

THE TANGLED TVA

The tangled and confused affairs of the Tennessee Valley Authority, including the bickering between Chairman A. E. Morgan and his two associated directors, will be thoroughly explored by a Congressional committee, Senator Norris, sponsor and friend of the TVA, originally sought an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission but last week proposed that the inquiry be conducted by a Senatorial committee. This met with prompt counter-action on the part of those leading the attack on the Authority, who insisted that the investigating body be a joint committee representing both houses of Congress.

OLD FEUD BREAKS OUT

Simmering for many months, the feud between chairman A. E. Morgan and the other Board members, Dr. Harcourt A. Morgan and David E. Lillenthal, was brought into the open by a spectacular meeting at the White House where President Roosevelt, in an open session, attempted to ascertain the facts behind the charges involved in the Board's rumpus. Chairman Morgan refused to submit any evidence in support of his charges, taking the position that he was merely an "observer" and apparently determined to force a Congressional investigation. The other directors gave the grounds upon which they had accused the Chairman of undermining the activities of the TVA.

ROOSEVELT INQUIRES

The President told the members that it was their duty not to continue the "personal" row but the data brought into the open revealed a chasm of professional and personal feeling that seemingly makes it impossible to reconcile the attitudes of the Chairman and his fellow Board members. Mr. Roosevelt went so far as to suggest to the Chairman that if he were unwilling to support with facts his accusations that "fairness" and "decency" were impossible in the TVA administration with the other two members of the Board, that he should resign.

CHAIRMAN IS SILENT

However, Dr. A. E. Morgan, former president of Antioch College and an engineer who had built flood control and reclamation works insisted that he would have nothing to do with the President's personal inquiry and his attitude indicated very plainly that he would resist any effort to remove him. The President was stern and the scene in the White House unusual. Mr. Roosevelt had ordered a mimeograph transcription made of the proceedings and stenographers recorded the questions and answers. At intervals, the notes were transcribed and immediately passed to waiting newspapermen.

VAST UNDERTAKING

Mr. Roosevelt is known to be proud of the TVA, which he considers the nation's first experiment in regional planning. He has held it out as an example of "What we have done and what we are trying to do." Set up in May, 1933, the TVA was provided for flood control and improved navigation of the Tennessee River, for the conservation of soil and natural resources. Huge dams were necessary for flood control and navigation, and power was to be developed as a consequence. Soil conservation included better fertilization and, therefore, fertilizer studies were included within the scope of the undertaking.

Chairman Morgan was one of three men placed in charge of the undertaking. The others included Dr. Harcourt A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee, an entomologist and horticulturist particularly interested in the fertilizer program, and David E. Lillenthal, Wisconsin lawyer and former public service official, who gave his attention to the power problems involved.

UNDER MANY ATTACKS

The TVA has been constantly under attack from critics on the outside mainly on account of its power program. Utilities affected have vigorously fought its program in the courts, asserting that it competed unfairly with private companies. Attacks in Congress and the courts, however, have been successfully withstood.

Internal dissension has been rumored for some months but the controversy burst into the open only about three weeks ago. Chairman Morgan demanded a Congressional investigation, asserting, "The real difficulty has been in an effort to secure honesty, openness, decency and fair."
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Bernace Bausell was pardoned by Governor Price

—of Virginia, Monday, after having served more than four years of a 20-year penitentiary sentence for the murder of his father-in-law, T. Eugene Cornett, at Rural Retreat, early in 1934. The time served included almost two years and four months of imprisonment before final disposition of the case in the courts.

His father, Henry F. Bausell, a Lebanon (Va.) newspaper publisher, who was convicted at a second trial of voluntary manslaughter in connection with Cornett's death and sentenced to four years was pardoned in December, 1936. By George C. Perry, then governor of Virginia. The elder Bausell's term had only about two more months to run when he was released.

Bernace Bausell's 20-year sentence also was imposed at a second trial after he won a supreme court reversal of the first verdict of 32 years in the state penitentiary. His father's first conviction and sentence of 20 years likewise was set aside by the appeals tribunal.

Both men were acquitted, before standing trial for Cornett's death, on charges of slaying Mrs. Virginia Cornett Bausell, Bernace's estranged wife and daughter of Cornett.

The woman and her father died in a gun battle at the Cornett home where, witnesses said, more than 20 shots were fired. Both Bausells were wounded.

Cornett, the slain man, was a native of the Elk Creek section of Grayson county, and his mother, Mrs. Amelia Cornett, still lives near Elk Creek, as do her son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Horace V. Cornett.

