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ELECTRIC RATES IN COUNTY LOW AS ANY IN STATE

Survey Made In This State Recently by the Federal Power Commission

Consumers of current and power in Washington County today are getting their electrical energy as cheap as it is afforded anywhere in North Carolina, according to a survey of the highest and lowest typical consumptions in residential service made by the Electric Rate Survey of the Federal Power Commission.

It is shown that users in Plymouth, Creswell and Roper can get their current as low as \$1.63 for 25 kilowatt hours, \$3.15 for 100 kilowatt hours and \$6.98 for 250 kilowatt hours. These prices apply strictly to the residential service by the month. Against these low rates are those of Laurinburg which for 250 kilowatt hours is \$12.00, almost twice as much as local consumers.

The table shows that in Plymouth, the population is figured at 2,139 while in Roper it is 660 and in Creswell 350. The minimum is \$1 for 15 kilowatt hours; \$1.63 for 25; \$2.60 for 40; \$5.30 for 100; \$6.60 for 150. This is mostly for lighting service, and does not include the prices for other power groups.

If current is used for lighting, cooking, refrigeration and such, then if a person uses 250 kilowatt hours the bill should be \$8.25. And if a patron should add to the above items electric water heater, then for 500 kilowatt hours they should pay about \$11.25.

Plymouth, Roper and Creswell rank among the lowest from low to high bills, based on typical net monthly bills with \$1.63 for 25 kilowatt hours while the scale goes as high as \$2.50 for Robersonville. The local group with \$5.30 for 100 kilowatt hours ranks five below the high groups of \$6, which includes Nashville, while with \$8.25 the Plymouth group ranks sixth against a high at Warsaw of \$10.85 for 250 kilowatt hours.

Although Plymouth, Roper and Creswell are served by a corporation, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, the rates compare favorably with those elsewhere not served by a company. Rates are higher at most towns with municipality owned plants. Before the Virginia Electric and Power Company came here, the basic residential rate was 13 cents a kilowatt hour.

J. W. Norman Buys Furniture Business

James W. Norman, former superintendent of Public Instruction in Washington County, and who has been connected with the educational work in this county for over 30 years, is now in the furniture business in Plymouth.

Monday morning the deal was closed whereby he purchased the stock, accounts, and good will of the A. L. Owens furniture business on the corner of Washington and Water Streets here. Mr. Norman will continue at the old stand and will conduct a furniture business on the usual scale.

He will enlarge and improve the stock from time to time, and it is predicted by many that Mr. Norman will make a success of this business, and he urges that all who will should patronize him and purchase their needs from a home enterprise.

Mystery at New Theatre Friday

Thrills, mystery, suspense, and romance and the introduction to screen fans of the strangest detective character modern literature has achieved mark the production of "Shadow of Doubt," M-G-M's amazing transcription of the recent Arthur Somers Roche serial in Collier's. It will be shown at the New Theatre on Friday, July 26, for one day only.

It brings to the screen an amazing new sleuth in "Aunt Melissa," the wealthy woman recluse who emerges from her hiding place of years to cope with a baffling murder mystery in New York and solve it.

Bloomer Girls To Play Two Games

The New York Bloomer girls' baseball team will play in this section twice this week.

First, they will oppose Pungo All-Stars Thursday afternoon, July 25, at Pungo and Creswell All Stars at Creswell, Friday, July 26. All games start at 4 p. m. A large crowd is expected to witness the game.

VACCINATION OF COUNTY DOGS TO START MONDAY

Dog Owners Should Bring Animals To Designated Rabies Inspectors

A shipment of rabies vaccine to be used in inoculation of Washington County dogs was received Wednesday of this week. This work will begin on Monday, July 29, and will be done at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell. Dog owners may bring their animals to one of the designated places any time from Monday until August 31st, after which date a survey will be made throughout the county and all dogs found not wearing a metal tag will be destroyed.

The vaccination of dogs in the county is in accordance with the law as passed by our last legislature and, quoting from the act, a few of the particulars are as follows:

"The dog owner must present the dog at the designated place within the specified time. The owner must properly hamper the dog for the vaccination. The owner will be charged 50 cents at the time of vaccination (it costs the owner nothing to vaccinate his dog, the certificate is redeemable in county taxes). The dog must wear the metal tag at all times. No dogs are exempt from vaccination unless a certificate be presented signed by a qualified veterinarian. Any person violating the provisions of this act is subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment of 30 days."

