Sun writer asked for examples of families who take their Christmas seriously enough not to purchase gifts but rather make them or other such worthwhile alternatives. We were hard pressed to find such families, though we know you or your friends are out there. Help us prepare for next Christmas and send us examples and addresses of households that truly celebrate Christmas in non-materialistic or overly commercial ways. We need these to give to the media come Christmas, 1994.

MORE ON NUKES

ASPI has always been deeply concerned about nuclear activities in Appalachia. One of the focal points is the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, a TVA facility. Located less than fifty miles from both Knoxville and Chattanooga, it is now in an unprecedented 22nd year of construction. The original price tag was to be $325 million -- no small fee for rate payers. However, now it stands at NINE BILLION DOLLARS and still rising. Add to this, according to TVA's own assessment, Watts Bar has the highest probability of a core meltdown accident than any plant in the U.S. Today, Watts Bar has more employee complaints on file with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission than any plant in the country. Remember, TVA reactors have been continuously rated as some of the worst plants in the country. If this is not enough TVA will have a $26.8 billion debt which has yet to be paid, translating to $3,000 owed by each of the eight million customers. Furthermore, unlike most utilities TVA is not accountable to ratepayers and does not have to answer to a public utilities commission. After over a $20 billion nuclear investment only one of TVA's reactors is currently operating.

For more on this sad situation write to the Global Sustainability Energy Project P.O. Box 1101, Knoxville, TN 37901 or call (615) 524-4771. "Valley Watch" comes with an individual membership fee of $25 per year.

NOTICE: Mark your Simple Lifestyle Calendars early for the annual ASPI/Rockcastle River Rebirth River Day, to be held Saturday, June 4, 1994.

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