

## Local REA Plans To Improve And Expand Services

Sub-stations Will Be Built Here and at Snow Hill; Construction of Office Building Also Under Consideration

In his report last Saturday at the annual meeting of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation, President S. L. Dilda summarized some of the difficulties the corporation has hurdled in recent months but outlined plans for projects which indicate that brighter days are ahead for the mutually-owned corporation which serves more than 2000 rural families in this section with electricity and is in the process of acquiring the Hardy line which will increase its membership by more than 700 members.

The first of the major troubles arose two years ago when the main engine at the Farmville power plant suffered a casualty which forced the town to sharply curtail the amount of electricity it had been feeding into Pitt-Greene lines.

Difficulty in obtaining power has been experienced since that time. Even now, President Dilda reported, electricity is being fed backward into the REA's network of lines at no less than eight-points in the system.

During the past year, the force constructed service to 115 new customers.

The REA is depending on the Carolina Power and Light Company as its major source of electricity in the immediate months that lie ahead. The company is erecting a transmission line to be completed in the next few months.

The REA must establish facilities for taking this power from the company's lines and piping it to its members. This will require the erection of a large sub-station here and another one near Snow Hill. 12 miles of heavy transmission lines must be built to connect these stations. In addition, all the main lines must be converted to a much greater carrying capacity.

Plans are also being drawn for the construction of a headquarters building to provide adequate space for offices, other activities and storage. It is hoped that this work will be undertaken within the next few months. The structure will be situated on the western edge of Farmville, adjacent to the DAR chapter house on a lot purchased from Miss Tabitha DeVisconti.

President Dilda reminded the members that all of these things cannot be accomplished in a few months. Materials, some of it on a quota basis and hard to obtain, are on order.

The organization met all of its obligations, principal and interest, due the REA during the past year. These were made on time.

President Dilda stated that operating costs have not been increased but rates have not been raised.

### Prizes

The following were awarded prizes at the REA meeting.

Vacuum cleaner, James Dilda, Rt. 1, Fountain; roaster, James Holmes, Rt. 2, Stantonburg; mix master, Carl A. Speight, Rt. 1, Stantonburg; deep fryer, Joseph W. Gay, Rt. 2, Farmville; table radio, William Henry Faison, Rt. 3, Snow Hill; kitchen clock, B. T. Little, Rt. 1, Greenville; kitchen clock, Jennie Wainwright, Rt. 1, Farmville; table clock, William Horne, Rt. 1, Farmville; iron, Sylvester Speight, Rt. 1, Walstonburg; toaster, Mrs. William Naah, Rt. 3, Snow Hill; waffle iron, Jarvis Harrison, Rt. 2, Snow Hill; ball point pen, Willie Ham, Rt. 1, Farmville; 6 heat lamps, Buren Hart, Rt. 3, Snow Hill; 6 heat lamps, Garfield Cox, Rt. 1, Hookerton; table clock, Willie D. Darden, Rt. 1, Snow Hill; waffle iron, Henry ee Suple, Rt. 3, Snow Hill; fan, Ben Gardner, Rt. 1, Fountain; thermic jug, John Bynum, Jr., Rt. 1, Walstonburg; fan, Willie French, Rt. 1, Stantonburg; clock, Sarah Fate, Rt. 1, Walstonburg; pair of table lamps, Jennie Baker, Rt. 2, Walstonburg; Electric fan, L. E. Poliard, Rt. 1, Fountain; 25 lbs. flour, Isom Ebron, Rt. 2, Farmville; pair of shower curtains, Elmer Godham, Rt. 1, Farmville; table lamp, Seth Swinson, Rt. 1, Stantonburg; box of groceries, Walter Reese, Rt. 3, Snow Hill; waffle iron, Levy Wooten, Rt. 1, Fountain; 25 lbs lard, Willie Amos Barnes, Rt. 1, Greenville; electric fence charger, Allen Sumrell, Rt. 2, Snow Hill; carton of cigarettes, Jincy Newton, Rt. 1, Fountain; wash, grease and oil change, Albert Ruffin, Rt. 1, Walstonburg; 12 fence posts, Dick Grant, Rt. 2, Snow Hill; 3 pairs of hose, Miss Ora Mae Grant, Snow Hill; 2 pairs of hose, Pete Jones, Rt. 1, Walstonburg; ball point pen, Wright Conant, Rt. 1, Snow Hill.

