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Electric Rates

It was not so many years ago that electricity was considered a luxury which could only be afforded by persons in the above-the-average income groups.

The widespread use of electricity and its being made available to so many people makes the subject of electric rates one of vital importance to a majority of residents of almost any community.

Electric rates vary in different parts of the country and it is interesting to compare what you are paying with what people in other parts of the country pay for electric service and the national average rate.

According to figures compiled by the Federal Power Commission the United States average rate for 25 kilowatt hours is \$1.53. The average rate for North Carolina is \$1.50 and South Carolina \$1.42. Thus it is seen that the people of the Carolinas are getting kilowatts at a cheaper rate than the national average.

But to bring the subject closer home and get down to what we as individuals are paying, we find that we are getting electricity at a rate even lower than the North Carolina average. The Duke Power company rate for 25 kilowatts is only \$1.33, which is 20 cents, or 13 per cent, under the national average and 17 cents below the state average rate.

Going up to 100 kilowatt hours we find a greater saving. The Duke Power company rate for 100 kilowatts is \$3.20 as compared to \$4.22 for the nation as a whole and \$4.06 as the state average. The rate on 100 kilowatts here is almost one-fourth less than the average rate in the nation and the same rate on the Duke Power system applies to the rural home many miles from the branch office or next door.

In looking over commercial rates we find the Duke Power company customer paying from 23 to 35 per cent less than the national average rate.

Many factors and company policies are responsible for the lower rates afforded users of electricity in this section served by the Duke Power company. Greater consumption of electricity means lowered cost per kilowatt hour for the company and makes possible the passing on of savings to consumers.

How rates are affected by consumption is better told by these paragraphs which appeared in Duke Power company magazine:

"As the uses for electric service in the homes have increased and as the consumption of current per customer has grown the cost of electric service has rapidly decreased so that, while the cost of commodities in general is still relatively high, the cost of electric service has declined to the point where it is recognized as the cheapest commodity on the American market today.

"Only a comparatively few years ago electricity was used for little except lighting, and the average customer used only two or three hundred KWH of current per year. Today the average family on the Duke Power system uses approximately 940 KWH per year.

"In this immediate territory as late as 1924 the average cost of electric service for the home was 8.6c per KWH. On January 1, 1933, this cost of service had been reduced to 5.5c per KWH. Today it is approximately 3.2c per KWH—and the average family is paying for electric service only about 9c per day—less than the tax alone on a gallon and a half of gasoline—less than one-half of the price of one gallon of gasoline.

"In this connection it is interesting and gratifying to note that the average consumption of electricity in the homes of Piedmont Carolinas is above the national average, while the average rate paid for residential service is substantially under the national average.

"It has consistently been the aim and purpose of the Duke Power Company to render to its customers the highest standard of electric service that it is humanly possible to render this service at the lowest rate consistent with sound business policy."

"I will study and prepare myself, and some day my chance will come."—Lincoln.

Should Sign Forms

This week represents the last opportunity for farmers to sign up for the farm program this year.

The farm program represents a great opportunity to get paid for something you should do anyway and we think all the farmers who can earn a payment under the program should do so.

A big sum of money has been appropriated by congress to carry out the farm program.

Whatever part is due Wilkes farmers should be earned by carrying out the practices for which payment is made. If Wilkes farmers do not earn and receive their share it will be spent somewhere else.

The blanks are now in the hands of the township committeemen. All who receive a payment for this year must sign this week and early action is important.

Dr. Hubbard Honored

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, chief of the staff of the Wilkes hospital in this city, received a high honor Wednesday night when he was elected president of the North Carolina Hospital Association in a meeting held in Winston-Salem.

We extend congratulations to Dr. Hubbard and hasten to point out that the honor bestowed upon him by the state-wide organization is well deserved. We are glad that this honor has come to a local citizen and feel assured that his many friends throughout northwestern North Carolina are glad because of the honor shown him by associates in his profession throughout the state.

It is not necessary here to use a lot of space to praise the life and work of Dr. Hubbard. They speak for themselves better than anything we might say, but we would not close this little article without saying that the North Carolina Hospital Association has picked an able and highly deserving member as its president.

School For Officers

Those responsible are rendering a valuable public service by obtaining an officers' course here this month for law enforcement officers of Wilkes and adjoining counties.

An instructor from the Federal Bureau Of Investigation will conduct the school, instructing the officers in various phases of law enforcement practices.

Granting that the officers here and in adjoining counties are equal and possibly better than the average, there is always room for improvement and it is commendable that the officers themselves took the initiative in securing the course for their own training. It shows that they have a desire to improve and to render more efficient service to the public whom they are employed to protect.

Of course it is unreasonable to assume that police officers and sheriffs can equal G-Men in law enforcement methods. They have not had years of training and do not have the numerous facilities to which the FBI investigators can turn for scientific help.

But there are many things the officers can learn to do, even with meagre facilities, which will help them in the big task of combatting crime and enforcing the multiple laws of the state.

Opportunities

About this time of year parents of sons graduating from school are giving anxious thought to possible professions, trades, and just plain jobs. Here's a reminder from The Progressive Farmer:

The farm will always offer opportunities, for the intelligent, alert man who loves the farm and takes pride in mastering a small empire.—S. R. A., Alamance County, N. C.

