

Local Electrical Rates Compare Very Favorably

Users of electricity in this section paid considerably less in 1939 for electric services than was the average cost for such services in the nation as a whole, according to a report just issued by the Federal Power Commission on "Average Electric Bills for 1939."

The average monthly bill throughout the United States was found to be \$1.53 for 25 kilowatt hours of residential service, while the average rate in North Carolina is \$1.50 and in South Carolina \$1.42.

A study of the report shows that the Carolina Power and Light Company, which serves this section, charged only \$1 for 25 kwh against a charge of \$1.07 for 25 kwh in Tennessee, where privately-owned electric utilities have been taken over by the Tennessee Valley Authority with an estimated loss in tax revenues of more than three million dollars to Tennessee and its sub-divisions.

The average bill for 100 kwh of residential service in the nation last year was \$4.22, while the rate in North Carolina was \$4.06, and in South Carolina \$3.92.

Comparison of Costs

The average rate paid throughout the nation for commercial light service last year for 50 kwh was \$2.86, while in South Carolina it was \$2.67 and in North Carolina \$2.73.

Given below is a comparison of national average costs last year, together with average costs in the Carolinas and a table showing corresponding bills of the Carolina Power and Light Company at its present rates:

KWH	Residential Service				
	US	NC	SC	CPL	
25	\$1.53	\$1.50	\$1.42	\$1.00	
100	4.22	4.06	3.92	3.40	
250	7.60	7.53	7.02	6.75	
Commercial Service	US	NC	SC	CPL	
	50	2.86	2.73	2.67	1.95
	375	17.18	16.97	17.07	14.63
	750	33.09	29.81	31.24	25.80

MISSOURI MAN ACCEPTS DURHAM CHURCH CALL

Durham—The Rev. J. Winston Pearce of Nevada, Mo., has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. He will begin his new duties April 7.

The new pastor is a native of Franklin county and is well known here. He is a graduate of Campbell College and Wake Forest College. He received the Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky and did graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Pearce is equally well known among Baptist of the State. She is the former Winnie Rickett, and for a number of years was connected with the training activities of the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Pearce is a native of Franklin County.

BITS O' BUSINESS

U. S. cigaret production hit a new all-time January peak last month—14½ billions of the little cylinders — but more notable was increase in output of higher-priced cigars, two classes of these showing larger gainst than the nickel or "twofer" varieties. . . Packard and Nash are rushing engineering and production plans for new lines in the low-price auto field, encouraged by success of Studebaker's "invasion"—may be ready by late summer, almost surely before the general showing of 1941 models in the fall. . . American youth, said by some to be going to the dogs, bought 20 per cent more Bibles during the last Christmas season than

ever before—that's the Good Word . . . Consumption of domestic wines is expected to top 90,000,000 gallons this year, bettering the 1939 record by 15 per cent — and that year was 13 per cent over the previous one. . . Private engineering construction awards for the first week of 1939, totaling \$114,630,000, are up 21 per cent over the figure for the same period last year.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Luther Junior Long was honored on Saturday evening, March 2 1940 at a birthday party, celebrating his 3rd birthday. The Easter motif was emphasized in the invitations and the refreshments. Games were played after which members of the birthday party gave recitations and sang songs. Each child was given a fishing pole with which they fished from the adjoining room. Each caught gum and candy. Then they were asked out doors for pictures to be made of the entire group. After this they were served ice cream and cake, using Easter Eggs as favors. Mrs. Glen Hinton assisted in serving. Those present were: Carolyn Jane Hinton, Janet Mae and Shirley Ann Upchurch, Leon and Jr. Lewis, Earnest Jr. Price, Artelia Bailey, Louise and Mary Alice Hood, Bill and Malcolm Jr. Martin, Ruth Temple and Joe Ann Debnam. Goodbyes were said by Luther, Jr., Long, as an appreciation of his gifts.

CLAY COUNTY BOY CLUB CHAMPION

Roe J. Deal, a member of the Brasstown 4-H club in Clay County, has been selected as the State champion in 4-H club work for the year 1939.

An examination of the records and accomplishments of leading club members by L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader and his associates of the State College Extension Service, reveals that young Deal has done the best all around club work over a period of years and therefore will be awarded a four-year scholarship to State College.

Funds for the scholarship were provided by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau through A. G. Floyd, in charge of this work in North Carolina and himself a graduate of the college.

"Roe Deal has completed records on eight years of excellent club work," said L. R. Harrill in announcing the scholarship winner. He began as a club member when he was only ten years old and has carried one or more projects each year since that time. How he has progressed in his efforts is shown by the fact that he produced only 37 bushels of corn an acre when he started but pushed up his yields to 104 bushels an acre. He has carried projects all the way from personal health to growing turnip greens and was successful in nearly all of them."

Deal has carried a corn project every year since beginning his club work, but in addition he has secured a calf of his own, a poultry flock, kept records on broilers, has some pigs, and has grown sweet and Irish potatoes, spinach, tobacco, and almost every other crop that can be produced in Clay County. He summed up his activities in a complete record book, bound with an inlaid walnut cover and showing that in addition to project work he had taken part in all community activities; had been an officer in his local club and had attended the annual State College short course for club members.

He won a trip to the National Poultry Congress this past year.

SOLDIERS WANTED

As Uncle Sam began in earnest this month to see that his military bases in the vital Panama Canal Zone were strengthened to the last

degree a call went out to all recruiting posts in North Carolina, including the main eastern one in Wilson, for an "unlimited" quota of recruits for the infantry and coast artillery for the Canal Zone and the Infantry Division at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

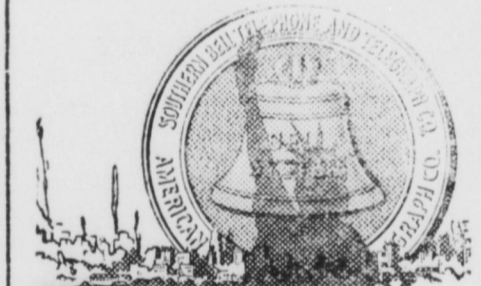
There are also single vacancies for men in the field artillery, the air corps, the engineering department and the medical division in the Canal Zone.

Recruiting of the men for the Canal Zone and the 6th Infantry Division will begin on March 1, and orders have been received by headquarters to recruit as many men as possible.

To join the army a man must be between 18 and 35 years old and in sound health. He must be between 64 and 78 inches tall and weigh 120 to 190 pounds and must be of good character and reputation, an American citizen and single. The army offers training in most major trades, travel, adventure, chance for advancement and cash pay of from \$21 to \$157.50 a month in addition to "board and room", clothing and medical attention.

RUSSO-FINNISH WAR ENDED

Russia announced on Wednesday that a peace treaty with Finland had been signed. Hostilities ceased at noon that day, and the treaty was to be ratified in three



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days. Terms are not yet fully explained, but demands are made for vast areas of Finland's territory and the holding of all points captured during the war, the total being more than was demanded by Russia before hostilities began last fall.

England feels that the German

cause is strengthened by the Finnish peace. The statement has been made that both England and France had waited only a formal demand for help before sending troops to Finland.

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