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The TVA Decision

THE Supreme Court's decision Monday upholding the Tennessee Valley Authority was the best news we have heard out of Washington in many a month. Although the decision places by inference some limitations upon the government's right to construct dams and to dispose of electric power generated by them, it sustains in effect the administration's purpose of creating a "yardstick" for measuring the proper costs of electricity to consumers.

What this means to the general public already has been manifested. Hardly had the TVA set its program in motion before many private power companies, especially in the southeast, began reducing their rates. And, strange to say, these reductions have been to the advantage of the power companies themselves, in many instances at least, for lower rates have been followed by increased consumption of electric energy.

The TVA decision in time will mean much in the development of the resources of Western North Carolina, for it paves the way for construction of the proposed TVA dam at Fowler's Bend on the Hiwassee river near Murphy. Surveys for this project are now under way and condemnation proceedings have been instituted for acquiring the necessary land.

This project will supply employment for hundreds of labors, both skilled and unskilled, and, we are glad to observe, the government has indicated it will select these laborers from the western counties of North Carolina.

Although there has been no official announcement by the Mellon interests concerning development of their vast hydro-electric holdings in this area, repeated reports are heard that resumption of construction work is contemplated in the near future by the Nantahala Power and Light Company, which suspended operations about six years ago on the Nantahala river project in this county.

We have been informed that the TVA has withdrawn from the Fontana basin in Swain and Graham counties, deeding to the Mellon interests the small tract of land it held there. If this be correct, and we think our source of information is reliable, the Nantahala Power and Light Company no longer can claim that government encroachment is responsible for the long delay in its development program. As the cause for that claim has been removed, the public is justified in looking to this company for development of its properties, development which should encourage new industrial enterprises in this section.

On the other hand, if the Mellon interests feel that the TVA decision limits their field of opportunity to such an extent as to make it inadvisable to build more dams and create more electric power, it should, in all good faith, dispose of its holdings to private or public interests more constructively inclined. If this region is to keep pace with other sections of the Tennessee Valley, it must have abundant electric power at reasonable rates. If this is not provided the people of this region naturally will be inclined to hold those interests which discouraged TVA entry into this area responsible for retarding the progress of their community.

Women In Politics

THE appointment of Mrs. Huey Long to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of her husband, raises the number of women in this Congress to a total of seven. The only other woman Senator is Mrs. Hattie W. Caraway of Arkansas, also a Senator's widow.

In the House, Representative Edith Nourse

Rogers of Massachusetts has been six times elected to the seat formerly held by her late husband. Mrs. Mary T. Norton of New Jersey is also serving her sixth term in the House, as is Representative Florence P. Kahn of California, who also succeeded her husband on his death. Mrs. Isabella Greenway, Arizona's sole Representative, is serving her second term, and Mrs. Caroline O'Day, New York's Representative-at-Large, is in her first term.

John Erskine, author of "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," who is supposed to know more about women than most men do, has just written another book in which he says that women have no business to go into politics or any other mass movement. Maybe John knows what he's talking about, but it would be easy to name a lot of male Senators and more masculine Congressmen who are worse fizzles in political life than are any of the ladies who now grace the halls of Congress.

—Selected.

BRUCE BARTON Says:



THERE'S A POLLYANNA REBUTTAL

I happened to be in the office of a manufacturer when a heated customer arrived. "Joe," he shouted, "when am I going to get that shipment? I'm tired of being given the run-around. Every day you hold me up is costing me a hundred dollars." On he went, breaking into profanity, pounding the desk, threatening to take his business elsewhere.

Joe, the manufacturer, listened coolly, promised to do his best, and had hardly got the wrathful gentleman out of the office when another customer came in. He also wanted a shipment and wanted it very badly. He settled himself in a chair, smiled, and said: "Joe, I know you're in a terrible jam. I don't want to ask anything unreasonable, but if you could possibly let me have even a part of my order this week it would be a tremendous help."

After a little while this second customer also left. Joe turned to me and said: "I can't possibly take care of both of those fellows. I'll give you three guesses as to which one of them is going to get the break."

In another office I found a lawyer in a complacent mood. He told me he had just come from a visit to an important client. "He's very difficult to deal with," the lawyer explained, "and lately he's been most unreasonable. But this afternoon before I went to see him I sat alone in my office for half an hour and tried to think of everything that could possibly be said in his favor. I reminded myself that he pays his bills promptly; that he has done some very generous acts in his life; that he is really a sick man for whom allowances must be made. I got myself into a frame of mind where I thought he was a pretty swell fellow. And, believe it or not, I've just come back from the best interview with him I ever had in my life."

If this be called Pollyanna stuff, all I can say in rebuttal is that it does get the orders.

