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Town Uses Alternate Water Supply



HUNDREDS of feet of two and one-half inch fire hose, furnished by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department, is the source of water for the Marshall Elementary School and

customers across the river opposite Main Street. A new six-inch water line has been installed under the bridge which will soon be ready for use.

Million Gallon Reservoir Is Being Cleaned

Mayor Lawrence Ponder stated this week that the water shortage experienced in Marshall during the past few days was caused by draining the million-gallon reservoir to allow the construction of the reservoir cover.

Ponder explained that before the floating cover could be installed it was necessary to completely drain and clean the reservoir.

He further explained that the town water system has been supplied by the wells on the Landon Roberts property on Walnut Creek since the

main reservoir has been drained.

"There has been no reserve capacity to supply the high school, and all business on the bypass including the shopping center. Other sections of the town have been supplied by the two smaller reservoirs near the radio station and on Hill Street," Ponder said.

"The other source of water, located on the Fortner property across the river from Hayes Run, is not yet available or usable due to the lack of a booster pump installed," Ponder continued.

"Due to the limited water supply at present the town officials urged the postponement of the reservoir cover until spring. This request was granted by the engineering firm and the construction company which are handling this project," Mayor Ponder stated.

"Hopefully, water will begin flowing into the million-gallon reservoir on Monday of this week, barring complications. Three to four feet of water is necessary in the reservoir to adequately serve all water customers in Marshall,"

Ponder said.

"A new six-inch water line has been installed under the bridge across the French Broad River that will serve the Marshall Elementary School as well as all customers across the river. This line has to be pressure checked and approved by the health department before the town can begin using it. This hopefully can be done by the latter part of this week," Ponder stated.

The Marshall Volunteer Fire Department is assisting in putting temporary water to

the Marshall School and areas across the river by supplying two and one-half-inch hose.

Mayor Ponder stated that when the water from the wells is in full use and the reservoir cover is installed, Marshall will have "the cleanest and purest water ever."

Mayor Ponder concluded by saying that the town officials appreciate the patience and understanding of this situation we are now in, and we will solve the problems very shortly and have a dependable and adequate supply of clean, safe water.

Ministries Center Enters Third Year At Mars Hill

New ways of helping churches, an idea which Sue Fitzgerald conceived for several years while serving as Director of Christian Education at the Mars Hill Baptist Church, has become an encouraging reality through the Center for Christian Educational Ministries at Mars Hill College.

A native of Gretna, Va., Miss Fitzgerald conceived her plan not long after she came here in 1963; she began edging it toward reality by compiling a small resource facility for local ministers while she served the Mars Hill church.

Then, in 1975, officials at the Baptist-related college were searching for new and effective ways in which the college could be of assistance to area churches. The college's president, Dr. Fred B. Bentley, convinced Miss Fitzgerald that she should join the college staff and expand the modest program she had begun into a center for Christian Educational Ministries.

That fall, she moved her collection of books, pamphlets, slides, recordings and similar materials into space formerly occupied by the college bookstore and officially began operating the Center. It was unique; no other college was doing anything similar, and there were few helpful guides on

how to proceed. The Meredith College educated, Andover-Newton Seminary trained woman, herself an ordained Baptist minister, had to rely heavily on her own experiences as a director of Christian education and on her instincts as to what would be helpful to pastors, deacons, Sunday School teachers and other workers in local churches.

During the first year the Center provided direct assistance to over 150 area churches. In the second year that figure doubled. Now in the third year of her "dream operation," Miss Fitzgerald is continuing to push her ministry to still other churches. Eventually she hopes that the Center can reach all the 600-plus churches in the area — Regions 9 and 10 of the Baptist State Convention.

The use of the Center has been brisk and encouraging in recent months. In November for example, 130 items were checked out by persons representing 25 different churches. During the same period, Miss Fitzgerald visited other churches, set up displays, and conducted workshops.

The services of the Center, which are available without charge to the users, take three different forms.

Books, filmstrips, music, and similar resources are available to pastors, church leaders, and laymen involved in all aspects of church life.

Effective ideas are offered for church leadership. These are usually presented through workshops and short-term studies which Miss Fitzgerald

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Election Information

According to Sharon Ray, county supervisor of elections, the following offices are up for election in 1978: clerk of superior court; tax collector; county commissioners (three seats); board of education (two seats in District I and three seats in District II); state house of representatives (two seats); and state senate

(two seats). This does not include the various other federal and state offices up for election.

The election board official stated that candidates may begin filing their notices of candidacy with the board of elections at 12 noon on Jan. 2. The filing period closes at 12 noon on Feb. 6.

Filing fees are as follows: clerk of court, \$149.04; sheriff, \$105; tax collector, \$105; county commissioner, \$18; board of education, \$5; state house of representatives, \$48; and state senate, \$48.

The primary will be held on May 2 and the second primary (if necessary) will be held on May 30.

French Broad EMC Announces Rate Increase

French Broad EMC will be faced with an increase in wholesale rates in December and Coop members will see an increase on bills rendered on and after Jan. 1. The rate study made by the Cooperative's consultants, is to be reviewed by the Board of Directors at their meeting on Dec. 13, and copies of rates adopted will be available after Jan. 1. The rates will be published in the January issue of "The Electrifier."

The Cooperative has no choice but to pay the rate increase imposed by Carolina Power & Light Company, and this forces an increase to its members. This will be the first time new rate schedules have been adopted since January, 1975, as the rate increase in May 1976 was added to the Purchase Power & Fuel Adjustment Charge. There will still be a Purchase Power & Fuel Adjustment Charge shown on your monthly bill as CP&L will continue to charge this to the Cooperative, but it will not be as large as you have been seeing on your bill since May 1976.

