

Northwest Carolina Utilities Sells Power System To Blue Ridge Electric

Actual Transfer of Electric Distribution System Will Occur in July; Cause of Sale is the Isolation of Three Systems

According to George T. Robbins, manager of the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., with headquarters at Burnsville, his company has entered into an agreement with the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation providing for the sale of its systems in Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties to the co-operative. If the sale is consummated in accordance with the terms of the agreement, the actual transfer of the properties will take place in July.

The towns of Blowing Rock, West Jefferson, Sparta and Roaring Gap are the largest communities located in the territory involved in the prospective sale.

Northwest Carolina Utilities furnishes electric light and power service in Western North Carolina and the property affected by the contemplated sales comprises only about one-third of the total territory served by the company in North Carolina. The company will continue to operate its system in Yancey, Madison and Mitchell counties, including the towns of Marshall, Mars Hill, Burnsville and Bakersville, and many of the surrounding industries.

Mr. Robbins stated the reason for the contemplated sale of this part of his company's system was due to the fact that the Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga property was composed of three isolated systems, which could be operated more economically by being physically interconnected. He added that it was too expensive from an economical operating standpoint for his company to interconnect the three systems since they could serve no additional customers from interconnecting lines between these systems due to the fact that the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is already serving all the territory between the systems, which are about 30 miles apart. On the other hand, the co-operative can very easily interconnect these systems with its present system. The Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation is an REA co-operative serving rural territory in Ashe, Alleghany, Caldwell and Watauga counties with headquarters at Lenoir.

Mr. Robbins further said it was very expensive to provide electric service for small isolated systems as these, and since inter-connection with the balance of the company's main system was impractical, it was desirable to dispose of these isolated systems.

SALE AUTHORIZED BY UTILITIES COMMISSION

Raleigh, May 21.—The state utilities commission yesterday gave the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., of Blowing Rock, permission to sell its property in Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes, Watauga and Caldwell counties to the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation of Lenoir for \$170,000.

Witnesses told the commission at a hearing that the co-operative could triple the number of customers in the territory by expending about \$100,000.

RADIO AND SCREEN STARS AT APPALACHIAN THEATRE

The popular hill-billy entertainers, the "Tennessee Ramblers," who broadcast daily over the Columbia Broadcasting system from WBT in Charlotte, will rush to Boone immediately after their broadcast next Tuesday to appear on the stage of the Appalachian Theatre for afternoon and evening performances. The "Ramblers" have appeared in featured roles in three motion pictures. Their first two pictures were made with Gene Autry. Their latest, "Ridin' the Cherokee Trail," starring Tex Ritter, will be shown on the screen of the Appalachian as a part of the same program.

Incidentally, the "Tennessee Ramblers" appeared in person at the world premiere showing of the motion picture, "Ridin' the Cherokee Trail" held in Charlotte recently. Their first appearance on the stage will be at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and their second will be at 9 o'clock in the evening. Their latest motion picture will be shown before and after the stage performance.

The "Tennessee Ramblers" troupe is composed of five talented musical entertainers, "Montana" Jack Gillette, Cecil "Curley" Campbell, "Happy Tex" Martin, "Horse Thief" Harry Blair and Kid Clark.

TREBLE D
The start of the seventh year of the federal rural electrification program finds nearly three times as many farm families with central station power as in 1935.

Maple sugar-making is confined to the American continent. It antedates the arrival of white men on this side of the Atlantic, the maple giving the Indian the only sugar available to him.

One Way Flight



When Rudolf Hess (above) flew from Germany to Scotland, the number three Nazi and deputy Fuehrer of Germany, started a flood of rumors and propaganda concerning conditions inside the Nazi regime that caused him to take the action he did.

Blowing Rock Seeks Many Improvements

Blowing Rock, May 18.—Taking the initiative in a movement pressing because of the opening of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Blowing Rock has established a planning and advisory committee to co-ordinate the needs of the town with the demands of the summer vacationers.

