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U.E. President's Statement On Passage Of Proposition

"Passage of the Proposition certified recently by the Secretary of State for the November 2 general election would make it very difficult and more expensive to build new electric power plants in Missouri," according to Charles J. Dougherty, president of Union Electric.

"Simply stated, this measure would prohibit electric companies from including in their rates the carrying costs on funds used to build new generating plants during the construction period," Dougherty said. "Every Missouri voter should understand that electric company customers are NOT being forced to pay for power plants before they are in operation as proponents of the Proposition have deceptively led people to believe," he stated. Dougherty said that actually, under the present practice, customers are simply reimbursing the company for its carrying costs for the use of capital funds already spent by the company on the construction of a plant. Repayment of those capital funds themselves does not begin until after the plant is in service, he said.

He explained that it is normal for all businesses to include in the price of their product the cost of all capital invested in the business. For electric utilities, inclusion of construction work in progress in the rate base provides the most practical and most economical method of financing new plants, according to Dougherty.

"In the long run, this will keep rate levels down, and will help assure Missourians of a sufficient supply of electric energy," Dougherty said.

"If the Proposition should become law, the ability of electric utilities to meet the future power demands of Missourians would be threatened," he said. "About 80% of the growth in electrical demand comes from existing customers. This measure would make it more difficult for Missouri to compete for new industry, and present industries, which use large amounts of electricity, would be reluctant to expand. This would adversely affect jobs, wages and tax revenues in the state."

'Big Red Express' To Cardinal Home Games

Fifteen "Big Red Express" bus lines will be operated by the Bi-State Development Agency to all St. Louis football Cardinals 1976-77 home games, including the pre-season contest Friday, Sept. 3, when the Kansas City Chiefs visit Busch Memorial Stadium.

The annual intrastate clash, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., is known as the "Governor's Cup Game." The first of seven regular home games will be played Sunday afternoon, September 19, when the Cardinals host the Green Bay Packers.

The Big Red Express lines are: Affton, Alta Sita, Alton, New North Belt in Belleville, Belleville Square, Clayton, Crestwood, Hazelwood, Jennings, Mehlville, Page, Ramona-Natural Bridge, Riverview, St. Ann, and Tri-City. The one-way adult fare is 75 cents, plus applicable 10-cent zone charges.

The Alton Big Red Express line is operating over a revised route to provide more effective service for residents of the Alton-Wood River area. Alton-line buses will leave 3rd & Piassa in Alton 90 minutes prior to each game, stop at the Eastgate Shopping Center 10 minutes later, and depart from Wood River 65 minutes before game time. Returning trips will leave the Busch Stadium parking lot via the 7th Street exit 20 minutes after each game.

For further information about the Big Red Express, call 773-1120 in Missouri; or toll-free in Illinois, 254-0623 (Alton); 233-3700 (Belleville); 875-4144 (East St. Louis).

Open Auditions For Umsl Musical Sept. 1-2

Auditions for the University of Missouri-St. Louis Players musical production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, and Thursday, Sept. 2, in 105 Benton Hall on the UMSL campus.



VISITING QUINTS...The Kienast quintuplets, of Liberty Corners, N.J., on a visit to Warner Brothers Jungle Habitat in West Milford, N.J., meet Toto, a 4-year-old chimp. The quintuplets, now 6-years-old, are (L-R) Sara, Gordon, Abigail, Amy and Ted.

No Mail Service By Post Office Labor Day

Monday, September 6, 1976, Labor Day will be observed as a National Holiday. The Main Post Office, Stations, and Branches will be closed for the entire day. No delivery of mail will be made to individuals or firms.

The regular Saturday and Sunday schedule for delivery of mail and window service will be in effect for September 4 and 5.

Special Delivery mail will be delivered as usual.

The collection schedule for: Saturday, September 4—regular Saturday P.M. collections.

Sunday, Sept. 5—collections will be made from boxes in front of stations and branches, and other star boxes after 2:00 P.M.

Monday, Sept. 6—Regular Sunday—Holiday Collection schedule of Star Boxes will be in effect. In addition to the above there will be one collection pickup from all No-Star boxes in the St. Louis Delivery area.

Self-service Postal Units will be available for customer convenience at the following locations for the three-day holiday:

- Main Post Office—Lobby;
- Mehlville Branch—Lobby;
- Florissant Main Office—Lobby;
- Creve Coeur Branch, 641 N. Ballas Rd.—outside;
- North County Branch, 1461 Dunn Rd.—outside;
- Crestwood Shopping Center—9555 Watson Road; Northwest Plaza Shopping Center—St. Charles Rock Rd. and Lindbergh.

South County YWCA Sponsors Tour To Rockome Gardens

The South County YWCA will sponsor a bus tour to Rockome Gardens in Arcola, Illinois on Friday, September 24.

The trip is scheduled for this time to offer an opportunity to visit during the horsefarming days. In addition to the tour of Rockome Gardens and the Amish farms, a complete luncheon at the Sugar Bowl Restaurant will be included.

The cost of the tour is \$17.50 for YWCA members and \$19.50 for non-members. The fee includes lunch and all taxes and gratuities.

The bus will depart South County YWCA, 2745 Telegraph Road at 8:00 A.M. and return at 7:30 P.M. A pickup will be made at Carondelet Branch YWCA, 4510 So. Kingshighway at 8:30 A.M. and return at 7:00 P.M. (There will be an additional charge of 50¢ for pickup at Carondelet Branch.)

Reservations must be received in our office, 2745 Telegraph Road no later than Friday, September 17, 1976.

For further information call South County YWCA 892-4232 Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. After 3:00 P.M. call 832-2000.

The YWCA is a United Way Agency.

Kresge Grant To Provide Studio At Webster College

A \$100,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan will provide funds for the construction of a recording studio in the Media Center at Webster College, Board Chairman Sanford J. Zimmerman announced recently.

The grant from the Kresge Foundation will be matched by an additional \$250,000 from the college for the general renovation of the Media Center, first floor hallway and Board/Alumni conference room located in the Administration Building at 470 East Lockwood, Webster Groves.

The new facility will include a sound studio with an adjacent listening room, a conference room and a large classroom with future television potential. The project is scheduled for completion in December, 1976.

Three years ago, through another grant from the Kresge Foundation, Webster was able to centralize its Media Center in its current location as part of a general renovation project which included the Winifred Moore and ground floor auditoriums in the Administration Building. Last fall, a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation made possible the renovation of the student/faculty campus center in Loretto Hall.

During the past 53 years, the Kresge Foundation has made appropriations of more than \$260 million to institutions in the fields of higher education, health services, the arts, social welfare, and the care of the young and the aging. Construction and major renovation of facilities is the Foundation's primary concern, and grants are usually made on a challenge basis to encourage further fundraising efforts.

The Foundation, one of the largest in the United States in size of assets and appropriations, was created solely through the gifts of the late Sebastian S. Kresge, founder of the S. S. Kresge Company. However, the company and the foundation are not related in any way.



Cherrapunji, India has an average annual downpour of 432 inches—that's 36 feet!