

Weather

Mostly cloudy with scattered rain likely late today. Not quite as cold. Friday, clearing and cold. High today, 55, low 28.

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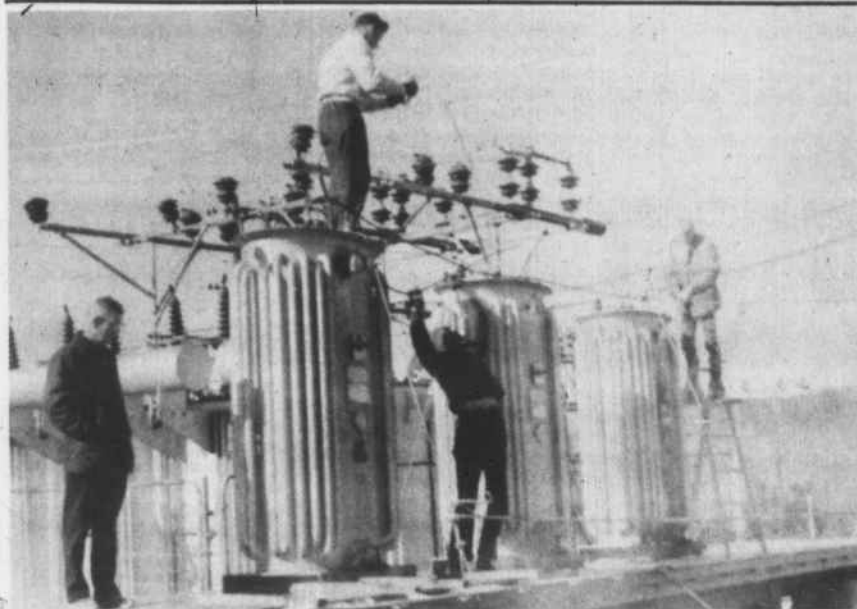
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Transformers Being Readied

Shown above are the three George Dennis, General Superintendent of Public Utilities; Carolina Power & Light Co. for Harold Foster, Electric Dept. massive Switch Over to 4160 Supt.; William Davis and Bobby volts in Louisburg Sunday. Gilliam, Electric Dept. employees. —Times Staff Photo.

Louisburg Power Switch Over Sunday - Electric Current Off

Entire Area To Be Affected: Plans Call For One To Two Hour Cut Off Through Day

Electric power will be cut off in the entire Louisburg area on Sunday, February 16. The current will be off for periods of one to two hours in various sections throughout the day. This is due to the long awaited Switch Over town officials have been planning for the past twelve months.

Actual work in preparation of the change has been going on for the past six weeks. Weeks and Andrews Construction Company, Contractors of Asheboro, N. C. have had crews stringing new wire throughout the town service system. The Switch Over is

from the present 2400 volt Delta System to the new 4160 volt W Y E System. According to town officials, this will result in a 75% line capacity increase and will ease the overloaded condition that has existed for some time.

Town Administrator, E. S. Ford, emphasized the fact that while careful plans have been made to hold the current shut off time to a minimum, that in a job as large and complicated as this, it is possible that service could be off for a longer period of time than announced.

"The Switch Over is necessary to increase the line capacity," Ford said. "Many homes were not getting enough current to properly operate certain appliances. 2400 volts would not carry the load, and it had to be stepped up to 4160 in order to better serve the customer and to help carry the load increase due to the growth of the town," he added.

Carolina Power and Light Co. will make their change over early Sunday morning at the town substation. They have loaned the town three transformers, to be used during the operation, so that not more than one circuit will be off at the same time.

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Electricity Is Stimulant To Economy

Electricity, only a fledgling 50 years ago, today plays a lead role in the drama of helping America remain the strongest economic power in the world. The importance of the electric industry as a prime mover behind the national, state and local economy is emphasized in a report this week from Carolina Power & Light Company in connection with National Electrical Week.

