

Vepco Rates To Decrease

ROANOKE RAPIDS — The price of electricity to Virginia Electric and Power Company's customers in North Carolina will be reduced by 4.9 per cent as a result of the start of commercial operation Sunday of Unit 2 at the North Anna Power station.

Belch-Winslow Wedding

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Edenton. Usbers were Mr. Arnold Belch, brother of the groom and Mr. Alan Sawyer, both also of Edenton. Master William Belch served as Ring Bearer for the couple.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in honor of the bride and groom by the bride's parents at the American Legion Building.

The bride is a 1978 graduate of John A. Holmes High and a 1980 graduate of College of The Albemarle. She is employed by the Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of John A. Holmes High School and is employed by Hobbs Implement Co.

After a wedding trip the couple will reside in Edenton.

Courtesies

The bride was honored with a Floating Miscellaneous shower given on November 13 by Mrs. Janet Winslow and Mrs. Linda Pierce at the home of Mrs. Winslow.

A linen shower was also given on November 19 by Mrs. Becky Bassett at her home.

An After Rehearsal Party was given by the bride's parents at the church annex on December 6.

The price cut will take effect in April 1981 in accordance with North Carolina Utility Commission guidelines.

"I am very proud that Vepco has been able to achieve this significant reduction in energy prices to our customers during a year in which consumer prices generally have continued to rise rapidly," Vepco President William W. Berry said. "Our company has undertaken a four-point program to reach the dual objectives of reducing rates and increasing earnings and this projected rate reduction is further evidence that our efforts are succeeding."

The four goals of the Vepco program are (1) to maintain normal operations at the company's four nuclear units (2) to complete a massive conversion of oil-fired generating units to coal (3) to upgrade the productivity of coal-fired units through a three year plant improvements program and (4) to apply rigorous controls on spending for construction of new generating plants.

The rate reduction achieved by commercial operation of the unit results from the fact that nuclear fuel costs are substantially lower than the cost of coal or oil.

Vepco's Virginia and West Virginia customers will also benefit from operation of the unit when regulatory actions in those states take effect.

North Anna 2 was the first nuclear unit in the country to receive a full power operating permit after the accident at the Three Mile Island unit in Pennsylvania. It now becomes the first nuclear unit to be placed in commercial operation since Three Mile Island.

North Anna 2 has been extensively tested at a deliberate pace since full

power operations were authorized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on August 21. Commercial operation of the unit adds about 900 megawatts (900,000 kilowatts) of generating capacity to the Vepco system. The unit represents a 9 per cent expansion in generating capacity.

North Anna 2 is virtually identical to North Anna 1, which has been one of the most productive units in the history of nuclear power industry. During the first nine months of 1980, the most recent period for which comparable statistics are available, North Anna 1 operated at a capacity factor of 74.2 per cent. During the same period, the average capacity factor of nuclear units throughout the country was 56.7 per cent. (A unit operating at full power continuously throughout the year would have a capacity factor of 100 per cent.)

Since it was restarted on August 18 after replacement of its steam generators, Vepco's Surry 2 nuclear unit has operated at an 86 per cent capacity factor. Surry Unit 1 is scheduled to return to service next September following replacement of its steam generators.

Vepco expects its four nuclear units to supply about 42 per cent of the electrical energy the company will sell to its customers in 1981. About 40 per cent will be supplied by coal-fired units and the balance from other sources.

Recreation Report

Coed Volleyball Meeting
Coed volleyball will be offered this winter instead of a second season of both men and women's volleyball. The season will be scheduled to begin following the Christmas holidays. A coach's meeting concerning this league will be held Tuesday, December 30 at 7:30 P.M., in the Recreation Department office.

Midget Basketball
Nuggets 1-0
Kings 0-0
Jazz 1-0
Hawks 0-1
Warriors 0-0
Supersonics 0-0
Celtics 0-1

Teenage Basketball
Lakers 1-0
Cougars 1-0
Bullets 0-1
76'ers 0-1

Men's Basketball
Town 1-0
Texaco 1-0
Leary Farms 0-2
Bruins 1-0
WBXB 0-1
Tanzier Yachts 1-0
Life of VA 0-1

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ACROSS
1. Ticker
5. Male offspring
9. One with low IQ
10. Basal
12. Pencil sword
13. Slicker
14. Gala
15. Gift
18. Bible mollusk
19. Perform
20. Indian mulberry
21. Seethe
22. Secondhand garments (slang)
27. Andy's TV partner
28. Split
29. Norse god
30. Marvels
34. Eats away
37. Contend for
38. Jewish month
39. Silk veil (eccl.)
41. Burn, as with liquid
42. Walks through water
43. God of war
44. Female sheep
DOWN
1. Theme

