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French Broad EMC Has Successful Meeting Sat.

Approximately 1,800 persons attended the 32nd annual meeting of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation in the Marshall High School gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

During the business meeting nominees C. E. Buchanan of Mitchell County, Novell Hawkins of Madison County and J. A. Rice of Unicoi County, Tenn., were elected to the board of directors.

The guest speaker, Walter Harrison, a Washington, D. C., director of NRECA, discussed the importance of rural electrification and urged those present to keep abreast of developments in Congress.

Barbecue dinner was served

and the children were entertained by characters from the Land of Oz attraction during the business meeting.

The Royal Rhythms, of Asheville, entertained before, during and after the meeting with a variety of music which was enjoyed by the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greene and family of Route 2, Marshall, won the free all-expense paid week-end to Beech Mountain, Land of Oz and Tweetsie Railroad.

Other winners of various prizes are as follow:

DRYER: Clifton Norton, Marshall.

ELECTRIC HEATERS: Wallace Cook, Rt. 3, Hot Springs, Gilmer Teague, Rt. 1, Marshall.

PERCOLATORS: Stepp Fender, Rt. 6, Marshall, Chester S. Franklin, Rt. 4, Marshall, Edward J. Brown, Rt. 3, Leicester, Paul Gurewitz, Rt. 7, Marshall, Quilan Ammons, Rt. 6, Marshall, Raymond Stines, Rt. 7, Marshall.

MIXERS: Troy R. Flynn, Rt. 5, Marshall, Grace English, Rt. 4, Marshall, Fred Payne, Rt. 3, Hot Springs, Lillie Shelton, Rt. 3, Marshall.

FRY-PANS: E. M. Jenkins, Rt. 5, Marshall, Earl Teadway, Rt. 6, Marshall, Arrington Branch Church, Rt. 6, Marshall.

IRONS: George Robinson, Rt. 1, Marshall, J. W. Hendrix, Rt. 1, Alexander, Henry Davis, Rt. 6, Marshall, Eldwin Shelton, Rt. 6, Marshall, Ben Gentry, Rt. 3, Marshall, Mrs. Glen L. Stafford, Rt. 3, Spruce Pine, Gary Reeds, Rt. 6, Marshall.

TOASTERS: Dean Cuthall, Rt. 4, Marshall, Willard Tipton, Burnsville, Kenneth Franklin, Rt. 3, Marshall, David Teasdale, Rt. 1, Alexander, Garfield Rice, Rt. 2, Marshall.

FANS: Manassie Gunter, Rt. 4, Marshall, Walter Greene, Rt. 2, Marshall, Aaron Tweed, Rt. 2, Marshall.

CANOPENERS: Mrs. Kelly Davis, Marshall, Harry Haun,



CHILDREN LINE UP in the auditorium here Saturday to receive free tickets to Land of Oz and Tweetsie Railroad.



GRAND PRIZE WINNERS in the children's division are pictured with characters from the Land of Oz. They are Terry Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ballard, Route 1, Marshall, who won a train; and Kim Brigman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Knox Brigman, of Marshall, a doll.

Wellman, Author Of "The Kingdom of Madison" Autographs Copies Here

BY JIM STORY

Manly Wade Wellman, of Chapel Hill and a summer resident of Madison County, autographed more than 60 copies of his new book "The Kingdom of Madison," as they were quickly taken at an open house Thursday in the Madison County Library in Marshall.

An estimated 100 persons attended the event and heard Wellman read excerpts from the newly published book on the history and folkways of Madison County.

The personable author mingled with friends and met a host of new acquaintances who braved showers to shake hands with him.

"I was delighted to see so many of the persons mentioned in the book come in and comment favorably about 'The Kingdom of Madison.' My main desire is that the citizens of Madison County like the book," Mr. Wellman stated.

The book is published by University of North Carolina Press, and Robert Summer, sales manager, and others from Chapel Hill were present, including Mrs. Wellman.

