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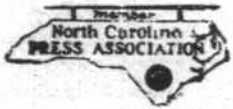
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Association Time For Baptist Churches

September is the month for annual conventions of Associations of Baptist churches, of which there are more than 100 in Wilkes county.

Reports from the associations already held are very satisfactory. In each group there is much evidence of growth, not only in number of members, but in work and activities among the churches. In addition to greater growth in membership and church activities, a great majority of the churches have carried out building programs to expand their churches plants by erection of new buildings or the additions of rooms to be used in Sunday school work.

Similar progress have been made among churches of other denominations in Wilkes county, all of which shows that the people of Wilkes have not neglected the Lord's work during the period of monetary prosperity through which they have passed during the past decade.

Fires Blamed As Hidden Killer In Smoking

Smokers who are inclined to worry about the effect of cigarettes on their lungs, hearts and blood pressure usually overlook the greatest danger in smoking, which is fire. Almost 250,000 fires yearly are due to careless smoking and matches, declares John H. Boyle in the October Journal of Living.

Some of the worst fire tragedies in America have been caused by mis-handled cigarettes. The terrible Texas City disaster in 1947 which killed 512 persons and caused more than \$32 million dollars in damages was attributed to failure in enforcing the "no smoking" rule on a nitrate-laden ship. In 1946, both Chicago's La Salle Hotel fire and Dubuque's Hotel Canfield fire, with a death toll of 80 persons, were officially blamed on cigarettes.

Besides the fires which make national headlines because of their huge loss of life and property, countless other tragedies caused by cigarettes occur every day with equally heartbreaking results. The bride whose wedding turned into a funeral when her filmy gown went up in flames, the mother who disfigured her infant for life when she dropped a lighted cigarette into its crib, the motorist who took his eyes off the road to light a cigarette and carried his wife and three children to death over an embankment—all provide a backdrop for the flaming drama of horror produced by the careless smoker.

To prevent cigarettes-caused fires, the Journal of Living article urges smokers to: 1) Avoid smoking in bed—Americans' most dangerous habit. 2) Put out cigarettes and matches before throwing them away. 3) Use big, generous ashtrays so that cigarettes can't fall off the edge. 4) Always chaperon your cigarette—never let it go out alone.

"Alcohol has little value as medicine, and it certainly carries distinct dangers to those who use it as a drink. I have never found it necessary to use it for medicine."
—Dr. William J. Mayo.

Dr. J. B. Rhine, Duke University psychologist, has been put in a novel by Upton Sinclair. Well, he can easily live that down if his foolisher friends will stop talking about it.—Greensboro Daily News.

Oil Has A Birthday

On August 27, the American oil industry will be 90 years old. On that historic date in 1859 Colonel Edwin L. Drake brought in the nation's first commercial oil well at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

Today oil is one of the basic necessities—practically every American uses it in many forms each day of his life. But matters were very different then. Colonel Drake was ridiculed. He was harassed by creditors. He was forced to contrive his own tools and techniques as he went along, on a trial and error basis. But he had a full measure of perseverance and ingenuity—traits which still mark the great industry he founded.

We have demanded oil, for the arts of peace and war, in an ever-increasing flood. We have demanded more products, and better products. The industry has never failed. It has built up our proved reserves to an all-time high, even as consumption was outrunning all the forecasts. It has devised conservation measures to prevent waste. It has performed miracles in its research laboratories. It has reinvested a large part of its profits to expand and modernize and improve its facilities, so that we can obtain the oil products we want at any time.

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A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

I'm sure that many people feel
They're handicapped along life's way,
And think they've had an unfair deal,
Or they would see a better day,
Because they're poor in earthly things
That men and nations value high,
Therefore their poverty but stings
Until their aspirations die.

O this should never be, dear soul,
If you would stop and think a bit;
For those who reach the higher goal,
And with the best and greatest sit,
Are not the richest men of earth
Who live in mansions fair and grand;
But they are those who prove their worth
By blessing men across the land!

But first of all, the men who cleave
To handicaps that would defeat
Rise up and then resolve to leave
For some exalted, higher seat
Within the realm of God's good will,
With God enthroned within the heart,
Where they on earth a place can fill
And in life's drama act their part.

The men of noblest, deepest thought,
Who've left their wondrous mark behind,
Were those who deeply, deeply sought
The blessed truth of God to find
In spite of poverty and need,
And maybe lots of suffering too,
Therefore they sowed the righteous seed
That's bringing forth a harvest true.

YOU MAY BE DULL

You may be very dull in mind
And cannot grasp a lot of truth,
Although you seek and search to find
Great knowledge in the days of youth
That may prepare your life and soul
For some good place you'd like to fill,
Where you could gain the honor roll
Upon the top of manhood's hill.

