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Rates Next Year

eduction Makes Consider-able Difference In Light And Power Rates

General Reduction

Affects Cost Of Residential, Farm And Commercial Electrical Service

An important rate reduction has een announced by the Utilities Commissions, which affects the ost of electrical service to residential, farm and commercial cusomers throughout the territory arved by the Carolina Power & Light Company. The new top rate is now down to 5c. An estimated saving of more than \$700,000 will result for company patrons during the next twelve months.

Under the new rate schedule all sidential, farm and commercial stomers are granted definite enefits without exception and regardless of the amount of electricity used in the past or consumed in the future.

The new rate replaces and is lower than the inducement rates already enjoyed in the past.

The action of the utility in reducing rates at this time comes as a surprise to the majority of patns as the drastic reductions in 1935 and 1936 were thought to represent the climax of a series of rate cuts made over a long period of years. The cuts of last year and the year before made cheap electricity a reality and many supposed that the lowest possible level in cost had been reached.

Effective on all bills rendered on or after January 26, all domestic users will be billed as per the foilowing schedule: 5c per KWH for first 50 KWH used, 3c per KWH for next 50 KWH used, 2c per KWH for next 150 KWH used, 1.5c per KWH for all additional KWH

The monthly minimum charge liang, had resigned all his offices will be \$1.00 which includes the in Shensi province and would go

The new rate schedule reveals was threatened by Nanking armies that the top price of electricity to after the kidnaping, which was domestic customers is only a staged in an effort to force Chinickel which is exactly one-third of the top rate in 1915 and only one half that of the top rate charged only a few years ago. The fact that the rate drops as low as 1½c per KWH enables portion of their current at a figure siderably lower than in many sections of the country. The top rate of only 5c per KWH with sharp reductions in the schedule down to the 1½c per KWH mini-mum is evidence that cheap electricity is a reality in this territory It is understood that the latest rate reduction has been brought about by the ready reception which he public has given cheap electri-

FIND WRECK OF

retary of War Harry Woodring advised continuance of the present ONE AIRLINER Salt Lake City, Utah.—A north-est airlines transport, one of two ed military establishment. In view Salt Lake City, Utah .- A northnes missing since last week of the disturbed international over the Rockies, was sighted ly- situation he recommended unrelaxing wrecked in the wilds of north ed vigor in the pursuance of this daho Monday. The pilot was discovered the wreckage from the air could not land to investigate but said there was no doubt that both of its occupants were dead.

On trained reserve manpower, fighting airplanes, and other equipment.

"In the light of present world"

MR. VESTAL BACK.

AT HIS OFFICE our own national safety. A secure Earl Vestal, manager of the defense is our most dependable man-Vestal Ford agency, has recovered sufficiently from a some-what severe attack of influenza, to be back at his office after a ten- sures of preparedness advocated by

A Disit Fram By Clement Clarke Moore



He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle. And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

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2 MORE IOPPING DAYS

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

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Carolina Power Light Co. Reduces Post Card Cheer Fund Carolina Power Light Co. Reduces Post Card Cheer Fund Life Sentence Says Local Welfare Head

Chiang Release **Expected Soon**

Release of Premier Chiang Kai-

recent picture, was believed imminent, with the report that his abductor, Marshall Chang Hsueh-

abroad. Chang's capital of Sian Fu

Secretary Of War

Asks More Troops

Alarming International Situa

tion Calls For Modern Military Set Up

Larger Reserve

Sec. Woodring Wants Air-

craft Building Program To

Be Accelerated

Making his annual report, Sec

conditions," he declared, "we can-

not afford to neglect measures for

guaranty against aggression by

"Those who interpret the mea-

war are uninformed upon the true

nature of those measures. They are

solely for our own protection.

of only a small regular army, but

well equipped so that in war it may

Woodring advocated the creation

of an enlisted reserve of 150,000,

expansion of the national guard to

210,000 from its present strength

of 187,000 and maintenance of the regular army at its present authorized minimum enlisted

He also asked for 2,000 more re

gular officers, to be added during

the next five years, and increased

summer training facilities to care

for an expansion of 10,000 in the

number of reserve officers and 20,000 in the number of youths train-

The war secretary said of the

"The program for procuremen

provide for the delivery of sufficient

combat airplanes annually to reach the authorized total of 2,320 serv-

ceable military airplanes as early

Woodring recently said he hoped congress would provide funds for he purchase of 700 new planes in

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authorized minimum

strength.

