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Winter Use Of Electricity Explained

"SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG! I CAN'T HAVE USED THAT MUCH ELECTRICITY, JUST TELL ME HOW."

Not a single month goes by without a few members asking for an explanation of what they consider to be an excessive electrical bill, especially during the months of December through March. The answer is not the same for everyone.

Of course, during the holiday season you will find the lady of the house cooking more. Also, you will find many houses decorated inside and on the outside with the use of electrical lights and, of course, by doing this the member uses more electrical energy. The days are shorter, therefore, lights are turned on earlier in the day. The days get colder and in return, the furnace runs longer. Also, the temperature of the water in the ground enters your hot water heater at a lower temperature and this results in the heater having to operate longer to raise the water temperature to a comfortable level. There are many other reasons that call for extra use of electrical

energy. Many erratical bills occur simply because of the dates of the meter reading. If the meter reading is sent in on the 10th of the month and the next month on the 20th, there will be more days shown on that second month.

Equipment not operating properly or misused can cause the kilowatt usage to escalate upward. A water pump that has become water-logged will continue to supply water, but can use from \$3 to \$10 extra power in one month.

"What can you do!!!!" Discuss the items above with the family. Maybe some one can remember finding something wrong, or an appliance not operating as usual.

Remember, French Broad EMC cares about its member owners. We serve the roughest terrain in the state of North Carolina and distribute electric energy at the lowest rates of any other North Carolina owned utility or distributor. If you have a problem concerning your electrical power usage, feel free to call or stop by the nearest French Broad EMC office.



EAST FORK citizens in Madison County don't like to see junk cars, beer cans, and other unsightly items littering their community roads and they are doing something about it. For the past three weeks they have been conducting a clean-up campaign which has the community looking much better. More than 24 junk cars and thousands of beer cans and other items have been removed beside the 7-8 miles of roads involved and they're continuing the project. Shown above are five of the workers shown getting "junkers" ready to take off. Other communities could take a lesson from the East Fork citizens.

Tax deadline is April 17

Last year at this time millions of American taxpayers were working feverishly trying to complete their tax returns before the midnight April 15 deadline.

But, this year the situation is not quite so urgent, according to Mr. Fortner, local area manager for H & R Block. Because the normal April 15 fill: deadline falls on a week 4 this year, explained Mr. Fortner, the deadline has been extended to Monday, April 17.

What this means to the average taxpayer is that he has two additional days to prepare and file his 1971 Income Tax Return. Actually, continued Mr. Fortner, most taxpayers received a total of three ad-

ditional days in which to complete their returns this year, because, being leap year, February contained an extra day. Simply stated, the law says that if the filing deadline falls on a weekend or legal holiday, it will automatically be extended to the next business day, explained Fortner.

The last time this situation occurred was in 1967, when April 15 also fell on a Saturday, so the deadline was extended until Monday, April 17.

Fortner also said that H&R Block wants to caution taxpayers, that no matter when the filing deadline falls, discretion must be used in choosing the method of mailing your return to the IRS, in order to meet the timely filing requirements. Normally the postmark on the envelope is deemed to be the delivery date if posted in a U. S. Post Office. However, if the postmark is from a private postage meter, the return must be received by the Internal Revenue Service on the same day it would have been received if it had been posted at a U. S. Post Office. If there is any delay in delivery, the taxpayer must

prove that he mailed the return on time and explain the cause for delay. Simply dropping your return in the corner mailbox at 11:59 p. m. on April 17 is not enough, because chances are it will bear an April 18, postmark, unless deposited at a Main U. S. Post Office, added Fortner. Also, the envelope must be properly addressed and have the proper amount of postage. IRS may charge a 5 per cent per month penalty on the balance due on returns that are not filed on time.

Fortner pointed out that at this time of year, H&R Block is often asked if one spouse may sign a joint return for the other. The situations where it is permitted are limited to cases where one spouse has a power of attorney, or cases where one spouse is in a combat zone, or if one spouse is physically unable to sign by reason of illness, if oral consent is given. In most cases a statement must be attached to the return explaining why one spouse is signing for the other. Fortner concluded by saying that all H&R Block Offices will remain open the last few days, including April 17, until the last customer's return is completed.

Cherokee to host PTA meet

The District I Parents and Teachers Association will hold their Annual Conference at Cherokee Elementary School this year, at the date set for the conference is April 17, and registration will begin at 9:30 a. m. in the Elementary Schvl Library.

The theme of this year's conference is QUALITY EDUCATION TODAY. There is a good program planned and will include Mrs. Stanley S. Atkins, State P.T.A. President, who will report on State-Wide P.T.A. activities. Other speakers are Mr. Fred Bishop, Director of Vocational TERN North Counties, and Samuel S. Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Haywood County Schools.

Some of the business to take up will be nominations and selections for filling positions of District Director, Public Relations Director, Secretary, and County Directors.