Copies of "The Kingdom of Madison" will be on sale at Roberts Pharmacy, here, it was announced.

As a part-time resident (he has a summer cabin on Laurel) Wellman has come to know the county and its people

intimately and states, "I love the county and the people." He knows banjo-pickers and lawyers, moonshiners and preachers; and he has heard many stories, true and legendary, of mountain people.

North Carolinians have tended to lose sight of the unique history and folkways of this area and the vigorous, self-reliant, and proud men and women who have lived here since the frontier period of the 1770's. Wellman redresses this myopic imbalance and introduces his readers to the real Madison

County.

In doing so, he makes us realize that much of what has been written or said about the county or its people is rumor or, at best, exaggeration.

William S. Powell, curator of UNC's North Carolina Collection, describes Wellman's book as one "for the general reader as well as for the individual looking for a county history."

"The Kingdom of Madison" is illustrated by Frank Holyfield of Chapel Hill, a 1970 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UNC.

Wellman, one of North Carolina's best known authors, has written more than 50 books of fiction and non-fiction, most of which deals with southern historical and folkways subjects. He has received the North Carolina Peace Award for Regional History, the North Carolina Association of University Women Award for Juvenile Literature, and the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allen Poe Award for Non-Fiction Crime Study, which was given him for "Dead and Gone: Classic Crimes of North Carolina."

TB Agency Changes Name

The Western North Carolina Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association has changed its name to "WNC Lung Association."

The announcement was made by David A. Cromer, president, during an annual meeting Wednesday of last week at Bailey's Cafeteria Tunnel Road.

The association has also moved to 15 Church St.

The board of directors approved the name change because it is simpler, shorter and easier to recognize and remember, Cromer said. The new name also reflects the central purpose of the organization, the prevention and control of lung diseases.

The association's trademark, a double-barred cross symbolizing the early fight against TB and lung diseases, will be retained. It will continue to be used during the annual Christmas Seal campaign from which the association gets public support for activities.

Gerald McNabb of Price-McNabb Advertising Agency, was main speaker and discussed the importance of an organization's public image.

David A. Cromer of Tryon was elected president of the association. Other officers are Dr. Ozmer L. Henry Jr. of Black Mountain, president-elect; Ernest Penland of Webster, first vice president; Miss Jeanette Austin of Brevard, second vice president; Mrs. Clarice Brady of Franklin, secretary; and James M. Pressley of Asheville, treasurer.

Past president is James M. Hall Jr. of Asheville. Members-at-large are Mrs. Leonard Baker of Marshall, Mrs. Art Ditt of Marion, Mrs. Harvey Lance of Hendersonville and Mrs. Lois Wilkins of Spruce Pines.

Directors appointed were Dr. H. W. Stevens, Miss Gertrude Ramsey and Mrs. Nancy Gatewood of Asheville; Dr. W. M. Alexander of Hendersonville, Dr. Lewis Bock of Morganton, Mrs. George Cathey of Tryon, Mrs. Jack Dickerson and Mrs. G. M. Kimball of Waynesville, Dr. W. A. Y. Cargent of Burnsville, Miss Marie Strasser of Brevard, Mrs. James Story of Marshall, Dr. C. D. Thomas of Black Mountain, Mrs. Garth Thompson of Hayesville, Penland and Cromer.

Get Fertilizer Stocks Now, Official Advises

"Farmers in Madison County should get their fertilizer stocks now whether they need the material immediately or not," says Ralph Ramsey, a local farm program official.

"Our information indicates that, in general, fertilizer supplies are adequate to meet farm needs," says Ramsey, Director of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. "However, there may be some difficulty in acquiring high analysis and straight nitrogen and in distribution of available supplies."

He explains that ASCS officials, as members of their local USDA State and County Emergency Boards, have been monitoring the fuel and fertilizer situation across the county. As a result, the ASCS Office is closely tuned in on both the local situation and the overall national picture this year.

"Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz is depending on ASCS to monitor the local fuel and fertilizer situations, and we are making weekly reports back to the Secretary through our regular channels," Ramsey said. "The Department uses this information to

determine what special action may be necessary."

On the basis of these weekly reports, the Department has determined that transportation "crunches" could occur in a number of places unless farmers move now to fill their fertilizer needs, the ASCS official said. One reason for this is that local dealers cannot replenish their fertilizer stocks until they've moved out supplies on hand, the county director pointed out. This means that even though fertilizer companies may have plenty of backup stocks elsewhere, they can't move them into Madison County until local space is available.

"Our local supplies may appear adequate now, but remember that farmers may be using more fertilizer than normal because the outlook is good for favorable farm prices this year," Ramsey said. "This could cause shortages later."

Farmers who lack storage facilities for fertilizer may want to take a look at temporary storage space, the ASCS official said. "It's certainly better to do a little extra planning now than be caught short later," he points out.

J. Herschel Sprinkle Buried Here Wed.



James Herschel Sprinkle, Sr., 82, of Skyland Drive, died unexpectedly Monday, April 30, 1973 en route to an Asheville hospital.

He was co-owner of Sprinkle-Shelton Co., wholesale grocers of Marshall, an elder and former Sunday School superintendent of Marshall Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death, he was treasurer of French Broad Electric Membership Co-op, a member of French Broad Masonic Lodge No. 281, A.F.A.M., and the Marshall Chamber of Commerce.

He served in the N. C. House of Representatives in 1920-1923. He was a Madison County commissioner in 1929,

the chairman of Madison County chapter of the American Red Cross during World War II. He was an Army veteran of World War I and attended Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Stella Shelton Sprinkle; a son, J. H. Sprinkle Jr. of Marshall; two sisters, Mrs. E. W. Wilson of Bald Creek and Miss Pauline Sprinkle of Charlotte; a brother, A. F. Sprinkle of Asheville and three grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Marshall Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Arthur F. Williams officiated. Burial was in Pritchard Cemetery. Pallbearers were T. F. Emmett and Fred Sams, Hollis and Fain Sprinkle and Ronald Wilson. Bowman-Duckett Funeral Home was in charge.



JUST BEFORE ANNUAL MEETING started in the Marshall gymnasium, the above officials of French Broad EMC are pictured with keynote speaker, Walter Harrison, center. Left to right, D. M. Robinson, past manager FBEMC; John A. Darlington, present manager; Harrison; J. Herschel Sprinkle, treasurer; and C. E. Mashburn, attorney.



MRS. WALTER HARRISON, wife of the keynote speaker, left, chats with Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, center and Mrs. E. C. Teague at the Annual FBEMC meeting Saturday afternoon.



WALTER HARRISON, Director NRECA, Washington, D. C., shown delivering the keynote address at the annual French Broad EMC meeting here Saturday. Seated on speaker's left is John Darlington, manager.

Gavel Given To Baley By Friends

James M. Baley Jr. was given a gavel Wednesday by friends in Asheville to use when he joins the nine-judge North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Appointed earlier this month by Gov. Jim Holshouser to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William E. Graham Jr. of Raleigh, Baley will be sworn in next week in Raleigh. The 60-year-old Asheville attorney and former U. S. Attorney for the Western District will be the first Republican to fill a judicial post in modern times in North Carolina.

The gavel was presented at an informal gathering in the County Commissioners office in the Buncombe County courthouse by R. Curtis Ratcliff, commission chairman. Mrs. Baley, county attorney Larry McDevitt and several friends were present.

"We feel that Jim Baley is professionally and politically qualified for the appointment," Ratcliff said. He said the gavel was presented "as a token of appreciation for his long service as an attorney in Buncombe County and as a fine Republican."

The Baleys will move to Raleigh when he joins the appeals court that was implemented in 1969 as an intermediary court above the state's superior courts and below the State Supreme Court. A former law partner of Baley in Asheville, Frank M. Parker, is one of the original appointees to the Court of Appeals.

