

TVA PLANNING TO TEST JUDGE GORE DECISION

Attorney Tells United States Judge Initial Steps Are Taken

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 25.—James L. Fly, solicitor-general of the Tennessee Valley Authority, said Friday night the agency was "considering an appeal" from the recent federal injunction restricting expansion of the TVA.

Should TVA counsel appeal the ruling to the circuit court of appeals in Cincinnati, the action in all probability would delay the scheduled March 8 hearing on the validity of the authority's program.

Fly's announcement came after Federal Judge John J. Gore refused his plea for a stay in the injunction "pending disposition of the case in the court of appeals."

Judge Gore's decision came during an informal session of court in his downtown hotel room where opposing counsel had gathered to present separate drafts of the injunction decree as they had interpreted it. In issuing the stay order Monday, Judge Gore asked the nineteen private power companies, plaintiffs in the suit, and the TVA to give their interpretations of the order.

Fly indicated repeatedly during the arguments on the two separate drafts of the injunction that an appeal was being planned and said Friday night that "all preliminary steps to an appeal" have been taken.

The injunction restrains the TVA from solicitation of customers and from expanding transmission lines with the exception of thirty-five projects which now are in process of construction. The order allows the agency to complete these lines, to continue serving power to its customers and to proceed with its dam-building program.

The draft of the order as decided upon by Judge Gore today will be drawn up by attorneys and submitted finally for the court's signature Saturday morning.

YESTERDAY IS SHORTEST DAY WINTER BEGINS

Yesterday, according to the chimney corner almanac, was the shortest day of the year and the first day of winter. Officially in the Central time belt the sun rose at 7:05 a. m. and set at 4:51 p. m.

As far as weather forecasting goes, the weather epistle states that "on the 24th and 25th a storm will form along the Mississippi valley and the South Atlantic States" with naturally rain and snow falling over the eastern half of the states on the following days.

An excellent chance to see what the almanac "picks" are like.

Mrs. Brendle Takes Over Operator Duties

Mrs. Fred Brendle will take the place of Mrs. Sallie Collett as night telephone operator in Murphy.

"Aunt Sallie", as she is familiarly known to hundreds of telephone subscribers here, was pensioned by the Southern Bell Telephone company, after years of faithful service here.

The Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year:

Date	1936			1935		
	Max.	Min.	Maxi.	Min.	Maxi.	Min.
15	58	34	53	36		
16	55	40	41	38		
17	61	29	36	28		
18	54	37	48	18		
19	50	33	50	21		
20	43	22	42	21		
21	53	20	30	7		

Date	RAINFALL	
	Since Dec. 1	Since Jan. 1
1936	5.26 inches	61.65 inches
1935	0.99 inches	40.86 inches

CHRISTMAS

It's two days before Christmas. Everybody, it seems, is hurrying here and there, buying pretty presents, fretting over this gift and that. "I wonder if so-and-so will give me anything and what shall I give them. Oh, dear", they say.

That's lovely. It shows the Christmas spirit—but we often wonder, assuming that the spirit is deep enough, if it is utilized in the right direction.

It is really hard to define the Christmas "spirit". It is contrasted too sharply by differing human natures. There are those who really have the urge—an urge that was born in the manager too—to give from the heart.

The "Mile of Dimes", the community chest funds are really things that are prompted by a true Christmas feeling. They serve their purpose, and they serve them well by bringing joy to less fortunate people who find the way of life a hard road to travel.

We would like to suggest this Christmas that everyone take a personal pride and a humanitarian method of selecting and presenting their gifts.

There comes to our desk this appeal to Santa Claus from a little girl in Andrews: "Dear Santa. I am a little orphan girl eight years old. And Santa Claus passed me by last Christmas and didn't bring me anything and I sure hope you won't forget me this Christmas, but hope you will bring me a big doll this year and a piano. Thank you very much dear old Santa."

Now we don't have to give the little girl's name for it has been seen to that her needs will be attended to and that Santa won't pass her by. She can sleep peacefully Christmas eve, dream her delightful little dream of Santa and his reindeers in a world where care will not disturb her young thoughts, for she will get her doll and more.

The point is, we think, that more people should take an interest in these unfortunate cases. You don't have to look far to find them. There are all about you. There are many who could be made happy, and a great deal better citizens, with just a few pennies taken from this present and that one.

It doesn't cost much to make these poor folks happy and for every troubled soul on this Christmas day that is made happy, you too will experience a joy that will help take you in a land of bewilderment and care.