Men who have been instructed in the use of this vaccine and appointed as rabies inspectors are Bill Jackson at the fish house, Plymouth; Ralph Harold, Roper; and Henderson Norman at Creswell.

Funeral Held Friday For A. J. Davenport At Home in Creswell

Died in Hospital After Fall From Car Fender Last Wednesday

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Abraham Jennings Davenport, 24 years of age, of Creswell, who died Wednesday night in the Taylor Hospital at Washington, where he was rushed after falling from the rear of an automobile fracturing his skull.

The Rev. W. L. Mabery, pastor of the Creswell M. P. Church, officiated, with Rev. R. O. Respass, of the Christian church, assisting. Interment took place in a cemetery near Creswell. Mr. Davenport was a partner in the Davenport Garage in Creswell and also was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Columbia and of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Surviving Mr. Davenport are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell; sisters, Miss Mary K. Davenport, of Creswell, and Mrs. S. A. Hardy, of Enfield; brothers, C. N. Davenport, jr., and Joe Baker Davenport, of Creswell.

Ford Dealer After Trip To San Diego

J. Roy Manning, a partner in the Plymouth Motor Company, Inc., here, is ready for a trip to San Diego, Calif., being offered to the agency in a group of 17 dealers which sells the most new cars in June and July.

Mr. Manning's firm is 4 ahead of his nearest competitor, which is located in Louisa, Va. Also special efforts will be made to clinch the trip by urgent sales efforts before the end of July. The trip is to cost the Ford authorities \$300 for each winner. It includes everything necessary for the trip to this famous San Diego Fair.

Planting Time for Sorghum Depends on Several Factors

The time for planting sweet sorghum for best results in syrup making depends a great deal on the section where the planting is to be done and to a lesser degree upon the variety. In sections where the growing season is long and the fall weather liable to be dry, late planting is best, as the juice will be richer when the weather is cool and dry during the ripening season. Most varieties mature in from 80 to 110 days from the time of planting but there are some that require as much as 140 days. Where here is a short growing season these varieties should never be used. In all cases, plantings should be made so that germination and early growth takes place during the hot weather.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Application forms have been received at the county office for those rural electrification blanks to be used where regular surveys have not been completed. I would suggest that in communities where there is special interest in securing the electric service that those interested get together and elect a chairman to handle preliminary work connected with the report which the government is asking for. Blanks and information and other assistance will be supplied at the county office for making this survey. The time is limited in which this can be done and it appears that this will be the only opportunity of this sort that communities will have to get their conditions looked into by the rural electrification survey committee.

A notice was recently received at the county office calling our attention to the fact that every man who borrowed 12 cents on his cotton from the government in 1934 signed an agreement to the effect that he would cooperate in any program the government might put on with cotton in 1935, also that any of the cotton producers in this county who had not cooperated with the government by overplanting or otherwise would not receive any consideration in 1935 on cotton loans or other farm loans and that he would also be liable for any loss which the government might incur on cotton of the 1934 crop.

We have been notified that work was being done on a contract for tobacco growers which would cover a three-year period. We have been asked to make or let the county committee on tobacco make a report. After a study of the various contracts which will iron out some of the inequalities now existing. It is hoped that we will have some increased acreage permitted and we will also ask to reduce some contracts, as far as acreage is concerned, and also make adjustments in base poundage. There is not an awful lot that can be done, but where a contract is too much out of line I would appreciate the grower mentioning or calling the county committee's attention to the fact, and I am sure each application will be considered on the merits of the particular contract.

Compliance has been completed on tobacco and cotton; with weather permitting, peanuts will be finished this week. Unfavorable weather conditions for 10 days made compliance on peanuts exactly 10 days late; in other words, our checks will be 10 days later reaching the county. First rental payments on all 1935 cotton contracts but three have been received at the county office and may be called for as soon as you receive the card. Please bring the card with you when you call for your check.

Bankhead Says The Demand for Cotton In World Will Rise

Predicts Price of 13 Cents a Pound for Cotton This Year

Washington.—A prediction of 13 cents a pound cotton this year was made in a statement a few days ago by Senator Bankhead of Alabama.

He said the world crop promised to be sufficiently short to cause a drain on the American pool cotton, which, he added, cannot be moved at less than 12.75 cents a pound.

Only farmers have the right to sell American cotton below the Commodity Credit Corporation loan of twelve cents a pound, he said, and predicted they can easily be organized under existing circumstances to hold their cotton for 13 cents a pound.

