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SUMMER HEAT CAUSES BIG ELECTRIC USAGE

Three All-Time Records Created For Virginia Electric and Power Co. in August.

Last week's sticky heat was largely responsible for topping three all-time records, Erwin H. Will, president of Virginia Electric and Power Company announced today. The heavier than usual use of television during the National Democratic Convention also contributed to the record. Vepco President Will said that use of air conditioning pushed the week's production to a new high of 139,290,000 kilowatt hours. An all-time peak load of 1,166,000 kilowatts was established between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, August 13. The next day's production of 21,447,000 kilowatt-hours set a new high for a 24-hour period. Air conditioning also played a large part in increasing revenues during last month, according to Will. July revenues rose to \$9,916,000, an increase of 12.6 per cent or \$1,114,000 over the same month of last year.

Revenues for the past twelve months ended July 31 were \$113,850,500, an increase over the previous twelve months of \$11,884,000 or 11.6 per cent. Balance available for common stock during the past twelve months amounted to \$2.70 per share. This compared with \$2.47 per share for the twelve months ended July 31, 1955, Will said. The company president said that Vepco has spent \$23,880,000 through July 31 on its \$50,000,000 construction budget for 1956.

MANTEO BAPTIST CHOIR GIVES GOING-AWAY PARTY

A going-away party for Dick Lyon and R. H. Stone was given Thursday evening by members of the Manteo Baptist Church choir in the church recreation hall. Cake was cut and served by Mrs. Camille Podolski and punch was served by Mrs. W. R. Pearce. Mr. Stone was principal of Manteo school last year. Mr. Lyon has been a student engineer with the National Park Service during the summer, and has returned to his home in Middleboro, Ky., from where he will go to Lexington, Ky., to resume his studies at the University of Tennessee.

Those present included Mr. Stone, Mr. Lyon, George Powell, Mrs. Leo Midgette, Mrs. Linwood Mayo, Miss Betty Bruce Inge, Mrs. E. R. Wescott, Mrs. W. R. Pearce and Mrs. Camille Podolski.

FISH FRY HONORS VISITORS FROM SILVER SPRING, MD.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Basnight and their children, Mary Anne and Billy, of Silver Spring, Md., were honored Friday night with a fish fry given by Mr. Basnight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Basnight, at their home near Manteo. Guests included, in addition to the honorees, Thomas Basnight III of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dough of Kill Devil Hills; Mrs. Leonard Midgett, Arvin, Charlie and Nancy Pearl Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Glynn and Miss Nancy Helen Glynn, Mrs. Nancy Beals, Curtis Lewis II, Brownly Etheridge, Carlton Etheridge, Charlie F. Midgett, Mrs. Camille Podolski, Johnny Podolski Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and Nancy Ann Ward, all of Manteo.

AVON PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Damon Meekins and daughter Gracie of Norfolk spent the week end here.

Mrs. Louisa Williams and son Dalton, who have been living in Oriental, have moved to their home here. A daughter, Mrs. Marion Hardy and children of Oriental visited them recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Williams of New Bern visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray.

Mrs. Loran Ballance of Morehead City visited her mother, Mrs. Margaret Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Meekins and children Leslie and Cathy of Norfolk visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Meekins and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Scarborough of Manteo and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thomasson of Alexandria, Va. spent several days last week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Williams of New Bern spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herscal Williams and children of Elizabeth City were here for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Gray and children of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Gray.

Rex Meekins of Norfolk visited Mrs. Jarvis Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Miller.

Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Bingham and daughter Susie were visitors in Manteo Saturday.

Mrs. Mildred Beamon and children Earl and Brenda have returned from a visit at Snow Hill. Oley Hooper, U.S.C.G. of Portsmouth, Va. visited his family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gregory and infant daughter of Elizabeth City visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard Gray Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Sterling and son Ronnie have returned to Norfolk after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pritchard of Elizabeth City visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moody Meekins over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Gray and daughter Lois Jean visited Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gray.

Tom Scarborough of Wilmington, Del. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Scarborough.

William Miller of Wilmington, Del. visited his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Midgette of Waves visited Mrs. Bembra Miller and Mrs. Retta Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meekins of Norfolk visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Meekins.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lorency and children of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. George Price over the week end. His mother, who had been visiting Mrs. Mary H. O'Neal, returned home with them.

Billy Gray of Norfolk visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gray.

