

REA To Use Four Millions For Expansion In Area

Lenoir—The \$4,000,000 loan to the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of Lenoir, which has been approved by the State Rural Electrification Authority, will be used principally for improvements and expansion purposes, and to meet anticipated needs in Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties, it has been reported. The local unit serves an eight-county area. The request now will be sent to Washington, D. C., for approval by the Federal agency, it was pointed out.

Alleghany Project
Part of the Blue Ridge's long-range development program, general manager Cecil E. Viverette said, will serve the new \$2,500,000 Appalachian Sulphides, Inc. copper mining plant at Ore Knob near Jefferson in Alleghany county. The plant is expected to open in March.

Viverette said the owning corporation, Nipissing Mining Corp. of Toronto, Canada, had contracted with Blue Ridge for 2,000 kilowatts power for electric heating of all but two of the all-metal buildings.

Viverette said about 90 per cent of the program funds would be spent in Alleghany, Watauga and Ashe, all of which depend entirely on the REA for their power. The entire program, he said, will cost \$5,000,000.

Watauga—A new substation at Deep Gap when power loads are built up to the point where it is necessary. A new substation currently is under construction in another section.

A new 44,000-volt line is being established between Boone and Sherwood. Six and a half miles of new line in all and old lines will be built. So will additional 100,000-volt transmission lines.

The new facilities are needed to meet requirements created by the growth of the Blowing Rock resort area, Appalachian State Teachers college and increased usage by farms. The 100,000-volt line will extend 36 miles from Wilkes County's power sources.

Ashe Substation
Ashe—A 100,000-volt line, new larger substation scheduled.

Alleghany—New 44,000-volt line, new substation and two existing stations to be enlarged.

Over the entire system, the program will build a total of four new stations and enlarge the present ten. Viverette said the use of electricity by farms and industries has been increasing at the rate of double per five year for the past eight years, and the same increase is anticipated.

The system also serves Caldwell and parts of Wilkes, Avery Alexander and Surry.

Other loans amounting to \$1,525,000 also were approved. They were Carlet-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, \$50,000; Wake Electric Membership Corporation, Wake Forest \$625,000; and Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City, \$850,000.

Burley Funds Here Are Ample

Since many counties in the State have practically used all the funds allocated under the Acreage Reserve Program for allotted crops in their counties it might appear that funds are also exhausted in Watauga County.

To this date (Monday), twenty-five agreements under the Acreage Reserve for Burley tobacco have been signed totaling the amount of \$3220. It now appears that there will be sufficient funds to take care of all applications for agreements. However, no tobacco grower should wait until the last moment to file his application.

The maximum acreage which may be placed in the Reserve is 1 acre, there is no minimum. Any grower may place any part or all of his allotment up to 1 acre in the Reserve.

All agreements are for one year only. Grazing is not permitted from the date of signing until January 1, 1958. No crop may be harvested from the acreage covered by the agreement. No agreement may be cancelled after March 1, 1957, which is the closing date for signing agreements.



HEART AND ART—Governor Luther H. Hodges views drawings of the heart made by the third grade class of Mrs. Hilda Willoughby of Coats School. The Governor congratulated Mrs. Willoughby on the recovery she had made from a heart operation and from rheumatic fever, and endorsed the Heart Fund Drive, which will be conducted throughout the state during the month of February, with Heart Sunday falling on February 24.

ASC Wool Program To Be Same As In 1956

Provisions of the wool incentive program for the marketing year starting April 1, 1957 will be the same as for the current marketing year. This assurance by Dwight Cable, Chairman of the Watauga Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, is based on a current announcement by the United States Department of Agriculture. The incentive price for shorn wool marketed during the coming year as announced last October remains at 62 cents per pound.

Chairman Cable explains that the payment rate for shorn wool will continue to be based on the percentage required to bring the average price to growers for their 1957 wool clip to the 62-cent incentive level. Which means that the higher the price at which the individual grower sells his clip the greater will be his incentive payment and the total return for his wool.

The first payments under the wool program were made last summer for the 1955 clip. The incentive price, then, also, was 62 cents per pound. The payment rate for that clip was 44.9 per cent, which meant that the payment to growers was \$44.90 for each \$100 producers received from

slaughter.

Chairman Cable urges all producers to keep their sales slips for wool and lambs since these must accompany applications for payment. Applications for payment, with the necessary sales slips, must be sent of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office at Boone, N. C., before April 1, 1958.

The payment on lambs that have never been shorn when marketed also is determined the same as in 1956. The lambs must be owned by the applicant for at least 30 days and payment will be based on the weight increase of the lambs while under each person's ownership. For incentive payment purposes the weight of wool is based on an average of 5 pounds of wool for each 100 pounds of unshorn lamb. The wool payment rate is based on 80 per cent of the average payment for shorn wool. The lamb payment is designed to discourage unusual shearing of lambs before

Detroit—A woman called police and frantically exclaimed, "A dog is chewing up my shrubbery. I want some action." Dog Warden Aschel Smith was dispatched to the woman's home, only to find that the "dog" was a goat.

World shipbuilding rise has been found to continue strong.

Western Ewes Are Available

Any farmer wanting to purchase Western breeding ewes should contact the county agent's office for details about the plan. The ewes may be purchased through the N. C. Department of Agriculture on a cash basis as a service to farmers, explained L. E. Tuckwiller, county agent.

Seventy-two-year-old Tansan Ishibashi, of the Liberal Democratic party, has been elected Prime Minister of Japan. Ishibashi advocated continued cooperation with the United States, but he is also said to favor increased trade with Communist China.

Weed Measure Service Cited

The Watauga ASC County Committee is again offering pre-measurement to Burley tobacco growers again this year. The cost of the pre-measurement will be borne by the farmer. The rates are \$8 for the first field and \$1 for each additional field. The closing date for accepting applications is March 29, 1957.

John H. Jones Dies On Friday

John Henry Jones, 81, resident of Boone, Route 1, died Friday at the local hospital, where he had been ill for three weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 o'clock from the Howard's Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. Glenn South were in charge of the rites and burial was in Meat Camp cemetery.

The widow, Mrs. Sarah Jones, survives, with three sons and two daughters: Herbert Jones, Raymond Jones, Boone; Major Jones, Johnson City, Tenn.; Mrs. Jake Jones, Berwyn Heights, Md.; Mrs. William Poplin, Kinston.

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