

Electricity Costs Farmers More Than They Receive

Bulbs Chief Cause of Loss, It Is Pointed Out By Rural Electrification Specialist

Many North Carolina farm families are paying for more electricity than they use, according to D. E. Jones, rural electrification specialist, State College.

This is due to the small use of current in some homes where there is a minimum charge per month, he explained.

For example, one large power company serving rural areas a minimum charge based on the cost of 50 kilowatt hours per month. At least half its rural customers use less than 50 k.w.h., Jones stated.

These homes could have better lights and more electrical appliances without paying any more for current, he pointed out.

Instead of using 25 or 40-watt light bulbs, as some farm families do, they could use 60, 75, or 100-watt lamps for the same cost. Bulbs are inexpensive, and the better bulbs would only be making use of current that must be paid for anyway.

Jones also emphasized the fact that low-power bulbs do not give adequate light for reading, sewing, or other similar purposes, and as a result they cause eye-strain.

Even when better bulbs and extra equipment increase the electric bill a small amount each month, the better light and increased enjoyment of electrical conveniences is more than worth the added cost, he continued.

Jones also said that although 5,558 miles of new power lines have been proposed to serve 30,434 rural customers, the actual number who receive the service may be somewhat less, as a certain percentage of the families fail to wire their homes after power has been made available in their communities.

GENERAL COUNTRY COURT IS HELD AT KENANSVILLE

(Continued from Page One) a plea of guilty and received a two-year road sentence.

Charged with trespass and assault with a deadly weapon licensed school bus shooting case on a female, Joe Nathan McMillan entered a conditional plea of guilty. The court found him guilty as charged and he was sentenced to 90 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended for two years, however, on good behavior and payment of the cost. The prosecuting witness in this case, Annie Bell Boney, was held in contempt of court following her refusal to testify and was ordered to jail for five days.

Pleading guilty on a charge of larceny and receiving, William Pickett was ordered to the roads for eight months.

Demanding jury trial on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Mabel L. Bryant was adjudged guilty and received an eight months sentence at the County Home.

Judgment was suspended, however, on condition she not be found in the county at any time within the next two years.

In the case of B. F. Mincy, charged with operating an auto while intoxicated, driving without license and transporting whiskey, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and received a four months road sentence which was suspended on good behavior, payment of the cost and a \$50.00 fine. He was also ordered not to operate an auto in the State for one year.

Pleading guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Barney Whitman received a 30-day road sentence which was suspended for two years on payment of the cost and the condition that he remain of good behavior.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale and drunk and disorderly, Lark W. Wood was adjudged guilty on the first two counts and received a 90-day road sentence.

Pleading guilty on charges of operating an auto while license was revoked and operating an auto without license, N. M. Hollingsworth had prayer for judgment continued until the April term.

In the case of Henry Lee Best, charged with resisting an officer, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to six months on the roads. In another case in which he was charged with assault on a female, he also tendered a plea of guilty and received a 30-day sentence, this judgment to become effective at the expiration of the former sentence.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest, using profane language, and public nuisance, John Miller entered a plea of guilty and had prayer for judgment continued until the March term on condition that he not drink any intoxicants during said period.

Pleading guilty on a charge of operating an auto while intoxicated, Dexter James drew a four months road sentence which was suspended on payment of a \$50.00 fine and cost, and on the further condition that he not operate an auto in the State for a period of one year.

Lewis Houser, charged with operating an auto without license, assault with a deadly weapon, and reckless driving, was adjudged guilty on all three counts and drew road sentences aggregating eight months.

Pleading guilty to charges of possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale and transporting whiskey, Jack Raynor had prayer for judgment continued until the March term.

In what was probably the first case of its kind ever tried in this Court Mrs. Charles Edwards was found guilty on a charge of criminal slander and was sentenced to 18 months in jail. Judgment was suspended for two years, however, on condition the defendant remain out of the county during said period of suspension.

