

# Municipalities To Appeal Rate Case To Supreme Court

## Utilities Commission Rejects Appeal For Re-hearing Matter

Eight Eastern North Carolina towns including Edenton, are expected to appeal to the State courts for relief from an electric rate increase granted to the Virginia Power and Electric Company, following a ruling handed down last Thursday by the State Utilities Commission, which rejected an appeal made by the towns for a re-hearing of the proposal.

The towns are now free to presume the efforts for relief through the courts inasmuch as a petition for re-hearing is a statutory prerequisite to appeal.

Unless they follow through, a commission order which allowed VEPCO to raise its rates in North Carolina an estimated \$235,000 a year will stand.

The towns are concerned only with VEPCO rates for municipalities. They buy power wholesale from VEPCO and resell it to their citizens through municipally owned power systems. None of VEPCO's approximately 36,000 other North Carolina customers in 22 northeastern counties bothered to join the battle.

The commission said the towns' petition alleged mainly that rates made effective for municipalities are:

1. Unjust, unreasonable and excessive.
  2. Result in unreasonable prejudice and disadvantage to municipalities when compared with rates VEPCO charges REA cooperatives and a special industrial rate, Schedule No. 11, made available to Halifax Paper Corporation.
- The towns and William C. Lassiter, Raleigh attorney whose law firm was retained as their counsel, alleged also that the commission had erred in conferring privately with VEPCO representatives after the formal hearings were completed.

Because of the "discrimination" and the "private conference," the towns contended they felt they could not obtain "a legally adequate rehearing . . . but prior instructions to the commission from either the Superior Court or the Supreme Court."

# HEALTH HORIZONS

## Hazards in Your Home

We usually think of home as a refuge. But unfortunately, it seems to be harder and harder to be really "safe at home." For a shocking number of people, their own houses or yards have turned out to be death traps—the place where one third of all accidental fatalities occur. The most tragic part about this is that most of these accidents could have been easily prevented, find Drs. Barnes Woodhall and Jay Arena of Duke University.

"Simple omissions or faults cause the greatest number of hazards and tragedies" in the home, they concluded after studying accident records. They list some of the commonest hazards — conditions that often exist even in the best of homes, ready to trap you or your children especially. These are so simple as to "seem obvious and perhaps trite." Yet they caused many tragic deaths.

### A Checklist for Your Home

Here is what they found—and it makes a good checklist to use on your own home. "The medicines and poisons were not kept out of reach of children or the medicines were not labeled. The electric cords were not in good condition. There were open electric sockets in which children could stick their fingers or tongue or some metal object. The attic and basement were not free of oily rags and litter. The stair treads were not securely fastened down. There were no hand rails on the basement stairs. The stairs and hallways were poorly lighted. The scatter rugs were not fastened down or made slip proof. The radio or electric light pull were too near the bath tub. The hot radiators and pipes were not covered. There was not a gate at the head and foot of the stairs to prevent the



small child from falling downstairs or from climbing up. The furniture and lamps were not heavy enough and consequently they could easily be pulled over. The second story windows were not barred to prevent the child from falling out. Handles of the frying pans, coffee pots, etc. on the stove were not turned away . . . Pins, needles, scissors, knives, matches were not kept in a safe place.

### Your Responsibility

"The problem is one that can not be solved with microscopes and test tubes," the authors conclude. "Something can be done, however, for accidents do not result from fate, bad luck or circumstances beyond human control. They can be prevented!"

and mustard. That means that you probably will have trouble with the Harlequin Cabbage Bug, sometimes called "Terrapin Bug". The best control for this insect is 20 per cent Sabadilla dust applied as soon as you see a few of the insects.

In most every garden I see mustard, cabbage, collards, tomatoes, snap beans, lima beans, corn, okra and turnips, but it has been my observation that in most gardens there are no such crops as broccoli, cauliflower, kohlrabi, New Zealand Spinach, brussels sprouts, Chinese cabbage, Swiss chard, rutabaga, leaf lettuce, shallots, and endive.

These are all good crops and would be grown more generally if they were tried once. They give a nice change to the vegetables so commonly served on the table.

man skin on contact. It is reported to have blinded Indian trappers. However, I've seen it score in the eyes of men, boys and dogs without more than temporary ill effect.

The skunk has been cited by biologists as the carnivore that ranks highest as a destroyer of insects. In addition, he will eat mice, rats, leaves, buds, grass, carrion, grains, garbage, any kind of fruit and berry within reach, and, when he's able to catch it, small game. On occasion, he eats eggs and fledglings of ground-nesting birds. But he squares himself, repaying with compound interest; he digs out and dines upon the eggs of snapping turtles—ruthless predators of waterfowl and game fish.

Unlike his cousins the weasel and otter, the skunk has no wanderlust. Only during mating time will he muster enough energy to waddle more than 500 yards from home. Most of his hunting is done after dark, for nocturnal foraging suits his lack of cunning, his sluggishness and his tastes in diet.