A graduate scholarship to Haverford college

—was awarded recently to J. Clark Cornett, Jr., of Hickory, who is a student at Guilford college. Young

Cornett is a son of Rev. J. Clark Cornett, pastor of the First Methodist church in Hickory. The Rev. Mr. Cornett is a former pastor of the Sparta Methodist circuit and a native of Grayson county, Virginia. He is now a member of the Western North Carolina conference, but was formerly a member of Holston conference.

David Stafford, of Oak Ridge, who is a student at Guilford college, also was awarded the Haverford scholarship, which is for the academic year of 1938-39.

Both Cornett and Stafford are campus leaders. Cornett was given an award last year of a year's scholarship at Munich, Germany, where he made the highest scholastic rating of all the American students. He will pursue further work in the German department, while Stafford expects to work for the master's degree in the department of philosophy.

R. C. Hampton was the only athlete at North Carolina

—State college, Raleigh, to win two awards in winter sports; namely, boxing and wrestling. Young Hampton, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hampton, Stratford, is a freshman student at State college, and is popularly known on the campus as "Alleghany." He is in the heavy-weight class.

Hampton also won his letter in football last fall. He played in the first football game he ever saw, it is said.

A series of revival meetings is to begin

—at Scottville on Sunday afternoon, March 27. Services will be held during the day, and at 7:30 o'clock at night. The pastor, Rev. Howard J. Ford, will be assisted by Rev. Herbert Caldwell, of Independence.

TVA Chairman Ousted By Roosevelt



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . Arthur E. Morgan (inset), who was summarily dismissed Tuesday from office as chairman of the TVA by President Roosevelt, after the TVA, which had often been the target for outside attacks, was threatened from within. Director Harcourt A. Morgan (left) was elevated by the chief executive to the chairmanship. Director David E. Lillenthal (right) was among those opposing the policies of Chairman Morgan.

Charles A. Jonas was nominated by Republicans

—of North Carolina, at the state convention in Charlotte March 16, for the United States Senate, and

elected Jake Newell, Charlotte, to succeed Chairman W. C. Meekins. Delegates to the convention also heard Colonel Frank Knox, of Chicago, Republican vice presidential nominee in 1936, fire a broadside at the new deal.

Chairman Meekins placed the name of Jonas in nomination for the senate. Neal Sowers, Statesville, offered the name of Dr. J. Forest Witten, of Mooresville. An undertone of conversation ran over the hall.

It was apparent a contest was on. There were shouts in the rear of the hall that Jonas didn't want the nomination, that it should go to someone who would make a fight.

Sinclair Williams, Cabarrus lawyer, tried to check the fight. He proposed that two nominees be placed in the field to keep the election machinery working.

Delegates clamored for a vote on Williams' proposal. Temporary Chairman Irvin Tucker, of Whiteville, put the question. There was a vigorous "yea" but a roar of "noes."

Delegates demanded the motion be restated and put to vote again. A second time it was snowed under. Then Tucker called for a poll of delegates on Jonas and Witten. The result was: Jonas 1,043 1/2; Witten, 260 1/2.

All eyes turned on Witten as he vaulted from his chair on the floor and mounted the rostrum. Some looked for a storm to break as he approached the microphone with clinched fists. But the storm never broke.

Witten apparently struggled to regain control of his feelings, spoke briefly in explanation of his campaign and moved the choice of Jonas be made unanimous. The delegates applauded, and with a single exception, fell in line.

Herbert F. Seawell, Carthage, and Irvin B. Tucker, Whiteville, were nominated for associate justices of the supreme court, S. E. Hall, of Winston-Salem, nominating the latter. —ohn M. Moorehead was offered for the utilities commission. Mrs. Eugene Hester, Rockingham county, was made state vice chairman, her name being offered by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson and seconded by "Queen" Bess Keenan, of Farmington. This completed the official slate.

A net increase in deposits since December 31, 1937

—of approximately \$74,000 has been reported by the Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro. Few banks in the country will show an increase in deposits since the first of this year, it has been said.

Edwin Duncan, first vice president of the institution, states that, owing to the size of its capital, the Northwestern Bank will make any reasonable loan in any community where a branch of the bank is located.

Approximately 700 forest fires burned in N. C.

—during 1937, as a result of brush burning, according to R. D. Gentry, Alleghany county forest warden. These 700 fires, it is pointed out, cost the state of North Carolina thousands of dollars damage to timber and wild life, to say nothing of the effect they have on such things as soil erosion and the aesthetic value of the woodland.