## County Commissioners Adopt Budget; Expenditures Up, But 90-cent Tax Rate Is Retained

Meeting in session on Thursday night of last week, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners adopted a budget calling for expenditures of \$960,779.59, as against \$851,871.40 for the year ending June 30, but managed to keep the county-wide tax rate at 90 cents in view of higher property valuations and added income sufficient to offset the increased authorized departments.

The budget, published on page four of this issue, is subject to revision but it is not expected that major changes will be made before the county executives finally put their stamp of approval on it.

As can be seen from the comparisons of last year's budget with the 1956-57 budget, increases were granted all along the line, but the tax rate is being held at its present level.

In the following table, amounts appropriated for various county activities in 1951-52 are compared with amounts authorized in the new budget for the year beginning July 1. Expenditures for the year drawing to a close were based on a county-wide property valuation of \$55,000,000. It is estimated that valuations have increased by \$4,000,000, bringing to \$59,000,000 the present property valuations for tax purposes.

	1951-52	1952-53
General Fund	\$224,863.00	\$242,819.50
County Home Fund	18,352.00	20,122.00
Outside Poor and Relief	83,985.00	47,200.00
Social Security Fund	107,985.00	112,745.99
Health Department Fund	59,946.00	65,246.00
Debt Service Fund	135,000.00	147,780.00
Hospital Maintenance	27,500.00	29,500.00
School Fund	274,290.40	285,866.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$881,871.40</b>	<b>\$950,779.49</b>

## Legion Will Have Summer Meetings

Dr. Paul E. Jones, a charter member of the Farmville American Legion Post and one to whom the younger members often look for advice and guidance, installed the Post's new officers Friday night at a regular meeting in the Legion Home on West Church street. Horton Rountree was installed as commander, succeeding R. D. Rouse, Jr. Alton Bobbitt and J. C. Brock, Jr., were installed as first and second vice-commanders, respectively.

The Post voted to continue their meetings during the month of July and August in order to utilize to the utmost the facilities of the new home. Until last year, the Post dispensed with the two mid-summer meetings. Suggestion was also made that the Post meet at 7:30, instead of 7 o'clock. The executive committee will make the final decision.

A film, "Dare County, the Birthplace of America," was presented. This was prepared by the University of North Carolina's Communications Center as a promotional venture for Fort Raleigh and The Lost Colony. Its presentation is under the sponsorship of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

## A. C. TURNAGE JR. ACCEPTS ROCKY MOUNT CITY POSITION

A. C. Turnage, Jr., recently accepted a position as Assistant City Engineer of Rocky Mount. Mr. Turnage was among the graduates at State College, Raleigh, Sunday. He assumes the Rocky Mount position on June 20.

Attending the graduation exercises were: Mr. and Mrs. Turnage, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waller and children, of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. L. E. Ritchie of Greensboro. Mrs. Waller and Mrs. Ritchie are sisters of the graduate.

## SAM BUNDY LEAVES MONDAY FOR TOUR SOUTHERN STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Bundy and sons, James Henry and S. D. Jr., will leave Monday morning for Myrtle Beach, where Mr. Bundy will be the speaker Monday night at the annual convention of the North and South Carolina Bakers Association in the Ocean Forest Hotel. On Tuesday the Bundys will leave for a tour of southern states. They will visit St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Miami, St. Petersburg, Silver Springs and other points of interest in Florida before proceeding to New Orleans. They will return to Farmville on or about July 2.

## ATTENDS CONVENTION IN CHARLOTTE

L. W. Allen of the Centre Hardware Company, and Jake Joyner of The Turnage Company attended the International Retail Hardware convention of the Carolinas in Charlotte this week, Monday through Wednesday.

## SPENDS WEEK END HERE

Opl. Dewey Hathaway of McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton, N. J., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hathaway. He had as his guest Paul Childers of Lodi, Calif.

## To The Rescue

Pat Bundy, an employee of the town's water and light department, should know something about the feeling of the Dutch boy who stopped a hole in the dyke with his finger and thus prevented his country from being flooded.

Lights in the stadium went out Saturday night during the Stantonburg-Farmville baseball game.

Pat fixed the lights once. They went out again so Pat re-climbed one of the poles and held a switch open, with a stick, for several minutes, until the game was finished.

Rodney Heath, Farmville's south-paw, had a no-hitter going at the time and he held it, with Pat's aid for the regulation distance.

