

Model Village In Tennessee Honors Norris

**Town Built by the TVA to
House Workers on
\$34,000,000 Dam.**

Norris, Tenn., Nov. 24 (AP).—A model village, replete with every modern convenience, has arisen in the hills of east Tennessee as a monument to Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska.

Costing approximately \$3,500,000, the town was built by the Tennessee Valley Authority to house married workers engaged in construction of the nearby \$34,000,000 Norris Dam.

Both the town and dam were named "Norris" to honor the Nebraska Senator who led a 12-year fight for Government operation of Wilson Dam, at Muscle Shoals, and development of waterpower resources of the Tennessee River—now a reality under the Administration of President Roosevelt.

Has Charm and Beauty.

Norris is a town of charm and beauty. A. E. Morgan, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, calls it "the most beautiful small town in Tennessee."

It nestles near the center of a 2,500-acre wooded tract. So far 350 houses and five low-cost apartment houses have been constructed. One group of houses is built of wood and brick, another of cinder concrete blocks, and a third of native stone. Different plans were used to avoid uniformity.

Each house is provided with water, sewer and electrical services. The majority of them have electric kitchen ranges and water heaters, and are heated entirely by electricity, which is provided from Muscle Shoals at the low rate of four mills a kilowatt hour.

Unit Cost Is Low.

The unit cost for each house, including all overhead, ranges from \$2,845 to \$6,365.

Rents range from \$12 to \$45 a month. The average rent for first-class houses is \$30. Chairman Morgan occupies a \$45-a-month house. None of the houses will be sold by the TVA.

There is no monotony in Norris. The houses are scattered, fitting into the hillsides. Macadamized streets are laid out on easy curves to fit the rolling topography.

There is a modern school, operated by the TVA, a hospital, store building, vocational shops, auditorium and library for 1,100 persons, agricultural building and tourist camp. These are grouped in a town center.

College Men on Police Force.

Although Norris doesn't have a jail, it has a police force of 21 men, commanded by K. A. Rouse, graduate of the University of Chicago. They also serve as guides for visitors to the town and dam. Most of them are college graduates.

Beautiful forest parks of more than 1,000 acres surround the town. There is enough tillable land to provide each of the 400 families of Norris with a garden.

Workers spend 30 days a week on the dam. During their leisure time, they are offered courses at Norris in dairying, general farming, woodworking, mechanics and engineering. Approximately 90 per cent of them are enrolled.