"Power industry records continue to tumble as the demand for electricity soars; and our industry has geared itself to meet the challenge," says E. P. Bazemore, Manager for CP&L in Henderson.

He reported that use of electricity in the American home last year reached a new high, and noted that CP&L customers use more electricity and pay less for it than the national average.

CP&L's residential customers last year used an average of 5,964 kilowatt-hours at an average rate of 1.84 cents per kilowatt-hour. This tops the national average of 4,465 kilowatt-hours, but the average price paid by CP&L customers was 22 per cent less.

Pointing up the impact of CP&L operations on the local economy, Bazemore said there were 69 CP&L employees in the company's district, of which Henderson is a part. They brought \$423,417. in payroll to the region last year. Total payrolls for CP&L's 2,200 employees in 1963 were in excess of \$13 million.

CP&L last year paid \$145,209. in real and personal property taxes to towns and counties in the district. Like most other electric companies across the nation, it is one of the economic community's largest taxpayers.

Aside from payrolls and tax revenues, CP&L helped attract \$5,685,000. in new and expanded industrial plant investment to the district over the past year. Its full-time industrial development staff worked with local and state groups to create more than \$103 million in new industrial investment for the two-state region it serves. Talents of its area development, sales, home service, advertising and other specialists are offered by CP&L as a public service to the 350 communities in its territory.

The nation's electric industry spent about \$3.3 billion for new plant and equipment last year, creating a total plant investment of \$54 billion to produce a trillion kilowatt-hours of energy. CP&L's plant investment stood at \$440 million at the end of 1963, and it will spend

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Vandals, Break-Ins Hit County

Plate Glass Windows Broken In Several Stores

Vandalism, attempted break-ins, and break-ins over the past week have kept the Franklin County Sheriff's Department on the run. A number of plate glass windows were broken in widely scattered areas of the county. Two break-ins are being investigated at Wood and an attempted break-in is being investigated at Franklinton.

The Sheriff's Department reported that vandals broke store front windows last Thursday night at the Elmo Cash Service Station and Whitaker's Store on Highway 401 South. A window was broken at Mapleville store and thieves entered the Linwood-Gupton Store at Wood the same night.

Last Friday night, would-be burglars did considerable damage to the back door of the Piggly Wiggly Super Market in Franklinton. Sheriff's Deputy "Hoot" Gibson said he felt the prowlers were scared off before they could complete their entry into the store.

The F. A. Read Store at Wood was broken into Saturday night and it was reported that another store in the vicinity was also entered. There was no report on the losses in any of the robberies.

The assault continued Sunday night, with a broken plate glass window in the front of Midway Food Store on South Main Street in Louisburg. There have been no reports of incidents this week. At least one witness saw a car speed away after hearing the glass break in one of the store fronts. Mrs. Elmo Cash viewed the speeding

Deadline Extended

The deadline for the use of 1963 license plates will be midnight Monday, February 17, 1964.

The Department of Motor Vehicles said plates normally expire at midnight on February 15, but in view of the fact that February 15 this year falls on Saturday when many banks and license issuance offices are closed, vehicle owners may continue to use their 1963 North Carolina license until midnight Monday, February 17.



Studying Switch Over Plans

Town Administrator, E. S. Ford, looks over the plans for being cut off, in different areas Power Shut Off in the Louisburg area Sunday. The entire area

—Times Staff Photo.



Soon There Will Be Three

Pictured above, left, is the rising structure of the new Welfare Department Office Building being built at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Highway 56. In the middle is the County Health Center, erected in 1952, and right, the County Education Office, built in 1962. —Times Staff Photo.

Locals Take Plane Ride

Two Louisburg men and their wives were guests of a meat packing company Wednesday in an airplane flight over Eastern North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Burnette and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Foster were among the seventy meat buyers and newsmen that rode the Continental DC-7 on the flight. The plane took off from Raleigh-Durham Airport at 7 p.m. The flight covered Goldsboro, Wilmington, Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches. The flight ended when the plane landed at Raleigh at 8:30. The meat packing firm served a new ham product as the dinner meal on the flight. The trip was made to promote the product.

