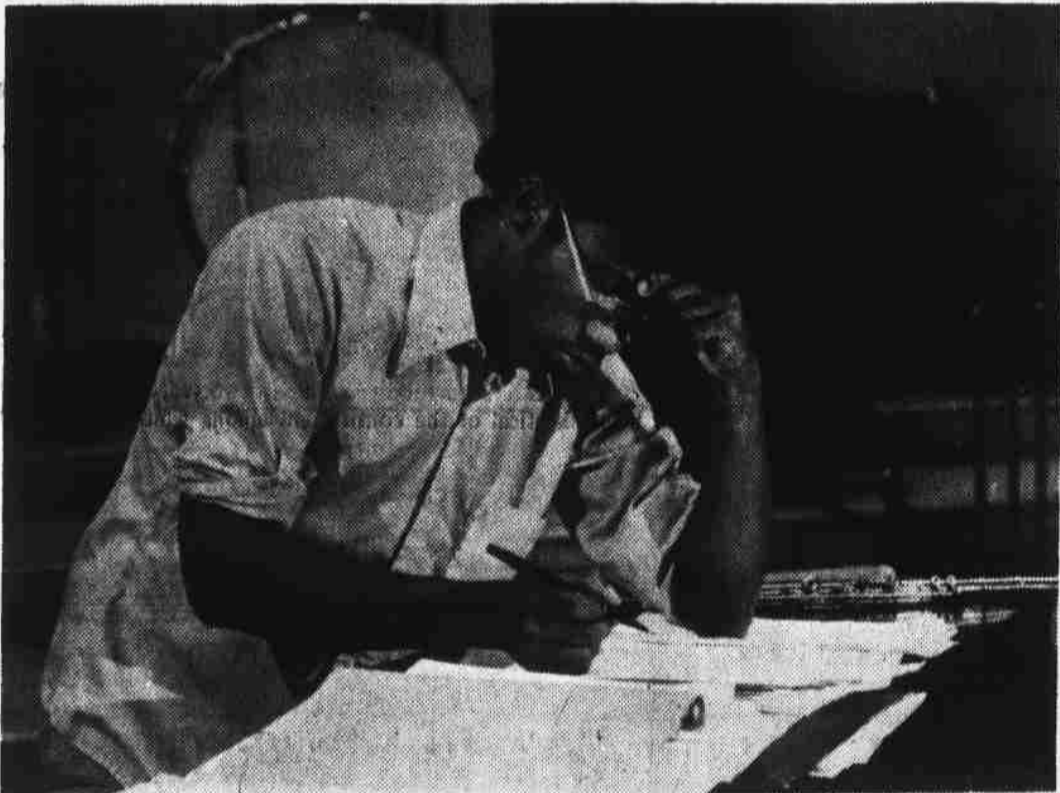




Chris Kemp, flute, Wesley Jackson, saxophone, and NCCU band director Willie Williams, trombone, are joined in an improvisation session by Allen Spurlock, electronic piano. Kemp, Jackson, and Spurlock were students in the class, each preparing an arrangement.



Jerry Coker, teacher of the workshop, standing, discusses an interpretation of music notation with (from left) Harry Williams, Wesley Jackson, and Arnold George.



Chris Kemp makes last-minute revisions in his arrangement.

Dear Consumer

How & Why of Utility Rates

By Virginia Knauer
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Department of Health, Education and Welfare

Since the energy shortage became a national issue, I have received letters from many consumers questioning the higher rates that are being charged for electricity and natural gas. I would like to quote from one, which, I think, typifies the consumer's frustration:

"The problem is that [utility companies], with the approval of government agencies, will raise the cost of their services so that the consumer in the end will pay exactly the same amount of money to them as he did before he started to save electricity. Isn't it discouraging to realize that one has to work within the system, where . . . absolutely nothing can be done to help the consumer."

This letter points to a major consumer complaint resulting from the energy shortage: Although consumers are trying to cut down on their use of energy, their utility bills continue to climb. Even more frustrating is the fact that because energy consumption has dropped, many utility companies are now seeking rate increases.

Why is this so, and what can be done about it?

According to the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, utility companies—which supply you with electricity and natural gas—are regulated at the state level by the regulatory utility commission. The commission decides what rate consumers must pay for power. In deciding this rate, the commission takes into account the utility's cost of doing business and what is a fair profit for the company.

This may all sound simple, but it gets more complicated when the energy shortage is taken into account.

Although some consumers believe utility companies are part of the oil industry, the fact is that utilities have to buy the oil and natural gas necessary to power homes and office buildings at premium prices. To offset these increased costs, some companies have found it necessary to seek what is commonly referred to as a "pass-through" rate increase—rates paid by consumers are increased to cover the additional costs of the fuel. But this rate increase does not allow for any increases in profits—the profit rate is fixed by the state utility commission and must remain the same.

Aside from fuel costs, the energy shortage has affected utility costs in another way. As NARUC explained it, utility companies set rates to cover their costs and to get profits allowed by their state. However, when consumption drops sharply, as in the case of the energy shortage, sales of electricity or gas could drop below the break-even

point. This could result in a rate increase to bring sales up to the former level.

