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A DOCTORED YARDSTICK

A short time ago the directors of the Tennessee Valley authority announced that 52 per cent of the cost of the dam authority announced that 52 per cent of the cost of the dams and facilities so far constructed would be charged to power production. The remaining 48 per cent is to be charged to other purposes, such as flood control, improvement of river navigation, soil conservation, etc.

Commenting on this, the Dallas, Texas, Morning News

ays: "By charging off \$45,000,000 of the cost of these dams o social benefits, the directors of TVA propose a subsidy of pproximately \$2,000,000 annually for the government opperoximately \$2,000,000 annually for the government op-ration of power plants. There is no other way of figuring.

Of course, the consumers of Tennessee Valley energy will to lower rates, but the country as a whole will get higher axes. The TVA operation, as proposed by the present direc-ors, will be a doctored 'yardstick.'"

Thus TVA is to be given what amounts to another sub-sidy—all of which must be added to its past subsidies in the form of donations from congress, virtual tax-freedom, the mail franking privilege, and so on. Competent engineers have flatly disputed the contention that TVA's "social benefits" can possibly account for 48 per cent of its investment. Thus, can possibly account for 48 per cent of its investment. Inus, a recent authoritative survey states that while Norris Dam has been charged with close to \$9,000,000 for navigation purposes, this dam is of next to no value to navigation. The write-off, in other words, is purely artificial, and simply enables TVA to make a bookkeeping showing that is not in ac-

What would happen to any private utility that tried to What would happen to any private utility that tried to get away with trick accounting methods like that? The state regulatory commission would descend on its head like a whirlwind—but TVA is specifically "exempted" from any public regulation that applies to private electric companies. A politically operated public interest project can apparently get away with anything—so long as a complacent public is willing to pay the deficits.

THE MIGHTY DO FALL

A young nation like a young man is inclined to concer trate upon the future rather than the past. The nation has no experience on which to base its decisions and, again like a ng man, is not too anxious to receive advice from its elders.

History-a record of the experiences of nations have some very valuable advice it can give us if we will take it. China, for instance, tried the NRA generations ago, and it flopped. So did we.

More recent than China's experience, however, is what receded the fall of the mighty Holy Roman Empire. Rome ractically legislated its farmers out of existence. Then it started making the businessmen in various communities pay all the taxes of the communities. Then it passed laws fixing wages and prices; next it forced businessmen to stay in busice lions in the arena. And then—Rome collapsed.

In this country, farmers are getting less for their wheat, cotton, and potatoes than they did five years ago. We have passed one "share-the-wealth" tax bill after another, increaspassed one snare-tne-weath tax but after another, increas-ing the burden upon the businessmen who furnish payrolls. We are fixing wages; we are about to fix prices.

It isn't pleasant to be pessimistic. Maybe we'll be smart enough to stop ahort of the precipice. We still have time.

FARM RELIEF FAILS AGAIN

Paul Mallon expressed the view of most informed com-tators when he wrote in a recent column: "The farm act mentators when he wrote in a recent column: "The farm act is failing fast. That fact is becoming so evident that many of Mr. Wallace's men will now concede privately they do not see how the situation can be worked out next year on the same basis."

This has been the unhappy experience of most farm acts of This has been the unhappy experience of most farm acts of the past, no matter how sincerely inspired or efficiently ad-mininatered. Time has proven the old adage that "self-help is the best help," and that goes for the farmer as well as every-one else. If agriculture looks to political panaceas for per-manent benefits, it will be foredoomed to disappointment. Real farm progress is coming from activities instigated and controlled by the farmers themselves, such as non-political farm marketing cooperatives which apply sound business principles to farm operation.

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See since 1895 selfah interests have stalled and defeated the proposition to deepen the channels of the Great Lakes, particularly in the St. Lawrence river, so that ships could sail in and out from the Atlantic Ocean. Thus, as President Roosevelt said recently, every lakeport would become a seaport, from Montreal to Chicago and Duluth.

This isn't a political question, at all. Presidents Hoover and Taft were for it. The opposition has come from the ports of New York and Boston, from the railroads, and the public utilities—all expressing imaginary fears. The cost of the enterprise would be less than the cost of the Panama Canal.

The economic advantages of a Great Lakes seaway would be greater than those of the Panama Canal.

