

TVA Water Plan For Bear Creek Nears Completion

RUSSELLVILLE — A member of the TVA board of directors last Saturday night told members of the Bear Creek Watershed Assn. that studies are nearing completion on a water control plan for the Bear Creek project in northwestern Alabama and northeastern Mississippi.

Frank Smith, speaking at the fourth annual meeting of the group, said TVA plans to complete its preparation of an economically sound program in the near future.

"We are optimistic, and feel that a program can be developed to control and put to use water flowing through the Bear Creek watershed," he said. "Such a program, combined with a continuation of the cooperative effort displayed over the past four years in attacking all of the resource protection areas, will help in achieving growth and assist in the building of a future in which we can all take pride."

The Bear Creek Assn. is one of 13 local citizens organizations working with TVA in tributary area development programs throughout the Tennessee Valley. Smith pointed out that the tributary area development program is only one of TVA's many programs, but that it is one of the most promising, and most vital of TVA's activities.

Smith said the water control system now being considered could provide much needed flood protection for at least 17,000 acres of valuable farmland, provide the base for increased recreational development in the region, aid in water supply and water quality improvement, and provide other resource development benefits. The plan would include the construction of a system of dams and improvements along Bear Creek and its tributaries.

Smith emphasized that any water control plan would be only a part of the basic development program now under way in the watershed.

"It is important to recognize that any program of this sort is only a milestone along the way and not an end in itself," he said. "The real goal must be the full use of all resources—forests, farms, water, land, human talents and skills—to provide the base for a fuller and richer life for all."

Cites Various Programs

He cited the association's initiation of a high school dropout counseling service, its health education and sanitary improvement programs, its surveys of potentially important mineral deposits, an intensified agricultural program designed to increase grain, forage and livestock production, and ambitious reforestation goals as being symptomatic of the desire for improvement displayed by the people of the area.

Local Prominent Industrialist Passes At 83

Colonel I. E. Willson, 83, of 701 N. Little Rock Court, Sheffield, one of the Shoals area's best known business leaders and community benefactors, died Monday morning at 8:25 at a Coleridge County Hospital after a lingering illness.

He had been confined to the hospital since Oct. 29, 1960 when he suffered a stroke.

A native of Waterville, Kansas, Colonel Willson came to Sheffield in 1927 and was owner of Tennessee Valley Sand and Gravel Co. and Arrow Transportation Co., the largest domestic chert large company operating on the Tennessee River. He also had holdings in several other companies.

The son of a famous Waterville, Kansas newspaper editor, he taught school as a young man. Letters from his students of that day attest to their love and respect for Willson, one of the town's most famous citizens.

He went into service in WWI from which he emerged with the rank of Colonel. He also served with the old Isthmian Canal Commission after making the highest score out of 700 civil service applicants.

While confined to the hospital, Colonel Willson passed the time by reading letters from his former students whom he taught just after the turn of the century. Most of them are now the leading citizens of Waterville.

U. S. Department of Agriculture soil scientists survey 50 million acres a year.

Tract Bought For Shelter In Colbert

Colbert County Humane Society has purchased two and a half acres in the east end of the city for the site of a proposed animal shelter.

The tract is located on Decatur Street and cost the society \$2,000.

The organization is now conducting a drive to raise \$7,000 to match \$5,000 allocated by the county department of revenue and the boards of commissioners of Sheffield, Tusculumbia and Muscle Shoals City to finance the construction of the shelter.

7 Suits Filed Against Firm

Seven separate law suits seeking \$975,000 from Southern Railway were filed today in Colbert County Circuit Court.

The suits were filed in connection with an Oct. 24 auto-train collision which killed eight persons in the car. All were Negroes.

The suits accuse the railroad of failing to provide sufficient warning devices at a crossing near where Tusculumbia, Sheffield and Muscle Shoals cumber. Sheffield and Muscle Shoals cumber.

Unofficially, it was the worse accident in Colbert County history.

Six of the suits were filed by William Thomas, husband of the driver of the car, Maureen Thomas. Thomas filed the suits as administrator of the estates of his mother, Susan Mitchell; his daughter, Mattie Sue Hardin, and four of her children.

