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TVA Pays Nine Millions In State Taxes

Payments in lieu of taxes by the Tennessee Valley Authority to state and local governments will total \$9,048,337 in the fiscal year ending June 30. That is 10 percent more than the previous year's payments, and about three times as much as was paid in 1952, TVA reported.

This will bring the total since TVA began operations in 1933 to more than \$100 million.

The TVA payments cover only the agency's wholesale power operations. In addition, the 158 local retail electric systems that distribute TVA power are paying an estimated \$157 million in taxes or tax equivalent to state and local governments this fiscal year.

The combined total payments from the wholesale and retail power operations in the TVA area will be almost \$25 million for the year. That will bring the combined total since 1933 to well over \$250 million.

Last fiscal year TVA paid \$8.2 million and the distributors \$14.6 million, for a total of \$22.8 million.

As provided by law, TVA's \$9 million in payments this year represents 5 percent of last year's taxable power revenues (sales to the Federal Government are exempt). An even bigger jump in the payments is expected next year, since the TVA revenues on which they will be based are running almost 13 percent above last year's level.

This year TVA is paying \$5,373 in lieu of taxes to six counties where coal reserves for power purposes have been acquired in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee.

The TVA payments in lieu of taxes were to replace tax revenues which state and local governments formerly received on electric utility properties and operations in this area. The combined TVA-distributor payments amount to about 7 1/2 percent of the power bills paid by the individuals and businesses using TVA power. The comparable state-local tax ratios for private power companies serving surrounding areas range from about 5 to 11 percent of the power bills of their customers.

These payments do not include taxes imposed directly on the power users, such as the sales taxes on electricity purchases in several Valley states.

Final allocation among different governmental units of the estimated \$24.7 million in combined TVA-distributor payments will not be available until next fall. Last year, cities and towns received about 9.6 million (mainly from distributors), counties \$7.4 million, and state governments \$3.8 million.

A part of the TVA payments — \$1,118,854 this year — goes directly to 142 counties where TVA has acquired property used in its power program. The law requires that each county receive a payment equal to former county and district property taxes on power property acquired (mostly from utility companies) by TVA, and on TVA reservoir land allocated to power purposes.

The rest of the money available

Several From Colbert Graduate

UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Among the 1,726 candidates receiving degrees and 106 awarded certificates from the University of Alabama in Commencement Exercises Sunday (May 30) were students from Colbert County. All 67 Alabama counties were represented on the list.

University President Dr. Frank A. Ross conferred degrees and certificates:

Muscle Shoals, William H. Rose, M. A., Counseling and Guidance. Sheffield, Carolyn O. Armstrong, B. S., Mathematics; Eugenia P. Branscomb, B. S. in Home Economics; Louis E. Buettner, M. D.; Mary J. Gaskins, B. A., History; Charles K. Mitchell, B. S. in Education; James H. Porter Jr., LL. B.; Paul E. Saywell, Jr., B. S., Biology.

Tuscumbia, Lawrence E. Fisher, B. S., Physics; James A. Patton, LL. B., Charles B. Rock, B. A., Radio and Television; Julia A. Smith, B. S.

Tuscumbia Firm Plans Expansion

Montgomery. — A \$1,500,000 expansion of the Muscle Shoals Electrochemical Corp. has been announced by Gov. George Wallace.

The Tuscumbia company produces insulating materials for electric heat insulators and synthetic minerals which are highly heat and shock resistant. The products are used in the aerospace industry for linings and coverings.

The new 85,000 square foot building will be located on an 87-acre site at Barton near Tuscumbia.

Nine Colbert Women Graduate As Nurses

In all ten people from Colbert County received diplomas from the Deatur State Technical Junior College recently and are as follows:

Electricity, James Woods. Practical Nursing; Shirley Davis, Barbara Dickens, Francis Holt, Elanor Johnson, Goldy Jordan, Edith Palm, Jr., Loretta Lansdell, Edwina Trapp, Ruby Blackard.

Try adding canned soups to casseroles, poultry dressings, cream sauces, etc. for a change of flavor. Cream of mushroom, celery and onion are three good starters.

under the 5-percent formula goes to the state governments. With rapid growth in power sales, the total 5-percent amount has become many times as large as the former taxes on private property it replaced. This leaves most of the TVA money to the states — \$7,929,483 this year. Several states redistribute part or all of the TVA payments to local governments, however, and local governments get nearly all the taxes and tax equivalents paid by local electric systems under various state laws.

TVA's payments to the state governments are apportioned among the seven states by a formula that takes into account both the location of TVA power property and where its power is sold.

