



**ROUGHIN' IT** — Directors of the French Broad Electric Corporation are shown with officials of the Big Bald Mountain Development Corporation. The board of directors met in monthly business session at the project site. President C. P. Edwards III, Vice President Karl Ketrone, and Project Manager P. R. Elam were on hand to greet the members.

## REA Directors Visit Bald Mountain

Directors of the French Broad Electric Corporation, headquartered at Marshall, got a bird's eye view of the unique year-round resort under construction at Big Bald Mountain.

The board of directors met in a monthly session recently in a century-old log cabin at the project's dude ranch. After adjourning to a picnic lunch prepared and served by the corporation's personnel, the directors were given a tour of the Southeast's newest resort.

Big Bald Mountain officials — President C. P. Edwards III, Vice President Karl Ketrone, and Project Manager P. R. Elam — were on hand to personally greet each guest.

Some 30 persons were in attendance.

They got their bird's eye view

humming over the 6,000-acre development in a helicopter. The French Broad Electric Corporation will furnish power to the newly-opened Wolf-Laurel Boundary of the Big Bald Mountain development.

Hundreds of mountain homesites are now being offered for sale in this first section of the new mountain development which straddles the North Carolina-Tennessee boundary.

Skiing, golfing, fishing, hunting, swimming, camping, and horseback riding: all of these fun-filled sports — and more, too — are planned for the gigantic resort atop Big Bald Mountain.

The French Broad Electric Corporation is to supply electric power to the huge project with the financial aid of the Rural Electrification Authority. The

authority has approved a quarter of a million dollars to provide the necessary power.

Transmission lines have been surveyed into the Big Bald Mountain project. And a substation site has already been approved for the center of the 6,000-acre mountain resort.

Members of the board of directors include Ernest Poteat, Bakersville; W. S. Willis, Mars Hill; M. D. Bailey, Burnsville; J. M. Ball, president, Marshall; J. A. Rice, Flag Pond; Paul Higgins, Burnsville; O. H. Tilson, Asheville; J. H. Sprinkle, Marshall; Ernest Teague, Marshall; C. L. Proffitt, Burnsville; and Elmer Buchanan, Bakersville.

Doug Robinson, Marshall, is general manager of the French Broad Electric Corporation.

## HOT SPRINGS IS PRAISED BY A. J. BERRET, S.J.

By ANTHONY J. BERRET, S.J.

On 11 August the new college warmup session at Hot Springs ended its summer classes. Chemistry, mathematics, and English were offered. Thirteen students finished the course.

Jim O'Connell, the math teacher, and I, the English teacher, came here from Philadelphia and Baltimore not expecting to see much. On our way down we slept late at a plush motel to kill time. We thought half the fun would be in getting here, and the other half in getting back.

But Hot Springs surprised us. It seemed economically on the move. There was the Burlington Mills thread plant. Last year the tomato business began to thrive enough for McCormack and Co. to build a large packing shed in town. Teenagers over 16 who were not on farms were earning \$1.25 an hour on road, forest, and building work.

Education also showed improvement. Beside our college warmup program, inspired by Fr. Thomas J. O'Donnell, a "Head Start" session for elementary pupils was in progress.

In the English course I taught, although my students made occasional errors in grammar or spelling, their main problem was the acquiring and expressing of

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## Blackwell, Lee, Leake In Current Who's Who Book

Among Western North Carolina's prominent citizens in the current Who's Who in the South and Southwest are Dr. Hoyt C. Blackwell and Dean Ralph M. Lee, of Mars Hill, and A. E. Leake, of Raleigh, formerly of Marshall and Walnut.

## BARBERSHOP QUARTETS IN ASHEVILLE SAT.

One of the outstanding treats annually is the SPEBQSA concert held at the City auditorium in Asheville. This year's event will be held Saturday night beginning at 8 o'clock with proceeds going to promote work with the blind of the Asheville Lions Club.

Allen Duckett, of Asheville and Marshall, is director of the chorus and is one of the outstanding singers in the star-filled array of musicians.

## FOREST SERVICE JOB PROGRAM IS POSTPONED

The start of "Operation Mainstream" in Madison County — a project to open up jobs with the U. S. Forest Service for 30 men from low-income families — has been postponed three weeks.

Mrs. Marietta Suhart, director of rural programs for the Opportunity Corp. of Madison and Buncombe Counties, the local anti-poverty agency, said the delay was to allow the applicants enough time to make extra money picking tomato crops.

The program was to have begun Tuesday, said Mrs. Suhart, but has been put off until Sept. fifth.

The 12-month project will operate with a federal grant of \$123,550.

These funds will provide pay of \$1.40 an hour for the 30 men who will perform such jobs for the Forest Service as preparing sites for reforestation and working on the Appalachian Trail.