Borrowed Comment

TAR HEEL CENTENARIANS

(Morganton News-Herald)

Because a Burke county negro was one of the eight North Carolinians whose ages ranged from a hundred upwards to die in February there is local interest in the report for February of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. It was a thing that prompted officials of the State Board of Health to issue a special news release. And well it might, for even if the records of age were a bit uncertain there was abundant evidence that North Carolina folks last a long time—or some of them do.

The total ages reported for the eight aggregated 834 years. The baby of the group was a mere hundred, the oldest laid claim to 112 years. This senior member, a negro woman living in Wilkes county, was reported to have frozen to death. But for the unusually severe winter in the mountains she might still be going strong.

The oldest white man dying in February was Surry county's last surviving Confederate veteran, the esteemed 'Equire James Odell. His age could doubtless be definitely determined by reason of his army service as a young man. But for some of the colored centenarians it was more or less a guess. Some of these, born in servitude, did not have the benefit of Bible entries such as were usually made for the children of their masters.

The other white centenarian was William McCrary, 101, who lived over at Brevard, in Transylvania county.

Formerly eight centenarians within six months, or longer, might have been a record, and the fact that more people each year are passing the century mark becomes real news for North Carolina, and something to brag about.

331 Pedestrians Killed In Year

"One of our best opportunities for effecting a reduction in the number of accidents, injuries and fatalities on our streets and highways is through education and regulation of pedestrians," says Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division.

Describing the pedestrian problem as "an ugly blemish" on North Carolina's accident record, Hocutt pointed out that 331 pedestrians were killed in the State last year and another 1,021 were injured. In the country as a whole last year, 12,470 pedestrians were reported killed and 293,810 were reported injured. One out of every three persons killed in motor vehicle accidents were pedestrians.

Apparently, our pedestrians are as much in need of education and regulation as our drivers," declared Hocutt. "We must not only teach pedestrians safe walking habits, but must also demand of them the same strict observance of traffic laws that we demand of the driver.

"The pedestrian has been pampered and spoiled. He receives no ticket for 'parking' absent-mindedly in the roadway. He is not picked up for reckless walking when he zig-zags across the street between intersections. He is not taxed or licensed and has to meet no special requirements before being permitted to use the streets and highways. He has been walking into trouble these many years, and our problem is to extricate him without the use of an ambulance if we can find the means to do so."

Pat had been out on a party. Along about four in the morning, he was staggering home. Coming to a bridge he halted in the exact center and saw the moon reflected in the water.

Just about that time a policeman came along.

"What is that down there in the water?" asked Pat.

"Why, that's the moon."

"Well, how did I get up here?"

Regardless of what the speed limit is, adjust your speed to existing conditions.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, entitled "Wilkes County versus Mrs. J. W. Minor and husband, J. W. Minor," the undersigned Commissioner will on the 29th day of April, 1940, at 12:00 o'clock noon, at the Court House door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land, lying and being in Edwards Township, Wilkes County, N. C., being 1 lot of land, more or less, listed in Edwards township in the name of Mrs. J. W. Minor in 1936, being all the land owned and or listed in 1936 by Mrs. J. W. Minor.

For further description reference is made to description found in Book—, Page—, in the Register of Deeds office of Wilkes County.

This the 29th day of March, 1940.

F. J. McDUFFIE, Commissioner.

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Low Income Families Get Cotton Mattresses

Cotton and other materials for the making of mattresses is being given to low income families of the State through a cooperative program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State College Extension Service. Already six counties have availed themselves of this opportunity to receive without cost surplus cotton held by the Surplus Commodities Corporation.

The materials for making cotton mattresses for low income families are furnished in any county where the County AAA committee certifies that there are at least 120 rural families in the specified low income group.

The Extension Service, through its county agents, takes the lead in conducting demonstrations to show members of the families and other leaders how to make the mattresses, and in distributing the cotton and ticking.

Farm families with a total cash income for the calendar year of not more than \$400, and non-farm families with a gross income for the year of not more than \$500, are eligible to participate in the surplus cotton program.

The first counties approved were Anson, McDowell, Alexander, Person, Halifax, and Wayne. Demonstrations have already been held in those counties and the cotton and ticking is on the way.

In addition to these six counties, applications have been received from Hoke, Avery, Vance, Bertie, and Yancey Counties. John W. Goodman, assistant director of Extension, and Miss

Both Current, and home demonstration agents, are in charge of the program for the Extension Service. Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension economist in home management and house furnishings, and Eugene Starnes, assistant farm agent-at-large, are conducting the demonstrations.

When drivers lose patience, doctors gain patients.

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This the 29th day of March, 1940.

F. J. McDUFFIE, Commissioner.

NOTICE! — NOTICE!

Pay your Electric Light bill before the 10th of each month. 5 per cent will be added after the 10th.

Duke Power Co.

PHONE 420 NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.

Report of the Condition of the

Bank of North Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro, N. C.

At the Close of Business March 26, 1940

RESOURCES:

Cash on hand and due from banks	\$517,212.65
U. S. Government Securities	195,926.64
State of North Carolina Bonds	51,296.88
State of South Carolina Bonds	25,112.50
Other Stocks and Bonds	\$ 789,548.67
Loans and Discounts	171,749.57
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	955,701.88
Other Real Estate	44,500.00
Other Assets	1.00
	2,170.37
	\$1,963,671.49

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 50,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	50,000.00
Surplus, Profits and Reserves	113,529.34
Other Liabilities	39,070.20
DEPOSITS	1,711,071.95
	\$1,963,671.49

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