Don't stop because you find it hard
To gain the truth you'd like to own,
And sometimes find your hopes are marred
Ere you have gained the longed-for throne;
But forge ahead and never quit,
Though oftentimes you may feel blue,
For faithful souls will surely sit
Beside the noble and the true.

You may be dull in books and art,
In science and a lot of things,
But you can have a godly heart
That lifts you higher up than kings
Who fill a high position here,
And maybe gain a lot of fame,
But God they do not love nor fear,
And bring no honor to His name.

It's better far to love the Lord,
Though dull in sciences and books,
And know you'll have a good reward
Because you've filled life's little nooks
The best you could along the way
With just a heart to bless mankind,
Than hear the worldly wicked say,
"Indeed he had a master mind."

Chatham Will Move Va. Plant To Elkin

The Chatham Manufacturing Company disclosed yesterday (Wednesday) that it is working on plans to move its Waynesboro, Va., blanket operations to Elkin.

Vice President Hugh Chatham said the firm would retain an option to purchase the leased Waynesboro plant, however, until December in case plans should be changed.

But he said it was the present intention of the Chatham firm to move the Waynesboro operations, which involve approximately 300 persons to Elkin, in order to centralize all of the company's manufacturing activities.

The Waynesboro plant was leased last December for one year by Chatham in order to manufacture the Bunny Esmond crib blanket. The lease, with Textron, Inc., also gave Chatham the option to buy after the year had ended.

Mr. Chatham said the firm had studied the situation and thought

it would be more efficient to put the operations together at Elkin. He said plans are now proceeding on the expansion of the company's plant at Elkin in order to take care of the new activities. Machinery used at Waynesboro is not available at the present Elkin plant and must be ordered.

The Chatham official said that if the move is carried through, enough personnel will be added at Elkin to take care of the new blanket operations. But he said that 300 persons will not be needed at Elkin, since some present personnel will be able to take care of some of the work.

Chappell Funeral Conducted Sunday

Elkin, Sept. 22.—Funeral service for James Clinton Chappell, 50, of Jonesville, who died unexpectedly Thursday afternoon of a heart attack, was held at 2 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Jonesville.

Mr. Chappell was a member of

the First Baptist church of Jonesville.

He was married to Mrs. Pearl Nicholson Chappell who died three years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Walter Rose of Jonesville; one grandson; the mother, Mrs. Frank Chappell; four brothers, N. W. and Clarence Chappell, both of Jonesville, and John and Mode Chappell of Cycle; three sisters, Mrs. Dick Teague of Winston-Salem; Mrs. F. M. Kimmer of Boonville and Mrs. Tom Swaim of Cycle.

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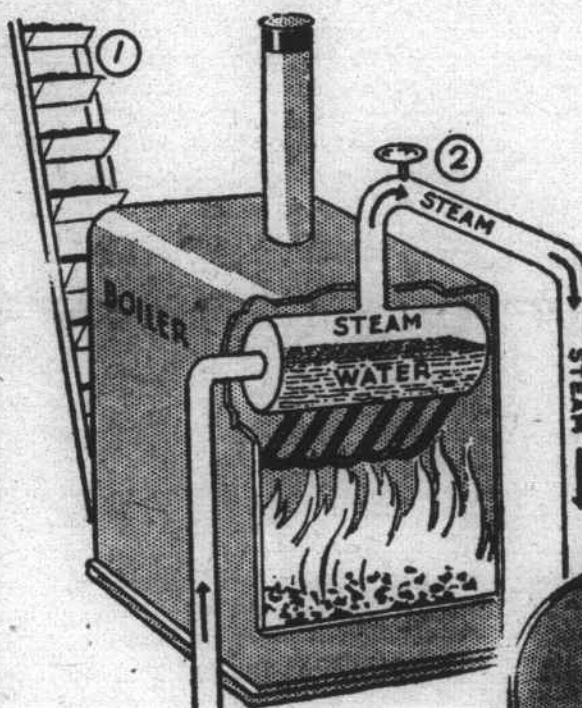
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PIEDMONT POWER PRIMER Lesson Eight

