

TVA Says Rate Reduction Record For Year

Fiscal 1963 was a banner year for rate reductions by local electric systems distributing TVA power, the agency said. Reductions in retail rates and charges by 22 systems will save their customers about \$14 million a year. Initially, TVA said, and more as power use continues to grow.

Additional savings of \$14 million will result from reductions announced by four other systems since the end of the year. Among this group the largest single saving estimated at a million dollars a year, will result from a reduction by the Chattanooga Electric Power Board.

Although the basic retail rates originally established by TVA for resale of its power were low, several distributors found earnings were high enough that they could charge even less. In the mid-1940's two optional lower retail rates were made available. Each year more and more local systems were able to make reductions, and in 1961 still lower rates were established — the Norris Centennial Series, with one of the lowest residential rates in the United States.

Today 88 of the 157 distributors of TVA power have reduced rates by the low basic level. Forty-six apply the first level below the original rates, 32 the second level, and 9 the Norris Centennial Series.

Altogether 12 systems adopted one or another of the three reduced rate series in fiscal 1963, more than in any previous year: Bessemer, Ala.; Bowling Green and Monticello, Ky.; Columbus, Miss.; and Carroll County, Elizabethton, Erwin, Lebanon, Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg, Springfield, and Union City, Tenn.

Another 10 distributors removed or reduced surcharges applied to certain classes of customers, or special charges applied to help amortize the cost of service facilities.

Since the end of the fiscal year lower rates have been placed in effect by Chattanooga; Sevier County, Tenn.; Appalachian Electric Cooperative, Tenn.; and Tishomingo County Electric Power Association, Miss.

Prison Audit Uncovers Big Fund Shortage

MONTGOMERY — Prison Commissioner Frank Lee said Trammell H. Miller, chief accountant at the trusty barracks at Kilby Prison, has been fired after an audit showed a fund shortage.

Circuit Solicitor William B. Thetford said Monday he had been notified of a shortage of \$14,172 at the barracks, but that no officials action had been taken by his office.

Lee said the shortages apparently occurred over a period of several months and the routine audit showed "... amounts ranging from \$200 to \$950 was taken each month except two from February 1962 through August of this year.

"A routine audit conducted by Mr. (Lawrence) Mayo (Board of Corrections accountant) brought the shortage to light about nine days ago," Lee said.

The commissioner said Miller had been employed as an accountant at the trusty barracks about five years, and was responsible for purchasing supplies and issuing checks for payment.

Lee said Miller had agreed to make restitution.

Cherokee Girl Wins At Fair

Cathy McWilliams of Cherokee was top winner in the North Alabama Fair Youth Talent Contest at Florence.

Cathy, 15, a junior at Cherokee Vocational High School, also won the top talent award in the Alabama State 4-H Club contest held in Auburn recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McWilliams.

She will compete in the Mid-South Youth Talent Contest held in Memphis later this week where over a thousand contestants from several states will participate. The top winner in this contest will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to New York City to audition for national TV shows. This contest was won by Anne and Beeky Wagon of Tusculumbia in 1959, and

Questions and Answers About Your S.S.

By John W. Robinson
District Manager
Q. I wrote to your Baltimore headquarters for my record. They said I was fully insured. Does this mean I will get \$127 a month at age 65?

A. No, it does not. But it does mean that you've already worked long enough to be sure of monthly payments when you're old enough to get them. Your average earnings, the amount of wages or self-employment income (or both) you have on your record will be used to figure out the amount of your monthly check.

Q. I'm a 63 year old school teacher. Every summer I get one or two checks during vacation. Will my checks be more when I quit at 65?

A. Yes; the checks you get now must be reduced for the full number of months between the month you signed up to start your checks and the month you reach age 65. At age 65, your check will be reduced only for the number of months you actually get a payment between age 62 and 65. So you can look forward to a somewhat larger monthly payment after age 65.

Q. I'm a farmer and never made any money paying taxes. \$3 I never paid any. Will my checks be 62 next year, what should I do?

A. You will need 16 quarters (4 years) of work credit under social security. Your best bet is to get up your records for the back years as soon as you pay due social security. You can do this in a year or back credit if you do this now. Then with next year's income, you will have enough work credit to get monthly checks. Otherwise, you can't get anything at 62.

Q. My husband died about three years ago and I've been getting social security checks for myself and two small children since that time. What would happen to the checks if I go back to work? What if I remarried?

