

LREMC Rates to Rise

RED SPRINGS -- Member consumers of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation will receive an increase in their monthly power bills, effective with the June billing, it was announced last week.

According to LREMC general manager Derl J. Hinson, the increase in retail rates for electricity is based on the results of a year-long retail rate and cost-of-service study which has recently been completed.

"Members who are billed under the regular rate will pay approximately eight per cent more for electricity than they are presently paying," Hinson said. "The increase to all electric rate members, those who usually use more than 2,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each month, will be about five per cent more."

In explaining the June retail rate increase, Hinson said that the regular rate for 1,000 KWH's will be \$42.45 as compared to the present rate of \$38.53, and that the all-electric rate for 2,500 KWH's will be \$85.15 as compared to the present rate for the same amount of KWH's of \$79.67.

Hinson also said that the present minimum charge, which includes 50 KWH's, will change from \$3.85 to \$5.25. "The new minimum charge due to increased taxes, interest rates, the maintenance expenses, will not include any KWH's" he said.

He continued by saying that the new rate structure would eliminate the wholesale power cost adjustment, and that members' monthly power bills would include the electric charge and the adjustment charge. He said that the separate fuel charge "is the member's portion per KWH of the monthly cost-of-fuel charge to LREMC by Carolina Power and Light Company."

The cooperative purchases the majority of the power it distributes to more than 16,000 member-

consumers in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland counties from Carolina Power and Light Co.

Hinson said that CP&L's May 1976 wholesale power cost increase to the cooperative was the primary reason for the upcoming retail rate increase. "When the cooperative received a 78 per cent increase in wholesale power rates last year, the wholesale power cost adjustment factor was put into effect, and the retail rate and cost-of-service study was called for," he said.

"The cooperative's wholesale rates increased over 200 per cent over the past two years," he said, "and the cooperative has absorbed the majority of these increases."

