

TVA Management And Employees To Meet

About 200 delegates, representing trades and labor employees and management of the Tennessee Valley Authority, will attend the 14th annual Valley-wide union management cooperative committee conference at the Patten Hotel, Chattanooga, June 18-19.

J. H. Lyons, president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, will be guest speaker at the Thursday dinner meeting and will discuss the role the Iron Workers have played in the TVA program. Management speakers who will participate in the two-day conference include Chairman Herbert D. Vogel, Director A. R. Jones, A. J. Wagner, General Manager; George Leonard, Chief Engineer; G. O. Wessner, manager of Power, and his assistant R. A. Kampmeier; Charles J. McCarthy, General Counsel; and Paul Fahy, Director of the Materials Division. Among union officials who will appear on the program are C. C. Hobbs, Iron Workers; John S. Turner, representing Laborers; Carl J. Heckel, International Representative of Sheet Metal Workers Union and president of the Tennessee Valley Trades and Labor Council.

There are 33 local union-management committees at major TVA construction jobs, and in Chemical Engineering and Power Divisions. The local committees consider suggestions for doing the job better; save time, labor and materials; promote health and safety; and generally make job conditions better. They deal with collective bargaining matters, not grievances. Once a year a Valley-wide meeting is held to plan for the future.

Mr. Heckel, and E. A. Shelley, TVA Personnel Director, are co-chairmen of the conference.

Rainfall during May throughout the Tennessee Valley was above normal, TVA said. However, runoff was below normal for the month primarily because the rainfall occurred in showers scattered throughout the month.

The Valley's average rainfall was 4.66 inches, compared with a 65-year average for the month of 4.12 inches. East of Chattanooga it averaged 4.46 inches (long range average 4.09 inches). West of that city the average was 4.87 inches (long range average 4.15 inches).

Highest rainfall recorded; 7.19 inches, was at Thorpe Dam (Alcoa) in North Carolina. Lowest recorded, 2.19 inches, occurred at Douglas Dam.

At Chattanooga, the runoff measured 1.49 inches, compared with the long range average of 2 inches. Runoff for the first five months of 1959 is 11.30 inches, whereas the average for this period is 15.09 inches.

Kentucky Dam the runoff in May was 1.25 inches, compared with the average of 1.83 inches. For the five months it has been 10.75 inches, compared with the long range average for Jan. - May of 15.22 inches.

Estimated visits to TVA dams and steam plants in May numbered 1,299,500, a drop of approximately 111,000 over the same month last year.

Kentucky Dam was first with an estimated 187,500; Chickamauga Dam was second with 153,600; Pickwick Landing Dam was third with 145,200; and Norris Dam was fourth with 121,000.

Buford H. Martin, supervisor of the Commercial and Industrial Power Section of TVA's Research and Demonstration Branch, has been appointed Chairman of Code-Making Panel 10 of the National Electrical Code Committee. This panel considers regulations pertaining to flexible cords, lighting fixtures, lamps, receptacles, appliances, and space heating equipment.

The National Electrical Code was originally drawn in 1897 as the result of united efforts of various insurance, electrical, architectural, and allied interests. For the past 48 years it has been sponsored by the National Fire Protective Association, an organization to promote the science and the methods of fire protection and prevention.

Social Security Office Moves

Your social security administration district office has moved from its West Third Street location and is now occupying a brand new building at 204 Annopolis Avenue in Sheffield, Alabama. If you are of retirement age, totally disabled or think you might be entitled to survivor benefits on the account of a deceased wage earner, you are invited to inquire at the new address. Mrs. Mary King Temple stated that she was sure that the new facilities would enable her and her office force to better serve the four cities and surrounding counties.

Patterson To Give Gallion Help In Fight On Loan Sharks

Montgomery, Ala. — Gov. Mac Patterson has given Atty. Gen. Donald Gallion new help in his small loan fight.

The governor has announced that Guy Sparks, chief counsel in the legal division of the Highway Department, has been assigned to work with the attorney general in the loan fight.

Gallion has already made a good start in the fight to halt illegal lending practices in the small loan field. He has obtained injunctions against several operators over the state.

He further has said he will "go after" every loan shark in the state; the State Legislature fails to pass a small loan law.

An effort to such a bill was at a standstill following the adjournment of a hearing on a small loan law before the House State Administration Committee of the State Legislature June 4. No date for a further hearing was set after committee members disagreed.