We would ask you to remember this Christmas—and it is only two days away—that there are many unfortunate children and grown-ups near you. What you would give them that would mean nothing to somebody in better circumstances, would be a world of happiness and joy to these underprivileged people.

So let's all stretch a point if need be and give generously to our poorer friends. A little gift will be like the sunshine to them, warming their hearts, warming their smiles and giving them hope and courage. It will be a pat on the back to them that will let them know there is still kindness in the world and that God creates and Christ lives even as they did this day years ago in Bethlehem.

They'll be mighty, mighty happy for your favors, and you'll be happier too.

Try it and see if we're not right.

Banks To Be Closed On December 25 and 26

The Citizen Bank and Trust company, of Murphy and Andrews will observe Dec. 25 and 26 as Christmas holidays.

This is a recommendation of the executive committee of the North Carolina Clearing House association and Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks of North Carolina, of Raleigh.

William Everitt of Omaha, Neb., 112 years old, is looking for a wife, although he says he was jilted at 106

CANNERY PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE ANNOUNCED

New Contracts To Have Revisions Suggested By Local Farmers

Arrangements have just been completed for the operation of the Mountain Valley Mutual associations' for the 1937 season, it was announced today by association officials. Continued financial assistance is a direct result of the requests of a large number of farmers of this section who have pledged their active support, according to E. R. Thompson, local manager.

At the end of the 1936 growing season a series of letters were mailed to farmers explaining the objects of the association and asking that they return a questionnaire which would express their wishes in the matter of continuing operations and which would determine the degree of support which could be expected. "The results of this questionnaire were very gratifying" Mr. Thompson said. "They showed that farmers who cooperated in the 1936 program were more than satisfied with the association and the returns from their crops and the future of vegetable growing in this County seems assured". The new program was based on the desire of the farmers as expressed in the returned questionnaires.

The new contracts have not been printed yet but there are certain changes which will be of interest to growers. It is basically a marketing agreement rather than a purchase contract as was the case in 1936. The contract in part will read: "If the produce is sold in the fresh state the grower will receive the entire proceeds less fifteen percent commission to be retained by the Association. The Association will pay to the grower a cash advance on all produce that has been processed into canned foods according to the following schedule of prices: No. 1. Tomatoes \$14.00 per ton. No. 2. Tomatoes \$10.00 per ton."

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FIVE STILL ARE CAPTURED DURING WEEK BY OFFICERS

Five stills were captured in Cherokee county during the past week by the sheriff's department, L. L. Mason, high sheriff, announced Tuesday.

Saturday deputies D. M. Birchfield, Ezra Price and Mr. Mason broke up part of a still they found in the Ebenezer community. Sunday the same group with the help of deputies Abe Hembree and John Jones captured a large still on the headwaters of Junaluska Creek, and that night raided one near Tipton where some beer was found also.

Tuesday Jones found one on Morris Creek, and deputies John Crowe, Price and Hembree captured a large still, 15 gallons of whiskey and some beer in the Beaverdam township.

No arrests have been made, Mason said. He added that all information sent to him concerning the location of stills or the sale of whiskey would be kept confidential.

TVA GETS VACATION

Regular TVA employees at Murphy engaged on the \$15,000,000 Hiwassee dam project 18 miles below here will get a two-day vacation during Christmas. They will get off from December 25 to 28.

Scout Is Out Again One Day Earlier Than Usual

The Scout again comes to its subscribers one day early this week in order that the many merchants in town might bring their Christmas greetings to their friends and customers and that the Scout force might get a Christmas holiday.

Next week the Scout will present its New Year's edition and it too will be circulated one day early.

Prizes Awarded For Christmas Displays Here

Prizes were awarded here Monday night to the winners in the three divisions of Christmas decorating sponsored by the Woman's club and the Cherokee Scout.

For the most attractive store window the Scout gave a box of stationery to the Southern States Power company for their unusual exhibit featuring revolving lights on a Christmas tree with a background of candles and crepe paper.

The judges, three impartial visitors at the Regal hotel that night, selected the lawn tree at the G. W. Ellis home as the most attractive in Murphy. It was originally designed and decorated by Mrs. Ellis. To her will go a desk lamp from the Southern States Power company.

The Woman's club cash prize for the best decorated door or window in Murphy was won by Mrs. W. E. Studstill for an attractive display featuring a shepherd scene.

Those judging the many excellent displays in Murphy were: Mrs. C. H. Singleton, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; O. Nystrom, of Norris, and J. B. Davis, of Coal Creek, Tenn.