The seventh was filed by Willie B. Goodloe, husband of Velma Goodloe who died in injuries three hours after the accident.

Colbert's UF Total \$74,989.42

Efforts to raise the \$93,000 Colbert County United Fund goal for 1964-65 are progressing satisfactorily. Bob McEneaney, UF director, said Tuesday \$74,989.42 has been raised to date or 80 percent of its \$93,000 goal.

Sheffield has raised 62 percent of its quota; Tusculumbia, 75 percent of its quota; and Colbert County, as a whole, 80 percent of its quota.

Bright spots in the report revealed that the Shoals City has raised 150 percent of its quota and the "Big Five Industry" Division has raised 98 percent of its quota. The residential division in Tusculumbia has raised 289 percent of its quota and the public employe division in Tusculumbia 116 percent.

Julian McGowin Heads State Chamber

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Julian F. McGowin was elected president of the Alabama State Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Meeting in Birmingham last week (Nov. 19).

A capacity crowd attended the meeting and heard Alabama's eight newly-elected Congressmen honored at the Annual Dinner with Hon. George Andrews and Tom E. Martin speaking for the Republicans.

Other officers elected during the meeting include: Earl W. Mallick, vice president south, U. S. Steel Corp.; Fairfield, Ernest F. Ladd, Jr., senior vice president; Merchants National Bank, Mobile; Carl W. Bear, vice president; Bear Lumber Co., Montgomery; and Tom G. Thrasher, Thrasher Oil Co., Huntsville, all vice presidents.

W. C. Bowman, chairman emeritus of the Board of the First National Bank of Montgomery, was reelected treasurer, and John M. Ward, Montgomery, was reelected as Executive Vice President of the State Chamber.

McGowin is a partner in Fumery & McGowin, Mobile, a forestry management consultant firm, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the W. T. Smith Lumber Co., Chapman, and of the First National Bank, Greenville. He has served as a State Chamber vice president during the past year and has been a member of the State Chamber's Board for several years.

The new state Chamber president was graduated from the University of Alabama and attended Pembroke College, Oxford, England. Since 1935 McGowin's principal business interest has been in the field of forestry management.

In 1960 it took 85 man-hours annually to grow an acre of corn and 56 to grow an acre of wheat. Now it takes seven for corn and 2.9 annually for wheat.

EDITORIAL GRIST

THE INTEGRATION SHOWCASE OF AMERICA

When the U. S. Supreme Court of 1954 handed down its decision ordering an end to school segregation, the schools of Washington, D. C., were immediately ordered integrated. This was to be the national showcase of America and was to show how beautifully integration would work.

For the first year or so there was a degree of integration, but conditions immediately began deteriorating. This was followed by an exodus of whites from Washington into nearby Maryland and Virginia, where there were comparatively few Negroes.

U. S. News & World Report has conducted a yearly compilation of conditions in the Washington schools. These surveys have shown a steady decrease of whites and a yearly increase of Negroes until today the figures show 87.6 per cent Negroes, 12.4 per cent whites.

Schools which were white at the outset were integrated for a year or two and since have become resegregated, except that now they are preponderantly Negro instead of white. Today there are 26 schools that are all-Negro, two that are all-white, 63 that are from 1 to 9 whites, and five that have from one to 9 Negroes.

If integration can't be made to work in the national capital, where all possible pressures are directed toward making it work, what is to be expected of it in those regions that are hostile to it?

STILL "AGIN" IT

Some have asked since the election if we plan to follow the lead of some of our metropolitan editor friends in echoing pious Presidential platitudes about unity or beating our swords into plowshares, etc.

The answer is loud and clear, we are not. If the country wants, and apparently it does, an administration that can look the other way from Bobby Baker, Billie Sol Estes, Walter Jenkins episodes, so be it. It's not for us. We were opposed to socialism as the American way of life before the election and we are opposed to it now. We expect to oppose it until they play the loud music.

— The Tallahassee Tribune

Fillers

The itch for publicity gets a lot of people sooner or later, but it usually gets them.

The finest sermons are seen, not heard, they live in the lives of men and women.

Criticism springs from two sources — intelligent disapproval and emotional reaction.

A good meal often changes an individual's entire viewpoint on life and its problems.

