CP&L Lists Quarterly Earnings

Carolina Power & Light Co. this week reported earnings of 89 cents per share of common stock for the first quarter of 1978, as compared with 94 cents for the first quarter of

Earnings per share for the 12 months ended March 31, 1978 were \$2.56, compared with \$2.82 for the 12 months ended March 31, 1977.

These earnings were down from \$2.61 for the 12 months ended December 31, 1977.

Net income for the first quarter of 1978 was \$39.2 million, compared with \$40.5 million for the first quarter of 1977. Net income for the 12 month period ended for the 12 month period ended March 31 was \$119.8 million, compared with \$123.3 million a year earlier. The average number of common shares outstanding for the 12 month period increased from 34.2 million to 36.2 million.

CP&L Chairman Shearon Harris said earnings for the first quarter of 1978 were adversely affected by high fuel costs for the period that were not fully recovered through revenues because of lag in the application of the fuel clause. The lag effect was exaggerated during the quarter by very high levels of generation, Harris said.

He noted that though earnings

declined during the quarter, total energy sales (excluding nonterritorial sales) for the first quarter of 1978 increased 7.8 percent over those for the first quarter of 1977, and increased by 5.3 percent for the 12 months ended March 31, 1978, as compared to a year earlier.

Outdoor Drama Plans Contest

The outdoor drama "The House In The Horseshoe" in Southern Pines is sponsoring a ticket selling contest according to Capt. Sher-man Betts, President of the Moore County Historical Association, producer of the show.
It is called the "Angles" contest

because the competing groups will be supporting the drama by distributing tickets.

"But unlike ordinary theatrical angels, the contestants will take no risk. in fact, they make money for their projects from the very beginning," explained Betts. Commissions and contest points will be earned through the sale of

half - priced tickets to this summer's production, which opens July 5 and runs Wednesday through Thursday evenings through August

Charitable and service groups in Moore and adjacent counties will be eligible for the contest, said Betts. Service clubs, schools, vol-unteer fire departments, arts groups, scouts, rescue squads and churches may enter the contest provided the group is headed by at least two adults.

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Deaths And Funerals

Walter P. Bowen

Funeral services will be conducted today (Thursday) for Walter P. Bowen, 72, of Laurel Hill who died on Tuesday at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg. He was the father of Happy Everett Rowen of father of Henry Everett Bowen of Raeford. The services will be conducted at 4:00 p.m. at Pentecostal Holiness Church in Laurel Hill. Burial will be at King Cemetery.

Other survivors are: a son, John W. Bowen of Red Springs; two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

The family was at Pate Funeral Home in Laurel Hill Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m.

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