"They involve the maintenance



Fruits, Nuts, Candies And Small Toys Included In Christmas Cheer Bags

Kiwanis & Scouts Have Also Helped

Response Generous, But More Needed To Fill All Empty Stockings

Robert Lloyd, county welfare officer, said Tuesday morning that the response to the Post Card Christmas Cheer Fund has been very good. With a little more help he will be able to cover the county so that every needy child will have a treat on Christmas day, and San Salvador. this help seems assured from the manner in which people have already been contributing.

ing enough for 100 children to be- the scene. gin with. Apples, oranges, candy, nuts, and small toys will be provided the less fortunately situated children of Randolph county through the fund.

Many parents have already begun to come in for this Christmas treat and many more are expected will send the gifts to those who cannot come to Asheboro from out in the county. Most of the erupting. children will receive the treat Christmas morning as if the rewithout knowing where it came the presents to the children in any necessity of having the origin dis-

The welfare office has also received aid in its Christmas program in addition to the Post Card Christmas Cheer Fund. A number of toys have been secured through the Kiwanis club and the Boy the Kiwanis club and the Boy and loss of life.

Government officials returning ast night from the disaster area said the widespread wreckage was impeding rescue work and making virtually impossible any accurate estimate of the property damage and loss of life. made donations, and others have signified their intentions of furnishing some needy family with a response has been very gratify-

ing," said Mr. Lloyd. While preparations for making children cheerful and happy at Christmas time are going along so well, the ordinary needs of the wel-fare department should not be overlooked. There is still a need for boys' and girls' shoes and coats for school children.

Officers Trying

Asheboro police officers were notified Tuesday morning of the finding of a hat lying in a pool of blood and have been trying to un. Mr. McMasters. ravel the mystery ever since. The hat was found lying near the bridge less than a mile from town on the old Farmer road, near the Frank Ridge home.

Officers have made contact with mystery still a mystery. A citizen day, December 28. from that section brought the hat this department as provocative of to the local officers who went at DR. SIDNEY ROBINS once to investigate.

B. S. MOFFITT OF

ones which, menacing none, are COLERIDGE HERE TUES. one which must be well trained and Tuesday. Mr. Moffitt is among the the late Marmaduke Robins, foundleading members of the Shiloh er of The Courier, and the late land is expected to do the same serve as the nucleus of our citizen Christian church. Mr. Moffitt is 80 Mrs. Annie Moring Robins. Dr. years old but is very active for Robins is a teacher of philosophy Car Demolished

In San Salvador

Two Hundred Bodies Remov-ed In Early Hours Follow-ing Terrible Quake

Toll Increasing

Reaches To Nearby Villages; Telephone And Telegraph Connections Cut

With death tolls mounting every several hours, the city in ruins, the dead lying about the streets, San Salvador, Salvador, is a stricker land. Officials feared Monday night that the death toll would continu to mount after 200 hundred bodie. were recovered as speedily as possible from the wreckage of Sunday morning earthquake.

How high the deaths would reach no one would estimate, but govern ment officials dispatched all relies available to the area.

Accurate reports were made in creasingly difficult to obtain because of the disrupted communica tions between the quake area and

Telephone and telegraph lines were ripped down by the quakes and information could be had only Mr. Lloyd purchased this morn- from those who fled inland from

The quake, which first struck the sleeping city of San Cicente Saturday night, crashed buildings and shook the earth in villages nearby, eyewitnesses said. Refugees, with their families and

household belongings fled along rural roads trying to reach safety daily from now on, but Mr. Lloyd from the ever-menacing volcano Sana Rita, southeast of San Vicente which some refugees said was

Adding to the fears of molten lava pouring from the volcano over sult of a regular Santa Claus visit the wrecked city was the specter of epidemics. Much of San Vincente's from, but the parents may give supply of drinking water was poisoned by sulphur apparently guise they wish without any exuding from the smoking volcano after the quake.