If you want information about how utility rate increases are developed in your state, contact your state's regulatory utility commission. You might ask specifically about public hearings being held or being planned to adjust utility rates. Each state's utility commission must hold public hearings—along with an investigation of the utility company—before granting a rate increase.

Consumers are not only entitled but also welcome to attend these hearings. Also, consumers are allowed to see records of hearings.

Walter Dellinger
Appointed Acting
Duke Law School Dean

Walter E. Dellinger III has been appointed acting dean of the Duke University Law School for the fall semester, according to Duke Provost Frederic Cleveland.

Dellinger also has been named a permanent associate dean of the law school, Cleveland said, and will be responsible for faculty appointments and curriculum.

Dellinger, 33, is serving as acting dean during the absence of Dean Kenneth Pye, who is on a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

Snappy remarks are often senseless utterances.



The photographer captured a mirthful moment as Coker, right, discusses a musical problem with Harry Williams and Sharon Corbett.

Students At N. C. Central Univ. In Summer Jazz Workshop

Students at North Carolina Central University learned arrangement and improvisation techniques in jazz in workshop this summer.

The workshop, from June 17 to July 12, was conducted by Jerry Coker, an experienced jazz musician, teacher, and author. Coker has written three texts on jazz improvisation, has taught at a number of universities in jazz programs, and has played with the Woody Herman and Stan Kenton bands.

The photographs on this page show sessions of an impromptu band organized by Coker to play the arrangements prepared by the students in the workshop.

VA FILLER FACTS

The Veterans Administration reported recently that California, with 3.2 million veterans, leads the nation in veteran population, followed by New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Texas.

The Veterans Administration advises veterans to write, call, or visit their regional VA offices or local veterans service organizations for assistance in applying for veterans benefits.

Veterans recently separated from military service should follow a government time-table designed to assist their readjustment to civilian life, the Veterans Administration suggests.

A POTPOURRI OF RECENT EVENTS

By GEORGE B. RUSS

July 28th is the date for Men's Day at Union Baptist Church. A fellowship breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Floyd B. McKissick, the founder, the architect, and builder of Soul City.

Pulpit associates during Dr. O.L. Sherrill's visit were: Rev. Essex Fields, Sr. Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves.

Special soloist: McKinley Cates "Let Your Lower Lights Be Burning." Introduction of speaker, Dr. Grady D. Davis, "Great, Big, Black Baptist Bishop."

Deacons assisting during Hour of Decision, Claude Walker, John Timberlake, Freddie Best. "Use hospitality one to another without grudging." The U.B.C. Hospitality is happy to extend second thanks to our Visitors, Mrs. Sophie Douglas, Charlotte, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Stratford, Conn., Miss Sharron McPherson, Rose Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Edwards, Ms. Pearl Mangum, Durham, Ms. L. R. Fields, Oxford, L. H. Hicks, Raleigh, Ms. Jewelyn Geiger, Cerceave, N.J., Miss Chanda Hicks Donnell Hicks, Miss Tinny Harvey, New Brunswick, N.J., Mrs. Mary Parham, Geer, S.C. Durham: Mrs. Lucy Bunch, Mrs. Bonnie Johnson, Ms. Pearl Mangum, Dwight Hicks, Mrs. Hattie Mebane, Mrs. Lois Mann, family, Mrs. Ivey Pegram, Mr. and Mrs. Radish daughter, Reginald Brown, Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Cornell Tuck, Mt. Vernon Baptist, Mrs. Mary Clemons Oak Grove, F.W.B., Mrs. Lorena

Mason Oak Grove F.W.B. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry Andrews Chapel, Orangeburg, S.C., Mr. and Mrs. James Davis Children, Rhonda/Jimmy, Greenville South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duke Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Thompson Jesus House of Prayer, Mrs. Hannah Cates Jesus House of Prayer, Ms. Glova Atkinson, Larry Odom, Ricky Odom, Eric Buie, Regina Kee, Preston Kee, Trenton, N.J., Mrs. Ann Glenn, Jeffrey Glenn, Eddie Glenn, Willie Alfred Glenn.

You're invited to a "Stay At Home Tea" given by the Durham County Youth Missionary Union, August 11th, at 4:00-5:00 p.m. James

T. Muse, president of Youth Union, Miss Annie M. Dunigan, Chairman of Tea Committee, Mrs. C.E. McEster, Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Willie R. Sneed, president, Senior Union. Tea honoring Miss Minnie C. Lyon.

Potpourri Pills: Relax, learn the art of relaxation. Lay your burdens down and keep on moving. Dr. Grady D. Davis. This life, this abiding enduring peace that never fails, this serene power and unhurried conquest, inward conquest over ourselves, outward conquest over the world, is meant to be ours. It is a life that is freed from strain and anxiety and hurry, for something of Cosmic Patience of God becomes ours." Thomas R. Kelly A Testament of Devotion (New York: Harper Row, publishers, Inc., 1941).

Unemployment falls most heavily on workers with the least education, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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