Every single one of those 700 fires represents a case where someone was careless with fire. Therefore, County Warden R. D. Gentry takes this opportunity to remind all who intend to burn brush, sedge, or debris of any kind in connection with their Spring farming and clearing to familiarize themselves fully with the North Carolina fire laws.

"Before burning debris of any kind, one should obtain from their County Forest Warden, or one of his authorized representatives, a burning permit. The State law on this is as follows:

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of June, inclusive, or between the fifteenth day of October and the first day of December, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; that no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

Section 2. That this act shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

"Section 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined or imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

"Section 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

"Section 5. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Instructions are as follows:

"Burning permits can be obtained from County Forest Warden Gentry, at Sparta, or George Royal, Roaring Gap.

"After securing a burning permit, notify your adjoining landowners that you intend to do such burning. Maintain careful and competent watch over your fire and, by all means, never leave your fire until it is completely out.

"Even after you have made the above provisions, never go ahead and burn while there is a high wind blowing and the woods are dangerously dry. Burn following a rain; in the afternoon
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The Junior class of Sparta H. S. will present

—the play, "Antics of Andrew," in the high school auditorium on Saturday night, March 26, at 7:30

o'clock. This play was originally scheduled for presentation here on February 26, was postponed because of the fact that the school was closed at that time, due to the prevalence of a number of cases of scarlet fever in the county.

It has been said that this play promises to be one of the best amateur performances seen in Sparta in a long time, being filled with genuine comedy and real fun.

An interested person said recently, commenting on the scheduled play: "Petunia, the cook, played by Shirley McMillan, and Jacques, the French valet, played by Frank Osborne, hate each other vehemently, and they'll have you roaring with laughter one minute and trembling the next for fear they actually will annihilate each other."

"The jolly wise-cracking young collegians who never let school work interfere with their social activities get into 'hot water,' as one of them remarks, 'clear up to their plucked eyebrows' constantly. Andrew, played by Lewis Irwin, is always in trouble from leaping before thinking, while his pals, played by Charles Dean Choate and Charles Pugh, succeed in getting themselves into screamingly funny predicaments because they are masquerading as Andrew's wife and mother-in-law. Uncle Isaac, eccentric, bull-headed and stubborn, but friendly and rich, provides laugh after laugh as he shocks the college group with his manners and determined ideas."

Billboards are held partly to blame in N. C.

—for the state's high automobile death rate. Members of the Governor's committee on roadside control and improvement heard speakers express such an opinion on Wednesday of last week in Raleigh. The speakers also asserted that a state-wide highway beautification program would be "rattling good business."

Coleman W. Roberts, of Charlotte, chairman of the committee, said legislation was needed to regulate the placing of billboards. He added, however, that the aim of the committee was not to wipe out billboard advertising completely.

Governor Hoey described the roadside program as "one of the outstanding things we can accomplish during the coming year."

"We must not invade the province of outdoor advertising unless it is necessary to remove those things which menace the safety of our highways," Hoey said.

T. S. Johnson, of Raleigh, consulting engineer for the department of conservation and development, said the tourist business could be built up to bring Tar Heels \$300,000,000 yearly.

"The best way to build up our tourist income is to handle and entertain the tourists properly," Johnson said. "It is not only an excellent idea for us to try to live in beauty, but it's rattling good business."

More rigid enforcement of sanitary laws and the drafting of certain new sanitary measures would encourage tourists to stop in this state. Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, said.

SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS OF ROCK CREEK SCHOOL

—who made the Honor Roll announced recently were Mary Sue Reeves, Millard Crouse and Howard Jones.

These names were inadvertently omitted from the list of Honor Roll students of this school published recently in THE TIMES.

Governor Hoey Delivered An Address To N. C. Teachers In Raleigh On Sat. Morning

—at the closing session of the 54th annual session of the North Carolina Education association. The chief executive told the teachers that, unless

school serves more practical purposes, graduates would be ill prepared to earn a living. "Learning how to make a living is still a most essential part of education," the

Secretary Hull desires that the U. S. be a force

—for peace in the world that will be respected in a world threatened by "international anarchy" and "bar-

barism." The secretary of state in President Roosevelt's cabinet warned peace-loving nations everywhere, in an address broadcast Thursday, that they must work unceasingly for law and order, lest a retreat in any quarter encourage the spread of "medieval chaos" throughout the world.

Broadcasting to seething Europe from a luncheon meeting of the National Press club, Hull said:

"The catastrophic developments of recent years, the startling events of the past weeks, offer a tragic demonstration of how quickly the contagious scourge of treaty-breaking and armed violence spreads from one region to another."