OCRACOKE PERSONALS

Ocracoke, Sept. 5.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Ocracoke Methodist Church met Monday afternoon with Mrs. T. W. Howard presiding. Mrs. Elizabeth G. Howard had charge of the devotion program. Mrs. Maude Fulcher, spiritual life leader, read an interesting story. Discussion in the business session included plans for the need of money for furniture purchased for the parsonage and for support of one child at the orphanage. The Circle held its meeting on Tuesday night with Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler presiding. Mrs. Selma Spencer, chaplain, read a selection. Plans for raising the money needed by the Society were discussed. Hostesses were Miss Frances Rawley, Miss Marie Hodges, Mrs. Dell Scarborough, and Mrs. Cantwell Howard.

Ocracoke School opened for the 1956-57 session on Tuesday with all teachers and nearly all students present.

A good many of the summer visitors left on Labor Day for their homes. Mr. and Mrs. David Styron and daughter, Belinda, returned to Wilmington, Delaware; Larry Williams returned to his teaching position at Wilmington, N. C. Mrs. Melba Johnson, Mrs. Janice Taylor, and Billy Wahab Taylor, who visited Mrs. Lola Williams for the week end, returned to Norfolk with Dalls K. Williams, who was here with his family this past week end. Billie Wahab, son of R. S. Wahab, Jr., after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wahab, Sr., returned to his home in Virginia Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Price and family, here in the summer cottage for the week end, returned to Raleigh on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Chan Barsdale and family, and Norman Gillis, visiting Miss Susan Barsdale, left last week for Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Wilma Williams had as recent guests Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jefferson of Washington, N. C. and Mrs. Daisy Ballance and her son, Charles Ballance, and Walter Austin, of Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Simpson of Tucson, Arizona, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Needham Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parsons announce the birth of a son, Leonard Steve, on August 27, at Sea Level Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles House of Nashville visited Mrs. Letha O'Neal, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Gaskins recently. They brought back home Bradford Gaskins, who spent the summer with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Woodwell are visiting Mrs. Woodwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler.

Mrs. W. R. Hale is visiting her daughter in Camden, N. J.

Mrs. Elsie Tolson has returned home from Morehead City Hospital and is recuperating nicely.

Maltby Bragg is home from the Morehead City Hospital.

At the Howard Tourist Home this past week were Robert E. Grenfell of Baltimore, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Mor Blanc of East Paterson, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. M. Gilbert of Maplewood, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Runyon occupied their cottage at Ocracoke this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goerch flew to the Island recently for a short visit at Wahab Village Hotel. Dr. Edmond N. Schlesinger, Head of the Department of Humanities and Visual Aid of Louisville, Kentucky, is spending a week at the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Brown returned to Durham on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Northrup of Winston-Salem were recent guests

AT THE HOTEL

James M. Garrish of Philadelphia is visiting his sister, Mrs. Jake Alligood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gaskins, Zora Babel Gaskins, and Miss Martha O'Neal returned on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Preston Ennis to Wilmington, Delaware, to spend about a month there.

Horace Gaskins, Charlie Morris O'Neal, Mace Garrish, and Ronald O'Neal spent Labor Day week end with their families here.

Ikey D. O'Neal, Jimmie Spencer and Bobbie Garrish visited at Nags Head last week end.

Mrs. Lorena Williams and grandson, Bobbie Tunnell, of Norfolk visited Mrs. Tressie Howard, recently. Mr. and Mrs. James Howard are now visiting Mrs. Tressie Howard.

Mrs. Edith Simpson of Sea Isle City, who has visited this summer with Mrs. Deane Ballance and Miss Florence Gaskins, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Lillian Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Eley and son, Billie, returned to Portsmouth after visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hart and children of Richmond spent Labor Day week end with Mr. and Mrs.

JAMIE STYRON

Mr. and Mrs. Donald O'Neal and their home in Wilmington, N. C., children, who have visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O'Neal, returned to on Monday.

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CHANNEL BASS HITTING IN SURF NEAR RODANTHE

Waves.—Channel bass are hitting the lures and bait of surf-casting anglers along the ocean's edge at Waves, and Rodanthe this week. The waters of the surf near this village will become a favorite spot of surfcasters during the next several weeks.

One of the first catches of the autumn season was reported by Asa Gray of Waves, who said B. F. Etheridge of 11 Woodruff Street, Elizabeth City, reported catching two channel bass on Monday near the hulks of two World War II LSTs that were wrecked during a storm about 10 years ago.

The two that Etheridge caught weighed nine and 15 pounds each. Earlier in September Edgar Hooper of Buxton, reported anglers fishing the Cape Hatteras waters had landed dozens of similar size channel bass.

All of the channel bass reported to date come within the legal limits of the new State Department of Conservation and Development regulation which now prohibits landing channel bass under 14 inches or more than two per fisherman, (sports or commercial) of channel bass weighing more than 32 pounds.

No 32 pound (or over) channel bass have been reported recently from the surf and inlets of the Dare Coast. Fish of that size and larger usually make their appearance after September 15 and through November.



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