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Utilities Report Reveals Cost of Hazel to Department and Shows Five-Month Operational Income

A five-month report compiled by Kinston Utilities Superintendent Graham McAdams reveals two things, one pleasant and the other not so nice to recall. First, that the income of the city-owned electricity and water plants is running considerably ahead of budgeted expectations and, secondly, that Hurricane Hazel's cost to the utilities department was \$17,109.14, which figure cannot, of course, contain the revenues lost for that period of from several hours to several days when power was not flowing to many of the city's customers.

McAdams' reports says that his department put in 5,625 1-2 hours patching up the damage done by Hazel at a labor cost of \$13,703.06, and materials used amounted to \$3,406.08. The labor cost included a total of \$3,592.32 paid out for overtime work done during and just after the worst storm to hit Kinston in recorded history.

On the happier side of the report income from water and power sales during the first five months of the current fiscal period stood at \$653,941.70 (power \$559,122.20; water \$98,684.95) which was \$68,108.35 more than had been anticipated in the budget estimates of City Manager Bill Heard and McAdams' office when the budget was prepared last spring.

On the outgo end of the past five months of operations McAdams' report indicates that the department spent \$202,569.16, purchased power from Carolina Power & Light Co. to the tune of \$57,676 and made capital investments amounting to \$116,322.92, which expenditures, of course, include the cost of Hazel.

This total departmental expenditure was \$376,568.09, which is \$8,299.48 MORE than had been planned for expenditure during the five month period. The budget figure for the period was \$368,268.60.

On the net profit paid into the city's general fund side McAdams' report says, in part: Income \$653,941.70 minus operational costs of \$260,245.16, minus capital outlay of \$116,322.92 left \$277,373.62 for transfer to the general fund.

The general fund during the five-month period had anticipated \$227,564.75 from the utilities department which found it, no doubt with welcome arms, receiving \$49,808.87 more than expected.

Auto Theft Charged

Johnny Bryant of 505 Sunshine Street is held under \$500 bond charged with stealing a truck Tuesday belonging to T. R. Quinn and Robert Penuel. No damage is reported as having been done to the truck which was stolen from a parking space near a grocery store operated by Quinn on South Adkin Street.

This uninvited visitor in the front yard of R. L. Flanagan at 701 East Washington Street was driven by and belonged to James Poole of Kinston route two. Poole said he swerved to miss a car headed west on Washington and

wound up in roughly this position pictured here. Considerable damage was done to a brick wall around the Flanagan front yard and the Ford had a few wrinkles knocked in it. (Foliaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider.)

Judge Grady Clears 46 Cases From Jones' Criminal Calendar

Judge Henry A. Grady presided over a term of Jones County's Superior Court last week that saw 46 cases cleared from the court's criminal calendar.

Heaviest sentence meted out during the term went to Sawmill Worker Raymond Roberson who assaulted two of his co-workers with an ax last month. He drew a five to seven and a half year prison term.

Other cases before the court with the judgment included the following: James Edwin Harrington, drunken driving, \$100 and costs; John A. Franks, assault, nol prossed; J. R. Morris, carrying a concealed weapon, drunk and disorderly, prayer for judgment upon payment of \$50 fine and court costs by March term of court.

Durant M. Eubanks, reckless driving, \$50 and costs; John Paul Scott, non-support, nol prossed; Leon L. Henderson, reckless driving, \$50 fine and costs; James William Turnage, assault, not guilty; Bryant West Ferrell, reckless driving, \$50 and costs; James Harrison, assault, \$25 and costs.

William Henry Wilson, liquor violation, \$10 and costs; Theodore Williams, liquor violation, \$10 fine and costs; James Melton Pickett, reckless driving, nol prossed; June Koonce, assault, pay costs and \$500 to prosecuting witness; Robert G. Whitfield, assault, not guilty; Alton Baker, assault, not guilty; Lindsey Maness, passing worthless check, 18 months on roads suspended on payment of \$900 check, plus court costs by the next term of court and to remain under \$1800 bond pending that session; Howard Cook, slander, nol prossed; James Mills, liquor violation, \$10 and costs.

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Some Good Advice

This year an all out effort has been made by the State Highway Patrol to curb the tragic death toll on our highways, and as this is written the record for 1954 stands 133 lives better than that of last year which is a considerable saving in life, and in sorrow. But now with just a few days left in the year District Patrol Commander John Laws asks the fullest cooperation of the motoring public. "If you must drink strong drink during the Christmas period, let somebody else do the driving; and if it is impossible for you to avoid driving, then let somebody else do the drinking." Laws begs of the driving public.

less driving, \$25 and costs; Patrick Phillips, liquor violation, 12 months in jail suspended on

condition of five years probation and payment of a \$100 fine; Theodore Roosevelt Keys, reckless driving, \$25 and costs; Robert Kenneth Corbett, reckless driving, \$50 and costs; Little Calvin Stokes, drunken driving, not guilty.

Robert J. Taylor, drunken driving, \$100 and costs; Paul Miller, speeding, \$50 and costs; Leroy Koonce, non-support, two years in jail suspended on payment of \$10 per month to family and five years probation; Joe Meadows, liquor violation, \$10 and costs; Floyd Franklin Huggins,

speeding, drunken driving and carrying a concealed weapon, \$150 fine and costs; Elijah Williams, carrying concealed weapon, no true bill found; James Bell, liquor violation, 18 months suspended on payment of \$100 fine, costs and five years probation.

Paul Revere Stallings, drunken driving, \$100 and costs; James Burney, liquor violation, \$10 and costs; Leroy Ward, speeding and reckless driving, 12 months and probation revoked; Harvey Ward speeding and reckless driving, See Jones Court page seven

Merry Christmas to You All!



These are the smaller parts of the Jack Rider Family, caught as they did a little pre-Christmas investigation of the loot beneath the family tree. With four-year old Jan, one-year old Jack and seven year old Libby doing a spot of wondering about "what's in this package". Perhaps, of course, Jack Jr. is more

concerned about the pretty ribbons and paper and wondering how they will taste.

This picture has several purposes. 1. To let our friends at home and away from home keep up with the progress of the Rider Family. 2. To substitute for a Christmas Card, since the Rider Family stays so busy doing printing for other people that

it has failed for the past three years to get around to printing cards for itself. And 3. To wish everyone of our thousands of friends a Christmas as merry, as thrill-filled and as contented as that which the three Little Riders pictured here will enjoy. That wish comes from Muriel, too, as well as from Jan, Jack Jr., Libby and the oversized Jack