Members are urged to continue their efforts in

conserving energy, especially as we enter the winter peak load season. If we can lower the usage between 7 and 9 a.m. and 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. it can reduce the wholesale power bill to the Cooperative and the savings can be passed on to the members. Your help in using appliances, heaters and equipment at times other than those given above is greatly needed.

Any members having questions concerning this rate increase or other matters should contact your nearest Coop office.

Insulation Regulations Enforcement

Recently enacted state law regarding insulation of all new buildings will be enforced in Madison County beginning Jan. 1.

In addition to the regular building permit an insulation permit will be required from the Department of Public Safety located in Marshall.

"All work must be done by qualified people. Also, licensed electricians and plumbers must be used," Edward Ramsey, inspector, stated.

All requirements must be met and approved by this department before any power company may connect electric power. Old buildings or buildings under construction before Jan. 1 will not be affected by this law, Ramsey said.

Additional information will be available at the Dept. of Public Safety.



WINNERS of this year's Western North Carolina Junior Horticultural Crops Contest are, left to right: Lynn Shannon, Jimmy Shannon, first-place annuals; David and Sarah Shannon,

second-place annuals; Back row: Kathy Roberts, first-place perennials; Clayton Gosnell, third-place annuals; Randy Fowler, fourth-place annuals. All are from Madison County.

Shannon, Roberts Win Horticultural Contests

Jimmy Shannon, a 4-H Club member of RFD 2, Hot Springs, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shannon, was named Monday night as this year's top winner in the annuals division of the Western North Carolina Horticultural Crops Contest. Nita Catherine Roberts, a Madison County 4-H'er of RFD 1, Marshall, was named a repeat first-place winner in the perennials division.

Crops which led to the honors and receipt of a \$100 cash award for each were Shannon's tomatoes and Miss Roberts' strawberries. Announcement of winners of

the contest among 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members in the area was made at the Patton Avenue Hungry Bull Restaurant during a meeting of the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association.

Cash awards totaling \$325 were presented by Dr. Paul Shoemaker, N. C. State University extension specialist at the Mountain Horticultural Crops Research Station, Fletcher.

James B. Shelton of the research station was chairman of the judging committee which made field inspections of all projects and evaluated record books. Harry G. Silver of Asheville, district extension supervisor (TVA programs) for N. C. State University and commission chairman, was in charge of the awards program.

Second-place winner of the contest for annuals and recipient of a \$50 cash award was a brother-sister team from Hot Springs, David and Sarah Shannon. Clayton Gosnell, also of Hot Springs, placed third and received a \$25 cash prize. All grew tomatoes.

Honorable mention winners who received framed certificates and \$10 cash awards were Dawn Cost and Heidi Lomax of Asheville; Doug Stanfield, Franklin; Randy Fowler, Hot Springs; and

Kerry Owen, Rosman. Awards in the annuals contest were sponsored by Gerber Products Co.; Pigeon Valley Tomato Co.; Canton; 3-D Farm; Fletcher; Francis & Wright, Inc.; and Southern Agricultural Insecticides, Hendersonville; and Barber Orchards, Waynesville. Orchid Gardens of Fletcher sponsored the perennials awards.

The contest is sponsored by the Horticultural Crops Commission in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture teachers. It is aimed at stimulating interest among rural youth in producing various horticultural crops and recognizing those with outstanding projects.

Education

Board Meets

Monday Here

R. L. Edwards, superintendent, announced today that a called meeting of the Board of Education will be held Wednesday night of the week at the courthouse beginning at 7 p.m.

"This will be a work session on schools," Edwards stated. The public is invited.

Chill Puts No Damper On Pageant

By JIM STORY

Despite temperatures in the teens with a chill factor much lower, spectators braved the frigid weather to view the 14th annual Marshall Christmas Pageant last Friday and Saturday nights.

Perhaps the smallest number of spectators in the pageant's history witnessed Friday night's presentation. A few spectators stood shivering throughout the presentation with gusty winds sweeping up and down Main Street and lower Bridge Street while others remained in their cars with motors running to keep comfortable by car heaters.

Many more spectators attended Saturday night's performance although temperatures were well below freezing but the wind was less objectionable.

Both presentations, however, were declared by many to be "the finest in the pageant's 14 years."

Despite the bitter cold, the many people in the cast portrayed their roles excellently and gave no indication of their discomfort.

The Rev. John Shackleton, of Marshall, who is pastor of the Laurel Fork Free Will Baptist Church, was narrator of the impressive pageant and did a superb job while stan-

ding on the frigid courthouse porch.

Music Outstanding

The choir, under the expert direction of Charles Huey, of Marshall, was composed of singers from several churches in the county as well as from Mars Hill College. Their renditions were acclaimed as "superb and inspiring." Adding to the enjoyment of the listeners were the fine singing of Miss Ellen Jenkins, soloist, of Mars Hill College; the piano accompanist, Bill Mashburn; the flutist, Mike Cody; and Nadyne Worley, violinist.

Much credit should be given Jack Ramsey, chairman of the Pageant Committee; Ila

Ball, who directed the pageant; Charles Huey, who directed the choir; the various committees; the cooperation of the Marshall Police Department and the Marshall Volunteer Firemen, those who furnished the animals; and to the many persons who "worked behind the scenes" including Jobie Sprinkle, Ben Ledford, Jerry Plemmons, Walter Ball, and the ladies who served hot coffee in the courthouse lobby after both performances. Without the assistance of those mentioned, and many others, the pageant could not have been successful.