

Public Parade

Rate Roll-Back Requested

The Federal Regulatory Commission is being requested to roll back recent rate increases approved for Vepco and to further deny increases until such time as the utility company is efficient in generating electricity as compared to Duke Power and Carolina Light & Power.

This request is included in a letter approved by Operation Overcharge at a meeting of the Executive Committee in Washington Tuesday. Stanley Hege of Edenton, a committee member, said the letter was prepared by the attorney assigned to assist the Northeastern North Carolina group in intervening in rate cases.

"If you think your electrical bill is too high, now is the time to speak out," Hege stated.

In other developments, many residents of Northeastern North Carolina will get their first opportunity to see the State Utilities Commission in session when they attend hearings in four communities next week in Vepco rate cases.

The Utilities Commission will be conducting hearings in Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Williamston, and Roanoke Rapids, on a request submitted by Virginia Electric and Power Company last summer to raise its retail rates.

The hearing in Ahoskie is scheduled for Tuesday in the Ahoskie Recreation Center. The hearing will be conducted in Elizabeth City on Wednesday at the Knobs Creek Recreation Center at 11 A.M. The City Hall in Williamston will be the scene of the hearing on Thursday. The Roanoke Rapids Community Center will be the scene of Friday's hearing.

The rate pot has been boiling since Chambers of Commerce in northeastern North Carolina joined together last October to form Operation Overcharge, an organization to contest Vepco on electric rate increases on behalf of the company's customers in Northeastern North Carolina.

Operation Overcharge leaders have consistently charged that Vepco's rates are exorbitant and that the reason the company has to charge such high rates is due to poor planning by its management.

Richard S. Coiner, chairman of Operation Overcharge, said the organization will have a spokesman at each of the

4-H Project

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a senior at John A. Holmes High School. He received his award in Crop Production with major emphasis on corn. He has raised and managed one acre of corn for eight years with 229.7 bu. per acre as his top yield. Joseph has been district project winner for 2 years and has won many county awards in Agriculture and Livestock projects. His leadership activities include club and county council offices and serving as a teen 4-H leader. He has been recognized as a blue ribbon winner for outstanding achievement. Joseph will continue his studies either N. C. State University at Raleigh or Pitt Technical Institute in Greenville.

Debbie and Joseph are both members of the Yeopim 4-H Club in Chowan County. This club was formed 16 years ago and has the following club leaders: Mr. and Mrs. Yates Parrish, Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lin Jordan. Five of their 4-H Club members have now received this coveted trip to National 4-H Congress.

hearings. He also said he hoped "lots of citizens will attend."

"We're getting down to the nitty gritty and it's time the people let themselves be heard," Coiner said in urging attendance at the hearings.

Meanwhile, David R. Taylor, chairman of N.C. Municipal Power Agency Number 2, announced Tuesday that representatives of the agency have met with officials of Carolina Power & Light Co. (CP&L) to explore the possibility of having CP&L supply all or part of the electric power needs of the Agency's member cities.

The 16 municipal electric systems involved including Edenton, are located in Northeastern North Carolina. They presently purchase all their power from Virginia Electric and Power Co. (Vepco).

Taylor, who is town manager of Tarboro, reported on the CPL session to the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Power Agency's board of commissioners.

Citing widespread and continuing dissatisfaction with the higher rates charged by Vepco, Taylor said: "The agency is exploring several alternate power supply sources, one of which is service from, or a joint ownership with, Carolina Power & Light. We were very pleased with our initial meeting."

N.C. Municipal Power Agency Number 2 is one of three such agencies formed in 1976 to acquire generating facilities for their members. Each agency is composed of a group of "electric cities" — municipalities that own and operate their own electric distribution systems. They buy power at wholesale from the private utility companies and resell it retail to their own citizens and customers.

Special Studies For Two Students

Approximately 400 North Carolina students currently in grades 10 to 11 will attend each of two Governor's Schools for gifted and talented this summer. Representing the cream of the educational crop in terms of academic achievement and advancement in the performing arts, these selected students also have demonstrated creativity, interest, maturity and motivation in a particular field.