Mrs. Suhart said about 100 men have applied, but the final selection of the successful 30 has not been made.

Passes Friday



Manchester

## MANCHESTER, PROJECT GROW HEAD, RITES SUN.

Well-Known In County; Was Honored Here For Service

Services were held at 3 p. m., Sunday in Central Methodist Church in Asheville for Frederic A. Manchester, 71, retired official of American Enka Corp., who died Friday, August 11, 1967.

The Rev. R. Herman Nicholson and the Rev. John Cook officiated. Burial was in Lewis Memorial Park.

Mr. Manchester was purchasing agent for American Enka (Continued To Last Page)

## Change In Rural Mail Delivery Benefits County

Elected President



JACK C. COLE, Vo-Ag instructor at Marshall High School, is President-elect of the North Carolina Vo-Ag Teachers Association. The election of Cole was made at the annual conference in Raleigh last week.

Mr. Cole will serve one year as president-elect, two years as president and one year as past-president on the executive committee of the state organization.

## Racial Relations "Are Very Good" In North Carolina

The state's top expert on racial relations said Wednesday that racial trouble spots in North Carolina are being resolved and that the situation in the state is "very good."

D. S. Coltrane, chairman of the Good Neighbor Council, said he does not anticipate any violence or rioting in North Carolina this year.

"I'm encouraged about our general situation," Coltrane said. "I wouldn't trade our situation with any other state in the nation."

"I consider the racial climate very good," he continued. "The problems in our three trouble spots are being resolved." The three are Durham, Greensboro and Anson County.

NO CHOICE

Waiting in line at the parachute jumping club, the new member nervously inquired of the grizzled veteran, "What made you decide to become a jumper?"

The older man replied: "A plane with three dead engines."

## 6,000 Rural Families In Four States To Be Affected

About 6,000 families in the four-state Atlanta Region are now eligible for the first time to have mail delivered to their homes under a new Post Office Department policy.

These families became eligible for this service when Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien last week announced a nationwide extension of rural delivery services to less-densely populated areas of the nation.

Regional Director C. Banks Gladden, who praised the new policy, estimated that about 20,000 individuals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida will ultimately be affected.

Under the new policy, rural delivery service can be provided for all areas with an average population density of one and one-half families a mile instead of the prior requirement of two families a mile traveled by the rural carrier.

This means that a family living within three quarters of a mile from the present route of a carrier is now eligible for delivery service.

Under the old policy, delivery service was possible only if the family lived within one-half mile of a carrier's route.

Mr. Gladden said the extension of service, first since 1960, is "a significant step in fulfilling Postmaster General O'Brien's promise to provide the best possible postal service to all citizens."

"The Post Office Department is constantly seeking new ways of improving postal service and the extension of rural delivery reflects this fact," he said.

Mr. Gladden said the Atlanta Region has 3,147 rural routes and it's estimated each route will have an average of 1.8 families who can receive mail for the first time because of Mr. O'Brien's new policy.

Despite the fact the United States is becoming more urbanized, Mr. Gladden said overall population growth has kept the de-

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## Attend Lion Meeting At Etowah Sunday

The first Cabinet Meeting of the Lions of District 31-A was held Sunday afternoon, August 10, at the Etowah Elementary School, Etowah. District Governor Howard Haightcock outlined his objectives for the year and made official announcements of all Service Committees appointed to work with him and his cabinet during the year.

Marshall Lion President Wade Huey and Secretary Ed Morton attended the meeting.

## Cole Attends V-Ag Conference At University Of Ga.

Jack C. Cole returned Monday from Athens, Georgia, where he attended the Region 5 Vo-Ag Teachers Officers Conference which was held at the University of Georgia.

## Wise Explains TVA Pilot Project At C. Of C. Tuesday

Earl Wise, of the Madison County Extension Department, was guest speaker at the Marshall Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting Tuesday at Flemmons Restaurant.

Mr. Wise explained the origin and recommendations of the TVA Pilot Project of which he is a key person in the county.

Allen Duckett, president, presided with 12 members present.

## FINE TALKS MADE AT F. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Joe L. Morgan, clerk of the French Broad Baptist Association stated this week that many fine speakers were heard at the annual Association meeting held last week. Morgan said that Rev. Robert H. Bruhn, who is associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (and who was former interim pastor at the Marshall Baptist Church), spoke for the Baptist Foundation of North Carolina. He said this Foundation helps people make wills, etc., in behalf of Baptist institutions. Mr. Bruhn attributed the breakdown in our society to "the lack of Christian leadership and guidance in our day of troubles." He referred to this generation as "one which knows not God." He stated with conviction that the church should be a "communicator of the dialogue between God and man."