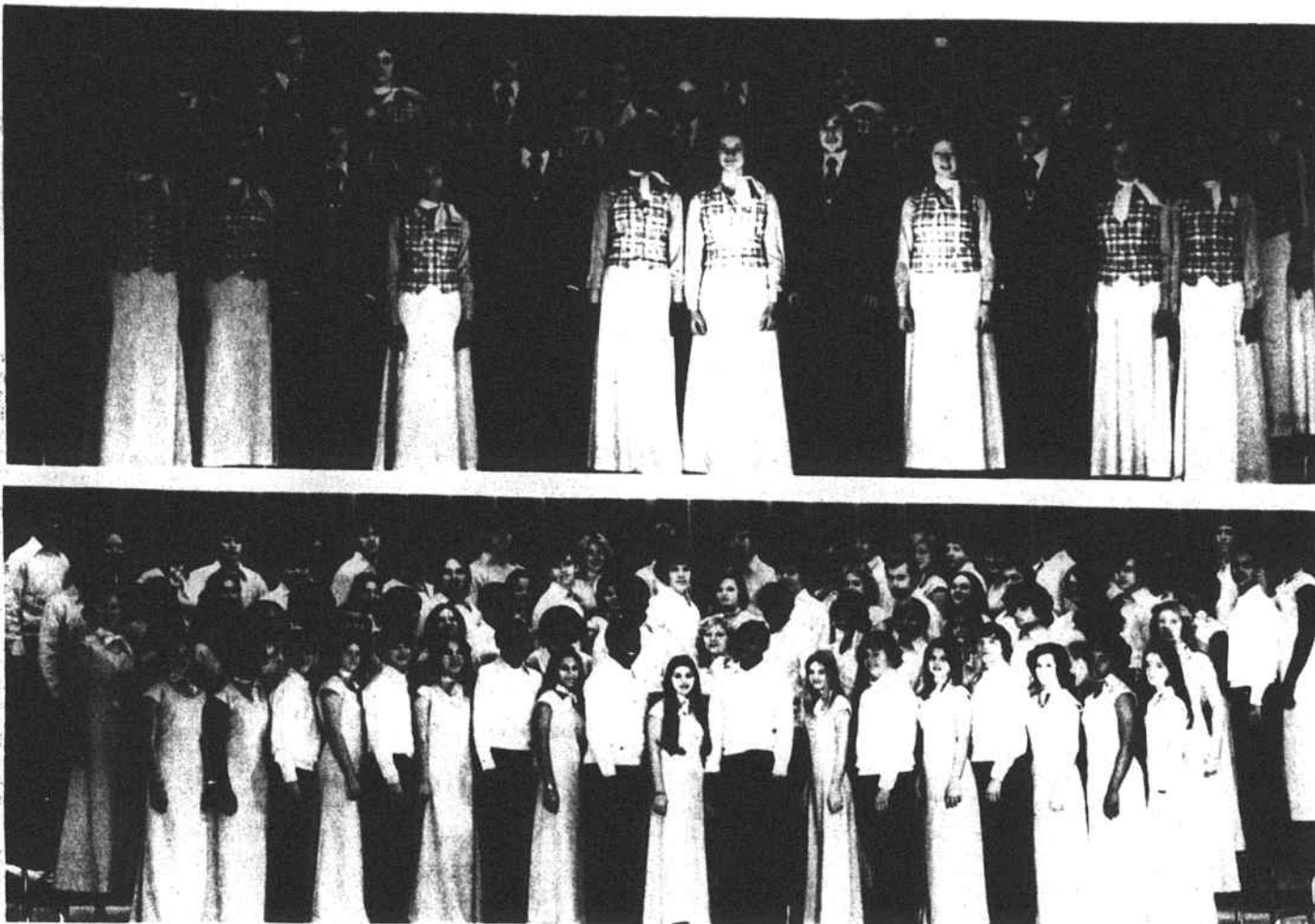
Insurance Agent Gets Elite Award

M. Vardell Hedgpeth, agent for the Nationwide Insurance Companies in Raeford, has qualified for the 1977 Nationwide President's Conference, the highest individual recognition possible for the company's agency force.

Hedgpeth's President's Conference award reflects recognition of his superior customer sales and service record during 1976. Only 250 of Nationwide's more than 4,000 agents achieved this elite status this year.

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CONCERT -- The Hoke County High School Chorale and Chorus will present their annual Spring Concert tonight [Thursday] at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The program will feature a variety of sacred and pop songs like "The Last Words of David," and "We've Only Just Begun" which will be sung by the Chorale. Numbers to be sung by the Chorus will include "Kyrie Eloquent" and "Roll, Jordan, Roll". The Chorale and Chorus will perform jointly on "Adoramus Te," "Down the Road," and "Go Out With Joy." Several soloists will be featured, including Russell McAllister who will sing "Lasciatemi Morire," for which he won first place in state voice competition. The two groups will be directed by Mary Archie McNeill. The concert is open to the public and admission will be \$1 per person.

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Wagon Train Registration

Registration for the annual Hoke County Wagon Train will be held Sunday, May 15 beginning at 1 p.m. at Oakdale Gin. Francis Harris announced.

Advance registration is required of all participants. No one will be allowed to join the Train without registering first.

This year's event will be the weekend of June 17-19.

Our new heading for this column was designed by Jim Reese of Red Springs, Third Century Artist employed by the Sandhill Regional Library System. We hope it serves as an invitation to you to read this column and to come into the library. We appreciate *The News-Journal's* cooperation in running it for us.

Reminder
We ask that you send your club's or organization's dates for the Community Calendar to us as far in advance as possible - at least a week before a new month comes in, if you can. Besides helping prevent conflicts in scheduling, the Community Calendar can serve as a publicity medium for your event. Louise McDiarmid has been posting all the dates sent to us on the calendar and has designed the month strips at the top. The calendar is located prominently in the lobby of the library.