MAKING ELECTRICITY FROM STEAM

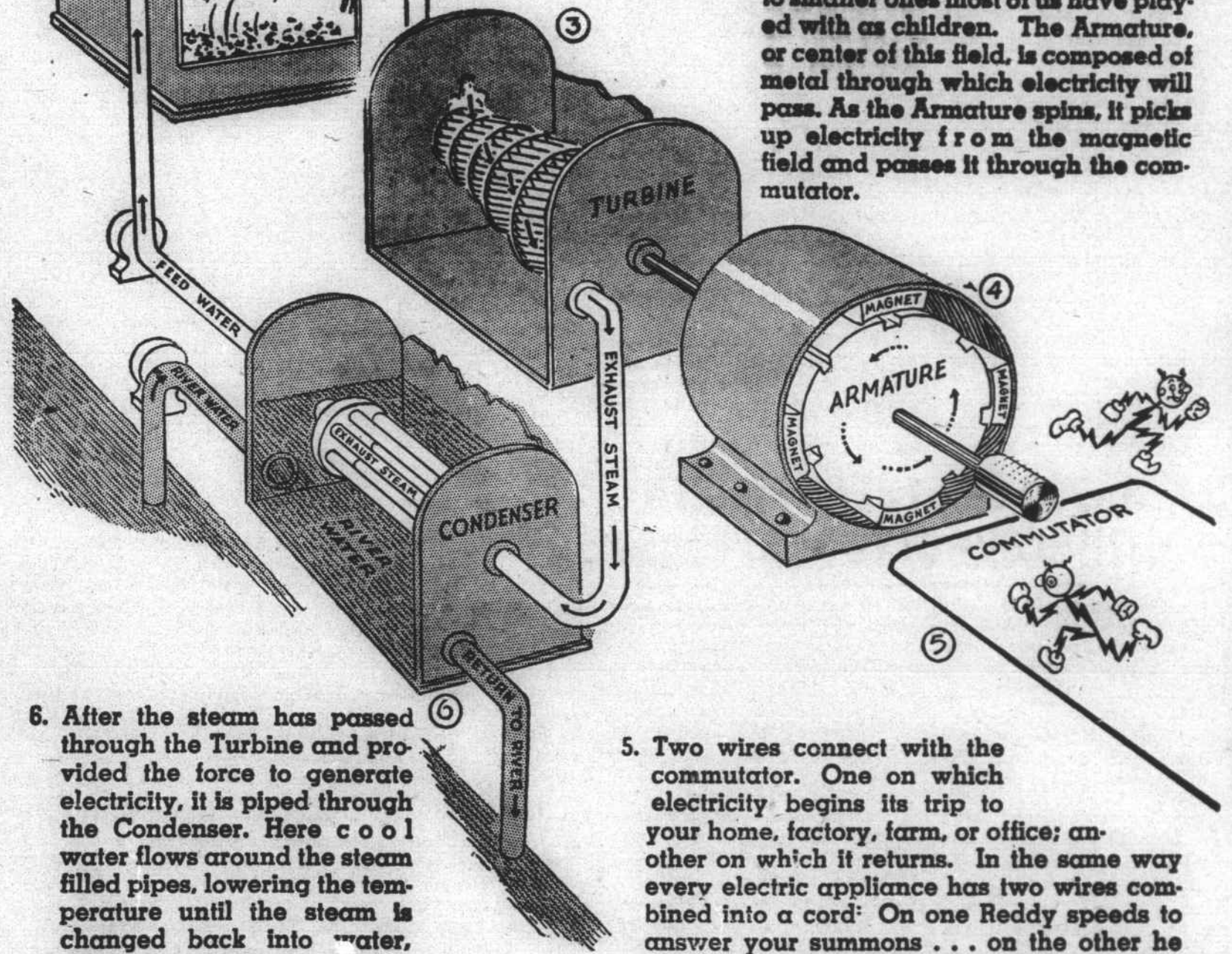
Rivers rushing from the mountains across the Piedmont were this region's first source of electricity. To assure constant service, even in times of drought and flood, steam stations were added to the Duke Power system early in the 1920's. Today, such stations are doubly necessary because of the demand for power in the busy Piedmont has passed far beyond the limited potential of our rivers.

1. By means of a Conveyor, coal is brought to the pulverizer. After being finely pulverized, it is blown into the firebox.



2. Under high temperature water is changed to steam and expanded until the pressure created inside the boiler must be released.

3. Released, the steam rushes toward the Turbine, striking its blades at an angle. The force of the steam whirls the blades much as moving air whirls a windmill.



4. The Turbine is connected by a shaft to the generator. Inside the generator a magnetic field is made by wiring together giant magnets similar to smaller ones most of us have played with as children. The Armature, or center of this field, is composed of metal through which electricity will pass. As the Armature spins, it picks up electricity from the magnetic field and passes it through the commutator.

6. After the steam has passed through the Turbine and provided the force to generate electricity, it is piped through the Condenser. Here cool water flows around the steam filled pipes, lowering the temperature until the steam is changed back into water, ready for a new circuit through Boiler and Turbine. This condensed water is used over and over again.

5. Two wires connect with the commutator. One on which electricity begins its trip to your home, factory, farm, or office; another on which it returns. In the same way every electric appliance has two wires combined into a cord. On one Reddy speeds to answer your summons... on the other he hurries back to his starting point, to come again when you need him.

Steam plants are located on rivers in order to have a continuous flow of water to the Condenser. The cooling water returns to the river unharmed.

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