Two members of the committee warned that delay could mean death for such a law.

William E. May Dies Friday

William Edward May, 64, a resident of Leighton and native of Tennessee, died at 1 p.m. Friday at Colbert County Hospital after an illness of five months. He had been living in Colbert County for 10 years and had been self-occupied as a cattle buyer.

Mr. May was a member of the Methodist Church.

Services are scheduled for Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Brown Service Chapel in Tusculumbia with burial to follow in Tusculumbia Oakwood Cemetery. Brown Service will be in charge.

Mr. May leaves three sisters, Mrs. Jack Abraham of Rayville, La.; Mrs. R. L. Holt of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Leslie King, Leighton.

The body will be at the funeral home until time for services.

Active bearers will include Wesley Smith, Charles C. McGee, Edward Johnson, H. J. Holland, Clifford DeJony, Edward F. Mauldin, Henderson King and J. B. Hall.

Mental Health Speaker At Joint Session

MONTGOMERY, ALA. — Dr. William C. Menninger, president of the Menninger Foundation and world-renowned psychiatrist, will speak before a joint session of the State Senate and House here June 28.

Dr. Menninger, who was invited here by a joint resolution passed unanimously by both state governing bodies, will talk on the growing problem of caring for mental patients. A member of many professional groups, he represents the largest training center for psychiatrists in the country.

Dr. Menninger will speak in the House chamber Friday morning. A luncheon in his honor will be held at the Jefferson Davis Hotel following his talk.

"In commenting on Dr. Menninger's visit, former Senator E. W. Skidmore, Tusculumbia, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Alabama Association for Mental Health, said: "It is a great privilege to have someone of Dr. Menninger's stature come to Alabama to speak before our Legislature on this important matter."

Mr. Skidmore called attention to what he termed "a gigantic problem in our state." He said that measures must be taken immediately to "stop the economic and human wastage which is the result of inadequate treatment of the mentally ill."

EDITORIAL GRIST

WHEN PRICES CHASE WAGES

When labor's wages outrun labor's productivity, prices rise. That proposition is as inevitable as the fact that two and two make four.

That is exactly what has been happening. One of the country's leading economists, Sumner Slichter, of Harvard, says in a New York Times Magazine article: "During the past ten years . . . hourly compensation of employees in production outside agriculture has risen more than twice as fast as output per manhour." "The unions explain this by asserting that wages were simply chasing prices up, but the facts refute the claims of the union spokesmen. In every one of the past ten years, the percentage rise in the hourly compensation of workers exceeded the percentage rise in the consumer price index. Furthermore, in nine out of the past ten years, the rise in hourly compensation of workers exceeded the rise in the wholesale prices of finished goods. Wages were not chasing prices up, on the contrary, prices were chasing wages, and were falling behind each year."

And that inflationary chase, if union leaders have their way, is going to continue — to the further degradation of the buying power of your dollar.

POLITICAL SPENDING RESTRAINED

The House of Representatives did the country a many-faceted service when it sustained President Eisenhower's veto of the bill that would have removed the secretary of Agriculture's authority to approve or disapprove loans by the Rural Electrification Administration.

In vetoing it, the President called the bill "a major retreat from sound administrative policy and practice." And former President Hoover said: "That bill will turn loose an enormous spending agency from even the restraints of the Secretary of Agriculture."

One can be for or against REA and the co-ops it finances. This is a matter of controversy, in which there is plenty of room for divergent views and philosophies. But it is difficult to see how anyone can reasonably support legislation which frees any spending agency of the government from administrative controls.

POPULAR NEWSMEN

Two popular names in Alabama journalism are being placed on the retired list. Sunday's Birmingham News reported the retirement of Sports Editor Zipp Newman and Columnist Henry Vance. Both names are familiar to every newspaper reader in the state.

Newman is retiring after 21 years with the Birmingham daily, 39 as sports editor. If Vance has been with the paper 46 years, Newman long has been the State's best known sports writer. The Crippled Children's Clinic, for which he wrote reams of sports promotion copy, in his monument, Vance, sports writer and humorist, brought many a chuckle with his breezy copy.

These veteran newsmen are looked upon as old friends by many. We wish them happiness in their retirement, and are glad to note that they will continue to produce their columns, even if less frequently.—Tusculumbia Graphic.