He said, "It appears certain that the 1934 crop will have practically no competition from American cotton so long as the market remains below 13 cents. The 12-cent loan cotton will not move until that price is reached." American mills stocks are low, he said, and then went ahead to analyze crop prospects to back up the prediction the world supply would not permit a price below 13 cents.

Small Containers Are Best for Canning Use

The number two or three can is the size most generally used for home canning. Only experienced canners should use the No. 10 cans as it is difficult to sterilize so large a filled container. Corn, squash, peas, or pumpkin should never be put up in a No. 10 can. Where one has the necessary experience, string beans, tomatoes, soup mixtures, peaches, pears and blackberries may be successfully canned in these large containers.

BRIDGE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT EDENTON FRIDAY

No delegation from Plymouth or Columbia will attend the meeting that is to be held in Edenton Friday, July 26, to discuss a concerted effort for a bridge to connect the north and south sides of the Albemarle Sound, it was decided Wednesday.

Zeb Norman, president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, who fathered the bridge plan in this section, was in Columbia Wednesday afternoon and was advised by Wallace Tatum, leader of that section that no delegation would attend the Edenton meeting from Columbia, and those interested here adopted the same plan Wednesday night in a meeting.

The places on this side of the sound which are most affected are united in their stand for a bridge either at Plymouth or Columbia. Beaufort and Hyde Counties are thought to be so inclined. Today Mr. Norman is contacting interested groups in his section with a view to uniting their efforts.

The Edenton meet is sponsored by the Chowan Business Men's Association with a letter sent to representative persons in all of the interested counties, giving them a special invitation to attend the gathering. X. E. Copeland was chairman of the committee, with Mayor E. W. Spires as a member, which invited the local delegation over.

"For several years," says the letter, "efforts have been made to secure a bridge affording easy transportation facilities for the people residing on the south and north sides of the Albemarle Sound. In every instance these movements have failed because we were divided among ourselves, stressing the location rather than paramount necessity of said project.

"On each occasion the State Highway Commission has wisely counseled us to return home, adjust our differences and then present the proposition to them for consideration.

"We believe that the time is opportune for a concerted movement, but are convinced that further delay will, in all probability, preclude the possibility of securing this most needed project. We are strongly influenced to believe that if we adjust our differences among ourselves, our efforts may be successful."

Commissioner Julian Wood, of Edenton, has agreed to attend the meeting.

Memorial Service Is Held Here Sunday For Mrs. Alice Ayers

Appropriate Talk Made by M. G. Darden; Favorite Hymns Sung

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I shall be his God and he shall be my son," quoted Rev. Nixon A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church here, in a sermon on "The Victorious Life," which was delivered in memory of Mrs. Alice M. Ayers, one of the oldest and most active members recently.

"Mrs. Ayers won the greatest battle ever fought; the battle of the soul between right and wrong. The greatest victory was hers because she fought for character. This victory, according to the text, brings a reward.

"She inherited the kingdom; she had Christ within; she possessed an open door; she had God; she has a home. We pay tribute to her as an affectionate wife, a devoted mother, a loyal citizen, and a Christian. And those who listen can pay tribute to her by advancing the cause of the church she loved so well."

The church was appropriately decorated with flowers presented by relatives and friends. The pew she always used was marked by a lovely bunch of flowers tied with lavender tulle and was occupied by her nearest relatives. An appropriate talk was made by M. G. Darden, who knew her activities in and out of the church.

Hymns which she liked so well were used, including a quartet by M. G. Darden, E. H. Liverman, Mrs. Tom Darden, and Rev. N. A. Taylor.

Sunday Show Here Features Geo. Raft

Paramount's "The Glass Key," starring George Raft and coming to the New Theatre on Sunday, July 28, at 3 and 9 p. m., is the film version of the popular novel by Dashiell Hammett. Hammett will be remembered for the authorship of the recent "Thin Man." "The Glass Key" is this season's fastest moving, hardest hitting screen mystery, it is claimed.

Plans Taking Shape for Four-County Fair Here

County Native Head of ERE In Western Part Of This State

Mrs. J. M. Day Paid Tribute for Work in Emergency Education Work There

Another "home townner" has made good.

This time it is Mrs. J. M. Day, of Asheville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bateman, of the Long Acre section of Washington County, a sister of Mrs. George Bowen, of Plymouth, with other relatives in this section.