Mayor Grover C. Robbins, chairman of the organization, has made committee appointments among the permanent and summer residents to serve in the interest of finance, government relations and civic improvements. The executive committee will marshal problems affecting the interest of the community, and problems thus segregated will be acted upon in order of their importance.

Results of their efforts are already in evidence by the improvement of highway 321 from Lenoir to Blowing Rock, the opening of a new county club house, while other problems under consideration include: Survey of town, adequate zoning regulations, establishment of building codes, construction of sidewalks, bridlepaths, walkways and recreational facilities, along with the building up of economic activities such as directing of tourist facilities and extension of season activities.

MAY 24 WILL BE POPPY DAY HERE

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The United States exceeds \$100,000,000. This year 12,000,000 of the flowers were made in over 81 different hospitals and 41 work rooms.

These memorial flowers are sold each year by volunteer workers—not one of the workers who approach you receive pay in any form. The money is used for welfare work among the disabled soldiers and their families locally, only a small percentage goes to the state and national child welfare programs.

The red paper poppy has recalled to American minds the thousands of disabled veterans in government hospitals today. Because of them the poppy is a symbol of undying courage and faith.

Who Will Wear a Poppy?
"I've some memories of that hell who will wear a poppy
On our Poppy Day?
"I will," says the Mother,
"For five boys who went away."

Who will wear a poppy
To honor those who fell?
"I will," says the Doctor;
"I've some memories of that hell."

"I will," the Welfare Worker says,
"I know what poppies do
For widows of our veterans
And their helpless children, too."

"I will," each World War veteran says.
"There are close ties that bind
Each one of us to help the rest—
The crippled and the blind."

"I will," says the Preacher,
"I don't believe in war;
But I do believe in healing wounds—
That's what the poppy's for!"

No single one replies, "I won't."
Instead, with what a thrill,
We hear each good American say—
When asked to buy—"I will."
—Vera Williams, Manson, Iowa.

MATTRESSES
Rural families of Caldwell county have filed 2,116 applications for 3,265 mattresses under the mattress-making program, reports Max A. Culp, assistant farm agent.

The cost of operating an automobile today is only about 40 per cent of what it was 25 years ago.

STOCK RAISING PROFITABLE IN MOUNTAIN AREA

College Station, Raleigh, May 20.—A question of vital importance to North Carolina farmers who are turning from row crop farming to livestock farming is: "Which is the most profitable, crops or livestock?"

R. W. Shoffner, farm management specialist of the N. C. State College extension service, says a good answer is contained in a summary of the records of demonstration farmers who are co-operating in the Extension-TVA program in Swain county. In his summary of demonstration farm records, P. E. Brintall, assistant agent in Swain, reported that farmers received two dollars for every dollar invested in crops for market, and four dollars for every dollar invested in livestock.

"Livestock farming will pay high dividends where good pastures are developed," Mr. Shoffner declared. "Pastures are the most economical type of livestock feed. Good pastures can be developed through the use of lime and phosphate."

The extension specialist quoted W. W. Mast, a demonstration farmer in Watauga county, as saying that lime and phosphate have enabled him to sell 82 acres of pasture since 1936 and still have as much grazing as he did in 1936. "That is eating the cake and having it, too," Mr. Shoffner commented.

Throughout the TVA watershed area in Western North Carolina the use of lime and phosphate has mounted by leaps and bounds in the past five years. Only 225 tons of lime was used by all the farmers in Avery county in 1935. In 1940 the farmers of Avery used 9,246 tons. The average demonstration farmer used 1.3 tons of lime in 1935 and an average of 20.1 tons in 1940.

In Madison county demonstration farmers used 68,900 pounds of phosphate in 1937; already this year they have applied 1,320,000 pounds.

NEWLAND FIGHTS AGAINST THREAT OF FOREST FIRE

Raleigh May 21.—A rapidly spreading forest fire is threatening Newland, county seat of Avery county. Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick reported last night.