Work Progresses On New Welfare Office Building Here

The Franklin County Welfare Office Building is under construction along side two other County buildings at the intersection of Bickett Blvd. and Highway 56 in Louisburg. The new building, expected to be finished in the near future will cost a total of \$40,132.66. Of this amount the County is getting \$21,850.00 from Federal Funds.

The completion of the Welfare Building will mark the witnessing of a long range plan set up by the County Commissioners

several years ago. The plan called for the erection of a health center, county school offices and the welfare offices on the hill overlooking the intersection. The land was purchased in 1952 for this purpose. The County Health Center was built in 1952 at a cost of \$38,218, and has been in use since that time. In 1962 the County Board of Education office building was built. A Special tax levy was added to the budget over a period of several years to gather funds for the Education Building. It

was built by local contractors at a cost of \$18,689.30 plus plumbing and heating, which made the cost just over \$20,000. The new Welfare Building is being built by General Contractors, Clancy and Theys of Raleigh. Heating, plumbing, and electric are under separate contracts. The Health Center was built in 1952 by John W. Seymour, Contractor of Raleigh. Fred Ramey, Contractor of Franklinton built the Education Building in 1962. Contracts for all three buildings were let to the lowest bidder.

More Money Spent For Food, Cars

Franklin County was a strong market in the last fiscal year, with a level of income and spending that was well above that of previous years.

The rise is credited to local consumers, who gave business a big push forward with their increased purchases of goods and services.

The restraints under which they had been holding themselves for some time all but disappeared. Not only did they spend a larger proportion of their current income in local retail stores for cars, home furnishings, food and other commodities, but they took an added installment debt in connection with purchases of big-ticket items, a sign of their confidence in the economy.

The facts and figures are contained in the new market survey released by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It indicates just how people in each area of the country apportioned their retail dollar during the fiscal year.

In Franklin County, it shows, a large part of the dollar was used to buy cars, other automotive equipment and food. They accounted for 54 percent of all retail spending locally.

Combined sales of these products in the year amounted to \$9,499,000, as against the previous year's \$8,559,000.

Some \$3,608,000 of the total was garnered by stores selling

food for home consumption.

Another \$4,469,000 went for purchases of new and used cars, motorcycles, boats and other automotive equipment.

An additional \$1,422,000 was spent in gas service stations. Good business was also reported locally for most other retail lines.

Sales of general merchandise, in department stores and variety stores, came to \$3,380,000 in the year.

Apparel shops, defined as those specializing in articles for personal wear, grossed \$871,000.

Sales of home furnishings, which include furniture, household appliances and other equipment, totaled \$428,000.

Drug store sales amounted to \$579,000.

The grand total for the fiscal year, taking into account all retail establishments in Franklin County, was \$17,747,000, an increase over the prior year's \$15,966,000.

It was at the rate of \$2,543 per local household, which compares with the \$2,287 rate of the year before.

Preyer Speaks In Armory

Judge L. Richardson Preyer, gubernatorial candidate, will speak in the Louisburg Armory on his visit to Louisburg on February 18. It had been previously announced the candidate would appear at the Court House. The time of his speech will be 4:30. He will appear under the auspices of the Franklin County Democrats for Preyer Committee.

OES To Meet

William B. Barrow Chapter No. 39, OES, will hold a regular meeting in the Masonic Temple on Jolly Street on Tuesday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. The Coupon Chairman requests that all coupons be turned in at this time.



Louisburg Snow Scene

The second light snow within a week covered the ground throughout the County Tuesday night. Less than an inch fell and much was gone by Wednesday morning. Roads were hazardous, however, on Tuesday night. —Times Staff Photo