Rev. Robert A. Melvin addressed the messengers Friday afternoon. He spoke of the true values of life. He noted some antagonizing divisions in the world of the apostle Paul and the similar forces in the divided world of today. Mr. Melvin, who is Chaplain of Mars Hill College, stated that Paul's analogy of the first century of Christendom was strikingly similar and appropos to the iron curtains, rebellions and alienation so typical of the titanic of the 20th century. He said the purpose of God in Christ is to heal our inner disharmony. He called for good relations among Christians, racial justice, and an end to the barriers that

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## Agricultural Group Organized

The newest agricultural organization in the State is the "North Carolina Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen," with a reported current membership of more than 2,500 and a potential membership of about 10,000.

Charles R. Reeves, a general crop and commercial pork producer from Sampson County, has been elected president of the North Carolina organization. Reeves said that, "any person who is a present or past member or alternate of a farmer elected county or community AAA, PMA, CSS, or ASC committee is eligible for membership."

Reeves went on to say, "any ASCS county or State office employee who has been a member of a committee at some time in the past is eligible for membership but will not be eligible to hold office in the new association."

Other officers are Henry Winchester, Summerfield, vice president; William F. Tyson, Stokes, secretary; and Charles A. Sudreth, Rt. 5, Lenoir, treasurer.

There also is an executive committee of 20 members — two from each of the 10 Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service districts.

Associations of farmer committeemen have been organized to date in several states, chiefly in the Midwest, and a national convention is to be held in Kansas City on December 8-9.

The president of the national association is Robert J. Hoffman of Aiden, Iowa. A North Carolinian, John N. Lockamy of Et. J. Clinton, has been named Southeast Area Director.

The preamble to the constitution

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## EXCESS CCC BINS AVAILABLE TO N. C. FARMERS

Madison County farmers will have an opportunity to purchase excess CCC bins for the storage of this year's crops. The Secretary of Agriculture has said that sales of bins will be stepped up to give farmers an opportunity to purchase needed storage space for this year's bumper grain crops.

With increased production of wheat, corn, and other feed grains in prospect, bin sales are being expedited as much as possible to help assure orderly marketing and to protect farmers against the price-depressing effect of temporary excessive market supplies.

Orders have been placed by the North Carolina State ASC Committee for 15 truck loads of CCC bins. Each of these truck loads will have approximately 10 bins. The bins will have a capacity of 2,250 bushels. The minimum sales price of these bins is expected to be approximately \$450 to \$475. The actual maximum price will vary depending on the transportation and handling costs to various points in North Carolina.

Local ASC county committees will handle the sale of the bins to farmers. Further details as to the sale of these bins is available at the ASCS office in Marshall.

## CAN'T PROVE IT!

Women live longer than men, but you can't prove it by their age.

## Poll Reveals WNC Favors Decisive Victory In Vietnam, Taylor Says

WASHINGTON — Western North Carolinians favor action to win a decisive victory in Vietnam, according to the results of a poll taken by 11th District Representative Roy A. Taylor.

Three months ago he mailed 134,000 questionnaires to box-holders in the 16-county congressional district. Approximately 12,000 were returned. Tabulation of the results took several weeks.

Seventy-one percent said they would expand military efforts to win a decisive victory as the best course of action in Vietnam. Another ten percent said keep military efforts at present levels while 19 percent preferred that our military efforts be reduced or terminated.

The next question asked: "Should Congress approve the President's request for a 6% surcharge of income taxes?" A negative response was registered by

77.6 percent. Many underscored their view with a written comment or exclamation point on the margin of the questionnaire.

Approximately 22 percent said the Poverty Program should be continued under present circumstances while 78 percent indicated it should be dropped or radically modified.

"Should Social Security benefits and taxes to provide for same be increased?" Fifty-four percent of the respondents said "yes," and 56 percent, "no."

Extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway to Atlanta, a proposal moving forward in Congress, won the support of 56 percent of the respondents. A few said wait until after Vietnam.

The closest contest on the questionnaire proved to center on whether draftees should be picked by lottery. Fifty-three percent said, "no." So did Congress

when the matter came up recently.

Fifty-nine percent said college students doing acceptable work should continue to be deferred — another point upon which Congress recently agreed.

The final question in the poll won a overwhelmingly favorable vote of 95 percent. It read: "Should Congress appropriate needed funds and pass legislation to assure investigation and trial of flag and draft card burners, people who cross state lines to incite riots and to aid local police departments fight organized crime?"

Approximately one-third attached a letter to their questionnaire amplifying and explaining the position taken.

Congressman Taylor said that this response enabled him better to understand and express the views, feelings and moods of the people whom he represents.