Showers have helped prevent serious blazes in Western North Carolina until recently, he added, but a new fire in Avery has town and county officials issuing frantic calls for assistance.

C. C. McGinnis, state WPA administrator, said Washington had approved aid for the mountain community and county, and C. M. Crutchfield, WPA district manager at North Wilkesboro, has been ordered to Newland with full authority to aid.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL AT METHODIST CHURCH

At a called meeting of the board of Christian education of the Methodist church held following morning worship service last Sunday morning, it was decided to hold a vacation church school, beginning Monday, June 9, and continuing through Friday, June 20. Classes are being arranged for children between the ages of four and fourteen.

Departmental leaders met Monday afternoon to plan for the following units of study: Beginners' department, Happy Times in Our Church; primary department, Our Daily Bread; junior department, The Land Where Jesus Lived, and intermediate department, O Come Let Us Worship.

THANKSGIVING TO BE CHANGED BACK IN 1942

Washington, May 21.—The 48 states again will celebrate Thanksgiving on the traditional last Thursday in November because, in the words of President Roosevelt, advancing the date failed to accomplish its purpose.

The change will not occur until next year, however, so calendars, football schedules and sales campaigns will not be thrown out of kilter. For 1941, as he has done for the last two years, Mr. Roosevelt will proclaim the next-to-the-last Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving Day. That will be November 20.

MRS. LAURA HODGES

Mrs. Laura Hodges died Monday, May 12, at her home here. Funeral services were held at Oak Grove Baptist church Wednesday at 2 o'clock, by Rev. Will Gilley, and interment was in the cemetery there. Survivors include the husband, Newland A. Hodges, and four children: Katherine Hodges, Mary, Johnnie and Hazel Hodges, all of Boone.

60 DAYS

European allies fighting aggression may expect delivery of concentrated American foods within 60 days after the produce is packed under the lease-lend law, say AAA officials.

Foes Now Friends



Last fall during the presidential campaign, Wendell Willkie had a bitter foe in New York's Mayor LaGuardia. Now they are teammates—united in a drive for all out aid to Britain. They are shown together here at a rally for this cause in New York.

Want ADS

NOTICE—The John Dugger bull is now located at my farm. The breeding fee is \$2.00. Grady Bradley, Vilas, N. C.

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A COMPLETE COURSE in Beauty Culture of one thousand hours. For \$50.00 only. State approved school. Classes now forming. Mrs. Jake Church, Mae's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. 5-1-lfc

FOR SALE—A 6-room bungalow house and 3-4 acre lot, full size basement, electric lights and water, located on Highway 194 between Vilas and Valle Crucis. One mile from postoffice, church and school 9 miles west of Boone. Will sell reasonable. Clint Baird, Valle Crucis, N. C. 5-15-4c

DR. C. G. BAUGHMAN, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Elizabethton, Tenn., will be at the Hagaman Clinic in Boone the first Monday in each month for the practice of his profession. 4-7-1f

WE BUILD HOMES—As one who builds homes of today I pledge myself to deal honestly with those who seek homes, be they rich or poor, experienced traders or babies in arms. W. C. Greene, Boone, N. C. 1-1-41

DR. L. E. WELLMAN, optometrist invites you to come to Mountain City, Tenn., for your next glasses. You will receive a thorough scientific examination and the finest of lenses. The latest styles in frames or rimless mountings at very moderate cost. Office days, Wednesday and Thursday each week. 10-3-1f.

NOTICE
The Silverstone school lot between public road and property of H. P. Cooke will be re-sold at public auction in the county superintendent's office on June 2nd, at 10:30 a. m. The bid will be started at \$200.00.
W. H. WALKER,
County Superintendent.

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IMPORTANT CORRECTION
With reference to our advertisement for Norge Refrigerators on another page in this issue, we wish to state that we made an error in the prices. The factory price which should have been quoted on the 9-foot box is \$179.95 and on the 6-foot box \$124.95. Special discounts may be secured by REA members. It should also have been stated that Norge models are on display at the Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.
Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp.

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