A. If you go back to work and get a social security number, you will lose some of your social security checks. The amount you will lose will depend on the amount you earn. If you remarry, your own social security payments will stop. However, your children's check will not be affected by your work or remarriage. They would continue to get at least as much as they get now.

Q. My son who is 8 and I had to get a social security number for our bank. I mailed you both forms on the same day. He got his card in two days but it took about 10 days before I got mine. Why is this?

A. As your son is only 8 years old, it is very doubtful that he ever had a social security number before and we could send him a new card right away. However, we had to check your application against our permanent files in Baltimore to be sure you got the same number at this time as the last time. This usually takes from 7 to 10 days.

New District Telephone Manager Named

John T. Williams, Jr. has been appointed District Manager for the Decatur District of Southern Bell Telephone Company. He succeeds I. L. Fambrough, who has been transferred to Birmingham.

Mr. Williams, Jr. is a graduate of the University of Alabama. Mr. Williams began his telephone career in Birmingham in 1948. He has held positions in the Commercial Department in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Atlanta and Mobile. Prior to his assignment, Mr. Williams was Division Manager Supervisor for the firm in Birmingham.

The Decatur District includes the following exchanges: Athens, Courtland, Hartsville, Moulton, Town Creek, Cullman, Hanceville, Sheffield, Tusculumbia, Leighton, Florence, Lexington, Rogersville, Russellville and Red Bay.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Miss Ruth Fitts of Tusculumbia. They have three children, Janis, Sharon and Tommy.

Chicken salad can be varied in many ways. Try adding fresh dill, pineapple, orange sections, grapes, dried apples, avocados, almonds, green peppers or sliced olives to your basic chicken salad recipe.

A common error in trying to root out an insect is to use a cutting machine to cut the cuttings too long. A four to six-inch length is desirable. Longer stems are more difficult to root.

EDITORIAL GRIST

THE PEOPLE OPPOSE FEATHERBEDDING

The American people — labor union members and their families included — take a dim view of featherbedding. That is the finding of a late Gallup Poll.

Featherbedding is the practice under which more men must be employed than are needed to do the work. It is rampant in numbers of industries, where it inflates costs which are ultimately borne by consumers of the products and services concerned.

Here are the figures Dr. Gallup presents: 52 per cent of those queried said there should be a law against featherbedding, as against 25 per cent saying no and 23 per cent having no opinion. And 48 per cent of the union group also favored an anti-featherbedding law, as against 32 per cent saying no and 20 per cent having no opinion.

The featherbedding practice, Dr. Gallup states, "... has never appealed to the American people." Most people, apparently, believe in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

A GOOD CITIZEN SPEAKS

The President of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, attacked federal aid for higher education and said his school has rejected more than \$3 million in federal funds in the last five years. He told a summer commencement audience: "Easy federal money will encourage the inefficient management and shocking lack of utilization of our existing educational facilities and buildings."

The federal control of higher education, which would accompany and follow federal grants would be unwise and dangerous.

THE HOT DOG GROWS UP

The ubiquitous hot dog is as American as apple pie. If a person had a penny for every hot dog that graced the picnic fare during the summer, he would be as rich as Croesus. But just because the hot dog is a popular picnic item and is easy on the pocketbook, don't underestimate its nutritional or flavor value. In a doublet of three hot dogs a day for weight conscious readers. Three-quarters of the bottom of the spread is illustrated with a mouth-watering, full-color photograph of a hot dog on a bun. The upper quarter of the two pages contains smaller pictures of hot dogs being consumed, including a woman happily spreading mustard on a hot dog she had been served for breakfast in bed.

According to Look, "Compact, nourishing and priced to please, it (the hot dog) appeals to all ages and appetites any hour of the day, can even satisfy as a meal in itself. This diet regime offers an easy, no-nonsense way to keep your figure under control or to trim it down to size."

TOO MANY STATISTICS

Too many of the arguments against the Welfare State philosophy are based solely on economic grounds. Sets of king-size statistics show us that the costs are staggering, that they steadily increase, generating momentum within themselves, and that, even at best, much of the money wrung from the taxpayers never reaches the supposed beneficiaries. It is lost in administrative overhead.

These are enormously important matters, but they fail to tell the whole story. In the long view, the worst aspect of the Welfare State is its impact on human character. Thrift, self-reliance, independence, a sense of family and community obligation — these and other such essential virtues go out the window. The attitude becomes — why should we worry, the government will take care of us.

Thus are the sinews of a nation sapped. Thus does it grow frail and flabby. Thus, ultimately, is the door opened to the destruction of representative government.