Rufus Middleton, arraigned on two counts of assaults with a deadly weapon, was adjudged guilty on one and was sentenced to three months on the roads. In the other the State took a nol pross with leave.

Willie Jackson had prayer for judgment continued until the February term following his conviction on a charge of reckless driving.

In the case of Frank Sandlin and Blanche Bostic, charged with fornication and adultery, both defendants were adjudged guilty. The judgment as to Sandlin was six months on the roads while the Bostic woman was sentenced to two years in jail to be assigned to the N. C. Farm Colony to be discharged in the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Both defendants gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court and had bond fixed at \$500.00 each.

Demanding jury trial on a charge of operating an auto while intoxicated, John Byrd was adjudged guilty and received a four months road sentence which was suspended for two years on good behavior, payment of the cost and a \$50 fine.

Nol prosses were taken in the following cases: Josephine Pickett, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, using profane language, and wilful destruction of personal property; Thomas Faison, charged with operating an auto while intoxicated, transporting whiskey and assault with a deadly weapon.

NO CURE BUT TOBACCO MOLD CAN BE CHECKED

No one has been able to discover a sure-cure for blue mold, the disease that costs tobacco growers thousands of dollars a year.

There are a number of things growers can do to lessen the damage blue mold does to their plant beds, however, says Dr. Luther Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

Locate the seed beds in warm places where the sun can shine on them all day long. When possible, make new beds some distance away from the old ones.

If old beds must be used again, first burn or steam the soil to kill the disease organisms.

over or volunteer tobacco plants that come up in the old beds.

Sow more seed than needed, so that if some of the seedlings are damaged, there will still be a supply of healthy plants. Several small beds scattered over the farm are safer than one large bed.

Sow the beds early, but not too thickly, as a moderate stand of plants gives the best results.

As soon as weather permits, remove the canvas covers during the day to let in sunshine and fresh air. If necessary to speed the growth of diseased plants, water them with a solution of nitrate of soda.

Transplant the seedlings before blue mold appears. If the disease attacks them, leave them in the seed bed until they recover. Don't set out diseased plants. Spraying them is a waste of time and money.

Growers who wish further information may secure it in extension circular No. 207, "Approved Practices in Handling Tobacco Plant Beds", which may be obtained free from the agricultural editor at State College, Dr. Shaw pointed out.

Kenansville

Ben Grady made a business trip to South Carolina last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williamson and children went to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dickson and son, Griggs, went to Kingston Sunday.

Mrs. R. V. Wells went to Wallace Friday morning.

Mrs. Gertrude Cooper and Mrs. Earline Southerland of Wallace were here on business Friday.

Mesdames L. A. Beasley, C. C. Loath, R. C. Wells and N. B. Boney attended the bridge party in Warsaw Monday afternoon given by Mrs. J. T. Gresham, Jr.

Mrs. Hattie S. Kornegay, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with her daughter, Mrs. N. B. Boney.

Mrs. E. R. Penny has returned from New Bern where she spent several days last week with relatives.

Mesdames C. B. Sitterson and I. C. Burch accompanied Mrs. J. B. Wallace to Kingston Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Loath of Waynesboro, Va., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Beasley.

Mesdames R. V. Wells, Harvey Boney and Norwood Boney attended the U. D. C. meeting in Warsaw Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. John Pierce.

Sewing Club

The B. M. G. Sewing Club met last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Jerritt. Nine members and two visitors were present. After a profitable sewing period the hostess seated the guests to an attractive table where they were served refreshments.

Members present were Mrs. John A. Gavin, Mrs. A. T. Outlaw, Mrs. F. W. McGowan, Mrs. P. J. Dobson, Mrs. N. B. Boney, Mrs. Moses Farmer, Mrs. R. V. Wells and Mrs. D. S. Williamson. Visitors were Miss Lula Hinson and Mrs. J. E. Jussey of Charleston, S. C.