Going into a storm cellar of isolation offers no security for Americans, he said; the United States must continue to discuss world problems with peace-loving powers and to act along parallel lines with them when appropriate but on the other hand this country should enter no entangling alliances.

Most students of foreign affairs interpreted this to mean there was little chance of this government's accepting Soviet Russia's invitation to confer with other powers on means of halting international aggression.

Preliminary to Act

These students said the invitation of Soviet Foreign Minister Litvinoff apparently was preliminary to a collective action agreement, which would be tantamount to an alliance.

But they expressed belief this government would be willing to consult individually with various countries.

Secretary Hull declared the United States had no notion of using American armed forces for "policing the world." But he expressed the "profound conviction" that the most effective contribution this country could make toward peace would be to have itself respected throughout the world "for integrity, justice, good will, strength, an unswerving loyalty to principles."

To make such a contribution, he continued, the United States must not retreat from the Far East nor withdraw its protection from Americans and American interests everywhere.

Turning to the administration's billion-dollar naval expansion program, now pending in congress, he said:

"It is my considered judgment
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Students on the Honor Roll at Glade Valley

—high school for the third quarter of the 1937-38 term are as follows:

Maggie Sapp, 97.8; Frances Bryan, 97.4; Juanita Darnell, 97.29; Virginia Moxley, 95.8; and Evelyn McCall 95.

Honorable mention was awarded as follows:

Nina Phillips, 94.77; Cleo Osborne, 93.79; Violet Blevins, 93.55; Mary Emma Lagerholm, 92.71; Alene Phillips, 91.75; Bobbie McCall, 91.71; Georgia Bryan, 90.5; Magdalena Darnell, 90.38; Mary Louise Branche, 89.84; Sallie Woodie, 89.84, and Elma Miller, 89.5.

ALLEGHANY BOYS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN C. M. T. C.

—should see R. E. Black, it has been announced. Alleghany county has been allotted a quota of three boys to attend the C. M. T. C., at Fort Bragg.

governor said. "The cultural training should not be minimized, but the practical should be emphasized and given the same rank in credits as is accorded the purely scholastic work."

He reiterated his support of the addition of a 12th grade.

A resolution adopted by the educators opposing Junior R. O. T. C. units said "militarization" resembled "the Hitlerizing of German youth" and was "repugnant to our ideals of democracy."

In asking for salary boosts, the teachers said the basic minimum wage scale should be at least as high as in 1929.

"The minimum restoration for 1939-1940 should be 10 per cent," the resolution stated.

B. L. Smith, of Greensboro, new president of the association, sent a message to the convention urging a "balanced educational program." He was unable to attend because of illness.

"The scope of the program must look to the inclusion of a 12th grade, nursery schools, adult classes and special provision for exceptional children," the message said.

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, state director of vocational education, Friday night was announced as the winner of the race for the vice presidency of the association.

He defeated Dr. W. A. Brownell of Duke university. The vote was not announced. Mr. Smith, of Greensboro, retiring vice president, was elevated to the presidency without opposition to succeed Dr. W. C. Jackson, Greensboro.

Dr. Francis Spaulding, professor of secondary education at Harvard university, told the teachers Friday night to disregard the "cast-iron plan of teaching" and formulate a common-sense approach to teaching the pupil things he can use in a manner that will make him use them."

Earlier Friday the delegates heard that federal aid for education was "inevitable." The speaker, Dr. Howard A. Dawson, director of rural service for the National Education association, said that a poll of representatives and senators had indicated the Harrison-Fletcher bill, to provide \$100,000,000 for public schools, would pass when it comes to a vote.

Federal aid, he asserted, would benefit the South more than any
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The district music contest will be held

—in the auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, on Saturday, April 9. Counties comprising the district are Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell and Watauga.

High schools that participated in this annual event last year were: Bethel high school, Blowing Rock high school, Boone high school, Cranberry high school, Elk Park high school, Newland high school and Spruce Pine high school. Additional schools are expected to participate this year, among which is Todd high school.

It is hoped that other schools which have not already indicated an intention of doing so will join.

Enrollment blanks have been sent out by the state department and these must be sent in, with all entries and fees, to Miss Virginia Wary, who is chairman of this district. These blanks are due not later than Saturday, March 26, which will be two weeks before the contest.

If there are any schools which have not received entry blanks, they should write at once to the district chairman if they wish to participate in the contest, it has been pointed out.