Order Plants

Several farmers have already placed orders with various people for tomato plants for the 1973 season. There are still some people planning to grow tomatoes who have not let their plant needs be known to people who will be handling them this year. If you plan to grow tomatoes and have not placed an order for your plants, please do so in the near future.



PICTURES ABOVE were taken in the Marshall library last Thursday afternoon when Manly Wade Wellman, author of "The Kingdom of Madison," autographed over 60 copies at open house from 3:00 - 5:00. Standing around the well-known author in top picture, left to right, Mrs. Grover Redmon, Mrs. C. E. Mashburn, Mrs. E. C. Teague, Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Mrs. Moser. Bottom photo shows, left to right, Ernest Snelson, Mrs. Evelyn Davis, Mrs. Grover Redmon, J. J. Bailey, Father A. V. Graves and Mrs. H. B. Webb. Mrs. Webb, of Durham, is also an author and writer. Wellman is seated at table.

Family Dollar Store To Open Soon

Leon Levine, president of Family Dollar Store, Inc., a discount department store chain with headquarters in Charlotte, has announced that the company will open a new store in Marshall. The new store with 6,300 square feet of selling area will be located in the Madison Plaza, U.S. No. 25 & U.S. No. 70 By-Pass and the grand opening is scheduled for some time soon.

The Family Dollar Store will carry a complete line of merchandise for home and family at discount prices, including men's, women's, boy's, girl's and infant wearing apparel, shoes, handbags, jewelry, sheets, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads, curtains, health and beauty aids, stationery, school supplies, candy, toys, housewares, hardware, paint and automotive supplies.

The company operates a chain of 182 stores in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia. Starting with a single store in Charlotte, in 1959, the company has rapidly grown into a major regional chain with hundreds of employees and utilizing approximately one million square feet of selling area.

The company operates warehouse distribution centers in Charlotte, encompassing over 100,000 square feet, from which new merchandise is shipped daily to its stores. An experienced staff of professional buyers, headed by vice president, Sherman Levine, constantly

shops major markets all over the world to assure its customers the best values.

Lewis Levine, executive vice president, stated that he attributed the growth and success of the company to its policy of carefully using its massive buying power to give its customers a fine selection of quality merchandise at lowest possible prices. He says that the growth of the company has also been helped by its policy of maintaining attractive, spacious and well-lit stores, providing a pleasant atmosphere for shopping.

Mr. Levine says that "the company is the fastest growing retail chain in the southeastern United States

and the Marshall store is part of the major new expansion planned for this year. The company believes that the Madison county area has a great potential for growth and progress, and is proud to become a part of its business community. Family Dollar Stores looks forward to serving the thousands of people in this area with top quality merchandise at lowest possible prices."

Family Dollar Stores employs local people whenever possible. Anyone interested in employment with Family Dollar Stores at the Marshall store should write the personnel director, Family Dollar Stores, P. O. Box 8348, Charlotte, N.C. 28206.

Insurance To Be Investigated

The Madison County Planning Board held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 11, at which time plans were formulated to do a study of land use for Madison County. James Ledford, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, has requested the Planning Board to make an exhaustive study and recommendations as to how the residents and property owners of the flood-prone areas of the county can qualify for government subsidized flood

insurance. Ledford stated that if Madison County prepared a land use program as required by the office of Housing and Urban Development, that the premium paid by the people in the county would be a minimum premium and the government would pick up the balance. By the government paying the majority of the cost of flood insurance premium, it is felt that practically all the citizens of the county subject to flooding would want flood protection.

Burlington Reports Increases

Burlington Industries, Inc. reported record consolidated net sales of \$614,734,000 for the quarter ending March 31, 1973, up 15.4 percent from sales of \$532,967,000 for the same quarter last year. Net earnings were \$30,123,000 or 75 cents per share compared to \$21,888,000 or 53 cents per share for the same period last year.



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