Kontract Klub

Mrs. A. J. Dickson was hostess to the Kenansville Kontract Klub Wednesday afternoon. Several visitors were present. At conclusion of the games, the following were awarded prizes: Mrs. W. D. Reynolds for club - members high score, Mrs. J. E. Jerritt for visitors high score, while Mrs. Joseph Wallace was presented two prizes, traveling prize and low score prize. Mrs. Dickson's sister, Mrs. Carl H. Walker of the B. F. Grady school, assisted in serving refreshments.

W. I. G. Meets

Miss Thelma Smith was hostess to the W. I. G. Bridge Club Wednesday night when she entertained here in the

Besieged his own house for three months. Wife held it against her wealthy husband's raids and stratagems to regain it which were oddly reminiscent of warfare in the Middle Ages. Read about it in The American Weekly with next Sunday's Washington Herald.—adv.

home of Mrs. H. D. Williams. High score for the evening was made by Miss Margaret Fuller and second high by Miss "Teensy" Ward for which they were awarded attractive prizes. Miss Erma Williams assisted the hostess in serving refreshments.

FOUR POINT SAFETY PROGRAM PUBLISHED

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—(Special).

A four point program of activities in traffic accident control for communities of all sizes was released today by the North Carolina Department of Revenue's Division of Highway Safety with the publication of a 48 page traffic safety manual, "Creating Safer Communities". Copies of the book, of which there are now only a limited number, will be mailed this week to city and town officials, police executives, school authorities, judges, officers of civic organizations and outstanding citizens interested in traffic accident prevention. All will be urged to consider the application of the plan to their own communities. They will be asked to fit it into traffic safety activities now in operation or to use it as a basis for safety programs under consideration.

In a foreword to the publication, the Division of Highway Safety pledges its cooperation and assistance to groups working for traffic accident prevention, and recommends the use of "Creating Safer Communities" as a guide to community activity.

The four basic features of the suggested program include the preparation and use of accident facts, the extension of child and adult education, improved enforcement of traffic laws and better engineering for traffic safety. The organization of a Citizens' Traffic Control Committee where no such committee now exists is called for. This committee is urged to work in close cooperation with municipal and town authorities, is urged to work in close cooperation with municipal and town authorities, the police, the schools and the courts. Where possible, the appointment of the committee's chairman by the mayor or corresponding authority is recommended.

Commenting on the publication of "Creating Safer Communities", Arthur Fulk, Director of the Division of Highway Safety, said today: "The program outline in 'Creating Safer Communities' represents the combined efforts of experts on the all important subject of traffic safety. It is a suggested method of procedure and is issued in answer to numerous demands that informative material be prepared as a guide to community safety work. We earnestly hope that the suggestions contained in the manual will prove valuable not only where no organized community activity has yet been started but also where such work is already under way."

"Venus Didn't Diet", a short fiction story by the famous humorists, Frank Leon Smith, in which a flock of turtles play the unaccustomed roles of cupids. Read it in the American Weekly with next Sunday's Washington Herald.—adv.

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Poe Strikes Core Of Farm Policy

Two-Armed Farming Essential If Agriculture Is To Profit In South

By Guy A. Cardwell

Clarence Poe is off to a good start in the New Year. Dr. Poe, the widely known President and Editor of the Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist, is still and again advocating "two-armed farming" for the Southern states, and insisting that the "South must feed itself."

I have for many years joined with Dr. Poe and others in urging that the Southern farmer should practice balanced farming; not simply diversified farming; but mixed farming, with sufficient feed and livestock to furnish the needed balance to the cash crop system. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of liberally quoting from Dr. Poe's letter, addressed to subscribers, in the January 1937 issue of the Progressive Farmer, in spite of the wide circulation of this farm magazine; for the information and advice in Dr. Poe's letter is of such vital importance that it should be emphasized and kept before rural people and those interests controlling farm-financing in the cotton, tobacco, peanut and truck growing sections, in order that "two-armed farming" may be put to work to improve the economic condition of all Southern people.

