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## ARC Chief Tours 4 County Projects

The Washington chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission and his top deputies toured Madison County last Friday to see how ARC money is being spent, and they appeared to like what they saw.

In a rapid tour beginning at the French Broad EMC building in Marshall, the group visited Capitola Dam, the housing renovation area along Colvin Creek, the construction site of the new Laurel Medical Center and the Marshall Day Care and Senior Citizens Nutrition Center.

Al Smith, the federal co-chairman of the ARC, said he was impressed both by the progress of all these projects and by the people doing the work.

"The majority of the ARC programs in North Carolina have been carried out with a high degree of intelligence and efficiency," said Smith during the drive down the Laurel River. "And this county is a good example of what we've heard and seen about the success of the programs in this state."

"When I am came to the ARC, I was told that the North Carolina people managed their HUD programs as well as or better than anyone else—that the state people really understood their work. Having been here two days now, I am learning that this is true."

Smith was accompanied by Henry Krevor, ARC's executive director in Washington; Fran Moravitz, deputy director of ARC, also of Washington; Paul Essex, assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt; Richard Reimer, staff to Paul Essex; Bob Shepherd, executive director of the Land-of-Sky Regional Council in Asheville; and Hugh Stevens of the governor's western office in Asheville.

As federal co-chairman of the ARC, Smith is the successor to former N.C. Gov. Bob Scott, who left the position to run again for governor against Hunt.

Smith's county tour began with a short walk from the French Broad EMC building to the railroad tracks

overlooking Capitola Dam, where EMC Manager Charles Tolley told the group it would cost some \$3.5 million to put the hydro plant back into operation.

On the same day, Tolley was notified that the ARC will provide funding for the engineering and feasibility studies required.

Then the group drove across the river to the generator building, where Smith gamely clambered up a ladder to inspect to old turbine installed in 1937. Tolley told him that the engineers would have to decide whether the original turbine could be used or whether a new one would be

needed. He also said that the dam will provide 5-6 percent of French Broad's total needs. He said that because French Broad now has to purchase all its electricity from Carolina Power & Light, and because that cost is steadily rising, power from Capitola Dam will be feasible economically in a year or less.

CP&L also notified French Broad last week of a wholesale rate increase which will soon be passed along to county consumers.

Tolley added that some 200 hydro plants have been shut down throughout Western North Carolina, including one on the Ivy River and one on

the Cane River. He said both those dams could become economical to reactivate in a few years.

The group then drove over the Walnut Creek road to Spillcorn, where Sam Parker, Community Development director for the county, described the housing rehabilitation being done with both HUD and ARC money. Smith wanted to know if stone wouldn't be cheaper than concrete for underpinnings (the stone would, but labor costs would make the total cost higher); whether the owners of the rehabilitated houses have to pay back any of the (Continued on Page 8)



TAKING A BREAK from the EMC meeting, Kathleen, Carey and Cindy Burda bite into some tasty wieners supplied by the ladies of

the Eastern Star. Father Larry, at rear, patiently waits his turn.

## EMC Annual Meeting: Part Work, Part Fun

Several hundred people attended the Annual Meeting of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation in Marshall on Saturday. The meeting began with a moment of silent prayer in memory of O.H. Tilson of Asheville, one of the charter board members, who died in March.

A brief history of the cooperative was given as the 40th Anniversary of the cooperative was commemorated. Mrs. Crawford Bryan of Statesville, D.M. Robinson of Mars Hill, and Marty Buckner of the East Fork Section of Madison County, the surviving charter board members, were present for the meeting and were recognized. Several family members of charter board members who are deceased were also present for the

meeting. They included Kathleen Sluder and Elva Sluder, daughters of M.J. Ball; Mrs. B.W. Grigg, daughter of Zade Ramsey; Mrs. Hazel Jean Buckner daughter of A.E. Worley; Miss Marie Willis, daughter of W.S. Willis. Mark W. Bennett of Burnsville, first project superintendent for the

cooperative, was also recognized.

Guest speaker Dr. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, gave an inspiring address and kept the audience captivated with his wit and humor. Charles Tolley, coop general manager, gave a report of the activities of the

cooperative during the past year. He announced that the cooperative was notified on Friday that an Appalachian Regional Commission grant has been approved for detailed engineering, feasibility work and licensing of the Capitola Dam in Marshall. He also announced that the

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## Unaka Center Mission: Helping The Disabled

Until recently, society has responded to developmentally disabled persons by sending them to institutions or keeping them at home.