NEGRO EDITOR SPEAKS OUT

In testimony before a senate sub-committee a Negro editor from Mississippi took a stand against so-called "civil rights" legislation. Percy Green, editor of the Jackson, Miss., Negro newspaper, said whites and Negroes were making progress in solving race relations, until the 1954 Supreme Court decision. Since that rambling decree, he asserted there has been a "widening gap" which no kind of legislation would help close.

It has long been evident that you cannot incite amity and cooperation at bayonet's point, especially in dealing with a people having the proud heritage and traditions of the white South.

It is a tragedy that the caudagers refuse to recognize that fact, or rather refuse to act in keeping with it. For one thing, "there is gold in them the hills." There are good-paying jobs for leaders whose role it is to foment dissension there are votes to be garnered among the gullible.

It is gratifying, though, to see one leader of the race that is being duped speak out.—Alabama Journal.

Hope Fades In Getting New Loan Law

Montgomery, Ala. — The prospects of getting a new small loan law in Alabama were uncertain at the close of the legislative week of the Alabama State Legislature.

The House State Administration Committee held a hearing on two proposed bills, but adjourned without taking any action. It did not set any time for resuming hearings on the matter.

This delay came about after Reps. Bob Gilchrist of Morgan and Roscoe Roberts of Madison warned that any such delay might kill any new loan legislation.

CAMP, PENITENTIARY, Calif. (FHT NCV) — William M. Kimbrough, machine's mate, first class, USN, son of M. and Mrs. W. A. Kimbrough of Route 2, Tusculumbia, Ala., and husband of the former Miss Pauline Parker of Route 2, Tusculumbia, serving aboard the attack transport USS Bayfield, took part in an amphibious landing on the beaches of Camp Pendleton, Calif., May 28.

The operation, known as "Twin Peaks", involved more than 60 Navy ships and 25,000 Marines and was the largest exercise of its type since January 1957.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

As Recorded in the Files of The Colbert County Reporter

Congress appropriates millions for the Tennessee Valley Authority — With a lead of 37,000 votes over Frank M. Dixon in the May primary for governor. In carrying 56 of the 57 counties, begins the runoff by speeched here and in Anniston — Judge-N. P. Tompkins and A. D. Sherrill campaigning for probate judge and tax collector in the runoff primary — F. F. Beauchamp, division engineer for the TVA announces from Athens that the valley will soon be supplied with electric power — A proposal for improvement of the Tombigbee river in Western Alabama thru connection with the Tennessee basin at a cost of \$170,000,000 recommended by a special cabinet committee to President Roosevelt — R. E. Thompson and Mrs. I. L. Hay conducting a summer school at Deshler High — John T. Lewis, minister of Enslay Church of Christ is holding a meeting here — Mrs. R. L. Price of Chattanooga is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Landers — Miss Laura Thornton leaves for a stay at Birmingham — Miss Elizabeth Henderson returns home from Birmingham, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ethel, who will spend the summer — Mrs. Edgar Craig returns from Memphis — Miss Mary Verne Smith is vacationing at Shocco Springs with other Presbyterian conference delegates — Wyatt Burgett resting comfortably at the hospital following an appendix operation — Mrs. Cleta Davis of Cleveland, Tenn., guest of Mrs. J. W. Rutland — Mrs. V. Morris, Mrs. W. M. Pierce, Miss Ella Reed, Miss Vivian Leftwich and Mrs. Chas. Palmer visit in Nashville — Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carmichael and small son return from Washington — Misses Lottie and Myrtle Reed home from Glendora, Miss. for the summer — Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Underwood announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary B. Toiler H. Christopher of Gadsden, they will reside in Cho. Ala. — Mr. and Mrs. Fritzgerald Widdley invite invitations to the wedding of their daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, to Mr. George Hammerly Colapend.

Spiffy Spaceman To Get Bottle Suit And Can Scratch

WASHINGTON. — Note for the man who likes to play ahead: Get ready for the bottle suit.

Yes, we said bottle suit. This is the attire that will supplement the pressure suit in high-altitude circles.

Our fashion authority is Werner von Braun, the Army's missile and space expert from Huntsville, Ala. He told the House Space Committee in a closed session recently that the pressure bottle suit has a number of advantages over the already-in-use full pressure suit in the upper air.

(Some kind of whole body protection is needed by human beings in the vacuum of space, otherwise their bodies would explode from the force of internal pressure.)