KENNEDY INTEGRATION

The third floor of the White House again will be locale of the most exclusive school in Washington. As a first grader, Caroline Kennedy will attend the combination school and kindergarten, which will open late this month.

There will be 20 carefully screened pupils, and token integration will be achieved by inclusion of the son of Associated Press Secretary Andrew Hatcher, a Negro.

As the percentage of Negro students in Washington now is almost 80, this is token integration with a vengeance.

What price racial quotas among the Kennedys?

LET'S HEAR FROM THE FAMILY FARM

The family farm has been the subject of much worried discussion, spurred by the fear that it is in danger of being absorbed by the big corporate farm.

Yet, according to the Secretary of Agriculture, the family farm seems to have been holding its own and then some. In a late year it accounted for a higher proportion of all farms than it did 15 years before and, also, for a higher percentage of total marketings.

Even so, the Secretary feels that steps should be taken to strengthen its power of survival. Most important of these is government action to "... insure fair prices to farmers through public supply management programs when overproduction makes such programs necessary."

That phrase should be read again and pondered in order to understand its full import. If "public supply management" means anything, it means government control. So, to save the family farm from possible corporate absorption, we should give the power of management decision to a federal bureaucracy. We should, moreover, subject it to a program which has cost the taxpayers the lord-knows-how-many billions of dollars, produced some juicy scandals, and piled chaos upon confusion.

One would like the views of some typical family farm owners on this drear prospect?

Big-Time Supermarkets Popping Small Stores

AUBURN — Large supermarkets are rooting out the small corner grocery.

John Bagby, Auburn University horticulturist, has come up with some revealing facts regarding this change.

"Most supermarket development has taken place in the last 20 years," Bagby reports. "Modern processing techniques, refrigeration and transportation played a great part in the development."

Bagby continues, "The supermarket's total food sales increased from 43 per cent in 1950 to more than 70 per cent last year. Today Americans spend 19 per cent of their income for food, in contrast to 28 per cent 20 years ago. So, a large volume of merchandise at a low profit has helped to make America the best fed nation in the world."

When choosing fabrics for children's clothing, the thing to look for are comfort, durability, fast colors, easy care and shrinkage of not more than two per cent.

Twenty-five Years Ago

As Recorded In The Pages Of The Colbert County Reporter

Voters rejected President Roosevelt try to purge South Carolina senator Ellison D. Smith Over his opponent Olin D. Johnson. Roosevelt's choice for the U. S. Senate by a vote of 25,000. Death of Col. Americo Mitchell reported. Owen D. Malone, former resident of Cherokee dies at Hobeck, Del. He was treasurer of the Coca Cola Company at time of death. State patrol seizes gambling devices in DeKalb county.

Miss Virginia Reed announces her resignation to Charles Holcomb Martin of Sheffield. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Dyke of Dallas visit with their nieces Misses Anna Elizabeth and Margaret Burt and Mrs. S. P. Cooper. Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Garrison and children of Fort Worth were recent visitors to relatives here. Miss Virginia Robertson, hostess to a meeting of the Junior Bridge club, entertaining in honor of her guests, Misses Baby Bailey and Constance Pearson of Decatur, among the players being Miss Shirley Hoskins, Miss Virginia Ware, Miss Sewell, Miss Juliet Riddle, Miss Mary Shirley Head, Miss Sara Jane Finley. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porterfield of Birmingham are visitors. Mrs. W. T. Archer and daughter, Isabel and Mary Wallace of Sheffield return from a visit in Lewisburg, Tenn. Miss Carrie Stanley has returned here. Miss Virginia Robertson and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stanley in Buffalo. Mr. W. R. Trapp is a Birmingham visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gentry return to their home in Auburn after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shaw. Mrs. F. A. White, Miss Jewel Smith and Jack White return to their home in Maultrie, Ga. after a visit to Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Surratt. Mrs. W. H. Brown returns from a visit with Mrs. J. B. McWilliams in Memphis. Mrs. W. D. Shriver and children return from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Alvin Hicks in Camden, Tenn. Theatre of Mrs. Kay Francis, Catharine Hopwood, Gary Grant, Gene Autry, Lloyd Nolan, Ritz Bros., Toney Martin, Anita Louise and others.

Charles Kelley, Game and Fish chief, reported that outdoorsmen own no land and are unable to obtain permission from landowners may hunt on the State's public hunting areas. These 22 wildlife management areas, each with licensed hunters, cover more than half a million acres. Special hunting seasons are planned for these areas.

