Sparks At The Grassroots: Municipal Distribution Of TVA Electricity In Tennessee

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Prior to the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, the region was one of the most disadvantaged in the South. The TVA was given an assignment to improve the economic and social circumstances of the people living in the river basin.¹ State and agricultural experiment stations and extension services were so successful at the TVA that they became and are now, through state universities, an important service to rural America in every state.