## Three Teams Battle For First Place In Bright Belt League

Farmville's entry in the Bright Belt League lost a golden opportunity to tighten its hold on first place Wednesday night but, despite a 5-1 loss to Fremont, managed to hold a one-half game lead. In other games Wednesday, Greenville defeated Ormondville while Stantonburg defeated Pinetops.

In the game with Fremont, Farmville collected only three hits off Barnes. Two of those came in the first inning and accounted for the only run scored off him. Streeter Tugwell lashed a single through short, and Ralph Britt boomed a triple to right center field. The only other hit came in the fifth inning. Wilkerson beat out an infield hit, Fremont, on the other hand, collected 13 hits off Red Benton. These, coupled with a trio of unfortunate errors by Mark Herring, spelled the local team's downfall.

In games this week end, Farmville meets Pinetops, Greenville plays Fremont, and Ormondville and Stantonburg tangle in an all-important series for second place.

League Standings		
	W	L
Farmville	15	6
Stantonburg	15	7
Ormondville	14	7
Greenville	7	12
Fremont	5	14
Pinetops	6	18

## Race In Little League Tightens

The race in the Farmville Little League tightened this week as the Rotary team, which has enjoyed undisputed possession of first place since the season opened, found itself only one-half game ahead of the up-and-coming Veterans.

Wednesday's games are included in the following standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Rotary	9	4	.692
Veterans	9	5	.643
Kiwanis	6	7	.462
Jaycees	3	11	.214

Next week's schedule follows: Monday—Veterans vs. Rotary Tuesday—Jaycees vs. Kiwanis Wednesday—Veterans vs. Kiwanis Thursday—Jaycees vs. Rotary

## Jaycees Plan Membership Drive

At a regular supper meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday night, at the Legion Home, plans were laid for an extensive membership drive. Joney Taylor and C. W. Casper have been appointed captains of the two teams which include the entire membership of the organization. The drive is launched not only to secure new members but to improve and set a model standard of attendance for current members.

Newly-elected president, Emerson Smith, presided over the meeting. Charlie Letchworth, Dupree Stone and Billy Maxton were guests, and two former members, Jack McDavid and Wilton Wilkerson, were also present.

## Town and Country

(By James B. Hochaday)

Joe Spivey, local manager for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, reports that workmen installing modern equipment in the company's handsome new building in the 200-block of West Wilson street will finish their job in a short time. Spivey hopes to move—lock, stock and barrel—into his new headquarters not later than September.

With the move will come a wholesale change in numbers assigned local telephones. The entire system will be revised, and a period of confusion will result until users become accustomed to the new numbers. An advantage, however, will be that numbers once assigned may be retained by the customer, no matter into what section of town he or the firm may move.

Spivey also reports that a new telephone directory is in the process of being printed, but that this listing will be obsolete almost by the time it appears and will be replaced by a temporary directory.

Another major change in local utilities is scheduled to take place this fall. The Carolina Power and Light Company has hopes of completing transmission lines that will bring power to the municipal plant and from that point be relayed to local users. Difficulties were experienced in obtaining rights-of-way over property on the outskirts of town. These rights-of-way have been secured and it is expected that the work can go forward as planned.

Budget-making time is here for the Town Board of Commissioners. Committee members have been meeting with department heads to outline their spending program for the fiscal year beginning July 1. No change in the tax rate is anticipated.

Municipal employees are to be congratulated for the efficient and extensive services rendered citizens of the town. Opinion has been expressed that Farmville residents get more services for their tax money than any other town in this section of the state. Town property is well kept; garbage and trash are collected promptly; power service is dependable; streets and sidewalks are clean, for the most part. Some of the vacant lots are sore spots, but the Commissioners have stated that property owners will be prodded into cleaning them; or town workmen will do the job and property-owners will be billed for it.

But there's no satisfying the citizenry. Several house-keepers called officials Wednesday and complained about the dust being whipped up by the unusually high winds that swirled through the streets and over the sidewalks. Welding a dust cloth is evidently not beyond the normal call of duty, even for public employees.

## At The Kiwanis Club

A film about Dare County and the North Carolina coast was presented at the Kiwanis club Monday night by Horton Rountree, who represented the Junior Chamber of Commerce, under whose sponsorship the film is being shown to civic and patriotic groups here and throughout North Carolina.

Special guests of the club were winners of medals awarded to the high school student in each class who had made the greatest improvement in the year just closed. These were Charles Greene, eleventh grade; Mack Harris, tenth grade; and Dixie Tugwell, ninth grade. Jess Carraway, who won the medal for the senior class, is in Washington, D. C., and was not present.