The effect of this, according to the workers at the Unaka

Center in Hot Springs, is to halt the development of these people, and render them unable to function in society.

Teh goal of the Unaka Center, which was founded in 1973, is to do just the opposite: to help the disabled to move about in society as normally as possible, with the goal of training them to live on their own and hold a job.

"The basic philosophy here," says Danny Wyatt, Unaka's director, "is called normalization. That means we try to establish and maintain personal characteristics that are normative as possible in our clients."

Unaka is known as an ADAP - an Adult Developmental Activity Program. So is the Mountains of Madison program in Mars Hill (for-

merly the Handi School). According to the ADAP program manual, "It is not normal in our society for people to live and work in the same setting, or to spend all their leisure time in the same facility in which they live and work. In other words, we should make available to the clients in an ADAP the same patterns and conditions of everyday life, and devise schedules so the activity, routines and rhythms are as close as possible to the norms of society."

Unaka has recently moved into new quarters, across the street from the day care facility, and will celebrate with an open house at 5 p.m. on May 8 to which the public is invited. There will be

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## A Word On Deadlines

Due to a change in the printing schedule in Waynesville, where The News-Record is printed, it is necessary to have all copy and ads by 4 p.m. each Monday afternoon. In the interests of accuracy and completeness, we would like to have as many items and notices as possible before the weekend. We feel this will help make a better paper for the community. Thank you for your help.

—The Editor

## Walter Bishop, 81, Doesn't Worry About Gas Prices

By WILEY DUVALL  
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Walter Bishop spends very little time worrying about the energy shortage. The only energy shortage on his farm is in his eighty-one year old legs, and they're still pretty spry. Walter was observed this past week preparing a one-and-one-half-acre field for its annual corn crop. It appeared that the pair of 25-year-old mules, Kate and Beck, needed to rest more often than did Walter.

Walter was born Aug. 16, 1899, on a farm directly across Spillcorn Creek from the old Laurel Seminary Baptist Church. He was married to the former Virginia "Virgie" Simmons in 1935. Virgie and Walter moved to their present home farther up Spillcorn

Creek some 50 years ago. They raised three children at this location — Lloyd of Melvindale, Mich., Florence Rice of Allen Park, Mich. and Charles of Marshall. Charles was a barber in Marshall for a number of years.

"Spending a lot of time outside and working hard seems to keep a man from being sickly," says Walter. "I had the fever a couple of times when I was a boy, and that's been it." Walter certainly seems to be whipping the energy shortage. If you doubt this, ask the mules which pull the two-horse turning plow.

There is no accurate measurement of the number of mules in the county. There was, several years ago, a county-wide inoculation of all horses and mules for sleeping sickness, and 1,500 animals were inoculated.



AL SMITH, center, federal co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, looks at a "before" photo of Dave Metcalf's house on Colvin Creek, currently undergoing renovation. Explain-

ing the project to Smith are Sam Parker, right, county director for Community Development, and Bob Shepherd, executive director of the Land-of-Sky Council in Asheville.

## Adult Softball Deadline

The deadline for entering the Madison County Adult Softball League is Friday, Apr. 25 at 4:30 p.m. All teams must turn in their entry forms by that time and their deposit of at least \$100 toward the enrollment fee. The total fee is \$175 for women's teams and

\$190 for men's teams. Call 649-2905 for more information. Forms and deposits can be mailed to the Madison County Recreation Department, P.O. Box 336, Marshall, or left at the department office on Skyway Drive.

## Farmers Must Report Cost-sharing Practices

Farmers have begun their spring seeding and improving practices during the warm sunny days recently and W.B. Zink, county executive direc-

tor for Madison ASCS, reminds farmers who received government cost-sharing to report the completion of their practices as soon as possible.

"Although the report date is set at June 30, 1980, farmers are encouraged to make reports as early as they can and not wait until the last minute," said Zink.

He also reminds farmers who have enrolled in the 1980 ACP that their practices will be subject to spot check by a representative of the ASCS Office, so care should be taken to complete the practice according to program requirements. Pasture and hayland which has been seeded or topdressed using ACP funds must have the vegetative cover maintained for a period of 5 years after the year cost-share materials are used.

Any questions farmers may have about their farm or the ACP program may be directed to the ASCS Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except legal holidays.



WALTER BISHOP, standing in the traces of his two-horse turning plow, anticipates a job well done. He and his two mules turned an acre and a half of ground in less than two days last week on his farm in Spillcorn.

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none of them has to worry about the energy shortage.