

# Electric And Gas Rates Lowered

**Customers To Save \$529,000 On New Rates**

**Duke Power Company Is Announcing Readjustments In Schedules EFFECTIVE SOON**

The Duke Power company has arranged readjustments in its retail rate schedules for electricity and gas which, based on 1935 consumption, will result in savings to its customers of \$529,000 annually, officials have announced.

The readjustments have been approved by the North Carolina Utilities commission and the South Carolina Public Service commission and will be effective on meter readings after March 1. They will be applicable to a number of retail schedules affecting customers served by the Southern Public Utilities company before its merger into the Duke Power company.

In electric service, said Duke officials, the main saving will be in residential service. This total will be \$203,000. Savings in commercial lighting will amount to \$173,000 and savings in retail power will be \$103,000. Savings in residential gas service and in commercial gas service will be \$22,000 and \$28,000, respectively, it was announced.

Principal North Carolina towns affected by the readjustments are: Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, Burlington, Hickory, Hendersonville, Reidsville, Thomasville, Mount Airy, Marion, Lenoir, Elkin, North Wilkesboro, (Continued on page five)

## Uncle Sam Is Against Plan

**Unwilling to Agree to Smaller Battleships**

London—The United States is unwilling to agree to smaller battleships until experimental building has shown how to make such ships safe from aerial as well as submarine attacks, an American spokesman at the four-power naval conference said.

This explanation of American objections to a French proposal to shave the maximum battleship tonnage below 35,000 tons dispelled a previous misconception that Washington favored bigger battleships because of great distances in the Pacific and a scarcity of refueling bases. The spokesmen said experimentation may show that lighter tonnage can be safely accepted and if so, the United States might be willing to reduce its present demands.

At American headquarters it was agreed that political uncertainty is holding up the progress of the conference.

"A 35,000-ton ship, as big as it is, would look like a baby compared to what might be built if there is no agreement," the spokesman asserted.

## Negro Is Nabbed Under Auto

Willie Armstrong, negro, was captured by police Sunday night at 10 o'clock hid underneath a car in the Raney-Cline Motor company here. Twice before he has broken into the same establishment and stolen an automobile.

He had pulled himself up on the rigging under the car in order to avoid detection. He was placed in the county jail.

Eastern Winter Queen



HANOVER, N. H. . . . There's plenty of "winter" up this way for the 26th annual Dartmouth Winter Carnival. The election of Queen witnessed the coronation of Miss Ann Hopkins (above), daughter of President Hopkins of Dartmouth College.

## POWER SALE IS UPHELD BY HIGH COURT

Washington.—The Supreme Court held the Tennessee Valley Authority Act—TVA—to be constitutional in so far as it applies to government production and sale of power at Muscle Shoals.

The court again divided, this time 8 to 1, with Justice McReynolds dissenting.

Four other justices—Stone, Roberts, Cardozo and Brandies—concurred in the majority opinion, although they were of the opinion that the suit should have been dismissed by the court on jurisdictional grounds.

The court's decision was limited to the facts involved in the case of Wilson Dam, and did not cover the whole far-flung range of TVA activities, which includes not only power development, but flood control, navigation and a vast scheme for social betterment in the Tennessee watershed.

These phases will be dealt with by the court if and when the occasion arises. Other challenges on specific phases of the TVA are expected.

However, on the main question—whether the government has the right to develop and sell power generated at Wilson Dam—the court answered in the affirmative, and to the extent the government won a notable victory. Administration leaders were elated.

## Catawba Enrollment Is Highest In History

Indicating that the enrollment, 388 students, was the highest in the history of the institution, Dr. Howard R. Omwake, president of Catawba college, in his annual report to the trustees here Tuesday stated that the major objective of the college now should be to build the endowment of the college to the point where further dependence upon church support would not be necessary.

Seventy-nine students are now being aided by the college in meeting their expenses.

## Father At 96

New Bern, N. C.—For the second time in 14 months ninety-six-year old George Hughes is expected to become a father.