In Town Monday

T. D. McMasters of Staley, route two, one of Randolph county's few remaining grand old Confederate veterans, was in Asheboro Monday to collect his pension. Mr. McMasters will be 92 in the spring, but he had been made with shipowners' is still active and alert physically

and mentally.
While in Asheboro Mr. McMasters stopped in The Courier office for a few minutes. He has been a subscriber to The Courier since it Solve A Mystery was first published as The Regulator by M. S. Robins.

Accompanying him on his visit to Asheboro were his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Edwards, and Mr. Edwards, who make their home with

LIBRARY WILL CLOSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Randolph Public Library will observe Christmas holidays the doctors of Asheboro to see if during a two day period. The anyone was treated for an injury library will be closed on Friday during the night or early morn- and Saturday of this week, ing, but no clue has come from December 25-26, and those who that source. Neither did anyone in wish to secure books are urged to that neighborhood hear a noise do so, before closing hour Thursduring the night, which leaves the day. The library will reopen Mon-

VISITING IN TOWN Dr. Sidney Robins and two sons, Richard and Ralph, of Canton, N. Y., are visiting in the home of Dr. B. S. Moffitt, prominent farmer Robins' brother, H. M. Robins of his age and still takes part in all at the St. Lawrence University at church and community affairs. Canton, N. Y.

Christmas Greetings From The Courier To Our Friends

To our friends who are so far | ment of The Courier staff. away that our Christmas eve issue will not reach in time, The Courier staff-one and all-wish our many friends a very happy Christmas. safety. To those who remain at them. Those who are too far away last-minute message to to be with friends and at home, reaved friends we wish comfort and peace within. For young folk, we wish joy unbounded at this glad season. And, in the words of some wise person, "Thine own wish, wish I thee," is the senti-

In order that we, too, may have a brief holiday we plan to issue a newspaper on Thursday morning, To those who travel, we wish instead of Thursday afternoon, as usual. This earlier issuance will home, we wish peace and joy with serve a two-fold purpose. It will their friends and loved ones about enable the advertisers to get a customers and give The Courier we wish a deep contentment and staff a holiday on Christmas eve happiness and for the several be- and Christmas day. On Saturday

Life Sentence



Harry Brunette, desperado capraid in New York, ducks the camthe life term to which he was sentenced in federal court at Trenton. N. J., when he pleaded guilty to the leg irons that shackle him.

News Flashes - trom Everywhere

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT

San Francisco.-The first break in the Pacific coast shipping strike came Sunday when Harry Lunde berg, head of the sailors' union. stated that a tentative agreement representatives. It is hoped that terms will be reached soon that are agreeable to the other seamen's

STRIKES TIE UP AUTO INDUSTRY

Detroit .- Disputes in a score of scattered factories making automobile parts have resulted in nearly 30,000 workers being on strike and has caused major concerns considerable worry. Strikes in glass plants are bothering the Chrysler corporation, which is said to have only enough glass to last until January, and a tie up in a wheel factory forced Ford to shut down early last week.

ETHIOPIA READY TO PROTEST AGAIN

against the setting up of diplomatic posts by England and majority ceased work Friday, but France at Addis Ababa, which some decided to carry on the first would amount to formal recognition of the Italian conquest, Ethiopa holds. France has an-Ethiopian legation to a consulateof Coleridge, was in Asheboro Asheboro. Dr. Robins is a son of general, usually established in colonies of other powers, and Eng-

In Wreck Monday

What Highway Patrolman H. V. ing damaged slightly and the Belk's, Blooms, M'Lady's Shop. Chevrolet being completely defrom the wreckage of his car.

was going west. After investigat- Christmas time. has been set for January 4, before the Bank of Coleridge at Ramseur, during the holidays to visit their Justice of the Peace R. A. Colvin. have previously announced that friends and neighbors.

Town Officers Contr Pope Pius XI To With PWA Director Ca Proposed PWA Project

Mayor W. A. Bunch Near 80, Kellogg Is Making Plans

Walter Yow, City Treasurer, Assisting In Plans For Town's Progress

Being Considered City Fathers Have Ordered Issuance Of \$100,000 Bonds

For Improvements

Two PWA Projects

Mayor Walter Bunch and City Treasurer Walter Yow went to Chapel Hill today to confer with Stanley H. Wright, state PWA director, in regard to Asheboro's proposed PWA projects.

