

Kinston Electric Rates Not Highest or Lowest Used in East Carolina

Discussion is frequently heard on the subject of electric power rates in the Kinston vicinity. Generally speaking not too much is known by too many people on this subject and discussions usually consist of assertions that are seldom backed by facts and figures.

Some people on one side of the question assert that rates charged for electricity in Kinston are much higher than in other towns in the state and particularly in this immediate area. Others insist that the rates are lower in Kinston. Here are the rates and as usual neither side is correct. Some rates in this area are lower and some are higher. These figures are from the annual report on communities of more than 2,500 population by the Federal Power Commission.

On one point, and this favors the small consumer, Kinston does rate on the low side of the argument. The minimum charge in Kinston is 77 cents per month. Minimum rates in other surrounding communities are: New Bern \$1, Morehead City \$1, Rocky Mount \$1.25, Wilson \$1.20, Washington \$1.25.

For the first 25 kilowatt hours Kinston electric consumers pay 5.5 cents per KWH, Goldsboro 4, New Bern 7.8, Rocky Mount 4.8, Morehead City 4.9, Greenville 6 and Washington 6 cents.

For up to 500 KWH the Kinston rate is 1.7 cents, Goldsboro .9, New Bern 2, Wilson 1.9, Rocky Mount 1.8 and Washington 2.

These are residential rates for each of these communities.

Goldsboro is served by the Carolina Light and Power Company which has the cheapest rates in North Carolina. Morehead City is served by Tidewater Power Company. The other communities listed own their electric power plant facility.

Industrial rates begin higher and taper off for large consumers to a much lower rate than that of residential consumption.

The cheapest electric rate in North Carolina is enjoyed by the people of Kannapolis where power is supplied from a plant owned by the Cannon Mills, which also owns the town.

SEEING STARS

By LYN CONNELLY

DONNA REED, who has played the girl-next-door sort of role during her entire film career, will get a chance to show herself off in the brighter



Donna Reed

plumage of the girl-who-gets-the-boy in "The Hero" in which she plays opposite John Derek . . . Donna wears one evening gown, two cocktail dresses, two pairs of lounging pajamas, one fur coat and one white mink during the course of the movie — all of which pleases her no end . . . Incidentally, more than 250 college and professional football players participated in the college football games in "The Hero."

Gildersleeve found himself "stuck with" 200 pounds of caramels at Hollywood's recent Santa Claus Lane parade . . . When police ruling forbade tossing the candy to youngsters lining the sidewalks, Gildy hauled the load of goodies to the Los Angeles orphans' home and personally presented it to the kids there . . . Washington brass is reported to be disappointed at the lack of talent volunteering to entertain troops in Korea and Europe . . . An official "bonfire" may be started to get cooperation from top studios . . . Jack Benny obviously thrives on top competition . . . His latest rating went up three points-plus in spite of Tallulah Bankhead's star-studded rivalry.

Shirts Now On Sale Made From Fiber V

Announcements at the year end from John Wanamaker in Philadelphia and The Marshall Field Co. of Chicago reveal that men's dress shirts made from the du Pont company's newest synthetic, Fiber V, were on sale during the Christmas shopping period with a handsome \$10.95 price tag.

The shirts are being made by Raab Meyerhoff Inc. from small quantities of the new miracle fiber that are being produced in a small pilot plant now in operation at the du Pont company's first nylon plant in Seaford, Delaware.

The plant to be built in Lenoir County's Contentnea Neck Township is to be the first mass producer of this new material, which is expected to cut as wide a swath in the textile industry as nylon.

Special Master Is Holding Hearings In Property Prices

On Tuesday of this week Special Master hearings were begun in the offices of the Clerk of the Lenoir County Clerk of Superior Court in order to set prices that will be paid property owners whose holdings in the two-block area between McLewean and East and between Bright and Shine streets have been acquired by a condemnation proceeding by the Kinston Housing Authority.

Attorney E. W. Price has been named Special Master in the proceedings and after he has heard from both sides in the proposition his will be the task of deciding how much the several property owners will receive for their houses and lots.

First of these Special Masters hearings was at 9:30 Tuesday morning and it concerned property owned by Ely Perry, Tuesday afternoon hearings were begun into the property owned by Sybil and Delia Hyatt.

Work has already started on the 178 unit low rental housing group that is to occupy the site.

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