Local Unit Presidents, Council Presidents and Principals are urged to invite Executive Boards Superintendents to the Conference. The Conference should be over by 12:30 p. m.

Industry Declines ; Reason Explained

Published below is a letter recently received by Zeno Ponder, member of the Marshall Industrial and Planning

School Bonds Sold Tuesday By Commission

Bonds and notes sold by the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, on Tuesday, April 4, included:

County of Madison: \$275,000 School Building; net interest cost, 3.50 per cent; years average maturity, 84 days; winning manager, Citizens Bank, Marshall, N. C.; range of bids, 3.50 per cent.

Men In Jail For Larceny, Vandalism

Sheriff Ponder announced this morning that a Forest City boy, formerly of Madison County, and a Laurel boy, both about 17 years old, are in the jail here charged with vandalism at the Laurel school and several other places.

Ponder also said that four Union, Tenn., men were in jail in default of \$10,000 bonds charged with the larceny of motorcycles from the Laurel section.

Boards, which explains why the proposed industry recently sought, has tentatively declined to locate on the Industrial site here:

Mr. Zeno Ponder Marshall, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ponder:

I am sorry for the delay in responding to your recent telephone conversation. You had indicated that the Marshall Development Group was making every effort to prepare for the proposed sewing plant.

As I had indicated to you at that time, the Campus business had expanded to a much greater extent than we had anticipated. Consequently, the decision was made to direct our efforts to a plant that was already in operation. We have just consummated the purchase of a sewing plant and could not find any alternative in order to maintain our current rate of growth.

In order to continue with this aggressive expansion, we are going to have to digest this new plant on an orderly basis. We have, therefore, decided that we cannot proceed immediately on the proposed plan at Marshall.

We want you to understand that we feel very kindly to all your efforts and will make every effort to contact you as soon as we are prepared to proceed further in our expansion program.

Very truly yours,
Campus Seward and Seward Co.
S. Pollock
Vice President

New Date Set For School Bid Opening; Bidders Listed

J. Bertram King, architect, for the Madison County Board of Education (New Consolidated High School) requested an extension of two weeks on the opening of bids for the construction of the new school plant. The original date for the opening of bids was April 5, but due to so many contractors requesting information and needing additional time to submit, King felt that an extension of two weeks was necessary to accommodate all prospective bidders.

The Madison County Board of Education hereby designates April 19, on the hour of 2:30 p.

m. as the date and the hour for bid openings. The bid opening will be held in the Madison County Court House. Following is a list of current bidders.

General: Associated Contractor, Buncombe Con-

struction Company, Carney General Contractors, Fiske-Carter Construction Company, Juno Construction Company, C. J. Kern

Plumbing and Heating: Caldwell Plumbing, Heating and Hardware; (P) Ray C. Davis; (P) A. W. Jones; (P & H) Moser Plumbing Company, Perry W. Plemmons; (P & H) Rogers Plumbing and Heating Company Wells & West; (H) Price Piping Company-W. H. Arthur; (H) 20th Century Heating Company, Industrial Maintenance Overflow Dyer's; H. V. Allen Company, Incorporated.

Electrical: Bryant Electric

Corporation; R. W. Cook; Hayes & Lunsford Electric Company; M. B. Haynes Electrical Corporation; Dixie Electric.

Attention, Voters

It is officially announced in a legal notice published elsewhere in this issue that the Madison County Board of Elections will accept for registration for the State bond election to be held on May 6, those persons who have resided in the county of Madison for 30 days provided they are otherwise qualified, and that all qualified registered voters will be eligible to participate in said State bond election.

For further information, contact Madison County Board of Elections.

Beginners' Schedule

Lawrence B. Burwell, MPH, Madison County Health Director, and Robert L. Edwards, Madison County Superintendent of Education, have announced that Beginners' Days have been scheduled for the Madison County Schools. Schedule is as follows:

Mars Hill, Thursday, April 13
Spring Creek, Friday, April 14;

Laurel, Tuesday, April 18;
Marshall Friday, April 21
Hot Springs, Monday, April 24;

Walnut, Wednesday, April 26. Programs in all the schools will begin at 9 a. m. It is very important that any child who will be six years of age on or before October 15, attend the Beginners' Day in his school district accompanied by a parent.

Parents are reminded that the North Carolina State Law requires every child entering any public school be immunized against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), measles, polio, and smallpox. Proof of age is also required.

Parents are requested to bring their child's immunization record and birth certificate to Beginners' Day.

Mr. Burwell states "We strongly urge the parents of every child entering school make sure his child's immunizations are up-to-date. These immunizations are available from your family physician or the Health Department."

Draft Board Hours Cited; Registration

Patricia R. Franklin, executive secretary of local Board No. 59 in Madison County announced today that the selective service Board will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a. m. - 5 p. m., and Thursday 8:30 a. m. - 12:30 p. m. All boys approaching the age of 18 are reminded that they have 30 days before and 30 days after their 18th birthday to register.

