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Pitt & Greene Corporation Members To Hold Third Annual Meet June 7th

Town and Business Men Joining With Officials In Arranging Splendid Program and Special Entertainment For Large Crowd Expected

HIGH SCHOOL GYM PLACE OF MEETING

A Representative From National R E A Headquarters To Be Present And Deliver Address; Demonstration of Electric Appliances To Be Interesting Feature

Officials of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation and the business men of Farmville are completing arrangements for the 3rd annual meeting of this group here on Saturday, June 7.

Members and consumers, numbering 1001, have been notified regarding the meeting, which will open at 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning, in the school gymnasium, with J. Lee Tugwell presiding. A large attendance is anticipated.

Representatives of the REA office in Washington, will address the group and Miss Marian Weinell, also of Washington, will give a demonstration relating to the use of electric appliances.

The Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association have arranged to have ice water and lemonade available and will have exhibits of electrical appliances on the floor.

A male quartet will render selections and Bowen's string band has been secured also for the entertainment of those in attendance.

R. A. Joyner, operating manager, will tell the corporation of its financial condition and note the 80 mile extension of lines during the year, which brings the total to 256 miles of high tension line serving the cooperative. The number of consumers has increased from 686 to 957. The operating manager will also bring observations of improvements in the operation of affairs, including:

The numbering of the corporation's 3,149 poles for convenience of members and linemen, which enables the operating department to render more speedy and efficient service;

A meter reading card system, which permits the members to read their own meters by the use of a self-addressed, postage-paid meter-reading card. This has proved to be a great success and the members have expressed themselves as pleased with this method and with the opportunity of assisting in a more economical opertion of the cooperative.

There was available, as of January 1st of this year, $25,054.70 to be used for membership service extensions, and here was an accumulated surplus at that time of $10,739.88.

During the fiscal year the gross receipts for electrical energy delivered to the members and consumers, amounted to $22,009.19. In disbursements the amount paid for electric current and operations was $12,469.76. All interest and principal has been paid promptly and an advance payment on the Federal loan in the amount of $4,000.00 was made to serve as a source of credit.

The Corporation members will have the opportunity to congratulate the officers on the monthly publication, "The Electrical Way," (published first in September, 1940), which provides a medium through which members may exchange ideas and keep in touch with matters of mutual interest. The paper serves as an educational channel as well, in advising members regarding economical methods of using electricity in their homes and on the farm.

Mr. Tugwell, the president, says the REA in Washington, the board of directors, operating personnel and members have worked in a truly cooperative spirit during the past year.

The following prizes will be given at this meeting, the only requirement being a proper registration of members and their presence in the building when they are awarded:

Grand prize—$5.00 G. E. washing machine, set of resin glasses and wire rack, by Rose's 5c and 10c store; electric coffee maker, Western Auto Associate Store; Universal automatic iron, Carolina Hardware Co.; box of candy, Blackwelder's Wholesale Co.; series of 52 Sunset Magazines, Electric Shop; a Sunny Jane layer, Farmville Produce Co.; box of produce, Farmville Produce Co.; box of candy, Farmville Drug Co.; set of solid white Wheaties Pyrex pie plates