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TVA ECONOMY PLAN OUTLINED

Pattern of Great Project Unfolding in Valley Of Tennessee

EDITOR'S NOTE — This is the first of a series of four articles on what the TVA is doing and plans to do, written by a staff correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, international newspaper published in Boston. In view of the fact that Macon county is in a tributary area of the Tennessee Valley, these articles should prove especially interesting to readers of this newspaper.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Tennessee Valley Authority stands today as the spearhead of the New Deal. It is the pattern of a planned economy that the Government is weaving in a chosen territory to prove that a planned economy is possible for the nation as a whole.

If the TVA is seen in this light then the Tennessee River represents the problem of unrestrained and unregulated forces that in the past have threatened the safety and peace of the nation.

For the Tennessee has long been an ungoverned river, rolling tremendously down from the direction of the Cumberlands, the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Great Smokies, looping sinuously through the piled-up hills, shrinking placidly in dry seasons, swelling and leaping its banks in seasons of rainfall. It winds its serpentine loops about Chattanooga, down through the years a perpetual menace to the city, inflicting some damage almost every year and always presenting the threat of real and damaging floods.

It is a hungry river, this Tennessee, a river stained with the fertility of a thousand hills, colored with soil as a testimony to the flagrant misuse of land areas, to the push of unrestrained and unregulated farming. On hillsides that slope back from the river are fields gullied and eroded by the torrential rains that the district knows so well, fields planted to corn and tobacco that should bear only forests, or forage crops to hold the easily washed soil in place.

At the same time it is a bountiful river, for in the surge of its swift flowing is the promise of almost unlimited power, cheap and tremendous power to flow back over wires to the little towns, the tiny farm-houses with their oil lamps and antedated household equipment back in the silent hills.

Because in that valley drained by the Tennessee is an area that is almost a cross-section of America, the TVA has come to prove that man is the master of the land upon which he lives, that he can so order his works that there shall be plenty where poverty and maladjustment have left their marks. But because the task is so vast and complicated the TVA is a correlated system of varying activities, each one of which handles an appointed task, yet each one dovetailing into each of the others to form the complete pattern.

To one department, the Tennessee River regulation under C. A. Bock, is given the task of harnessing the mighty giant, of holding its floods within control, of so governing the muddy giant that the whole of the valley shall benefit, that traffic may come and go on the broad lower reaches, that power shall flow back into the hills and floods shall cease.

At Muscle Shoals is the Wilson Dam, the first completed unit of a system to curb the rushing torrent of the river. Above the Wilson Dam construction of the Wheeler Dam is in progress. From these dams the great flow of power will go. But it is on the spreading fingers of the tributaries that thrust back into the mountains

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Roosevelt at Southern Home of Andrew Jackson



NASHVILLE, Tenn. . . . In his swing through the South to personally inspect the government's huge Tennessee Valley development projects and a stop at Harrodsburg, Ky., President Franklin D. Roosevelt paused here to visit "The Hermitage" state owned shrine of the Old South, the home of Andrew Jackson, built in 1823. Photo shows the lovely old mansion where lived the former President Andrew Jackson. Insert is of President Roosevelt who has followed in the steps of other Presidents in visiting the shrine. The President, enroute to Warm Springs, made stops in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

2 Sentenced to 10-15 Years For Hold-up of Canary Ray

ROLL CALL FAR SHORT OF GOAL

Less than Half of Quota Of 300 Memberships Reported

Enrollments reported this week by workers in the annual Macon County Red Cross Roll call brought the total number of new memberships to 120, considerably less than half the quota set for the county.

Reports had not been received, however, from a number of the roll call workers and it is believed that when these are turned in the progress will look more encouraging. No reports had been received from Highlands, which usually responds handsomely in the annual Red Cross campaign.

Goal is 300

The roll call began on Armistice Day with the Rev. J. A. Flanagan directing the drive for memberships. He expressed the hope at a meeting of the workers that the Macon County chapter, which fell behind somewhat in the roll call last year, would go over the top this year before Thanksgiving Day. The quota for the county is 300 memberships. The first week of the campaign brought in 78 memberships. Wednesday night of this week workers had reported 42 additional memberships.

Out of every membership fee of \$1.00, fifty cents is sent to the National Red Cross organization and fifty cents remains in the treasury of the local chapter to be used in aiding the sick and needy at home.

Need as Great as Ever

Some persons have been reticent in joining the Red Cross this year, stating that need for the organization was not so great this year on account of the relief work undertaken by the government. Red Cross workers, however, have pointed

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Joe Hall and Oran Farley Plead Guilty to Robbery

After pleading guilty to the robbery of Canary Ray, aged merchant of the Burningtown section, Joe Hall, 23, and Oran Farley, 22, were sentenced by Judge J. Will Pless in Macon superior court Monday to terms in state prison of not less than 10 nor more than 15 years.

The robbery occurred on October 24 and the young men were arrested by Sheriff Slagle and Deputy John Dills the following morning as they alighted from a bus in Sylva. Hall, a native of this county but who had been living for several years in Indiana, had been visiting his parents in the Burningtown section. Farley, who said his home was in Austin, Ind., had accompanied Hall. They presumably left on their way back to Indiana a few days before the robbery, thinking this would throw officers off their trail. Creeping back into the lonely, sparsely settled community on the morning of October 24, they pulled a clever ruse on Mr. Ray, 81 years old, deaf and poor of sight.