If adults set you the proper example, it might be possible for young people to follow their lead.

FORECLOSURES UP

A jarringly discordant note has crept into the soothing prosperity being trumpeted by government economists.

The off-key note comes from recent acknowledgment that home mortgage foreclosures have reached an all-time high this year.

The situation, reports indicate, concerns primarily loans guaranteed either by the Federal Housing Administration or the Veterans Administration but also prevails to a lesser degree in the private home-financing field as well.

Spokesmen for the FHA and VA, in disclosing the upward fore-closure trend, tend to discount it as cause for alarm. They insist as more of an "adjustment toward normalcy" from the housing boom which occurred shortly after World War II and a reflection both that supply has now caught up with demand.

Be that as it may, the fact remains that the average home owner surrenders his property only under impelling personal reasons, with a lack of money more often than not entering into the picture.

TRIAL BY JURY

Chief Judge Charles Desmond of the New York Court of Appeals, highest court in that state, told the Senate Judiciary Committee that juries in civil cases should be eliminated, unneeded. He called the jury system in civil cases "outmoded, unnecessary, wasteful of time and money and responsible for much of the calendar delay" impeding justice.

That view was opposed by the New York State Bar Association. Its executive committee was not convinced that the elimination of juries would expedite litigation.

It was insisted that juries be retained, especially in negligence cases.

The argument is not a local one. Court calendars are badly clogged in most cities of the country. One reason is the large increase of negligence litigation, arising from the vast number of traffic accidents.

More courts and judges would help expedite litigation. Desmond's suggestion might do so even faster. But without juries, we make a fateful step in a direction which could lead to just the opposite of our right to trial by jury.

Colbert School Budget Fixed

Colbert Superintendent David Brown announced that the budget amounting to \$1,841,209.92 had been approved for the 1964-1965 school year in the county system.

Not taking into consideration the building program in last year's spending, this year's figures top those for 1963-64 by a substantial amount.

A surplus from the 1962-63 fiscal year was utilized partially last year to supplement the spending program. But some \$38,000 surplus was still in the fund at the end of 1963-64.

Salary for instruction personnel was some \$880,000 more than last year and jumped to almost \$1,050,000 for 1964-65. This is due mainly to the increased number of teachers throughout the county system and the number of high-ranked degree instructors in the schools.

Wreck Victim Buried Monday

Funeral services for Lance C. Park, 53, were held Monday at 10 a. m. at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Lynwood Henderson officiating.

Burial followed in the New Lebanon Cemetery near Prentice County, Miss. with Mrs. Brown Service directing. Survivors include the widow, Beulah Faye Parker of Tusculumbia, two daughters, Susan Faye Parker of Tusculumbia and Mrs. Linda Gail New of Muscle Shoals; one half brother, Jimmy Slack, and one brother, Joe Parker, both of Iuka, Miss.; one grandchild.

Postmasters Push Planning For Early Mailing

A little planning during the Thanksgiving Holiday can help avoid the "Christmas Rush," say our local postmasters, Holt Hopwood and Dobson.

The following tips are offered to postal employes move the record-breaking mountain of mail that is expected this Christmas season.

1. Find last year's Christmas mailing list. If you can't find it or you did not have one, make one.
2. Check to make sure that all addresses are correct. The telephone book is usually a good source of local addresses.
3. Wherever possible, add the Zip Code to the address. Zip Code speeds your mail, always include your Zip Code on your return address. This is the best way to inform friends, relatives and your business associates of your Zip Code.
4. Determine your list of gift purchases which must be mailed. Such planning allows you to stock up on mailing materials in advance, allows you to select your gift when stocks are greatest. Be sure to pack parcels securely.

It is emphasized that poorly wrapped and loose packed cartons are the major cause of parcel post damage. It is recommended that the address be written on only one side of the outside wrapping and that a duplicate of the address be placed inside the package, in case the outer wrapping comes off.

It is predicted from Washington that a record seven billion pieces of mail will pass through the post office during the peak rush just before Christmas.

The cooperation of all mailers is vital for us to deliver each holiday card, letter and package before Christmas. A little planning will make the Christmas rush a little less hectic for each of us.