Mrs. Day who was recently on a visit to her sister here, is district supervisor of the Emergency Relief Education of Western North Carolina with 18 counties under her direction. During June a celebration was held by the students and teachers in her district at Asheville for commencement.

Four thousand people from several of the western counties attended, and 3,000 of the number received literacy certificates, Oscar Chapman, of Washington, D. C., assistant secretary of the interior of the United States, was the principal speaker and read a personal letter from President Roosevelt.

From the Asheville Citizen-Times, June 2, 1935, said Mr. Chapman concerning Mrs. Day: "He (Mr. Patman) paid tribute to Mrs. Day, saying, 'in every war there are heroes but every peace time produces an equal number of heroes entitled to credit for their contribution.'"

Editorially the same paper made this statement: "It was a happy thought on the part of Mrs. Day, the supervisor of the ERE in western North Carolina, to hold such commencement exercises. It dramatizes what is being attempted and achieved."

New Undertaking Firm for Plymouth

Available information from a reliable source has it that a new undertaking shop will be located here in the next few days in the building between the post office and Gilbert's Cleaning Works on Washington Street.

The information is that the new firm will include Everett Babb, of Hertford, who has been conducting funerals for years; Caleb Goodwin, of Edenton, former furniture man, who is well known and well liked in this county; and W. D. Peal, of Creswell, who is also in this business at the present time.

A meeting of the partners was held here Saturday night late, but today local representatives who were in on the organization and the arrangement for business could not be located for a definite statement, but the facts here are reliable.

Schedule of Club Meets Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of club meetings for next week:

Monday afternoon, July 29, Alba. Tuesday, Cross Roads. Wednesday, Cool Springs. Thursday, Piney Grove. Friday, Lake Farm. Saturday morning, 8:15, curb market.

"Love In Bloom" At Local Theatre

A musical score by Mack Gordon and Harry Revel, flimdom's ace team of tune writers, is one of the features of Paramount's "Love in Bloom," coming to the New Theatre Monday, July 29th, with George Burns, Gracie Allen, Joe Morrison, and Dixie Lee featured.

Gracie Allen sings for the first time in films, while Joe Morrison does several popular numbers.

Lespedeza and Alfalfa Are Soil Improvers

The farmer who grows lespedeza in entering the college of soil improvement and when he gets to alfalfa, he is a member of the senior class, says one observing agricultural worker.

Local CCC Youth Is Buried in Landslide

Word reached Mrs. W. B. Clifton last night that her son, Bill Clifton, 19, was injured in a landslide at the Maysville CCC camp near New Bern Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

He was in a New Bern hospital suffering from a fractured hip that was sustained when the earth fell on him, burying part of his body underneath the dirt.

"I sure do sympathize with Floyd Collins (who was buried alive some years ago in a similar circumstance), said Bill over the telephone to his mother.

Body of Drowned Negro Located by Throwing in Hat

Raymond Johnson, 24, Fails In Effort To Learn To Swim

His hat thrown out into the water circled around and floated on the surface of the water, resting exactly over the spot where divers found the body of Raymond Johnson, negro, 24 years of age, who leaped into the muddy waters of the Roanoke River in a vain determination to learn to swim.

Swimmers were enjoying themselves in the vicinity of the spot where the young negro, who is a son of Ernest Johnson, well known and well-liked negro, plunged into the water and to his death without any knowledge of swimming. He never cried out and was drowned before help could reach him after it was found he needed aid.

After the hat of the drowned negro directed the divers to the spot where he went down a colored swimmer brought the body to the surface after an hour. Efforts to revive the negro were futile. He was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Washington County Ranks 59th in Value of Factory Products

Survey Shows Five Industrial Plants in County With 169 Workers

Washington County ranks 59th in the 100 counties of North Carolina in the value of factory products.

It is disclosed that there are five industrial plants in this county that have 169 wage earners. The leading counties are Forsyth, Durham and Rockingham, which are tobacco manufacturing centers. These three counties turn out more than half of the \$887,852,732 in value of products in the State.

Wage earners in 1933 received in Washington County \$64,522.00. A total of \$112,932 was paid out for materials. Thus the total of the value of products in this county in 1933 was tabulated at \$279,352.

Like the State, Washington County has suffered a loss in the number of factory establishments. However, the level in this State did not decline in the depression years as much as did the average elsewhere in the United States.

