

HORRIFIED by your electric bills this cold winter? So were we all, and most of us moaned and groaned and resigned ourselves, but Ken Knight checked into it. He found that Co-op members pay a high wholesale power adjustment rate, partly because of a "ratchet" clause which means that our rates throughout the year are determined by the peak demand for electricity, and in a tourist area, summer demand is very heavy. Also, increases are granted on a temporary basis by the Federal Power Commission, subject to future approval. Because of the work load at the FPC, raises are still waiting for approval, even the one in 1974. Ken worked with the town Commissioners who sent letters to our congressmen. Now townspeople have joined in following up the Commissioners' letter. Organizing circulation of the petition are LeRae Kesel in PIKSCO, Irma Brossman and Peg Knight in the Pine Knoll Association area, Dody Wylie in Pine Knoll Townes, and Martha Flynn in Salter Path. Arnold Smith is contacting the mayors of Indian Beach and Emerald Isle. (Atlantic Beach is not affected by the Co-Op regulations.) This is a community effort on which many people have worked hard and cheerfully, and we citizens might well award all of them A for Effort.

ELEANORE and FRED MEHLIN would like to rent their house on Elm Court while they are in Vermont. The house would be available May through October, a real advantage to anyone wanting to live here while building. Call 726-2915

NEED HELP with yard work? Walter Settle (726-5906) would like contract work in PKS. Irma Brossman told us about him and says he works quickly and well.

THE EAST WING of the White House in Washington, DC, is where KATHRYN CADE, daughter of Clarence and Charlotte Cade of PKS, is working as "Director of Projects, Issues, and Research" on the personal staff of Rosalynn Carter.

Kathryn, 29, a Radcliffe graduate, began working for Mrs. Carter by helping make arrangements for campaign visits around the country. Mrs. Carter, says Kathryn, is "a super lady...with a tremendous amount of energy...who really cares about people...and reflects that in every activity she undertakes."

Earlier, Kathryn was employed in the mental health services and with PBS, where she was involved in producing mental health television programs (especially "The Thin Edge", a series on this subject) and she feels this experience will stand her in good stead now since Rosalynn Carter expects to be very active in mental health and the problems of the elderly.

ON THE ATLANTIC BEACH causeway much is new! Beside Upchurch Drugs Dr. Irl Wentz, Orthopaedic Surgeon, has set up his practice. His wife, Isolde, is his receptionist, and a daughter, Carmen, is an aide. Dr. Wentz has been serving for a year at Carteret Hospital in the emergency room, and before that had a practice in Wilmington, N.C. He is originally from Pennsylvania, is a member of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He will see his patients by appointment.

Pam Cooper has moved her Daisy Patch shop in next to Dr. Wentz. She has expanded the children's wear, and carries boys' sizes up to 7 and girls' up to 14, as well as many baby and shower gifts and an assortment of gifts for the home. She will be open from 11 to 6 daily, but closed Wednesday afternoons.

Moving right along, one comes to SEA RANCH, not open when we visited the area, but expected to be carrying lots of water sports merchandise as well as jeans and casual items of clothing.

RANDI POUND will be holding her dance classes in the back part of the building. She has taught in Morehead; her place is called The Dance Studio, will offer ballet, tap, modern jazz, and acrobatics for children four and older, and she hopes to include an etiquette class for 7th graders (she found this a big success when she tried it in Macon, Georgia), and plans exercise classes for adults, and maybe a ballroom dancing class, too. She will let us know through advertising when classes will begin.

A FRIEND of ours has passed through our town after spending the winter in Beaufort (that's Bew-furt), S.C. She met there a charming lady named Sara Bayley, active and enthusiastic, who has been heard to say, brightly, "Beaufort is a wonderful place; there's too much to do, and none of it has to be done." It seems applicable in other spots as well, hmmmamm?