## Thursday, October 15, 1981

## Capital Credit Refund Announced By Albemarle EMC

Announcement of members amounting to \$52,135 and the election of three directors highlighted the 34th annual member meeting of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation held October 10, at Perquimans County High School in Hertford.

Members receiving service in 1966 and 1967 were told they could expect to receive their capital credit checks in the mail within the next two weeks. The announcement was made as part of the report of members by Edward E. Brown, Jr., General Manager.

Two incumbent directors, L. A. Harris, Jr., Route 4, Elizabeth City and A. T. Lane, Sr., Route 1 Hertford, were re-elected. The third member, Mr. Billy R. Nixon of Tyner, was elected to the seat which Joseph A. Wiggins held. Mr. Wiggins did not seek re-election.

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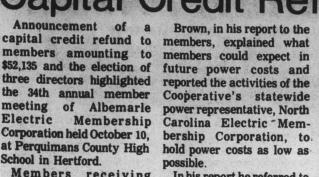
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In his report he referred to the fact that electricity has escalated steadily and considerably since 1973 and a continuation of that trend can be expected.

He referred to the Annual Report which stated "In the next few years, certainly by the end of this decade, wholesale power costs will be in the 10 cents per kilowatthour range, and by then 1,000 kilowatthours will cost members \$120.00 or SO.'

Brown reported that there are options open to the EMC through the N. C. EMC in trying to hold power costs as low as possible and that

del CS7400

Brown, in his report to the they, the EMC, have exercised some of them.

Albemarle EMC along with 26 other EMC's in the state are members of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation which represents them in wholesale power matters, and the N. C. EMC is striving to provide all of their power needs.

An option the EMCs had and took was buying a portion of Duke Power Company's Catawba nuclear generating station which is being constructed on Lake Wiley just below Charlotte, North Carolina. The project represents an investment by the 27 EMCs of almost \$1-billion and is expected to help stabilize the cost of power in the years to come.

Brown went on to say that the EMCs have been negotiating with Vepco for the past three years regarding possible joint ownership of its. nuclear plants, but so far we have not been able to find

feasibility in the giant James E. Strates negotiations. midway and experience the The general manager said, "As for Carolina hangs in the air. This year Power and Light Company, features 75 modern, exciting we are interested in joint rides guaranteed to thrill ownership that of the most adventurous of company's fossil and people. nuclear plants which might very well be used to replace the power presently

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same time, however, we Duke Power, CP&L and have to resolve an anti-trust suit against CP&L brought on by the EMCs in North Carolina."

He noted that peat is an option but thus far the economics of that option do not compare favorably with joint ownership of existing

State Fair.

please all ages.

attended last year, and

more are expected this

year. Something for

everyone can be found, with

rides, shows, and exhibits to

Maybe it's excitement

possibly even Vepco. One way to offset increasing cost of energy is to weatherize your home,

charge. One lively part of the

and we will assist you with home energy audits at no

and planned generating meeting was seeing 7200 plants of companies like volts of electricity dancing

## State Fair To Be Held

The 1981 State Fair, with Maybe you like to relax this year's theme of 'Be A while listening to music. If Part of Something Great', so, the Fifth Dimension, will begin this weekend in John Conlee, The Bellamy Raleigh on Oct. 16 and run Brothers, and a host of other through Oct. 24. There will top performers will provide be many new and exciting entertainment throughout things to do at this year's this year's fair. The Tractor Pull this year Almost 600,000 people

has been expanded to a twoday event, due to the increasing interest in this fast growing sport. Scheduled to take place on Oct. 20-21, cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the winners.

that you crave. If so, then This year many shows of take a stroll around the different types, including exhibits, livestock shows, and grandstand shows, will be featured. Everyone can "Midway Magic" that find something suited to their own individual taste. So don't miss out on this year's State Fair in Raleigh, members can build their taking place on Oct. 16-24.

through the air. The EMC put on a live line voltage demonstration which showed the dangers of The high voltages. demostration used equipment which was set up as a Mini Albemarle EMC Distribution System which included safety equipment and devices. The EMC servicemen made a point by showing those present what 7200 volts will do to a hot dog as well as a man.

Prior to the meeting, roughly 150 members took part in a free Health Screening Clinic in which members blood pressure were taken by six medical students from the North Carolina Student Rural Health Coalition.

Two other agencies were on hand to assist members on weatherization and solar. The local E.I.C. had staff and employees on hand to discuss weatherization, head start and rental assistance.

The Solar Greenhouse Employment Project had representatives, Paul Konove and Bill Dow on hand to explain the advantages of building and using solar energy. A display was shown in which own solar panels.

LIVE WIRE DEMONSTRATION - Bob Brooks, the operating manager for Albemarle EMC, shows members what 7200 volts looks like. The EMC put on a safety demonstration showing the dangers of 7200 volts when T. V. antennas, ladders, kites, and people come in contact with live line voltage.



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