Hughes announced his expectations to J. Gaskell McDaniel, associate editor of the Kinston Morning Herald, saying the event is due in May.

After the birth of the other child, 14 months ago, Hughes' case was authenticated by medical records and an account was published in the American Medical Journal. The child was named Franklin Roosevelt Hughes.

## Tax Collectors To Soon Visit 129 N. C. Towns

To Aid Taxpayers In Filing Returns; Deputy Will Be In Salisbury March 1 to 8

Deputy collectors of the State Department of Revenue will visit 129 towns and cities in every section of North Carolina from February 23 through March 16 receiving income tax returns.

A. J. Maxwell, State commissioner of revenue, Wednesday released the itinerary the collectors will follow. The department has 80 men assigned to the big task of taking the returns and collecting payments of the tax.

Maxwell said collections without penalty would continue through March 16, since March 15, the final date, falls on Sunday this year. Penalty for late filing of returns is 5 per cent with interest of one-half on one per cent a month, with the minimum penalty to be \$1. If failure to file returns is wilful, however, heavier penalties are provided.

The dates for the deputy to be in Salisbury is March 1 through the 8th.

The itinerary arranged for other towns in this immediate section are as follows:

Albemarle, March 9-10; Badin, March 6; Concord, March 13 thru 16; Kannapolis, March 12-12; Lexington, March 13-14-16; Lincolnton, March 9-10; Mocksville, March 9; Norwood, March 7; Statesville, March 12, 13 and 14; Mooresville, March 10-11.

Additional income tax information may be found on page three of this paper.

## Damage Great To State Roads

Weather Damage To N. C. Highways Placed At \$3,000,000

Raleigh.—Charles Ross, general counsel for the Highway and Public Works commission, observed that even if the weather damage to the highway system this winter is \$3,000,000 it represents only one per cent of North Carolina's investments in highways.

"We have had probably the most destructive weather conditions from a road point of view we have had in 30 years," Ross said, "but it seems to me an occasion for alarm."

"Our maintenance budget is on the basis of ordinary or average weather conditions," he continued. (Continued on page five)

## Salisbury Civic Clubs Hear Davidson Prof.

Lt. Col. John W. Rhett, professor of military science and R. O. T.C. instructor at Davidson college, spoke Tuesday before a joint meeting of the Rotary, Civitan, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in observance of national defense week.

He stressed the unpreparedness of the United States at the beginning of the six major wars in history and advocated an adequate national defense program as one of the best peace policies the nation might follow.

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May Enter Penrose, 2nd



DEVON, Pa. . . . Boise Penrose, 2nd, (above), nephew of the late U. S. Senator and G.O.P. boss, is expected to soon announce himself a Republican candidate for congress from the 4th, Pennsylvania district.

## Shut Roads To Heavy Trucks

Freight Vehicles Barred From Bituminous Surface-Treated Roads

Raleigh.—The State Highway and Public Works commission have closed for 30 days every bituminous surface-treated highway in North Carolina to all truck traffic in excess of five tons gross a vehicle.

The order, which affects 3,700 miles of highway, was unprecedented in the State's road history. It resulted from recent weather conditions that have done an estimated \$3,000,000 damage to the roads and at the same time cut gasoline revenue by \$1,000,000.

"The sub-base of practically all surface-treated highways has been so softened as to render heavy traffic thereon destructive of said roads," the commission stated in a brief preamble to its order.

The ordinance, violation of which is a misdemeanor under State law, is effective on the roads as soon as signs are posted ordering heavy traffic off. It does not apply to buses.

## Cash To Pay Bonus Voted By Senate

Washington.—The Senate passed an appropriation bill carrying 2 billion eight hundred and eighty nine million seven hundred and fifty-one thousand nine hundred and five dollars, including 1 billion seven hundred and thirty million dollars to pay the bonus, 440 million dollars for the new soil subsidy farm program, and 879 million seven hundred and fifty-one thousand nine hundred and five dollars to run the independent offices of the Government in the next fiscal year.