The Asheboro representatives discussed the details of the two projects and the possibility of an early approval with the PWA director. The action of the city commissioners in authorizing \$100,000 bond issue Thursday for Asheboro's share of the projects and the unqualified support given this move by the Chamber of Commerce and other leaders of the town are expected to react favorably upon PWA officials.

As is generally known, these funds are for improvements greatly needed by Asheboro, the additions to the water and sewer system being necessary for adequate fire protection and satisfactory sanitation, while the proposed community building-city hall will era above, but he couldn't duck provide a center for civic activities and properly house city offices. It Asheboro obtains these PWA projects now, the city will get imkidnaping a state trooper. Note provements valued at approximately \$180,000 for \$100,000, with the government contributing the

remaining \$80,000 in a free grant Mr. Bunch and Mr. Yow also met with William M. Piatt, consulting sanitary engineer, in Durham, with reference to the sanitary survey which Asheboro is planning to have made of its sewer system.

Winter Solstice Occurred Monday

Asheboro has had some mighty cold weather already, but actually winter did not arrive until vester-

At 7:27 a. m., eastern standard time, Monday, the sun, which has been moving southward in the sky since June, reached the end of its journey, and started northward. This moment, the "winter solstice," was the official beginning of winter. For people in the northern hemisphere, the noon-day sun was then at its least altitude.

Because it is so low, its ray are spread out over a larger area than at other times of year, and they have less heating effect. This is the reason for the cold weather of December and January. However, at this time, the sun is high in the sky for residents of the southern hemisphere, and so they had summer starting on the 21st.

MANY COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE CLOSING TODAY

Practically all schools in the county which did not close Friday are winding up work and will close London,-Ethiopia is preparing today for the Christmas holidays, protest to the League of Nations County Superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla said this morning. The two days of this week.

Sees Hopes Fade



Outside the swirl of internaional diplomacy, Frank B. Kellogg, above, former U. S. secretary of state and world court member, now retired, goes into his eightieth year with evidence that the peace measures to which he gave much of his career are crubling under the stress of new European crises. Kellogg's greatest single .achievement was the Kellegg-Briand peace pact. He was the 1929 Nobel peace prize winner. His birthday falls on December 22.

ME Young People Will Sing Carols

Epworth League Presented "The Guest At The Inn", Play Of Christ Child -

Christmas Theme

Interest Growing In League Meetings; Attendance Sunday Numbered 60

The Young People's Division of Sunday, December 20. At the the case, hesitates to use it on the morning worship hour there were 75-year-old Pontiff. 105 in attendance and at the Epworth League there were approximately 60. Interest is growing in Steel Districts the league meetings and it is hoped that more will be out to the meetings each week which are held at 6:30 in the evening.

The meeting this week was characterized by a short play entitled "The Guest at the Inn." The setting was an old European Inn. The inn-keeper had prepared food and lodging in hopes that the Christ Child might come to her inn. There came to her on Christmas Eve, a rich lady, one who was troubled and in distress, and one who was homeless, hungry and

cold, with an infant in her arms. After these had gone, she discovered that her food was gone and if the Christ Child should come to the inn, there would be no food or lodging for Him as it had been at the time of his birth.

Suddenly a voice from the dark plan. speaks to her: "Stacia, I was was thirsty and ye gave

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nounced that it will reduce its Holiday Plans For Town's **Business Houses For Week**

Since an announcement a few they will be closed from Christmas days ago to the effect that the eve until Monday morning. Decemstores of Asheboro would be closed ber 28th. Christmas eye, several changes Chevrolet belonging to Frank Millinery Shoppe, W. W. Jones and Sherly of Asheboro, the Ford be- Sons, Coffin and Scarboro, Hudson-

This leaves the ten cent stores molished. Fowler sustained a few of the town, drug stores, grocery cuts, but Sherly escaped unhurt establishments, furniture stores The accident is said to have on Saturday, December 26th. The onto the highway after being statement was to give the people

The two banks in Asheboro, the ing, Patrolman Norris charged The two banks in Asheboro, the usual Christmas visiting by Fowler with reckless driving. Trial People's bank at Randleman and who will have sufficient

for a double holiday following Picture shows will be open with Christmas programs. There will be have been made in the plans, a service at the First Methodist Norris termed the worst wreck he Everything will be closed on church on Christmas day with had ever seen for no one to be Christmas day, it is true, but the early communion at 7, and seriously hurt occurred about 6:30 Saturday closing is not general, again at 9:00 a. m. for those who Monday on Highway 62, about The following stores will be closed do not attend the early service. two miles west of town. A Ford on Saturday, as well as Christmas Schools closed at most places in V-8 driven by C. S. Fowler of day: B. C. Moore and Sons, H. and the county several days ago, but at Asheboro and Charlotte struck a H. Clothing Co., Kate Hammer's a few places work was continued the first two days of this week All county schools began the holiday period Tuesday afternoon however.