Other guests were Miss Ruth Moore, a senior at East Carolina College, and Paschall Barrett. These two are recipients of the Kiwanis Scholarship Loan. Jack Williford was also a guest of the club.

## AARON TYSON GRADUATES AT GUILFORD COLLEGE

Aaron Tyson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Tyson, graduated from Guilford College Monday. Mr. Tyson will enter the School of Religion at Duke University in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, daughter, Addie Parker, son, Henry, and Mrs. C. H. Moringo attended the ceremony. Mrs. Moringo is an aunt of the graduate.

## RETURNS HOME FROM CANADIAN TOUR

Leroy Rollins returned to his home Tuesday night from a 10-day tour of points of interest in Canada. Mr. Rollins was in company with E. A. Hadgpath and Dennis Siggs of Lumberton and E. H. Hicks of Oxford, all tobacco associates. Among the cities visited were Montreal, Toronto and Quebec.

## About Farmville People

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thorne and children, Freddy, Johnny and Frances, spent last week end in Greensboro.

Miss Nancy Lou Moore, Miss Anne Bynum, Miss Gayle Flanagan, John A. Joyner, Everett Roebuck, James Thorne and Robert Pollard spent Monday at Atlantic Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bynum and daughters, Anne and Jean, and Mrs. Robert Lee Smith will visit relatives in Charlotte this week end.

Bryan Palmer of Raleigh is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Harper.

Miss Janice Atkinson is the guest of Miss Theodora Albritton and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Albritton, at their Caswell Beach cottage.

L. and Mrs. J. C. Bridgers and sons, Rusty and Joey, of Camp Lejeune, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Russell and family. Lt. Bridgers was recently assigned to the Camp Lejeune base from San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burke were guests at the Ocean King Hotel at Atlantic Beach last week end.

Miss Louise Cahoon and Miss Mattie Dale leave Sunday for a visit of a week with Miss Cahoon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cahoon, in Columbus.

Ozell Modlin, III, has returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Modlin at Griffin, Ga. While visiting his uncle and Mrs. Modlin he visited Grant Park at Atlanta, Indian Springs, the Little White House and the Polio Foundation at Warm Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyers of New York City returned to their home Friday after a visit with Mrs. Meyers' uncle, E. C. Holmes, and family.

Jo Ann and Cheryl Nichols, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nichols of Morehead City, will return to their home Sunday after a visit with Grace Miller. Miss Miller will return with them for a visit.

Mrs. Carl Beaman, Jr., Mrs. Leroy Bass and Miss Nell Taylor Beaman are spending this week at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thorne and family of Arlington, Va. are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Burke spent Monday and Tuesday in Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moringo had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. John Tally and son, Johnnie, of Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Peck and son, Joey, of High Point and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tyson.

Friends of Amos Tyson will be interested to know that he is improving from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Jefferson of Fountain spent Monday and Tuesday at Carolina Beach.

Mrs. Ernest Petteway was called to Lake View, S. C., Thursday, on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. B. P. Hayes, who is a patient in a Mullins Hospital. Mrs. Petteway returned Monday night and reports that her mother's condition is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baker and family had as guests at their summer cottage near Washington the past week end, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Walker of Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yates and son, Johnny, of Wilson.

Mrs. Albert Roebuck and daughter, Stella, of Raleigh, are spending the week with A. Q. Roebuck and family.

Mrs. J. M. Ward is confined to her home on account of a sprained back suffered in a fall Tuesday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waller and children, Clyde, Jr., and Evelyn of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending the week with Mrs. Waller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turnage, Sr.

Mrs. Joney Taylor and son, Mike, spent Thursday with relatives in Robertsonville.

Miss Natalie Vought of Raleigh spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Oglesby.

Mr. Albert Smith and son, Wally, visited relatives in Goldsboro, Sunday.

Misses Dorothy and Elizabeth Wilcox of Durham visited their sister, Mrs. Haywood Smith, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Darden and children, Noel, Betsey, and Jack, returned Sunday from a stay at Atlantic Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Darden and children, Jim and Susan, left this week end for a stay at their Bogus Sound cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Hodges and son, Robbie, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited Mr. Hodges' sister, Mrs. Dan E. Jones and family several days last week.