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The bill now goes back to the House for approval of the bonus and farm amendments and a few other minor changes. Besides a flat appropriation of 440 million dollars for the farm program, the Byrnes amendment reappropriated 30 million dollars of unexpended money in the old AAA fund for soil subsidies.

## WOMEN PASSENGERS UNHURT

Laurel, Md.—A. L. Thomas received slight injuries when the automobile he was driving struck the rear of a bus on the Washington boulevard about four miles north of here. No one on the bus was injured. It contained 10 women passengers.

## Sunday School Heads Are Re-Named At W-S

Three-Day Convention of State Association Closed Wednesday

Dr. P. E. Lindley of High Point, president, and all other officers of the North Carolina Sunday School association were re-elected at the annual meeting at Winston-Salem. The organization closed a three-day convention there Wednesday night.

Rev. Shuford Peeler of Salisbury was re-elected executive secretary.

Dr. H. Sheldon Smith, Durham; J. A. Bodine, Wilmington, and Rev. J. L. Thornburg, Statesville, were re-elected vice presidents; B. V. Hedrick, Salisbury, treasurer; and Mrs. H. A. White, High Point, recording secretary.

Selected members of the executive committee were: R. L. Pope, Thomasville, chairman; T. A. Avera, Rocky Mount; Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; Herbert W. Coyle, Burlington; F. O. Clarkson, Charlotte; C. F. Finch, Thomasville; Marvin Snider, Salisbury; Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, Charlotte; Charles W. Gunter, Gastonia; Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Raleigh; Miss Lucy H. Pell, Greensboro; John Sprunt Hill, Durham; Mrs. Cameron Morrison, Charlotte; Professor D. J. Bowden, Elon College; R. A. McCuiston, Winston-Salem; H. C. Dennis, Henderson; Miss Maud Reid, Raleigh; C. F. Ritchie, Concord; Ira G. Shamel, Winston-Salem; A. E. Tate, High Point; E. F. Craven, Greensboro; C. S. Wallace, Morehead City; and W. L. Ward, Asheboro.

## President Is Now A Pythian

Local members of the order Knights of Pythias, will be interested in the announcement that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States was formerly initiated into the fraternity as a member of Columbus lodge, No. 323, on the evening of February 19, 1936, under the auspices of the above named lodge.

Arrangements were made for the conferring of the Ranks of Knighthood upon the President at the White House, the initiatory work being done by Supreme Lodge officers. Richard L. Mears of Wilmington, Supreme Master of Exchequer, and well-known to Salisbury Pythians, acted as Vice Chancellor during the initiation ceremonies.

## REPORTS SON MISSING

New York—James V. Auditors, president of the Port Shipping company, and intimate friend of former Mayor James J. Walker, reported to police his 19-year-old son, Dominic, has been missing since February 9.

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## Firm Robbed 3 Times On Consecutive Nights

Windsor—Sheriff Fred Dunstan denies that Windsor is a sleepy town, but he is not emphatic about it. Disputants offer this tale as more or less contrary proof.

Thieves robbed the wholesale store of E. E. Bohen on three consecutive nights last week. Thursday night they got \$100 worth of hams and flour after ripping a padlock from the front door. Bohen put on a new padlock and felt secure.

Friday night the robbers returned, removed the new fastener, made the same entrance, and bundled \$900 worth of cigarettes into an automobile left in front of the place.

This time Bohen was mad clear through. He padlocked again and, in addition, placed an iron bar across the inside of the door. "And left the lights burning, too,"

Ed," advised the sheriff, which is what Bohen said.

So Saturday night the intruders made their third visit. They got the padlock off as usual but found the bar too annoying. Maddened perhaps, they went around back and shinned in through an open window. They had brought two large spike hammers with them, which they had left behind, and, under the glare of a 200-candle-power electric light, they wielded these in an anvil chorus for a half hour on the store safe. It finally cracked and they emptied it of \$200 in cash.

Sunday Bohen was quite put out again, and that night he sat waiting for the ambitious thieves with a shotgun. He had picked the wrong night. They didn't come back.