Contracts Will Be Let For 2 Road Projects

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Contracts for relocation of U. S. route 19 between Wesser and Almond and surface treatment of route 107 leading from Ela to Cherokee, both in Swain County will be awarded December 29 by the State Highway and Public Works commission, it was announced today. The Wesser-Almond relocation will cost about \$500,000, and no cost was estimated for the other project.

The Nantahala Power company which intends to flood the present road bed upon completion of the proposed Fontana dam, has agreed to pay approximately one-half the cost of relocating the Wesser-Almond road it was said.

It was necessary to relocate the road and raise it above the water level of the proposed dam. Decision of the commission to advertise for bids on the road was reached by Chairman Wayne after a conference with Swain Co.'s Representative Baxter C. Jones of Bryson City.

Jones urged speed on the job, recalling that it had been promised for months and declaring that it was needed to furnish employment in his county.

The relocation has been divided into projects, each of 4.65 miles—a total of 9.3 miles—in length, and calling for grading, surfacing, and structures between Wesser and Almond in direction of Bryson City.

The other project calls for surface treatment of route 107 from its intersection with highway 19 near Ela to Cherokee. This leads to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

MRS. ROBERTS, 79, OF UNAKA SECTION, BURIED SATURDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Susan Roberts, 79, wife of the late G. W. Roberts, of the Unaka section, were conducted at the Unaka Baptist church Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. W. H. Graham officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. W. D. Townson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Roberts died Thursday night at 9 o'clock of a stroke of paralysis which she had been suffering for three days.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ollie Hall, of Unaka, Mrs. Rogella Diehl, of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. Ida Mills, of Grandview, and Miss Lillie Roberts, of Unaka; three sons, W. M. and T. L., both of Unaka, and J. W., of Prance, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Ima Evans, of Penegoot, N. C.; and a brother, Gilbert Evans, also of Penegoot.

TVA AND UNION MEN AGREE ON SCALE OF PAY

Labor Controversy Affecting 11,000 Men Is Ended in Knoxville

Knoxville, Dec. 23.—Recommendations for a new wage scale for 11,000 union workmen employed by the TVA in eighteen crafts were completed Friday at a conference of union representatives and the TVA management's labor advisory board.

The tentative scale must be submitted to the TVA directors for approval. It is expected to become effective Jan. 1.

Under existing law, the wage scale must be the same as that prevailing in private industry in the Tennessee valley area. The task of the conference was to determine the average wage level.

The Workmen had asked salary increases ranging from 15 to 25 per cent.

No announcement of the scale recommended Friday will be made until it is approved by the directors.

The union representatives presented statistics to the TVA advisory board last month, purporting to show that the cost of living in the various sections in which the TVA operates had increased substantially, and that under provisions of the act creating the TVA, calling for payment of prevailing wage rates, a pay increase was mandatory.

Ten days ago, the TVA labor advisory council, consisting of Gordon Clapp, TVA personnel director, as chairman, John B. Blandford, Jr., TVA manager, and heads of the various TVA divisions, where greatest employment was centered, conferred on the extent to which the TVA would meet the wage schedules requested by the labor leaders.

Friday's conference was attended by Chairman Clapp, Mr. Blandford, and representatives of the union organizations. Thirty persons were present.

WILL SEEK REST OF HIWASSEE DAM FUNDS IN JANUARY

With \$4,337,228 of the approximate \$15,000,000 being asked by the TVA for the building of their Hiwassee dam near here appropriated in the last two sessions of Congress in Washington, it is believed that the remaining sum will be appropriated when the group meets again in January.

Washington officials will ask for the remaining estimated two-thirds of this sum as well as appropriations for the completion of Hiwassee and other dams now under construction by TVA.

It is estimated that it will take between three and four years to complete the Cherokee county project.

Bank To Solve Check Cashing Problem Here

Tennessee Valley Authority employees here are faced with a new problem — getting their checks cashed.

With something like \$8000 a month rolling into Murphy, the local merchants have found the cashing of the TVA checks a tough proposition.

In order to accommodate the TVA men, the board of the Citizens Bank and Trust company, which operates in Murphy and Andrews, decided at a special meeting Saturday to open the Murphy branch of the bank from 5 p. m. until 7 p. m. on the days the TVA checks come in.

The TVA schedule of payment here is: employees on annual salaries, the first and 16th of each month, and the employees who work by the hour, the eighth and 23rd of each month.

This schedule can not be strictly adhered to, however, bank officials said, as the checks in some instances may be a day or two early or late arriving here.