



Tideland Topics

**REAL PEOPLE.
REAL POWER.**

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBER-OWNERS OF TIDELAND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

LINE LIFE: Linemen share their love of the business



On May 8, Tideland linemen Kane Cox and Joseph Gibbs participated in the Hyde Heritage Days at Mattamuskeet Elementary. Youngsters had an opportunity to see up close the tools of the trade including a bucket truck demonstration.



Meanwhile, in neighboring Beaufort County, linemen Donald McArthur and Jacob Hardison met with an older group of students at Bath Elementary. With the focus on career exploration, McArthur and Hardison discussed the apprenticeship nature of a lineman's job.



At both events the linemen stressed how important safety is from performing daily equipment tests, from wearing personal protective equipment to having good communication among co-workers.

To schedule a safety demonstration, career readiness presentation or energy efficiency workshop, contact Heidi Smith at 252.944.2410.





This Month In Tideland History



Right-of-Way Maintenance Update

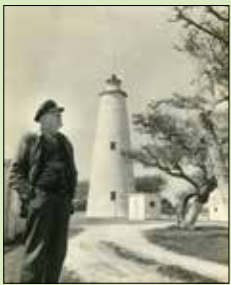
In May, Lucas Tree Experts will be trimming along the Long Ridge circuit starting at the Plymouth substation. Morratock, Long Ridge and Hollis roads are included.

Mowing crews will be working along Mouth of the Creek, Maules Point, Core Point and Durham Creek roads and all sideroads in the area.

Please lend your full support to our right-of-way maintenance efforts.



May 11, 1935:
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 7037 establishing the Rural Electrification Administration.



May 12, 1937:
Ocracoke Power and Light, owned by R.S. "Stanley" Wahab (pictured left), obtained its first loan from the REA. OP&L would become one of only two utilities to ever default on an REA loan after a hurricane destroyed the island power plant.



May 1941:
Construction began on Pamlico-Beaufort EMC's office in Grantsboro.

May 28, 1945:
Woodstock EMC voted to move forward with construction of electric lines to serve Washington County starting in the Pungo Road area.

May 1947:
Woodstock EMC began publishing its monthly newsletter, WEMCO News.

May 17, 1955:
Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation began operation. Its offices were at Woodstock EMC and the two co-ops shared a manager and other staff until 1971.

May 6, 1971:
Co-op attorney Bill Crisp suggested that after their merger, Woodstock EMC and Pamlico-Beaufort EMC should call the new co-op: Tideland.

May 1974:
A wholesale power cost adjustment is added to member bills for the first time.

May 1975:
After a near-fatal accident, Tideland formed a permanent safety committee.

May 31, 2000:
Former Woodstock and Tideland general manager Glenn Carowan passed away at the age of 74.

There is still time to qualify for our \$1,000 prize drawing

Members have until May 24, 2016, to qualify for our \$1,000 electric bill credit prize drawing. All you have to do is sign up to contribute to the Tideland Electric Care Trust through Operation Round Up or Operation Round Up Plus. You can also make a one-time cash contribution to the fund. Complete details were published in the April issue of Carolina Country magazine. You may enroll online via the member portal or the account update form at www.tidelandemc.com. Or call us at 800.637.1079. All contributions are tax deductible.

\$1,000 ELECTRIC BILL CREDIT GRAND PRIZE!

ARE YOU IN?

Operation Round Up® is a voluntary program that allows Tideland EMC members to help fellow members struggling with home energy costs.