



A PICTURE POSTCARD house is this one, snapped by the Herald and News photographer last year when he was taking a few snow shots. The little house is located along the West-side road.

TVA Celebrates Completion Of World's Largest Plant

KINGSTON, Tenn. (AP)—A celebration today marked completion of what the Tennessee Valley Authority calls the world's largest steam plant for generating electricity.

Equipment delays have postponed actual completion of the plant until later in the month, but employees already had scheduled the celebration so TVA decided to let it slip.

The Kingston steam plant will be the fourth which TVA has put

in full operation since 1951. It was built principally to satisfy the tremendous power demands of atomic installations at nearby Oak Ridge. Three other steam plants are under construction.

The plant will burn a 50-ton carload of coal every six minutes, or enough to heat four good-sized homes in Knoxville all winter. Its total annual coal consumption will be more than four million tons.

It will use more than one million gallons of water per minute, more than is used for all purposes in New York City, in its nine steam condensers and other water-cooled equipment.

It cost nearly 200 million dollars, and required more than 22 million man-hours of planning, designing and construction.

It will have a rated capacity of 1,600,000 kilowatts energy, 15 times the capacity of Norris Dam, TVA's first hydroelectric facility, which was completed 19 years ago. Even this, however, is 400,000 kilowatts short of Oak Ridge power needs, and the remainder is made up by other TVA facilities.

When the Kingston plant's ninth and last generating unit goes into operation, it will boost TVA's steam-generating capacity to a total of more than five million kilowatts. This compares with a total hydro capacity of the agency's system of about 3 1/2 million kilowatts.

The plant has been producing at part-capacity since the first unit went into operation last Feb. 8. Other steam plants completed by TVA since 1951 are Johnsonville, in west Tennessee; Widows Creek, in northeast Alabama; and Colbert, in north Alabama.

Forest Access Roads Urged

MOUNT SHASTA — A plea for greater development of forest access roads was made at the Congressional subcommittee hearing in Redding on Monday by Elmer Kennedy, president of the Mount Shasta Chamber of Commerce and George Schrader, executive secretary of the Mount Shasta development committee.

They urged construction of permanent type access roads as the cheapest and most economical in the long run, pointing out recreational areas are thus available and greater forest protection assured in between timber harvesting.

The fact that recreational potentials are developed by private funds as soon as forest roads are built, was pointed out by the Mount Shasta representation.

Dunsmuir Women Post Bail Bonds

DUNSMUIR—Mrs. Lorraine Forties, 44, and Mrs. Dorothy Beardon, 36, both of Dunsmuir, were ordered to post \$250 each as peace bonds following a hearing in Dunsmuir Judicial Court on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Forties had been booked on an assault charge last Saturday after Mrs. Beardon had signed a complaint stating she had been threatened with bodily harm. The two women, who are neighbors, were given until Friday to post bond.

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Reduction Of Traffic Fatalities Up To Drivers

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—With National Safe Driving Day coming up on Dec. 1, I asked H. G. Maison, superintendent of the Oregon State Police, if he had any ideas how the traffic death toll could be reduced.

Maison, who probably has studied the problem more than any other person in the state, replied: "If I knew the answer, I could draw a lot more money than I get on this job."

Good enforcement of the traffic laws and educating the public in traffic safety undoubtedly are helps.

But there are some aspects that puzzle Maison.

For instance, he can't figure out why 10 persons should have been killed in Oregon on one weekend a couple of weeks ago, when traffic was extremely light. That was only one fewer than was killed on the long Labor Day weekend, when traffic was at a record high volume.

Last weekend, there were only two deaths, despite treacherous, icy roads.

High speeds have something to do with the big death toll, but Maison says that isn't the only cause. Oregon, with its basic speed rule, allows higher legal speeds than neighboring states, yet Oregon's traffic death rate isn't very much different.

In the first eight months of this year, Oregon's traffic deaths were up 3 per cent from last year, compared with a national average of a 5 per cent increase. Increases

for other states included Washington 21 per cent, and California 9 per cent. So Oregon's record is comparatively good.

In that same period, Oregon's traffic death rate was 3 persons killed for every 100 million miles of travel. The national figure was 5.8, while Washington had 4 and California 5.1.

"The roads are most dangerous when driving conditions are perfect," Maison says. "People are careful when the highways are dangerous. If we could get them to be careful under good driving conditions, there wouldn't be any problem."

Maison doesn't think the basic rule is perfect, either. Under this law, the basic speed limit is 55 miles per hour in open country, but higher speeds are allowed if conditions are good.

"There should be an overall fixed speed limit over and above the basic speed limit, say 70 miles an hour. The present law makes it hard for officers to get convictions. Lots of judges won't convict a driver unless he has been going more than 80 miles an hour," Maison said.

