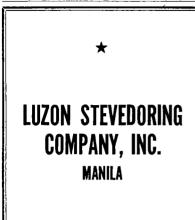
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Meralco Warns Public

Recently a number of Manila Electric Company customers have been the victims of fraud. Payments for METERS and SERVICE CON-NECTIONS have been exacted either by impostors or dishonest employees.

The Company advises all customers that electric meters and service connections are furnished without charge.

All employees of the Company are provided with an identification card. When approached by any person claiming to be a Meralco employee, ask to see His Identification Card.

Upon making any payment, demand a Company Receipt, showing the amount paid, signed by the employee making the collection.

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COST OF LIVING INDEX OF WAGE BARNER'S FAMILY: IN MANILA BY MONTH, 1946-47

(1941 = 100)

By the Bureau of the Consus and Statistics

1946	All Items	Food (59.15)	House Rent (8.43)		Fuel, Light and Water (13.94)		
January	603.4	759.2	236.4	984.0	363.8	434.8	.1657
February	547.2	656.3	236.4	940.3	369.5	460.5	.1827
March	525.9	631.0	236.4	940.1	340.4	445.2	,1902
April	556.2	684.1	236.4	910.3	345.5	435.9	.1798
May	545.1	675.6	236.4	762.5	342.3	409.6	.1835
June	538.7	666.4	236.4	737.9	343.3	404.2	.1856
July	552.7	704.3	236.4	598.9	341.3	364.6	. 1809
August	477.9	590.0	236.4	384.7	320.9	346.3	. 2092
September	477.9	591.3	236.4	378.7	314.5	347.2	. 2092
October	487.4	587.2	236.4	382.7	405.8	342.7	.2052
November.	484.8	607.8	236.4	406.4	346.5	305.2	.2063
December.	461.9	570.8	236.4	371.9	344.7	302.1	.2165

1947²

(100.00) (63.43) (11.96) (2.04) (7.73) (14.84)

January	426.2	468.2	453.9	381.9	326.2	282.5	.2346
February .	418.5	454.9	453.9	356.2	344.8	281.4	.2389
March	406.8	440.1	453.9	295.2	334.7	279.4	.2458
April	387.7	413.3	453.9	269.2	328.9	271.6	.2579
May	381.0	404.4	453.9	250.9	325.4	269.4	.2625
June	386.3	414.4	453.9	236.8	316.6	268.6	.2589
July	393.4	426.8	453.9	217.7	309.3	269.9	.2542
August	387.4	419.8	453.9	210.2	292.0	269.1	2581
September	368.9	392.1	453.9	216.4	283.3	266.8	. 2711
October	358.7	376.3	453.9	212.7	280.5	267.7	.2788
November.	358.4	376.3	453.9	215.1	280.5	265.3	.2790
December.	371.9	395.8	453.9	219.1	298.2	262.9	. 2689
1948							
January	391.2	428.3	453.9	224.5	304.6	249 9	. 2556
February.	368.5	392.0	453.9	223.8	301.1	254.4	. 2714
March	349.4	361.0	453.9	214.6	308 1	255.9	. 2862
April	356.1	374.1	453.9	209.4	289.7	254.8	,2808
May	349.8	360.2	453.9	214.2	289.7	271.6	.2859
June	354.1	364 . 9	453.9	205.5	283 6	263.1	. 2825

¹ Average number of persons in a family, 4.9 members. Wage **P**200.00 a month or less.

²Revised in accordance with the new survey of the "Levels of Living, in Manila" by the Department of Labor and the Bureau of the Census and Statistics conducted in December, 1946. The following weights were used in computing the "over-all" index: Foodstuffs — 63.43; House rent — 11.96; Clothing — 2.04; Fuel-light-water — 7.73; Preliminary and Miscellancous — 14.84.