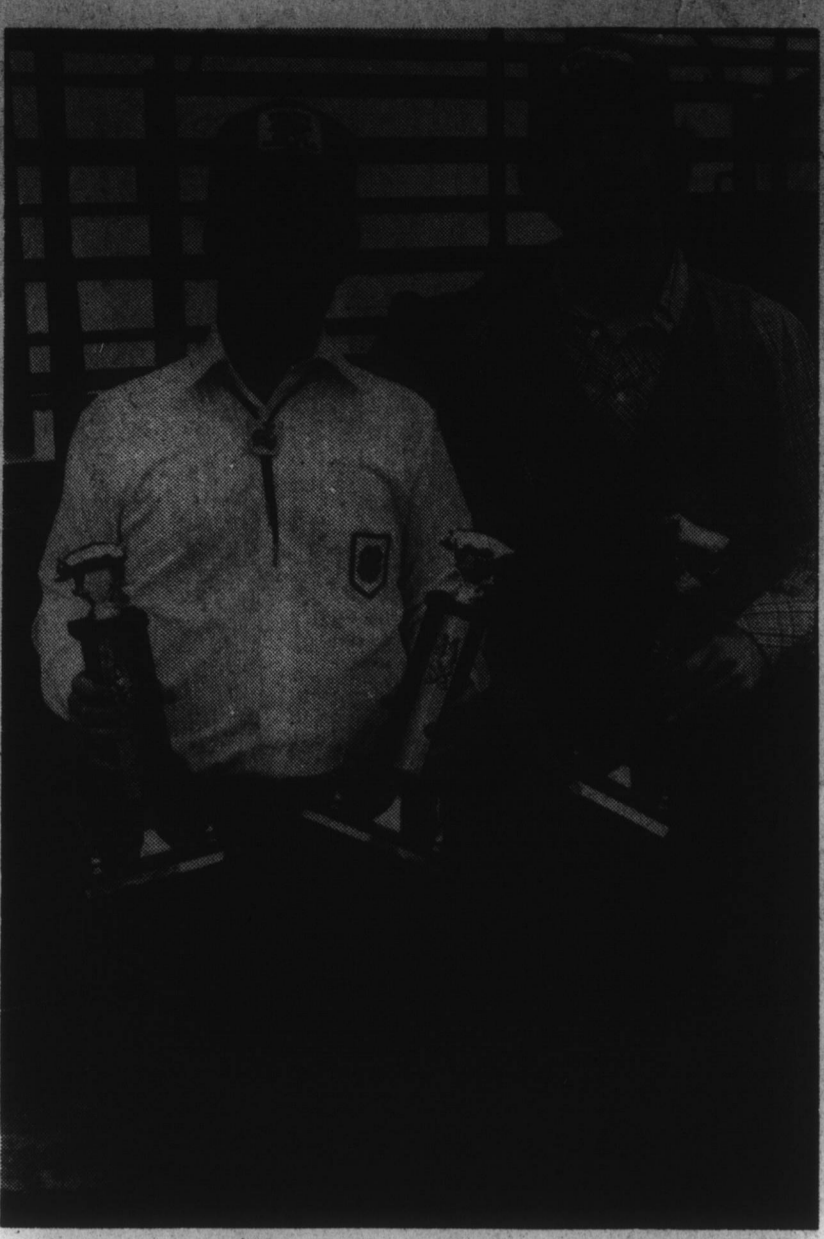
Darlene Saunders, a Chowan High School junior, and Chris Harmon, a John A. Holmes High School junior, will represent Edenton-Chowan Schools and receive unique experience in the area of Natural Science at the Governor's School West and the Governor's School East, respectively. During their six-week study course, Saunders and Harmon will become acquainted with the latest theories and techniques in their chosen field of natural science and will be introduced to some of the mysteries and problems in that field.

The Governor's School West, located on the Salem College campus in Winston-Salem, is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented students in the nation. Through intense efforts to increase service to gifted students, the Governor's School East, located on the campus at St. Andrew's College in Laurinburg, was established this year.

Funded through General Assembly appropriations both schools come under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Instruction's Division for Exceptional Children. Supplementing offerings of local schools, the Governor's Schools provides a non-credit curriculum program in the areas of English, dance, natural science, mathematics, art, foreign language, drama, music and social science.



Some people used to put coral in their dogs' collars for protection against rabies.



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION ANIMALS — The grand champion animals at this year's Chowan County Junior Livestock Show were entered by Joseph Goodwin, left, and Ivey Ward. Ward had the champion steer in Tuesday's show while Goodwin was a double winner with both the champion individual hog and champion pen of three hogs.

Livestock Show Big Success

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grand champion animals. The bidder paid \$1.26 per pound for Ward's steer which weighed 1,000 pounds. Goodwin's top hog brought \$3.05 per pound. It weighed 205 pounds. Goodwin's pen of three hogs went to Byrum Implement Company for 77 cents per pound.

Walter Byrum showed the reserve champion individual hog which brought \$3.25 per pound from Perdue Farms. Harris Super Market bought Debbie Ward's reserve champion steer, paying \$1.30 per pound. Ivey Ward's reserve champion pen of three

hogs was purchased by Baker Hog Market for 80 cents per pound.

