hill, visited Tennessee last week.

W. B. Wood, of Bryson City was here a few days last week.

Mr. R. L. Cooper returned Friday from a visit to Robbinsville.

Mr. Sandy Munday and wife, of Franklin were in town Thursday.

Mrs. M. B. Turnbull, of Hayesville is visiting relatives here this week.

Allen A. Fain returned Thursday from a business trip to Robbinsville.

W. G. Candler and daughter, Miss Bonnie, arrived here Saturday to visit friends.

Miss Emma McCoy, of Dillsboro arrived Thursday for a visit to her uncle, Capt. R. L. Herbert.

Messrs Ben Posey, Edmund B. Norvell, Marshall W. Bell and R. L. Cooper, who have been attending court at Robbinsville, returned home Thursday.

## Nervous, Weak Woman Soon All Right

"I had regular shaking spells from nervousness," writes Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Paragould, Ark. "I was all run-down and cramped at my time until I would have to go to bed. After my first bottle of Cardui, I was better. I kept taking Cardui and soon I was all right. The shaking quit and I did not cramp. I felt worlds better. I gave Cardui to my daughter who was in about the same condition and she was soon all right." Thousands of women testify Cardui benefited them. If it does not benefit YOU, consult a physician.

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Victor Moore, now starring in Broadway's biggest musical hit, "Anything Goes", says: "I bought my new Dodge because of its striking looks... and was delighted to find that it gave me amazing gas and oil economy."

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