



**HOLE IN FENCE** -- Junk piled at the Raeford Salvage Yard appeared to be overflowing last week. This assortment of scrap formed an interesting photo pattern through the hole in the wooden fence surrounding the yard.

## Consumers Asking Rate Increase Delay

Member-consumers of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation are writing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC to delay implementation of a rate increase requested by Carolina Power and Light on August 24.

The increase, slated to jump 8.4 percent on October 24 and another 10.7 percent on March 24, would push Lumbee River EMC's retail rates "through the roof" according to spokesman Jim Autry.

"These new rates are completely unjustifiable," said Autry. "I don't see how the FERC could consider granting anything like this kind of increase, particularly in view of the company's performance in recent months."

FERC can suspend the rate implementation up to five months if it is deemed necessary. In the last several rate cases before the Commission, the one-day suspensions have allowed major investor-owned utilities to begin collecting more money from wholesale buyers almost immediately.

However, Lumbee River EMC and many other rural electric cooperatives protested CP&L's last

rate increase which took effect on January 12, 1982. "Our last letter-writing campaign worked and we intend to try it again," said Autry.

CP&L has been widely criticized for permitting all three of its nuclear plants to be off-line for extended periods this summer. When those plants aren't producing, CP&L has to buy power from other utilities or use expensive diesel generation. Then they pass along those costs to consumers through the fuel adjustment clause.

The North Carolina State Utilities Commission recognized the potential for abuses of the fuel adjustment clause and recently the laws were changed to allow the Commission to consider a utility's management practices in ruling on once-a-year changes in the fuel charge.

But the FERC, which regulates the wholesale charges to Lumbee River EMC, still has not made any changes which affect retail consumers of the rural electric co-op.

Other recent CP&L news includes reporting a record jump in profits in the second quarter of 1982 and payment of a \$120,000 fine for nuclear plant violations.

## Trouble For Kids Possible In School Decision

A federal judge's ruling that a Tyrrell County couple can continue teaching their own children could open the door to tragedy for a lot of children, Loretta Martin, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, said today.

Mrs. Martin said Judge Franklin T. Dupree's decision that North Carolina's compulsory attendance law is unconstitutional "is shocking, even though the judge attempted to confine it to the one

case before him."

She said the reality is that anyone professing strong beliefs will now be encouraged to remove their children from a traditional school setting, whether that setting be a public or a private school.

"That means innocent children will suffer, for it should be readily apparent that parents, busy with the task of making a living, can't hope to provide a full education for

their children, no matter what curriculum guide they have purchased," she said.

She said she is appalled that Judge Dupree, after viewing the Alpha Omega Christian Curriculum the Tyrrell County couple had purchased "would conclude it seems to offer instruction in the basic subjects."

She said the NCAE feels the state owes to all its citizens certain basic

protections and that a chance at a good formal education is one of these protections.

"Judge Dupree has certainly shown us that we need to petition the General Assembly to deal with this matter, and I hope that our State Board of Education will immediately move to reassert the state's obligation to all its children," Mrs. Martin said.



**THE CHORALEERS** -- Raeford's Choraleers Quartet will perform at Pittman Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, September 12 at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited.

## Hoke Youth To Clean Up Roadsides

Members of the Hoke County Youth Council will be among young people throughout North Carolina who will take to the state's roadsides Saturday to help get rid of litter.

Armed with trash bags, the Hoke youth will pick up litter on Scurlock Road.

The date has been set aside by Governor Jim Hunt as "Youth Involvement Day." Coordinated by the State Department of Admini-

stration's Youth Involvement Office, it allows young people to participate in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT's) fall "Clean Up Litter in North Carolina" campaign which runs from Sept. 11-17.

"This is a good opportunity to educate our young people and focus their attention on littering, which costs our state about \$2.2 million each year," said state Transportation Secretary William R. Rober-

son Jr. The September clean-up litter campaign is the second phase of a two-part program conducted by the transportation department in 1982. The first phase was held in April.

Since its inception in 1979, the campaign has been responsible for helping citizens across the state remove litter from over 30,000 miles of North Carolina's highways.

## Wildlife Commission Sets Seasons

Tar Heel sportsmen will once again have the opportunity to hunt wood ducks during an early fall season. That was just one of the waterfowl seasons and regulations passed by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission at a meeting on August 30.

In other business, the Wildlife Commission honored former Wildlife Commissioner Foyle Hightower, presented a contribution to Ducks Unlimited, and approved the construction of four new boating access areas that were authorized with special appropriations by the legislature.

Former Wildlife Commissioner Foyle Hightower -- who served as chairman of the House Wildlife Committee during the 1981-82 sessions of the legislature -- was honored with a plaque for his service to the Wildlife Commission.

"We appreciate the service that Foyle Hightower provided," said J. Robert Gordon of Laurinburg, chairman of the Commission. "He helped the Wildlife Commission a great deal during his term of office."

Tar Heel sportsmen will be able

to take advantage of a three-way split hunting season for ducks this fall running from October 1-2, November 25-27, and December 7 through January 20. The daily bag limit is five ducks and may include one black duck, two wood ducks, and two redheads. However, hunters may take up to five wood ducks during the October 1-2 season only. This early season allows sportsmen to take advantage of fine hunting for wood ducks and blue-winged teal. Hunters may also take one canvasback daily west of US 1, but the canvasback season is closed east of US 1.

Several bonus bag limits were adopted in addition to the regular daily bag limit of five ducks. Hunters may take two bonus scaup daily in all waters east of US 17 except for Currituck Sound north of US 158. Two bonus teal may be taken statewide during regular duck seasons only through December 10.

A special sea duck season for scoters, eiders and old squaw was set for October 6 through January 20 in certain waters. The daily bag limit is seven sea ducks, and this

special season will apply only in the Atlantic Ocean and in coastal waters south of US 64 which are separated by at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island or marsh. During the regular duck seasons, seven sea ducks may be taken statewide in addition to the regular bag limit for ducks.

The snow goose season will run from November 3 through January 31 with a daily bag limit of four birds, and the Canada goose season will run from December 20 through January 31 with a daily bag limit of one bird. The brant season will run from December 22 through January 20 with a daily bag limit of two birds.

Legal shooting hours for waterfowl hunting begin at one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset. In addition to having a North Carolina hunting license, waterfowl hunters must also have a federal migratory bird stamp. Steel shot is required by federal regulation for 12-gauge shotguns on all waters and an adjacent 150-yard zone of land in Currituck, Dare and Pamlico counties, and in all shotgun gauges on national wildlife refuges open to waterfowl hunting.

## Hayes 3rd In Motorcross Events

Horace Hayes of Raeford placed third in each of two races Sunday in the three-wheel motorcycle Motorcross at Montrose.

He was driving a Yamaha. Seventeen vehicles competed.

## NAACP To Meet

The Hoke County NAACP's annual meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in East Freedom Masonic Lodge.

The public is invited.

## PTA To Meet

The Hoke County PTA will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at J.W. Turlington School for its first meeting of the new school year.

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