Canadian and United States politicians have aided and abotted selfah interests to cheat the Great Lakes for nearly half a century.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, 524 forth avenue, spent the week-end isiting relatives at LaSalle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ost and aughters Adeline and Sylvia, and and anythers Adeline and Sylvis, and Kenneth Grom attended church services Sunday at the Salem Evangelical church in Chicago, where Rev. H. E. Koenig is pas-tor. In the afternoon they visited Brookfield Zoo.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Plagge Dr. H. J. Highman, Charles Lamai of Chicago and Joan Johnston of Honey lake were guests at a Sun day evening waffle supper at the R. G. Plagge home, 545 Grove

Mr. and Mrs. Prank Cady. 428
N. Cook street, returned Monday
Rollowing a week's trip in the east.
They risited Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred
Belt at Warren. Pa., and called
on Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Crosby at
Cambridge Springs. Pa. They also
saw Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Alta Bennett, 201 W. Lake street, spent the week-end at Tur-key Run Inn, Turkey Run, Ind.

Mrs. Lawrence T. York and Mrs Elden Gleske heard the Brazilian planist, Gulomar Novaes at Or chestra hall, Chicago, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seaverns and daughter Betty, 135 W. Lak-street, spent Sunday in Milwaukee

Mrs. George Brolley and daugh-ter Barbara and Mrs. Bertha Marsh of Chicago visited with Mrs. J. F. Hollister, 343 W. Main street, Sun-day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Troxel, 426 N. Hough street, were Sunday tea guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bartlett of Morris.

Library News

Among the new books:

Adult Fiction
Dumaurier, "Rebecca."
Peattie, L. R., "Lost Daughter."
Johnson, "The Monument."
Gibbons, "Nightingale Wood."
Stewart, "East of the Giants."
Gunnarsson, "The Night and the ream."

De La Roche, "Growth of

an."
Foldes, "Prelude to Love."
Forbes, "The General's Lady."
Evan, John, "Crippled Spien

Norris, C. G., "Bricks Withou traw."
Marks, "What's a Heaven For DeJong, "Old Haven."

Adult Non-Fiction Hoffman, "We Married An Eng

lishman."
Thompson, "Refugees."
Woolf, V., "Three Guineas."
Stone, "Sailor on Horseback
(Life of Jack London.)"
Burlingame, "March of the

Men."
Beauseobre, "The Woman Who
Could Not Die."

Cabot, "Honesty,"
Bagnold, E., "The Door of Life."
Fuller, "Nine Chains to the

foon."

Byers, "Designing Women."

Children and Young People

Barte, "John Hoe."

Halliburton, "Book of Marvels."

Halliburton, "Second Book of Jarvels."

Darby, "Peace Pipes at Port-

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Stedham of Park Ridge were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Babb, East Hillside avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fletcher and son Jack, 205 W. Station street, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard of McHenry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watts and

Mrs. C. A. Elsner, 109 Garfield treet, visited relatives in Pullman, lich., several days this week.

Miss Mazion Johnson, 732 Sec-nd avenue, left last week to spend everal months in Milwaukee.

Charles Smith, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Carpen-tersville, spent last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krehmke, Cuba town-

Miss Mary Ellen Moss and Ralph Miss Mary Ellen Moss and Ralph Dunlop of Urbana were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. An-derson, 344 E. Hillside avenue. A plenic supper in the country with several former University of Il-linois friends was enjoyed Sun-

O. C. Biechele. 644 Grove avenue, spent several days this week on a business trip to Cincinnati, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandfort Ricke and son Jack, West Main street, Mrs. Alydia Ricke and Mrs. Louise Coe and daughter Mary Alice of Lin-cola avenue, spent Sunday at Col-fax, Ill., visiting Miss Kathryn Coe, who is music supervisor of the Colfax grade and high school.

Robinson, "Buttons."
Leaf, M., "Wee Gillis."
The library has also just purhased a number of new readers or the first and second grades.
Olive Dobson, Librarian.