Gardner At Mars Hill Next Wednesday

Jim Gardner, Republican candidate for governor and a Rocky Mount businessman, will be the guest speaker at a rally in Moore Auditorium, Mars Hill College, on Wednesday night, April 12, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.



LAUREL SCHOOL MIDDLE grades projects are on display (above) in window of the Marshall library during April. These projects are the work of students at the Laurel school, grades six through nine. Items such as ties and gun racks were presented to Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent; and to Governor Bob Scott in Raleigh.

Historical Society Meets April 15

Madison County Historical Society will meet on Saturday, April 15, at twelve o'clock noon at the Walnut Presbyterian Church in the Walnut community. A study of the early history of Walnut will follow the covered dish luncheon. All interested persons are invited to attend and to bring any "country style" item of food to share. Miss Ruth Guthrie and Mrs. Lucie Burnett will direct the program.

This is the re-scheduled meeting which was cancelled in

early February because of snow.

Young GOP Club To Meet

There will be a meeting of the Madison County Young Republican Club in the Hot Springs high school auditorium next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. "Please come and bring a friend", a member stated.

Sexton Elected President Of F. O. P.



Charles A. Sexton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sexton, of Marshall, is the new president of the Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge of North Carolina. A former Marshall policeman, Sexton joined the Asheville Department in 1965 where he attained many honors. Besides holding the highest position in the State FOP, President Sexton is also the president of his local lodge, Harold C. Enloe Lodge No. 1. His wife, Shirley Ann, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James "Pete" Haynie, of Marshall. They have three children, Carmella, 10, Charles 8, and Cynthia 2.

Health Clinic

Lawrence B. Burwell, MPH, Madison County Health Director, has announced the Health Department Clinic schedule for April, 1972. Clinics listed are held at the Health Department unless otherwise specified.

Friday, April 7, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, April 10, Nurse Screening Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m. By Appointment Only.

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Tuesday, April 11, Maternity Clinic, 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 13, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p.m.

Friday, April 14, General Immunization Clinic 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, April 17, Mental Health Clinic, By Appointment Only.

Monday April 17, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, April 20, General Immunization Clinic Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p.m.

Friday, April 21, General Immunization Clinic, 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p. m.

Monday, April 24, General Immunization Clinic, Rudisill Clinic 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25, Family Planning Clinic, By Appointment Only.

Thursday, April 27, General Immunization Clinic, Mars Hill Town Hall 1-4 p. m.

Friday, April 28, General Immunization Clinic 8:30-12 Noon, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, April 28, Nurse Screening Clinic, By Appointment Only.

All General Immunization Clinics, protection is available against diphtheria, polio, measles, whooping cough, tetanus (lockjaw), mumps, rubella, and smallpox. Blood testing and vaccination also being available at the General Immunization Clinics.

Federal help offered to relocate defense industry unemployed

The federal government is now offering to pay the job search and relocation expenses of thousands of unemployed aerospace engineers, scientists, and technicians no longer needed in defense industries. Employers in different industries who are willing to teach them new skills can be reimbursed by the government for part of the salaries paid these displaced workers during on-the-job training.

\$6000 for technicians, excluding fringe benefits. The government will reimburse employers for one-third of the salary paid each worker, up to \$2000, and for his pay while taking up to 10 hours of training each week.

Manager Hendricks stated that while unemployment among scientists and engineers is not as serious in North Carolina as in areas with concentrations of defense and aerospace work, many have returned to their homes in North Carolina.

"It is to the economic advantage of our state to employ as many of these highly skilled people as possible," Hendricks said.

Hot Springs

Lions Outroar

Marshall Lions

Bouncing Bob Brady with 21 points and Laughing Leonard Berry with 18 points led the Hot Springs Lions to a 63-58 decision over the Marshall Lions in a benefit basketball game in the Marshall gym.

Phil, the Pill, Price looped in 10 points and Bucking Bruce Chandler had nine. Jumping Jor Templeton, Lovin, Claussen and Diedrich completed the scoring.

The Marshall Lions, "coached" by Tom Wallin and Jim Story, were impressive despite the narrow defeat. Big John Fisher was the leading scorer with 19 points with Jumping Jack Cole with 14 points and an outstanding game under the offensive basket. Rowdy Roy Reeves lopped in 10 points while Ed Whizzer Morton with 7; Maurice Wolfpack McAllister with 6; and Wiley Stumpy DuVall with 2, completed the scoring. Although Earle The Pearl Wise, and Sorey Jerry Plemmons failed to score, they nevertheless played brilliantly although Plemmons saw limited duty.

The spectators enjoyed every minute of the hard-fought contest with players injured but not out.

Employers interested in hiring or training such workers should also contact ESC. Jobs must pay beginning salaries of at least \$6000 per year for scientists and engineers and

Sign of the good neighbor.