Decidedly incautious and heavily-footed, the skunk not only travels

where angels fear to tread but also burns his bridges behind him. As a result, he frequently tumbles into cellars, barrels, manholes—not to mention odder places. It is safe to say that fire departments move a million dollars' worth of equipment each year to rescue blundering skunks.

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## SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

The skunk has the distinction of being the only four-footed American that can return the fire of hunters. His weapon has made him feared by all animals, including most of mankind. In an article in Sports Afield, out-door writer George Heindl describes him as the master of Chemical Warfare. But, despite the efficiency of his ordnance, the skunk is not militant, either in looks or disposition.

The average skunk—he would be of the striped species—is some 28 inches long and weighs about five pounds. But longevity and good hunting may increase his bulk to a hefty eight or more pounds.

He never fires without plenty of warning. First signal is stamping with the forefeet. Second, the tail is hoisted with the tip hanging down. If this ultimatum fails, the white tip rises, spreads out, and he fires. The skunk can fire fore, aft and sidewise. Skunk musk can be smelled for a mile. Golden yellow in color, it burns hu-

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The time is at hand for sowing seed for fall crop vegetables and in some cases setting plants for a late crop.

For example, if you haven't already done so, tomato plants for the late crop should be set at once. Broccoli, cauliflower, collard and Brussels

Sprouts seed should be sown in plant beds for later transplanting.

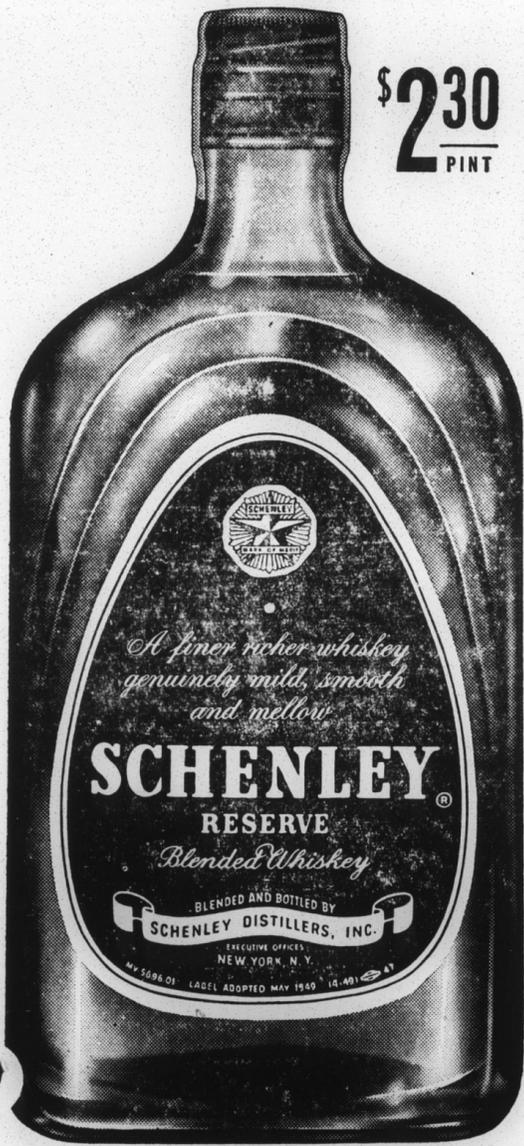
It is also time to sow seed of Rutabaga turnips if you have use for this vegetable. During the month of August we should consider planting Kale, Turnips, Kohlrabi and Chinese cabbage—also seed of a good variety of leaf lettuce (I recommend the Salad Bowl variety).

You may notice that most of these crops are closely related to cabbage

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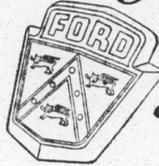
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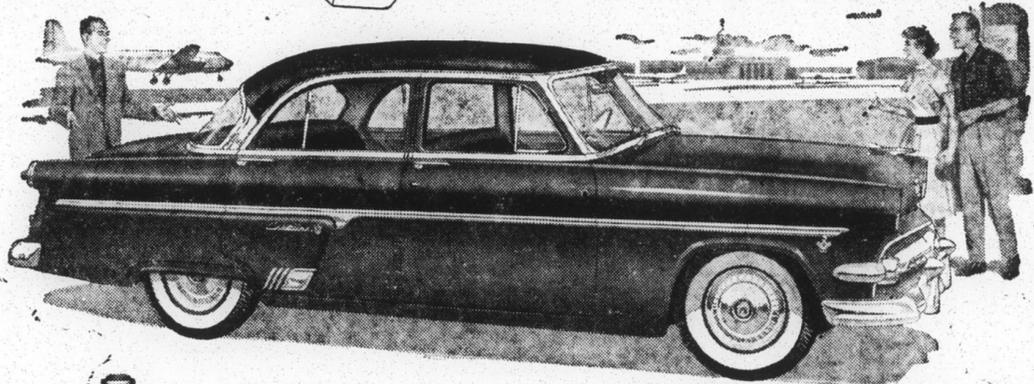
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