Genealogical Materials
Of interest especially to persons taking the Recreation Department's class on genealogy is the just-received 1976 edition of **GUIDE TO RESEARCH MATERIALS IN THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ARCHIVES, SECTION B: COUNTY RECORDS**. It lists the different types of records on each county which are available at the archives, both original records and those on microfilm. Land records, wills, court records, and marriage statistics are only a few of the sources of genealogical information listed in this publication. We have in our library some of the early census records on microfilm which date from before the formation of Hoke from Cumberland and Robeson Counties. We also have a microfilm reader; both are located in the historical room. We are adding to our genealogical materials and invite interested persons to come in and browse through them.

Mini-Pages
For over a year now, Hoke citizens have been bringing in the Mini-Page out of area Sunday papers to be used by Mrs. Florence Weaver in her reading classes. She said the other day that the kids have been eagerly using the papers and asking for more. Mrs. Weaver continues to pick up the Mini-Pages brought to the library over the summer so that she will have a large supply when

school opens in the fall. She says that the kids enjoy the Sunday funnies also.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Friday, May 13
Rachel Stevens' Music Recital, Hoke Civic Center, 8:00 p.m.
T-Ball League (Ages 7-9), 10:00 a.m., Birth Certificate Required, Raeford Elementary School Field
Girls Youth Softball (Ages 10-14), Armory Park, 11:30 a.m., Birth Certificate Required

Saturday, May 14
Chaminade Music Club, 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Carson Davis, Jr.
Tennis Exhibition, 12:00 Noon, Hoke High Courts
Lion's Golf Tournament, ALL DAY 14th & 15th, Arabia Golf Club

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Monday, May 16
Phillipi Home Extension, 7:30 p.m. Tennis Tournament, Call 875-5603 for details, Recreation Office

Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Gibson Cafeteria
Jr. Woman's Club, 7:30 p.m., Hoke Civic Center
United Fund Drive Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hoke County Library

Tuesday, May 17
Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Hoke High Gym.
10 to 12 Group Home Extension, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m.
Raedeen Home Extension, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18
Banking by Joyce Monroe, 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., County Office Bldg.
Spring Tennis Tournament, Entry Fee \$2.00, Checks to Hoke County Parks & Recreation, DEADLINE MAY 16, COMPETITION STARTS MAY 18.

Bookmobile Schedule
May 16
WAYSIDE -- Alona McNeill, Clea Newton, Lois Woodring, Louise Plummer, Alma Lee Simpson, Alma Lovett, Vickie Quick, Nancy Dean, Virginia McCall, Claire Everett, Chris Ray, Kelly Dees, Debbie Morrison, Frances Conoly, Barbara Tripp, Betty Parker, Patti Freeman, Blanche Ray.

May 18
PHILIPPI & ROCKFISH -- Inez Campbell, Teresa Ann Akin, Vivian Murphy, Kathleen Marie Lewis, Diane Greer, Clara Wood, Gloria Baxley, Isabelle Bundy, Lola Ritter, Lena Bundy, Barbara Ann Ward, Gladys Cummings, Jerris Overton, Christine Dennis, Shirley Ann Boahn, Audry McCowell, Nancy Molchan, Pricilla Hardin, Rovenia Blackshear, Dail Maire White, Cynthia Green, Bella Lloyd, Michelle Wiggins, Lib Pittman, Geraldine Cobb, Deborah Cochran, Francis Woolley.

School Menu

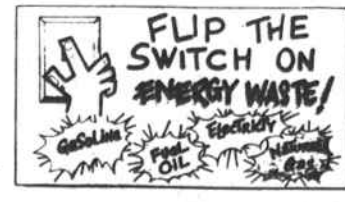
FRIDAY, MAY 13
Chicken & Noodles
Green Beans
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Rolls
Cookie
Milk

MONDAY, MAY 16
Hoagie Sandwich
Lettuce, Tomato
French Fries w/Catsup
Pear Half
Milk

TUESDAY, May 17
Stew Beef w/Gravy
Rice
Green Beans
Rolls
Apple Cobbler
Milk

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18
Sloppy Joe on Bun
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad w/Dressing
Peanut Butter Delight
Milk

THURSDAY, MAY 19
Barbecue Chicken
Fluffy Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Marshmallows, Raisins, Peanuts
Milk



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