The third place individual hog was shown by Angela Wilson, the third place steer by Krista Hare, and the third place pen of three hogs by Debbie Ward.

Judged as fourth place was Debbie Jordan's steer, fifth place, David Jordan, sixth place, Gary Copeland, and seventh place, Harriett Winslow.

Judges for the show were Dr. J. R. Jones of N. C. State University, and Dr. Henry Webster, area beef cattle specialist. Wallace Evans was auctioneer.

Highway Advisors Appointed

WASHINGTON — The appointment of a 29-member Professional Advisory Council for the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina has been announced by William H. (Bill) Page of Washington, president.

Page said the membership on the new council is composed of city managers, county managers, Chamber of Commerce executives, industrial developers, planners, and others from the communities along the route of Highway 17 in North Carolina.

The association's president said he had asked Tom G. Thompson of New Bern, executive vice-president of the Craven County Development Commission, to serve as the chairman of the

Professional Advisory Council. Robert W. Moore, Executive vice president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, will serve as vice-chairman.

Goals of the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina are: to bring into being a Fully Controlled Access Highway from Virginia to South Carolina along the Highway 17 route; to encourage the development of adequate air service in the Highway 17 region; to encourage the development of welcome centers at both ends of the new Highway 17 in North Carolina; and use the new highway to improve economic resources in agriculture, industry, and tourism for the region and for North Carolina.

Smoke Testing Of Sewer Lines

Eastern Utilities Specialist, Inc., will commence smoke testing of sanitary sewers in the Town of Edenton area as required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The purpose is to detect locations where storm water is entering the sewer. The smoke is not harmful and should not enter the house unless a leak is present in your plumbing system.

It is recommended that you pour water into any drains, especially basement floor drains, from which the water may have evaporated from the trap. It is recommended that animals not be locked in confined basements during the tests in the event of smoke entering through faulty plumbing.

Any presence of smoke in the house should be reported by one of the following methods: report to the men conducting the test; calling 483-4414, or writing: Town of Edenton, P.O. Box 300, Edenton, N.C. 27932.

Vepco Nuclear Plants Closed

All three of the nuclear generating units that Virginia Electric and Power Company once had on line have recently been shut down. Sources predict this will cause fuel charges to skyrocket this summer.

Furthermore, officials believe there is a real possibility that the company may not be able to meet its peak demand in the hot months ahead.

The Town of Edenton received this information in a memo from Ralph W. Shaw, executive director of ElectriCities of North Carolina. Shaw said the switch to fossil fuel (primarily oil) generation will cause fuel charges to skyrocket.

Regarding the possibility of not being able to meet its peak demand, Shaw said Vepco will make emergency purchases from other utilities to make up to the greatest extent possible the shortage. "But there is absolutely no guarantee that it is possible to purchase that much capacity during a period of peak demand."

Vepco is being asked to provide member municipal systems, such as Edenton, with fuel charge forecasts on a month-by-month basis.

Shaw pointed out that the nuclear generating units are shut down for maintenance or by orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Surrey 1 (775 megawatts), down for the replacement of a steam generator, is not scheduled to return to service before August 21.

Surrey 2 (775 mw), shut down by order of NRC while a possible design fault can be checked to determine its ability to withstand earthquake shock, will not return to service before mid to late June.

North Anna 1 (893 mw) was recently taken off line for very brief maintenance but now the NRC will not allow it to be restarted until Vepco can determine whether a cracked weld found on North Anna 2 also exists on Unit 1. Ultrasonic testing is being conducted. No date has been set for returning the unit vice.

North Anna 2 (893 mw), which has not yet begun commercial operation, may be the best hope vepco has for getting some nuclear generation back on line. At Unit 2, hot functional tests have been completed but the defective weld is delaying the startup. It is possible that North Anna 2 could be put into commercial operation by mid-summer.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, April 19, 1979	Rotary - 1:00 P.M. St. Paul's Parrish House Water Hearing - 7:30 - Courthouse (Quarterly Report - Division of Environmental Management)
Friday, April 20, 1979	Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton & Countryside 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 21, 1979	Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton & Countryside 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Edenton National Guard Ladies Auxiliary Flea Market 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (Raffle for Quilt)
Sunday, April 22, 1979	Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton & Countryside 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Attend Sunday School & Church of your choice. National Secretaries-Week begins today 22nd-28th
Monday, April 23, 1979	Lion's Club - 7:30 Boswell's Restaurant
Wednesday, April 25, 1979	National Secretaries Day ...Remember Your Secretary!

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