Chemstrand Donates To Private Colleges

Birmingham, Alabama — A grant of \$2,000.00 from the Chemstrand Company, a division of the Monsanto Company, to Alabama's seven privately supported, senior liberal arts colleges was announced by Dr. James H. Edmondston, Executive Vice President of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges. The check was presented on behalf of Chemstrand's president, Cole Downing, Director, Manufacturer of Decatur, Alabama, by Mr. Edmondston at the third annual grant giving to the Association from Chemstrand and it follows the pattern of other national corporations who seek to aid privately supported colleges.

The 1964 grant recipients are Alabama Southern College, Athens; Alabama Southern and Howard Colleges, both of Birmingham; Huntingdon College, Montgomery; Judson College, Marion; St. Bernard College, Columbia; and Spring Hill College, Mobile.

Florence Co-Eds Attend Economic Conference

Sixteen Florence State College co-ed attendees attended the Annual State Economics Convention held Friday and Saturday in Montgomery.

Among the program events planned for the convention were a luncheon with newspaper columnist Mary Feeley as speaker, a tea at Governor's Mansion honoring past presidents, and a College Chapter meeting with Roslynd Frederick of Muscle Shoals representing Florence State as state officer.

Other events included a banquet with Leo Aikman, director of community service of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as speaker, and a talk by Miss Dianne McKaig of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor, Atlanta.

Subject matter sections included clothing, textile and related art, family relations and child development, foods and family economics, and housing and household equipment.

The final meeting was a luncheon with Mrs. Mary Huff, chairman of the Florence State Department of Economic Activities and president of the state association, presiding. Speaker for the luncheon was Dr. Robert L. Gregg, educational consultant, Maxwell Air Force Base.

Florence State students attending the convention were Connie Barker of Dale Athens; Linda Bostdorf, Orlando, Fla.; Martha Duncan, Tusculumbia; Roslynd Frederick, Muscle Shoals; Mary Lou Ingle, Glen Allen; Johnnie Mann, Phil Campbell; Pat Millican, Vernon; and Judy Patterson, Florence.

Martha Roberts, Florence; Rebecca Saint, Russellville; Bonnie Sherman, Florence; Ramona Simpson, Florence; Glennis Taylor, Russellville; Jane Tucker, Glen Allen; Mary Ann Young, Florence; and Dorothy Hatten, Russellville.

Harper Says Hundreds Are Burned, 250 Fatally

Each year hundreds of Alabamians are severely burned — 250 fatally, Dr. R. E. Harper, Colbert County Health Officer, said today that burn injuries are perhaps one of the worst type of injury a person can receive. Burn injuries often leave permanent scars and painful take a long time to heal.

If little girls wear trousers instead of skirts, the record would be better. Flimsy, flaring skirts of light, readily inflammable material are easily ignited by brushing across a space heater or backyard grill. Care should be taken to see that all open fire have a protective screen.

Elderly people with infirmities of poor seeing hands, and poor balance should be watched as they have a tendency to fall asleep in chairs while smoking. They should never smoke in bed. In fact, no one, whatever the age, should smoke in bed.

Small children are often fascinated by matches or mechanical lighters. They will even hide in the clothes closet to strike matches, if a packet is handy.

Many burns are caused by handling hot utensils used in cooking. Always use a pad or protective covering when handling hot dishes.

Dr. Harper urges everyone to learn what to do if their clothing should catch fire. DO NOT RUN, DO NOT LEAVE. Roll up in a rug, heavy coat, anything that will smother the flames. If outdoors, roll on the ground. Falling prone keeps the flames from mounting up to the face.

Dr. Harper said, "If you should receive a MELD burn (skin unbroken, no blisters), hold under cold running water for two-three minutes. If pain persists, apply petroleum jelly or mild burn ointment and bandage. If the burn is severe, send for a physician. Apply sterile bandages but do not break blisters or try to clean burns. Keep quite and comfortably warm until the physician arrives."

Rabies should be suspected in any but which exhibits abnormal behavior. For a bat unusual behavior would be flying about in the daytime and attacking other animals. Avoid such bats.

American chestrnuts are a thing of the past due to chestnut blight, according to Extension Service horticulturists. They say Chinese chestrnuts are recommended.