CROSSWORD

Methodists Issue Report

RALEIGH — United Methodist Bishop William R. Cannon of Raleigh, met December 5 with Pope John Paul II in Rome to report to him the conclusions of five years of dialogue on Christian unity between Methodists and Roman Catholics. In an interview here upon his return December 9, Cannon said he told the pope the 12-member Bilateral on Christian Unity had "reached agreement on statements on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and many aspects of the work of the Holy Spirit including justification, sanctification, and moral and spiritual life."

Bishop Cannon, representing the World Methodist Council, a worldwide association of 62 Methodist denominations, co-chaired the bilateral, along with Roman Catholic Bishop Francis Stafford, of Baltimore, Md.

Cannon said that after four days of discussion in Rome, the six Methodist representatives and the six Roman Catholic representatives were given a special private audience with the pope. The bishop said he made a brief report on the work of the group over the past five years. This was Cannon's third occasion to meet the Holy Father.

Cannon said he told Pope John Paul II that "in matters concerning the moral and spiritual life, Methodists have a closer affinity to Roman Catholics than Protestant churches of the Reformation."

"This is because our stress on holiness, sanctification and Christian perfection in contrast to the Protestant emphasis on sin and forgiveness," he stated.

Bishop Cannon said he presented the pope on

his latest encyclical, "mercy of God," which was released at the time the bishop was in Rome. The bishop said the pope was "immeasurably pleased" that he had read he encyclical.

Cannon said, "He told me I brought him great comfort, inspiration and joy and he said 'do you realize you have brought comfort to the pope?'"

A leader in ecumenical relations, Bishop Cannon is an internationally known figure in the Christian church and is recognized as

one of the greatest authorities on the life and works of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement.

Bishop Cannon is the spiritual and administrative leader of the United Methodist Church in Eastern North Carolina. The bishop here from 1968-72, he returned to Raleigh in September, after serving eight years as bishop in Georgia. Prior to 1968, he was a professor and dean at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

The episcopal leader is the first church leader from the South on the governing body of the World Methodist Council (WMC) and has been nominated to serve as chairman of the executive committee of the WMC in July, 1981.

Sermon Topic Is Chosen

The sermon topic selected by Rev. R.R. Blankenhorn for the morning worship service at eleven o'clock at the Edenton United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 21, is "Christmas: Something Ordinary?" The text for this message is: Luke 2:11.

The Christmas Music Program and Candlelight Service will take place at 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 21. Time of fellowship and refreshment will follow the service.

The Men's Bible Class breakfast will be held at the church on Sunday, December 21, 8 A.M.

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BEN RIDDICK JEWELERS

Honor Roll Released

Gregory T. Todd, principal, John A. Holmes High School, has released the Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second six weeks grading period as follows:

Principal's List
Students receiving grade of 93 or above in each and every class were Lori Bage, Lynn Dale, Susan Elks, Dorothy Holley, Joe Hollowell, Elizabeth Hornthal, Karen Roberts and Kellie Sopher.

Honor Roll
Students receiving a grade of 85 or above in each and every class.

Ninth Grade
Nina Bonds, Vincent Bond Taylor Brown, Gary Copeland, Martha Edwards, Bill Gardner, Michelle Granby, Milton Hedgebeth, Danny Hogan, Robert Jones, Willene Jernigan, Karen Keeter, Angela Lewis, Elizabeth Littlejohn, Marlin McClain, Karen Moring, Vickie Nelson, Jerry Stotesbury, Carol Voigt, Gwen Wilder, Anthony Wilson, Maria Winslow and Vanessa Holley.

Tenth Grade
Brenda Askew, Marvin Baccus, Kim Baker, Yolanda Banks, Carla Bond, James Boyce, Butch Everson, Patricia Halsey, Martha Harless, Etta Holley, Sharon Hollowell, Kathy Keel, Shelva Mullen, Melanie Smithwick, Pam Spruill and Eric Strother.

Eleventh Grade
Harriet Abbe, Al Bunch, Janice Davis, Susan Downum, Rena Evans, Wayne Forehand, Anna Goodwin, Franklin Jackson, Valerie Jerkins, Gordon Jethro, Marion Jones, Connie Lane, Darlene MacDonald, Kim Swanner, Sara Twine, Gilmer Williams and Robin Williams.

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