Farley entered the store and asked to see some overalls. When Mr. Ray placed a pair before him, Farley used them as a lasso in an attempt to throw the old man to the floor. But Mr. Ray, despite his years and infirmities, put up a stiff fight and was not subdued until Hall, a handkerchief tied about his face to hide his identity, came to his companion's assistance with a drawn pistol. After rifling the cash drawer and taking some knives and watches from a counter, the young men fled. The next morning they caught a bus in Bryson City, thinking they had made good their escape; but when they reached Sylva they found Sheriff Slagle and other officers awaiting them. The officers found in their possession the loot taken from Mr. Ray, who later identified

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Lumber Plant To Resume Full Time Operation

The Zickgraf-Warren Lumber company announced this week that it planned to resume full time operations in a few days and was in the market for ash, oak, poplar, basswood, maple and chestnut saw logs.

OUTLOOK GOOD FOR NEW ROAD

Delegation Asks Highway Body To Surface No. 286

Prospects are encouraging for relocation and surfacing of state highway No. 286—Macon county's hope of profiting from tourist traffic to and from the Great Smoky Mountains national park—according to members of a delegation of Macon and Swain county business men and county officials who appeared Wednesday before the state highway and public works commission in Raleigh.

Acting as spokesman for the delegation, Charles Carroll, superintendent of Swain county schools, laid before the commission a request that federal road funds formerly appropriated for construction of the Soco Gap entry into the Great Smoky Mountains park be diverted to construction of a new highway between Franklin and Bryson City. The money for the Soco Gap road, all of which was granted by the federal government but was being spent by the state highway commission, has been released by the decision of Harold Ickes, secretary of the Interior, choosing the North Carolina route for the park-to-park highway. The great parkway will cover the same ground as the Soco Gap road and, therefore, the state has ceased work on this project.

The delegation was informed that the highway authorities had been in conversation with officials in Washington concerning the funds thus released—said to amount to approximately \$450,000—and had been assured informally that use of this money on other projects would be approved. No formal decision, however, has been made and until it is the highway commission will be unable to take action on the relocation and surfacing of No. 286.

Encouraged

The commission would not commit itself to any course of action, it was said, but members of the delegation felt that their trip to Raleigh had been well worth while. The Nantahala Power and Light company has made a preliminary survey of a section of the proposed new road from Alarka in Swain county across the Cowee Mountains into Macon county. The map of the proposed relocation, however, has not been completed. Before any work is done on the road state highway engineers will select a route.

The delegation which went to Raleigh advocated no particular routing, stating that all they wanted was a new road to Bryson City and that they were willing to leave the choice of a route to state engineers.

Members of Delegation

Members of the delegation from Franklin were W. B. McGuire, town councilman; Harold Sloan, J. E. Lancaster and E. W. Long, county commissioner. In the Bryson City group were Kelley Bennett, J. E. S. Thorpe, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Corpening, chairman of the Swain county commissioners; Dr. Bryson and Charles Carroll.

Mr. Thorpe told the highway authorities that the map of the preliminary survey made by the Nantahala Power and Light company, whose waterpower interests are affected by the route, would be completed in a few weeks.

MURDER CASE TRIAL STARTS

Sam Howard Takes Stand As Star Witness in Mulberry Mystery

Trial of Herbert Bradshaw and Edgar Howard for first degree murder in connection with the mysterious death of Thomas "Brack" Norton, whose body was found on highway No. 285 in the Mulberry section one night last August, was commenced in Macon superior court before Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., Thursday morning. Both men pled not guilty.

Selection of a jury took up most of the morning. The taking of evidence was begun shortly before the noon recess with Sam Howard, star witness for the prosecution, on the stand. Trial of the case was expected to require about two days.

Norton, it was first thought, was the victim of a hit-and-run driver, but testimony at a coroner's inquest indicated foul play. Bradshaw and Howard were arrested a few weeks later and at a preliminary hearing Sam Howard, an uncle of Edgar, testified that he had seen two men place a man's body on the highway. A chicken roast had been in progress nearby and it was reported that Norton had been in a drunken brawl with Herbert Bradshaw.

Gets 15 Years

William Taylor, of the Cowee section, accused of raping a girl under 12 years of age, entered a plea of guilty of assault with attempt to commit rape and was sentenced by Judge Pless Tuesday to 15 years in state prison.

The criminal court docket was heavy and Thursday it appeared that it would require the rest of the week to dispose of it. Judge Pless is scheduled to hold court in another county next week and no other judge was found available to continue the session here, so the Macon County Bar association voted to postpone trial of all civil cases requiring a jury until the next term of court.

In reporting to the court the grand jury, with J. W. Murray as foreman, said the county institutions were in good shape and county records well kept. It recommended the purchase of new mattresses for the jail, that seats be placed in the corridor of the courthouse and added:

"We recommend anything that will lower the expenses of the county."

F. Y. McCracken Seriously Hurt in Accident

Franklin Y. McCracken, formerly a resident of Franklin, was seriously injured Saturday afternoon when his automobile overturned down an embankment between Asheville and Waynesville. Mr. McCracken was said to have driven off the pavement to avoid a collision with an approaching truck.

At the Aston Park hospital, Asheville, it was found that Mr. McCracken had suffered a fractured skull and a broken arm. His condition was reported Tuesday as critical.

Mr. McCracken lived here several years. He was connected with the Franklin Furniture company and engaged in the real estate business. Since leaving here he and his family have been living at Knoxville, Tenn. He is a brother of Dr. J. R. McCracken, of Waynesville.

Revival To Start At Ellijay Sunday Night

A revival will start at the Ellijay Baptist church at 7:45 o'clock Sunday night, November 25, according to an announcement by Joe M. Henry, church clerk. The public is invited to attend.