Dr. Von Braun noted that the pressure suit which fits over the body like four-ply long underwear, makes it difficult or impossible for a man to perform certain routine acts with his fingers and hands.

"Each finger is pressurized, and the question is can a man really perform a complicated assembly job in this kind of garment? In the bottle suit we have an entirely different idea. The man is not fashioned encased in a pressure suit as long as after his head, rare, sits in a rigid bottle. It almost looks like a Coke bottle with his head in the top, or dome. Within this bottle he is strapped to a board, and around his chest is a panel with manipulators into which he can stick his hands."

There were seven arms protruding from the illustrated bottle suit that von Braun showed the committee. The man inside, he explained, can manipulate his arms. By moving his fingers and twisting the manipulators, the can can operate a tool attached to the end of the arm.

He said such manipulators, already in use through protective walls and shields in atomic energy projects; that various kinds of tools—drills, pliers, etc.—can be provided for use with the bottle suits.

Voice Of The People

READER DISAGREES WITH EDITORIALS

EDITOR: — When you speak of "REA" you are speaking of the "grass-root farmers of America." In your Editorial Grist of May 14, 1959 you say they "don't want to pay their own way." In your Editorial Grist of May 28, 1959 or "What Farmers Want" you say they "want to stand on their own feet." If you would stick to facts - instead of blurring out what comes into your mind at the time of your writing - you would not be as apt to contradict, and cross yourself up so often.

I still hope that you will some day get around to reading the book I sent you, by Marguis Childs, entitled "The Farmers Takes A Hand." Maybe, you could then find more facts to write about REA and the farmers in connection with REA.

Incidentally, I thoroughly agree with your last editorial (May 28, 1959). I know the farmers "want to stand on their own feet," and they do - especially in their REA program.

Sincerely,
William S. Halsey
Arlington 6, Virginia

Richey Rites To Be Monday

Services for Charles David Richey, 67-year-old retired farmer of Rt. 1, Leighton, will be conducted Monday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Leighton with Edward Wright and Walker Campbell officiating. Burial is scheduled for Glendale Cemetery with Brown Service, Tusculumbia, in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Richey died at 4:10 p.m. Friday at Colbert County Hospital after a one-year illness. He was a native of Franklin County, but had lived in Colbert for the past 45 years. He was a member of the Leighton Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Georgy Ann Richey, Leighton Rt. 1; six sons, Paul, J. D., G. E. and Carl all of Leighton; M. G. and H. H. of Florence; two brothers, Britton Richey of Jopla, Ala.; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Mrs. Cynthia Randolph both of Town Creek and Mrs. Mary Eston of Leighton; 13 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Colbert Officials Reject Pay Raise

Members of the Colbert County Board of Revenue have declined pay increases.

The vote was unanimous. Judge John B. Sockwell, chairman, receives \$4800 a year, and the associate members \$4200.

Colbert County Rep. Kenneth Bishop said earlier he was preparing a package of legislative acts providing for raises for virtually all the county's officials.

North Alabama Counties Heavy Cotton Producers

Six cotton-producing counties in the Tennessee Valley produced 27 per cent of the Alabama cotton crop in 1958, but this was a slide downward from 29 per cent of the state crop in 1957.

The counties of Madison, Limestone, DeKalb, Marshall, Morgan and Jackson gained 131,290 of the state's 442,152 bales from the 1958 crop. This compared with 157,281 bales of the state's 526,807 bales from the 1957 crop.

Four of these five counties were in the top 10 producers in the state for the 1958 crop: The top 10 were: Madison, 32,735 bales; Limestone, 30,858; DeKalb, 24,641; Lawrence, 21,156; Marshall, 18,472; Dallas, 17,190; Cherokee, 14,893; Morgan, 14,547; Geneva, 13,111; Cullman, 12,781.

Grandaughter of Mrs. Carl Rand Dies

The five-year-old granddaughter of Mrs. Carl R. Rand, Sr. of this city, Patricia Shanks of Phoenix, Arizona, died Thursday June 4, at Johns-Hopkins Hospital after a month's illness.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shanks of Phoenix and the niece of Henry Rand of Tusculumbia.

Her mother is the former Margaret Rand, also of this city.

Services were held Saturday in Phoenix with burial in the Arizona city.

In addition to her parents, she leaves one sister, Mary Shanks of Phoenix.

