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Municipal Power Is Much Higher

A report of the electric rate survey by the Federal Power Commission which was issued on July 17 and covering 24 privately owned utilities and 68 municipal plants of North Carolina shows the Southern Public Utilities as having one of the lowest rates in the state. The municipal plant at Forest City has \$1 minimum against our 80c. For 250 kilowatts Forest City charges \$9.62; we get it for \$8.10. Shelby city plant is still higher with a minimum of \$1.25 and \$10.33 for 250 kilowatts. Waynesville has a minimum of \$1.20 and \$10.20 against our \$8.10 for 250 kilowatts. We couldn't find a single municipal plant that had a rate as low as the Duke Power Co., rate. We are fortunate in enjoying lower domestic and residential rates and in addition get the tax revenue from the Duke Power Co., while other communities with municipal plants have to pay higher rates and get no taxes from the plants. Then, too, we have better maintenance service than would be possible from a small municipal plant.

Community Wealth

Rector's Laundry has just installed some more new machinery for putting on a better finish for wash suits. This is an addition to the new machinery for finishing shirts. The purchase of this new machinery and the service it renders add to the material wealth of the community. Men can now wear shirts and wash suits at least twice as long as when they were finished the old way and they will still look better.

Dunwanderin

Done wandering after visiting some of the most interesting places in the world, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burns Peattie came to Tryon and found what they called "An Unspoiled Paradise", and named their home "Dunwanderin". Those names tell much of their appreciation of Tryon.

Mr. Peattie left us a few years ago, and the passing on Friday of Mrs. Peattie brought to a close an interesting and useful life. But her contributions to Tryon will live on in the spirit and activities of the people of this community. Unlike many outsiders who try to revolutionize a place and show how things are done elsewhere, she loved Tryon as it was—An Unspoiled Paradise. She was as salt that brought out the best flavors of the community life. She didn't extol the virtues of foreign writers as much as she helped to crystalize the local atmosphere of Sidney Lanier, and her name and interest is forever linked with his on the monument at Lynn. As co-founder of the Drama Fortnightly, and as president of the Garden club and Lanier club for a number of times she took a leading part in promoting the cultural life of the community. She loved Tryon, talked Tryon, wrote Tryon, and sowed seeds abroad that will bear fruit for us in the years to come. We owe a debt to the lasting influence of Elia W. Peattie.

Indicative of the good grain harvest in Cabarrus county this season, two new granaries with a capacity of between three and four thousand bushels each have been built within the past two weeks.