

Power And Light Contest Pits 130 Towns As "Carolina's Finest"

Raleigh, April 13 — Over 130 towns are competing for the title of "Carolina's Finest" in the community development contest sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company.

The company's district manager reported yesterday that 130 towns officially have entered the competition and that a few late entries are expected in the mail. Deadline for entries was April 1.

"Helping to build a finer Carolina" is the contest theme.

To stimulate interest, Carolina Power & Light has offered \$8,750 in prizes to winning towns for improvements made during the 12 months ending November 1.

Three population groups will compete for three sets of prizes, \$1,000 each for winners and \$700 each for runners-up. The first group includes towns of 1,000 or less; the second, towns of 1,001 to 2,500; and third, towns above 2,500. In addition, state prizes of \$1,000 each will go to North Carolina's "finest" and to South Carolina's "finest."

All 340 communities whose electricity is served at retail by Carolina Power & Light Company were eligible to enter.

Projects undertaken are both varied and ambitious. They include improvements to streets, highways and sidewalks; water and sewer systems; parks; swimming

Wayne County Memorial Hospital School Of Practical Nursing Accepts Application

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Among the many new departments being added are a full time out patient department, an isolation unit and a pre-mature nursery. Students will be placed in these departments for hospital experience along with the Operating Room, Diet Kitchen, Central Supply, Medical and Surgical Services, Caring for the Mother and Newborn and the Children's department. Before assignment to the services students complete a sixteen week period in the classroom with classes from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Monday through Friday.

To be eligible for admission in the school, applicants must be between the ages of 17-45 yrs., white, female, in good health, pleasing personality and with a minimum of one year high school or an equivalent test for the same. High School graduates are preferred. Students are given room, board, laundry of uniforms and after the fourth month training, a stipend of \$20 per month for four months and \$30 per month the last four months, totaling \$200 while in training. At the completion of the pre-clinical period students are given a week vacation. While in training they receive the best of medical and surgical attention when ill. The rest of the training period is spent in the hospital gaining experience in the various departments with classes until graduation.

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Starting Date For Old Age Insurance Is Important

The new starting date for figuring old-age and survivors insurance benefit payments is important to everyone now employed or self-employed in work covered by social security.

In explanation of this statement, Mr. N. A. Avera, manager of the Wilmington social security office, points out that work after 1950 can be used along for figuring the amount of the benefit payment. Everyone who has been in work covered by social security continuously since January 1, 1951, will be full insured by the middle of the present year. If he reaches age 65 and decides to retire, he will be eligible for old-age benefit payments; if he should die after a year and a half of covered work after 1950, his survivors can get benefit payments. He and his family will have this insurance protection until July 1954. They will continue to have this protection if he stays in covered work for at least one-half the time after 1950 and up to the time of retirement at age 65, or later, or up to

Vegetable Contest Open To Farm Youth

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Covington said boys and girls age 12 through 21, with at least one year of garden project work are eligible to compete in this vegetable production and marketing contest.

Last year, he said, boys and girls in 44 states competed for the scholarships, donated by A & P Food Stores. Top Hoel youth who shared in the awards were Jeanne James Madre, Elizabeth City, and Clarence C. Campbell, Jr., Belvidere, both State award winners. Also, Temple Griffin and Fay Batts, both of Nash County, won fifth place nationally in the demonstration contest.

Covington explained that the scholarship awards are based on a report of the entrant's garden project, his score in a short home study course, and a rating of his school and community activities. Full credit is given to projects entered in 4-H and FFA work.

Other NJVGA competitions open to boys and girls interested in vegetables are the demonstration contest and a judging, grading, and identification contest. These also are based on 4-H and FFA experience.

Application blanks for NJVGA membership are available from county farm and home agents or from Covington. State winners attend the national convention to vie for national honors and awards presented by W. Atlee Burpee Company and Vegetable Growers Association of America. The Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia will help finance the trip of the winning State demonstration team and coach to the national meeting.

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