T. M. Hodges is at his Long Beach cottage.

Mrs. Edison Moore and son, Ben, returned, Thursday, from a 10-day visit with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lee, in Oriental. Mr. Lee returned with them for a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carr and daughter, Mary Elizabeth, spent the week end with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Lyman Bass and daughters, Sandra, Judy, and Ann, spent the week end with Mrs. Bass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Minges, in Greenville.

Mrs. E. H. Oakley left Sunday for Lafayette, Ind., where she will spend several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kemble.

Mr. Allen M. Harris had as guests, Tuesday, her mother, Mrs. Layne Dail, her sister, Miss Jane Dail and brother, George Dail, of Raleigh, and her sisters, Mrs. Dilly Thompson of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Marvin Hurst of Morrisville.

Mrs. Marvin Horton and son, Marvin, visited Mrs. Horton's sister, Mrs. Tim Brinn and family in Hertford, Sunday.

## Campaign For ECC Endowment Fund Underway

Walter Jones Heads Committee Seeking \$100,000 For Scholarships at Greenville School; Local Goal, \$7,000

A concerted drive is being staged in Farmville this week for the \$100,000 Pitt County Memorial Scholarship Foundation which will provide an endowment and funds for outstanding worthy students desiring to attend East Carolina College.

Walter Jones is chairman of the local executive committee. Others working with him on this group are L. W. Allen, Dr. Paul Jones and Arch Flanagan. Goal of the local drive is \$7,000.

Idea for the foundation was planted by Dr. J. B. Frizelle of Ayden who said he was willing to be one of 100 Pitt countians who would contribute \$1,000 to the fund. From this, the idea developed, but contributions in much smaller amounts are being accepted.

The growth of East Carolina in recent years under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Messick has been astounding, and its broadened curriculum is increasing the scope of its service to high school graduates, and their parents, in this immediate area.

Farmville has been closely identified with the college. 89 students, giving Farmville as their address, were enrolled in the college this year. The college band appears on Farmville programs. ECC athletes are playing on the local baseball team. Bleachers from the college are in use at the ball park. Likewise, some were obtained from the institution and used on Farmers Day.

Moreover, 600 members of the student body come from Pitt County. More than 75 percent of the county's teachers attended the college.

## At The Rotary Club

Horton Rountree showed the Jaycees sponsored film, "Dare—Birthplace of America," at the Rotary meeting Tuesday night. Walter B. Jones was program chairman.

Charlie Rasberry, newly elected president for the incoming year which begins July 1, presided in the absence of President Jesse Moye, who attended Rotary International in Mexico City.

B. D. Rouse, Sr., won the attendance prize.

## Frank Allen Attends West Coast Convention

Frank K. Allen, Lieutenant Governor of the 7th Kiwanis Division and a past president of the local club, will leave the Raleigh-Durham Airport at 5 o'clock Saturday morning to fly to Seattle, Wash., where he is a delegate to the National convention. Mr. Allen expects to arrive in Seattle at 4:35 Saturday afternoon.

Four children from the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh visited with local Methodists, Sunday, and had parts in the Church School program and in the Worship Service. Beulah Gattlet and Gayle Perry were the dinner guests of Lou Taylor Lewis. Ray Batoon was the guest of Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr., and Stephen Roebuck was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Jones and family. Rev. L. C. Larkin, superintendent of the Orphanage, who preached at the morning service, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen and children, Tommy and Vicki, of Acme, spent several days last week with Mrs. Bowen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Joyner and daughter, Mary Sue, are visiting Mrs. Joyner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dyarr in Lenoir, this week.

Mrs. George Hinton and daughters, Ann, Linda, Robbie and Mary Haywood, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Smith.

Mrs. Ralph Rector and daughter, Mary Amelia, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Rector's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Smith.

## JEN EASLEY WILL TEACH MATH AND SCIENCE HERE

Miss Virginia (Jan) Easley, daughter of Mrs. William Easley, has accepted a position on the Farmville school faculty and will teach mathematics and science in the eighth grade. Miss Easley graduated from East Carolina College and for the past two years has taught science in Warsaw high school. She is now working on her master's degree at East Carolina.

Principal Sam D. Bundy, in announcing Miss Easley's appointment to the faculty, stated that all of the vacancies have been filled.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

There will be a service of Morning Prayer and a sermon at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

## NASHVILLE QUARTET TO SING AT MARLBORO CHURCH

The widely-known Nashville Free Will Baptist College Quartet will sing in a program of special music at the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church tonight at 8 o'clock.