The amount paid in fiscal 1965 by TVA to Alabama was \$1,937,478 and to Colbert County, \$39,941.

As for the Clay-Liston absurdity, the question is whether the performance of the sports writers was as poor as that of the pugilists. Sitting at ringside, they saw the Clay right and they saw it numerous times after on slow motion television film. And even with that they arrived at no common opinion of what happened.

Reporter Jim Murry had a different vision. "A middle-distance blow that seemingly just grazed Sonny's chin but apparently caught him just below the cheekbone. It didn't appear to have knockdown power, but the ex-champion pitched forward until his 215-pound frame had been stretched on the canvas for the first time in his life."

"I'll tell you what happened. That's what I'm here for. Sonny Liston got the hell beat out of him it was happened. This time I was looking for it and I saw it, an old man groping his way into a speedy, insolent, reckless kid. He was like a guy broaving a barrage of rocks. He hasn't hit Cassius Clay yet. And he never will."

Columnist Jimmy Cannon: "Clay knocked out Liston... with an effete loop of a right hand that didn't seem destructive enough to crush a grape." Milton Gross danced all around the issue:

"As I confirmed the punch on a TV monitor later, it was a sort of downward chop which was followed by a left hook. The hook missed Sonny completely because he already was on the way down or whether it was hard enough to put a man down... or whether the man just decided he'd had it and wanted out." "We've been robbed," chanted the arena crowd. The lesser robber, Liston, shuffled out of the ring with \$600,000 — The Montgomery Advertiser

One of the most unjustified efforts of the moment is that of both Administration and Congressional officials in behalf of a series of new pay raises.

Both military and civilian pay raises are being recommended — not long after pay raises have been granted millions in other categories. The justification, or alleged justification, is that government employees and members of the armed forces are not now earning as much as civilians in some industries.

If taxpayers of the country accept this line of reasoning (which has been accepted in government circles in the last few years) they deserve the high taxes they are sure to pay.

Government employees and most members of the armed forces already earn good money, by any standard. In most cases — outside the big cities and big industries, government civilian pay is higher than that in private business, and many a private business loses its employees to the government and can't compete in the salary scale.

In addition, government service and military service (a duty and industry. Service to one's country has other rewards and securities. Most government workers have it easier, day for day and hour for hour, than private industry workers, for example.

There is little justification for another round of pay raises for government employees and members of the armed forces in the economy of today.

The U. S. Supreme Court acted wisely when it refused recently to review a so-called "do fact" school desegregation case.

The issue hinged on a complaint by some Negro parents Kansas City that some schools in the city were predominantly white and others predominantly Negro because of residential patterns existing there.

In declining to go into the matter, the Supreme Court in effect upheld a ruling by the 10th Circuit Court that the school board had acted in good faith in assigning students to schools in conformity with the residence pattern even while that resulted in a racial imbalance.

The court is taking the realistic viewpoint that artificially-forced integration is unsupportable.

The view seems to be that wrecking neighborhood school systems for the sole purpose of achieving numerical equality of races would be everybody's harm.

Medical scientists and expert are working to develop a synthetic human heart.

This news was reported recently by General Bernard A. Schriever, head of the Air Force Systems Command, an organization which has managed some of the country's most vital defense programs. Schriever said the National Heart Institute of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has asked the Systems Command to help them adopt the command's management concepts in their program for development of an artificial human heart.

The heart would actually be installed in the human body to replace a defective one!

The General said the National Heart Institute wants to adopt Air Force procedures as a management model for developing a series of artificial body organs.

And so we seem to be truly on the brink of a new era in science and medicine.

From the mail pouch: "Will someone please explain to me why many of our churches and their men of the cloth, after preaching, practicing and condoning the segregation policy for hundreds of years, suddenly discover, overnight-like, that it is immoral and sinful?"

It is very easy for people to persuade themselves that they are being mistreated.

Almost anybody can tell you why you should do something for nothing for him.

Application Forms Now Available

Birmingham: Director of Internal Revenue, A. J. O'Donnell, Jr., whose district covers Alabama, announced this week that he now has available application forms for persons, other than attorneys and Certified Public Accountants, who wish to take qualifying examinations for practice before the Internal Revenue Service. The 1965 Special Enrollment Test in Service, and in certain other areas, will be given in this Revenue Service

Forty-Four Years Of Teaching Credited

FLORENCE — Forty-four years as a teacher, 39 of those years at the same school, and 25 of them on the same floor of the same building: When Mrs. Thomas E. Clark, associate professor of English and history at Florence State College, retires on June 4, this will be what the record shows as to the length of time she has devoted to her profession and where she chose to practice it.