Annual Yard Tour To Be Held Friday

The home demonstration clubs' annual yard tour will be held Friday, July 26th. This will be an all-day tour, beginning at 8:30, at the courthouse. The first yard to be scored will be that of Mrs. J. A. Stillman of the Cool Springs Club. Miss Pauline Smith will be the official scorer. Every body is urged to go and carry lunch.

Ice Cream Supper At Union Chapel

An ice cream supper will be given at the home of J. E. Askew by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist church on Wednesday evening, July 31, 8 p. m. Amusements will include singing, playing and eating, according to Mrs. J. E. Bowen, who urges every one who possibly can to attend this benefit event.

Premium Books To Be Printed, Mailed Within Few Weeks

Elaborate Program of Free Acts Are Booked by Manager

Premium books for the Plymouth Four-County Fair will be printed and distributed shortly after August 1.

Dates have been announced as October 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19. A huge tent will be erected on the present Brinkley ball park grounds. A total of \$1,500 is being offered as prizes for the best exhibits. Martin, Washington, Beaufort, and Tyrrell Counties are included.

Included in the amusements will be the Kaus shows, modern rides, New York Follie Revue each night, sensational aerial acts, fireworks, band concerts, gasfline rodeo, living person shot from a mortar cannon, Capt. O. LaValley and his sensational divers, featuring four expert high divers, with a leaping person enveloped in flames.

In the daily program, the fair will open Monday night at 6 p. m. with a parade. Women and children will be admitted free on this night. It will be called "Get Acquainted Night." Grandstand acts will go on this night.

Tuesday, school children from all the schools in the four counties will be admitted free to the grounds until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Field day exercises by the children will be featured.

Wednesday, local talent will have charge this night. It may be that a pageant will be produced. Anyway, local performers will be in the limelight.

Thursday, local merchants' night, at which time each merchant may have a beauty in the town to represent him on the stage, and the only cost to him is 35 cents for the badge the contestant wears.

Friday talent from outside of Plymouth may have their fling.

Saturday afternoon, gasoline rodeo, and at night coronation of the queen of the fair.

The directing personnel of the fair starts off with N. G. Bartlett, of Kingston, secretary-manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and his organization in charge and sponsoring the event. Mrs. Walter H. Paramore, of Plymouth, will serve as assistant secretary.

W. R. Hampton is chairman of the steering committee. Other members of the committee are: Plymouth—John Allen, Frank L. Brinkley, W. V. Hays, E. H. Liverman, B. G. Campbell, W. H. Paramore, J. L. Rea, jr., A. L. Owens, P. W. Brinkley, Gilbert Davis, Miss Eugenia Patterson; Jamesville—C. C. Fleming and Onward J. Gaylord; Columbia—Earl Cahoon, H. H. Harris, W. H. McCleese, W. S. Carawan; Creswell; J. W. Starr, A. H. Tucker; Roper: L. E. Hassell, Barton Swain, C. H. Floyd; Mackeys J. E. Davenport, Aubrey Ange.

Department heads and their workers follow with the first mentioned in each case being the chairman: Agriculture: W. V. Hays, Plymouth and H. H. Harris, Columbia; Livestock, J. L. Rea, jr., Wenoona, R. C. Jordan, Jamesville, and Earl Cahoon, Columbia; Poultry, C. H. Floyd, Roper, and P. H. Duncan, Columbia; Poultry Clubs, A. H. Tucker, Creswell, and James Chesson, jr., Creswell.

Ornamental Plants and Flowers: Mrs. C. McGowan, Plymouth; Mrs. Joe Holmes, Creswell; Mrs. Claude Griffin, Williamston; Mrs. Cleveland Smith, Plymouth. Pantry Supplies: Mrs. George Bowen, Plymouth; Mrs. C. L. Everett, Mackeys; Mrs. Lee Hardison, Williamston; Mrs. Jake Paul, Pantego; Needle and Fancy Work: Mrs. Paul W. Brinkley, Plymouth; Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, Columbia; Mrs. W. S. Carawan, Columbia.

Fine Arts and Painting: Mrs. L. S. Brey, Roper, W. F. Winslow, Mrs. Roxie Reese, Plymouth; Children's

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County Soil Survey Finished Recently

The Department of Agriculture today notified Representative Lindsay Warren that the new soil survey of Washington County would be ready for distribution in February, 1936. The work has been completed and will soon be sent to the printer. Mr. Warren got this survey authorized two years ago, and when it is available will distribute them to the citizens of the county.