Rabbit, squirrel (north of U. S. Highway 80), raccoon and opossum hunting seasons are set to open October 15. Seasons for hunting squirrels (south of U. S. Highway 80), deer, turkey, woodcock, snipe, cat, duck and goose will open in November or December. No closed seasons have been planned for hunting beaver, bobcat, fox and nutria. There will be no open season on bear and alligator this year. The trapping season on bobcat, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk and weasel will begin November 20, according to the State Department of Conservation.

Lecture On Atomic Energy At Cherokee

A demonstration lecture program, titled "This Atomic World," will be presented in an assembly program at Cherokee Vocational High School on Oct. 1. The program, sponsored by the United States Atomic Energy Commission, is presented by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Harmon Smith, an exhibits manager who has received special training in nuclear physics will present the program. Mr. Smith holds a bachelor of science degree from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

The demonstrations and lectures are designed specifically to acquaint high school students with the basic principles and uses of atomic energy and to stimulate their interest in science.

Burglars Enter Brackin Home

Two white men entered the residence of Dr. O. D. Brackin on east First street Monday night and attacked Mrs. Brackin and her teen age daughter with a blow on the head and robbed them of what valuables they could find and then fled.

Mrs. Brackin and her daughter were alone in the house and had left the doors unlocked and entry was made in the absence of the head of the house. The couple was hospitalized but have been released.

One suspect was apprehended and was placed in jail by Tusculumbia police and was partially identified by Mrs. Brackin as one of the men.

Study Club Hears Review Of Book

Mrs. Joe Ware reviewed "Washington Wives" by Ellen Maury Sladen at the September meeting of the Maud Lindsay Study Club held at the Tennessee Valley Country Club. This book is a frank and witty account of a political sliver, written by a congresswoman's lady of Texas. The journal was kept from 1887 to 1913.

Yearbooks were distributed to the 23 members present.

Mrs. James Peterson was hostess to the group.

Hunters Showed Respect Rights Of Land Owners

MONTGOMERY — State Conservation Director Claude D. Kelley this week urged Alabama sportsmen to "respect the rights" of landowners when the fall hunting season on dove, rail and gallinule opens on October 1.

Kelley reminded hunters that State laws require written permission from landowners or their agents before they enter privately-owned and incorporate controlled lands. The game hunter seeks "belongs to all Alabamians," he pointed out, but the land where the wildlife lives is often the personal property of an individual.

He contended that many landowners are willing to open their lands to hunters when they are certain their property rights will be respected.

The conservation official appealed to hunters to be careful with matches and other fire hazards that "threaten the landowner's investment." He asked hunters to protect livestock by "leaving all gates as they found" and to "refrain from climbing and damaging fences."

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Aid To Retarded Group To Hear Hill

The North Alabama Association for Mentally Retarded Children will hold their annual convention in Sheffield this week.

Sen. Lester Hill is scheduled to address the banquet Saturday night.

A large number of out-of-town guests are expected to attend the session, which will follow closely the meeting of the national association last week at Warrington, Va.

Open house will be held at Hope Haven School for the Mentally Retarded in Tusculumbia on Saturday, starting at 4 p.m.

Marvin B. Dinamore of Birmingham, president of the AARC, will preside at the three day convention which opens Friday, with Hotel Muscle Shoals as headquarters. He will introduce Sen. Hill at the banquet.

Sheffield Mayor Lewis Timberlake will give the welcome when the general session begins Saturday morning in the hotel civic room. Charles Wood of Mobile, first vice president of AARC, will respond. The invocation will be by the Rev. Don A. Thomas, pastor of Sheffield Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

A luncheon Saturday will feature Mrs. Dorothy Murry of Roanoke, Va., as speaker. Mrs. Murry is chairman of the NARC committee on residential care. She will be presented by Mrs. J. C. Courtney of Birmingham, president of Patrons of Parlow.

Wallace A. Abington, staff assistant of assistant secretary for legislation, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will speak Saturday afternoon. He will be introduced by O. F. Wise, director rehabilitation, Alabama Department of Education. Reports will be given by O. F. Wise and Mrs. Alpha Brown, consultant, special education, Alabama Department of Education.

A dutch breakfast Sunday morning, a religious forum, installation of new officers and a directors meeting will climax the convention.

Persons
Mrs. Amnye Delony of Birmingham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jennie Schmid on East Fourth street.