But that record of time and place is only a part of the story. The numbers of students whom she has taught and the many she has guided toward a better future or helped through an immediate crisis during that span of 44 years must number in the thousands.

Since she spent most of those years teaching at the junior high school level, her influence is certain to have been particularly strong, working as she did with the pliable minds of children in their early teens.

Mrs. Clark is a native of Martin, Tenn. She attended Middle Tennessee Normal School from 1920-23, and received the B. S. degree from Tusculum College in 1926, and the M. A. degree from Peabody in 1929.

She taught in the commercial department of Doyle High School, Doyle, Tenn. from 1916-18, and then taught English and mathematics at Barren Plains High School, Barren, Tenn., from 1921-25.

In 1926, Mrs. Clark joined the faculty of what was then Florence State Teachers College, serving until 1950 as a teacher in the junior high school division of Kilby Laboratory School.

Donald L. Payne, Most Wanted By FBI

Donald L. Payne, a highly dangerous convicted rapist, charged with a sex attack upon a Houston, Texas, girl in July, 1959, is one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives." He is being sought for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for the crime of rape.

Payne allegedly raped an 18-year-old Houston, Texas, professional dancer on July 10, 1959, after gaining entrance to her residence on the pretext of offering her a dancing job. He reportedly threatened to strangle her if she resisted or cried for help. He has also been identified as the perpetrator of a vicious sex attack on a 12-year-old Houston boy on July 5, 1959.

Payne has a long, foul history of violent criminal sex attacks and parole violations. He has been described as a dangerous man who "would not hesitate to kill."

Payne, a white American, was born at Haskell, Oklahoma, on July 19, 1918. He is 5'10" tall, weighs approximately 140 pounds, has a slender build, ruddy complexion and brown, receding hair. He has worked as a newspaper solicitor, try cook, farm hand, laundry worker, machinist, salesman and tailor. He is identifiable by a large scar on his right index finger. He also has a hernia scar, a birthmark on his right elbow, a scar on his forehead and a tattoo of two hearts, a wreath and the word "Christine" on his right forearm. He should be considered armed and dangerous.

For a perfect pie crust roll out the dough between layers of waxed paper to avoid stickiness.

Gordon Persons, Governor And Friend Passes

MONTGOMERY. — Funeral services were held Monday morning for former Alabama Gov. Gordon Persons, who died Saturday night at the age of 63. He was governor from 1951 to 1955.

The services were at St. John's Episcopal Church here at 10:30 a. m., and burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery, a few blocks away.

Persons had been in ill health for several years.

He died at St. Margaret's Hospital, where he had been taken after suffering a stroke May 17.

Persons, a member of a prominent Alabama family, served as governor from 1951-55. He was born in Montgomery 1902.

Persons began his political career as an associate member of the Alabama Public Service Commission of which he was president two terms. He was a member of the commission when he outlasted a field of 15 candidates in the 1950 Democratic gubernatorial primary, tantamount to election.

While governor, Persons backed legislation to reform the prison system, increase welfare payments, improve education and roads, and establish the Educational Television Commission.

Vernon Merritt, Persons' executive secretary, termed his former boss "a champion of education and the common people."

One of the former governor's three brothers, Wilton B. (Jerry) Persons, was a special assistant to former President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Another brother, John W. Persons, is a retired Air Force general and the third brother, Frank Stanford Persons, is a retired Episcopal minister from Auburn.

Gov. Persons suffered a heart attack during his last month in office in 1954 and had been in poor health since, Merritt said.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Gordon Persons Jr. and a daughter, Mrs. Albert Killingsworth, all of Montgomery, besides the three brothers.

Jack Daniel To Serve As P-TA Prexy

The Cave Street and Deshler Main Street Elementary School P-TAs held a joint meeting to install officers for the coming year.

Jack Daniel will serve as president; Mrs. Leon Sockwell, vice president; Mrs. Harris Nance, secretary; and Mrs. James Kimbrough, treasurer.

These two schools are combining next year and these P-TA officers, selected from both schools, will head the new change.

To clean household articles made of tin, wash in hot soap suds and use a scouring powder. For special treatment, boil in soda water.

Linen tablecloths which show worn thin may be given added life if they are dipped in a Perma Starch solution. The starch will add a glossy appearance and increase the life of your tablecloth.

THE GIRLS

By Franklin Folger



"Television commercials have just about reached the point where we're lucky to get a word from the program."

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"Now, Herbert, if I seem rather strange during the next few days it's because Two, Two seem 'Cleopatra' and I'm a different woman."