Announce Cast for Senior Class Play at Ela High School

The cast of the annual senio lass play at Ela township high school was announced this week by Miss Edythe Stone, member of the faculty, who is directing re-hearsais. The name of the pro-duction is "Nothing But the Truth." a comedy by James Mont-comery. It will be presented in the Eis township high school an-ditorium November 3. Following is the cast and char-acters: Warren Nehmer, Robert Bennett; Harold Stelling, E. M. Raiston; Herbert Gleason, Dick Donnelly; Spencer Loomis, Clar-ence Van Dussen; Herbert, Gehrke, Bishop Doran; Elitsabeth Wolthauby Miss Edythe Stone member o

Bishop Doran; Elizabeth Wolthau-sen, Gwendolyn Ralston; Bessie Slevers, Mrs. E. M. Ralston; Elvira Scnroder, Ethel Clark; Ruby Boe-gen, Mable Jackson; Shirley Fox. manie Jackson; Shirley Fox Sable Jackson, Maida Bauer Martha

Black and White
"De debble is not always as black
as he is painted," said Uncle Eben.
"It is also true dat he ain' nearly
awite as he is sometimes whitewashed."

News **Briefs**

Palatine Bank Building

Up for Auction Again

Because the attorneys for the re-ceiver of the First National bank of Palatine failed to incorporate all necessary details in the recent sale of the bank building, Federal Judge Sullivan ordered that a new sale be conducted in the federal building in Chicago Tuesday, Oct. 25. The bid of \$9900 made by William Khe at the time of the last auction, will stand as a new bid at the coming sale and other Didders have been invited to enter a figure. It was reported some of a figure. It was reported some of the bank creditors are poolin their interests and are planning t enter a bid.

Libertyville Children Start Halloween Early

Reports of at least 20 Liberty-ville children who began their Hal-loween mischief a month too early prompted Police Chief Frank Dru-sters and to their parents that legal action will be taken against premature celebrants. Such things as throwing spoiled vegetables at newly painted houses and the wan-ton destruction of windows by ton destruction of windows by throwing offensive objects through them were among the complaints received by Chief Druba from irate Libertyville residents.

Harvard Man Gored By Bull; Condition Grave

Herman Hayes of Harvard was seriously injured last week when he was attacked and gored by a mad bull on the E. Steinborn farm mad bull on the E. Steinborn farm near Harvard. He was struck from behind by the charging animal and severe wounds inflicted along the spinal column. Rushed to St. Jo-seph hospital in Harvard, his con-dition is said to be grave.

Harvard Resident Gets Share "Fortune" Offer

Raiph Marshall of Harvard last week was the recipient of a letter offering a share in a hidden fortune pian that is similar to many types of "easy money" swindles. The letter writer purported to be a prisoner in a Mexico jail because of bankruptcy, but offered part of a large "hidden fortune" if certain financial kasistance was forthcoming. Marshall réfused the bait and turned the letter over for police investigation. Ralph Marshall of Harvard las

Breaks Ankle While in Pursuit of Boy Gang

Ray Richards, a Waukegan city employe, suffered a fractured ankle one night last week when he stumbled and veil while pursu-ing a gang of ooys caught in an act of vandalism in one of the city parks. Richards was chasing the gang through a ravine when he fell.

Dummy in Street Nearly Causes Auto Accide

Mrs. Lewis Kammrad of Elgin did some fancy maneuvering one evening last week while driving her automobile through the streats of Elgin. And it was all prompted by her great desire to avoid run-ning over what she thought was a man. Her automobile climbed the man. Her automobile climbed the curb and ainost upset in her anx-iety to save a life. But investiga-tion of the figure lying in the street proved that li was only a dummy. A youth residing in the neighbor-hood was taken into custody and, under questioning, admitted that it was his idea of a joke.

Boys "On the Bum" Save Woman's Life

Save Woman's Life
The rescue of an Eigin state hospital patient from the Fox river
the other night was brought about
by three hobose who were preparing their evening meal in a jungle
camp near the institution. Normic
Crowden, 29-year-old Chicagons,
leaged into the river from an abutmeat bridge in view of the men,
one whom dove into the stream
fully clothed and brought her to
shore. Later she made another
unsuccessful break for freedom,
again seeking to end her life in
the river. She was to the mean and
later returned to the hospital.

Long Ren for Pirc Department One of the longest "runs" of the Constant of the Constant of the Pebruary, 1904, when the New York for department runden time engine companies and one hook-and-index eres of the Company on States, to the great fire in Baltimers, a distance of 100 miles.

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