Dr. Poe says: "The Farmers and Farmers' Wives Must Make More Money".

South must feed itself both in order to help our families maintain a standard of living in keeping with an automobile age, and also to help each of us make his or her contribution to a finer Southern civilization, every subscriber needs now to ask himself: "How can my family and I earn this greater farm income in 1937 and in all the years to come?"

First of all, in my opinion, the South must quit paying freight costs and middlemen's costs on Northern and Western farm products we could grow ourselves. Take North Carolina, for example. It is probably better off in this respect than other Southern States whose cotton production is larger, yet the state agricultural college reported some time ago that of the food and feed products used in North Carolina the state imported from the North and

West: 1 out of every 4 ears of corn, 2 out of every 3 biscuit, 1 out of every 4 bales of hay, 1 out of every 3 pounds of beef, 5 out of every 6 mutton and lamb chops, 2 out of every 3 quarts of milk, and 1 out of every 2 chickens and eggs.

What we primarily need, of course, is not simply a "live at home" policy so far as practicable for each individual farm, but we need to go further and supply also the needs of Southern towns and cities. "Two carloads of Northern milk go into that little town each week," we heard recently about a municipality in the heart of a fertile farm area. In South Carolina recently, Clemson College made two surveys each of which showed that 40 to 45 percent of the eggs used in South Carolina come from states farther north—states where climate is less favorable to egg production than its own.

Two-armed farming: We have naturally got to quit depending on any "one-crop system", but we must go further. We have got to quit depending on any "Crops System", no matter how many crops it includes. As The Progressive Farmer has so often insisted, there are two great arms for producing agricultural wealth:

1. Plant Production—any and all kinds of crops.
2. Animal Production—live-stock dairying, poultry raising, etc.

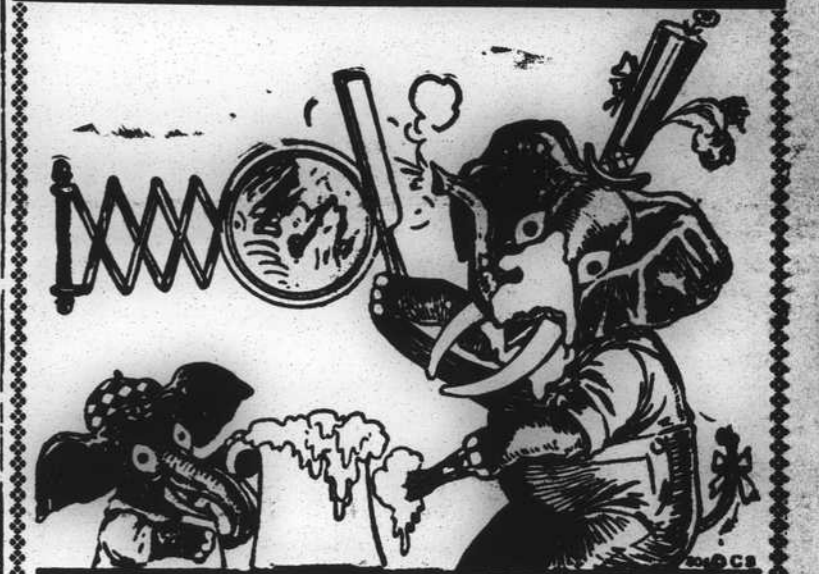
It is the curse of the South that we depend primarily on a one-armed system of farming—plant production alone. Take the 15 richest states in the Union and compare them with our 15 Southern States and what do we find? In the latest year for which I have compiled statistics these richest of all states produced only about the same crop values as our Southern States. In plant production we were not materially behind them. In

animal production, however, they were 200 percent ahead of us—and hence 400 percent ahead of us in wealth per farm family. These richest states had a two-armed system with plant production and animal production almost equally balanced. For each \$5 they produce in crop values they produce \$4.16 on livestock values. But here in the South for each \$5 in crop values we produce only \$1.76 in livestock values.

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