

## Record Amounts Electricity Used During Summer Heat Wave

Customers of Duke Power Company have used record amounts of electricity during the late summer heat wave affecting most of the eastern half of the United States.

Temperatures which soared into the mid-90's the week of August 27 brought the utility's new peak load to 6,235,585 kilowatts at 6 p. m. August 29.

Austin C. Thies, senior vice president, production and transmission, said that "the record peak slightly exceeded predictions of electricity consumption made last year by the company forecasting department."

A year ago we forecasted a 1973 peak of 5,101,000 kilowatts, a figure which obviously has proved to be realistic.

"But," he added, "the year isn't over. We have four months left and December could easily produce a winter peak that will equal or surpass our summer experience."

The new mark is over 786,000 kilowatts above the previous summer peak of 7,449,000 kilowatts set in July, 1972.

This noted that the increase in consumption is not the result of record high temperatures, but the incidence of extended warm weather coupled with rapid growth in the use of electricity for all purposes.

Thies said that the company was meeting the demand for electricity, although generating reserves are below what they should be.

"The total capacity of our generating system is approximately 8.2 million kilowatts, including Oconee Nuclear Station, which was placed in service last month," he said.

"It is clear that our reserve levels are too low because if we have trouble with major generating units during a time of severe weather, we are likely to have shortages in the supply of electricity."

Thies added that "during tight reserve situations all power companies cooperate to help each other by supplying any available power through interconnections between systems."

The Duke official explained that the new consumption record shows that estimates of the company's peak loads have been conservative and that new plants under construction and those being planned are urgently needed.

"Our forecasts show that between now and 1980 the demand for electricity will average nearly eight percent per year," he said.

Duke expects to add over three million kilowatts of capacity by the end of 1974, including units two and three of Oconee Nuclear, the first unit of Beavers Creek Station (Forsythe County) and the first two units of Jocassee Hydroelectric Station (located at Keowee-Toxaway).

## Mesdames McLean, Amon Are Selected For Honor

Two young Mooreville women have been selected as Outstanding Young Women of America for 1973, according to Mrs. Pandora Bemis, director of the national awards program.

The two are: Mrs. Judith Carrigan McLean of 330 Mackay Avenue and Mrs. Mildred McCoy Amon of 378 Fieldstone Road.

Mrs. McLean was nominated for the honor by the Mooreville Junior Civic League, while Mrs. Amon was nominated by Mrs. Sondra Parker of Mooreville, who was selected for the OYW honor in 1971.

Mesdames McLean and Amon now are being considered for further state and national awards.

This fall, 50 of the young women nominated for the Outstanding Young Women of America program—one from each state—will be named as their state's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. From the fifty state winners, the national Ten Outstanding Young Women of America for 1973 will be selected. The National winners

will be presented at a special awards ceremony to be held this fall in Washington, D. C.

The Outstanding Young Women of America program was conceived—and is today guided—by leaders of the nation's major women's organizations. The program's board of advisors, composed of the national presidents of

women's clubs, is headed by Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The purpose of the Outstanding Young Women of America program is to recognize young women between the ages of 21 and 35 for their exceptional contributions

to their professions, communities and country. Nominations for this national awards program are made by women's organizations, churches and alumni associations throughout the country.

A complete biographical sketch of each nominee is included in the annual awards volume, Outstanding Young Women of America, which is distributed nationally as a reference publication. The 1973 awards volume, scheduled for publication in November, will contain a special introductory message by Constance B. Newman, Commissioner, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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