Few public celebrations have been planned save a dance sponsor and a few dry goods places open ed by the local American Legion for Wednesday evening. There are happened as Sherly, pulling back reason set forth in the signed a great many visitors and homecomers in town and several private parked on the shoulders of the connected with these places of affairs on the social calendar. The road, was struck by Fowler, who business a longer holiday at chief entertainment for the town will be family gatherings and the usual Christmas visiting by people who will have sufficient leisure

Speak To World On Christmas Eve

Physicians Fear The Strain Will Be Too Great For The Weakened Pontiff

Grieves Over War

Remains Motionless From A Vericose-Congestion Condition

Reports from Vatican City reveal news ethat the condition of Pope Pius XI remains satisfactory but attending physicians state that it will be necessary for the Holy Father to remain very quiet. Despite this, he decided to speak to the world on Christmas Eve and ordered Father Soccorsi, the Vatican radio director, to prepare a broadcast for 12:30 p. m. Rome time-6:30 eastern standard time Thursday.

A microphone will be set up it the Pope's study, next to his bed-room. He will be carried to his desk and placed in an armchair for the talk. The Pope's physicians expressed concern lest he overexert himself and impair his recovery from the slight attack of paralysis and circulatory congestion that he recently suffered. Firm in his stand to broadcast, physicians were able to dissuade him from his usual reception of cardinals on Christmas Eve. On this occasion the Pope sums up his joys and sorrows of the year. In the sorrow column is the bloody Spanish war over which he will express his deep emotion.

An ancient proverb rules the guarding of reports concerning the health of the Pope—"the Pope is not ill until he is dead." Informed sources explained this policy was dictated by the Pontiff's position as sole ruler of the Catholic church. As long as he lives, the Vatican must take every measure to avoid compromising the papal authority of promoting speculation concerning his possible successor. Meanwhile, the Pope must re-

main motionless because of a veri cose condition of his left leg which remains about the same. Nothing has occurred to cause his condition to become worse or to cause an alarm over his general condition The Pope continues to attend to the duties of his office, issuing orders and attending to their dis charge. Physicians have held consultation about injecting the newest treatment for blood pressure but, because the treatment is the First M. E. church had good somewhat strenuous, Dr. Milani, attendance at both of its meetings attending physician in charge of

Rebel Union Plan

Three Major Steel Districts
Display Disapproval Of
Union Tactics

Favor Lewis' Plan

Claims Industry Employing Dog-In-Manger Attitude With Trade Union Joining forces with John L

Lewis' Committee for Industrial

Organization, representatives of

three major steel districts of the eastern United States, displayed their rebellion Sunday night against the steel industry's union The first big movement of comnungered and ye gave me to eat,) pany union men into the Lewis orme ganization followed a warning by Philip Murray, Lewis' chief aide

that a strike in the \$5,000,000,000 industry might result "if the industry continues to employ its dog-in-the manager attitude," in desiing with trade unions. Claiming that the steel workers organizing committee has enrolled

128,000 of the industry's 500,000 workers since its drive was started in June, Murray said: "It has not been our purpose to

organize steel by calling a strike But may I venture to say that if the industry continues to employ its dog-in-the-manger attitud and refuses to deal with a trade union, the results must necessarily rest on the doorsteps of the man agement."

A group of 250 company union representatives, assembled here from the Pittsburg, the Cleveland-Youngstown and the Eastern dis-tricts, heard Murray, who is the S. W. O. C. chairman, appeal for organization of the workers into a industrial union.

Then, a few minutes later, they adopted resolutions unanim condemning the company uni pian as a "farce," and establishing a new organization called the "CIO Representatives' Council," with this "declaration of principles."

1. All steel workers be organized into a national industrial union.

2. Employe representatives sh

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