The state police force has 385 officers, and 297 of them are assigned to traffic law enforcement. These traffic officers can and do perform other duties, but 90 per cent of their time is spent patrolling the highways.

Since 1947, the traffic force has been doubled in size. But so has the volume of traffic, so the state police are in the same relative position as right after the war.

The National Safety Council says the Oregon State Police need 41 more men for traffic work, to be comparable with other states.

Maison says he doesn't know if this figure is right, but he does think the force will have to be increased.

"With traffic increasing steadily, we'll constantly need more men," he said. "Four-lane, divided highways, like the Portland-Salem Expressway, will make it necessary to increase the force."

"On the four-lane, divided routes, we need twice as many men as on the two-lane roads because officers can't turn around on the four-lane roads to give chase in the opposite direction."

Maison doesn't think short, concentrated safety campaigns do much good. The best answer, he says, is to have strong enforcement every day in the year.

He also believes automobile manufacturers are making a mistake in putting more horsepower into cars.

"It's getting so the cars are so powerful and fast that the state police can't catch them."

GOVERNMENT DAY
LOUP CITY, Neb. (AP)—It was "county government day" last Tuesday and high school students from over the county crowded in and out of offices. On the noon hour and visitors were ushered out of the county clerk's office before the key was turned in the door. That is—most of them were. Left behind was a burglar who took \$58 in cash. What he took was money paid in by hunters for licenses.

Park Board Meet Planned

The City Park and Recreation Board will hold a special meeting next Tuesday afternoon to consult with Mark Astrup, state highway commission park planner, on plans for the proposed Kiwanis park development on Kil Carson Way.

Mayor Paul Landry, chairman of the park board, called the special meeting when Astrup was unable to be present at a meeting held last Tuesday.

At that meeting, the board heard a report from maintenance superintendent Francis Smith and park superintendent Burt Stolt on a recent International Northwest Parks Institute held in Tacoma. Both said they felt they benefited greatly from attending the conference.

The board also briefly discussed Halloween parties at schools. They said that if the parties were to cut down Halloween vandalism, they would have to be held on Halloween night. However, this year, many of the schools did not hold their parties on Halloween, but police officials said that this was the quietest Halloween in their memory.

They said they would review this situation next year.

The board also accepted a donation of \$100 for Veterans Memorial Park from Mrs. Beulah Ray, who is now on an extended vacation in Latin America. Mrs. Ray is the sister of J. W. Kerns Sr.



IT LOOKS LIKE A CHERRY TREE but in reality it's only a juniper with some of last year's dry snow plastered on its branches.

Ellender, Jackson Argue Over Failure Of Geneva

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Ellender (D-La.) said today this country's spokesmen "should not get too hasty" over lack of East-West agreement at Geneva, but Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.) said, "We are still in a cold war up to our necks."

Ellender, who spent three weeks visiting behind the Iron Curtain this summer, said in an interview that "nobody should be surprised at the failure of the foreign ministers conference in Geneva."

But he said he does not expect the Russians to resume tough tactics in the cold war in Europe.

"I think the Communist leaders want to keep the Iron Curtain partially open," he said. "From what I saw of the Russian and satellite people, they do not want war and are not ready for it."

Jackson, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said the lack of agreement at Geneva should "convince everyone that the Soviet smile is a smokescreen to cover up the continuing Communist objective of world domination."

"Soviet leaders have made no concessions of substance that demonstrate actual good faith," he said.

Secretary of State Dulles returns from the conference today to face up to a sweeping review of Amer-

ican policies in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. He will report to President Eisenhower at Gettysburg, Pa.

Aides said Dulles will pull no punches in reflecting his sharp disapproval at Russia's blunt refusal to agree to Western plans for German unity, disarmament and broader East-West contacts.

Secretary of Defense Wilson told his news conference yesterday, however, that "one could not draw the conclusion" that the Geneva results will mean "an intensification of the cold war" or that the meeting brought no progress.

He said they will have "little or no effect on the U. S. defense programs or spending."

Sen. Mansfield (D-Mont.) said "a change in Soviet thinking" may result if Western European nations continue building up their military forces.

Ike Resumes Active Role

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—President Eisenhower moved today into active consideration of fiscal and foreign affairs.

In the busiest schedule of official business he has had since his Sept. 24 heart attack, the chief executive undertook conferences on:

1. The cost and scope of next year's federal activities. This came about in a conference with Budget Director Rowland Hughes on the budget to be submitted to Congress for the next fiscal year. Hughes was due in from Washington with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and Secretary of Commerce Weeks.

2. The future course of East-West relationships in the light of the Geneva deadlock. Secretary of State Dulles was to fly in, weather allowing, to tell the President the Geneva story in conferences late today and tomorrow morning.

Dulles will follow through tomorrow with a radio and television report on the Geneva developments to the American people.

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