THEY'RE INTERESTING WRITERS

My friend Lockwood Barr has a hobby that is both entertaining and inexpensive. He scans the Personal Columns of newspapers as assiduously as an art collector studies the catalogs. Out of the mass of little items he gathers his gems. Here are a few specimens from his last collection:

Found—Lady's purse left in car while parked. Owner can have same by describing property and paying for this ad. If owner can explain satisfactorily to my wife how purse got into car, will pay for the ad myself.

Advertising—"Yes" Man—6 years experience saying "yes" and "swell" to stupid executives in best agencies. Making change to increase salary. All inquiries confidential.

Reward for Eskimo—We will pay \$10 for the first one who can locate an Eskimo for us in New York City. Preferably an Innuut, Coppermine or MacKenzie.

Wanted—To buy a church between East 60th and East 100th Sts.

"No change, no pause, no hope, yet I endure" (Shelley). Young lady, attractive, creative, must have work to survive.

Wanted—Ten henpecked husbands for experimental purposes, easy preview broadcasting work; fee basis, state qualifications.

Impoverished poet would enjoy butter on his bread.

Mary, with gray eyes and diverse interests, including music and medicine, thinks it might be fun to correspond with someone far away.

I once published an editorial on the fun of reading the classified columns, and a cynical gentleman wrote a caustic letter accusing me of trying to curry favor with my editors. Well, I should like to curry favor with them; they help to pay my rent. But apart from that I submit that the above sentences from the classified columns are much more interesting than any writer could possibly think up. Even I.

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LETTER-PRESS

The Franklin Press:

To whom it may concern:
There is a CCC camp located near Aquone in which there are 150 to 200 men, who, as most people know, have been and are working on the public roads.

But for some reason no work is being done on about three and a half miles of road in this vicinity which would connect two hard-surfaced roads and give our people an outlet over which they could travel in all kinds of weather. This road is traveled more than any other road in this section, as it is our connecting link with Hayesville, Franklin, Murphy and Robbinsville. Yet, despite the importance of this road and the fact that government trucks go over it several times a day, it is passable only in summer and part of the time in winter.

We people in Aquone pay our taxes, county, state and federal, and try to be loyal citizens to our government. We feel we are entitled to as much consideration in an outlet as other portions of the county.

We have been informed that the supervisor of the CCC camp, Company No. 408, Camp NC F-10, is willing and asked for permission from his superiors to hard-surface this piece of road. But for some reason, or no reason—why the writer cannot understand—they would not let him do it. There are plenty of tools, stone, trucks and men to operate them available to do this work. We understand that the excuse for this road not being fixed is that at some future time there will be a dam built which would cover the road with water. If that is the reason, this road

would be used even more it is now in going to and while the dam is being built.

We hope that those who the authority will investigate facts in this situation and something about it. The people Aquone are entitled to a road. The general public is entitled to it, and so is Uncle as it connects up his holding this part of the county. So have it done.

D. G. HOWARD
Aquone, N. C.

John C. Cowan Dies At Arlington, Wash.

News has been received here of the death of John C. Cowan of Arlington, Wash. Mr. Cowan was a brother-in-law of Mrs. James Bryson and John Mallonee West's Mill, this county, married their sister, Miss Mallonee, who is well known throughout the county.

CHURCH Announcements

EPISCOPAL

Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
St. Agnes', Franklin
(Sunday, February 23)

7:30 p. m.—Evening Prayer and sermon.

Ash Wednesday February 26
11 a. m.—Penitential office Holy Communion.

Incarnation, Highlands
(Sunday February 23)

11 a. m.—Holy Communion and sermon.

Ash Wednesday February 26
9 a. m.—Holy Communion Penitential office.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. William Marshall Burns, Pastor

Sunday

9:45 a. m.—Bible school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship
6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service.

FRANKLIN METHODIST

Chesley C. Herbert, Jr., Pastor

(Each Sunday)

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship
6:45 p. m.—Epworth League meeting.

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.

Carson's Chapel
(Each Sunday)

2:30 p. m.—Sunday school.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)

3:15 p. m.—Preaching service.

CATHOLIC

Catholic services are held on second and fourth Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of John Wasilik in the Orlando apartments, the Rev. H. J. Lane, Waynesville, officiating.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor

Franklin

10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. J. Lancaster, superintendent.

11:00 a. m.—Preaching service sermon by the pastor.

7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.

Morrison Chapel

2:30 p. m.—Sunday school. B. McClure, superintendent.

3:30 p. m.—Preaching service sermon by the pastor.

PHOTOS

For TVA Examination

Mr. Austin, of Austin's Studio, Brevard, N. C., will be in Franklin on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, for the purpose of making photographs for TVA examination to be held February 29. Those desiring photos should see Mr. Austin in the McCoy building on Main Street.

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