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French Broad EMC Meeting On Island Here Saturday

The 33rd annual meeting of the members of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will be held in the Marshall High School gymnasium this Saturday with registration beginning at 10 a. m. and ending at 1 p. m.

At the business meeting beginning at 1:00, members will take action on the following matters:

1. Report of the officers and directors.
2. Election of four directors of the cooperative.
3. All other business which properly comes before the meeting.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice president and general



ROBERT N. CLEVELAND, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of North Carolina EMC, will be guest speaker at the French Broad EMC meeting here Saturday.

manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, who has had a long and successful record as a leader in the rural electrification program.

Feature prize to be given away at the meeting here will be a 1974 Pick-Up Truck. Other prizes include Electric mixers, saws, blenders, fry pans, irons, drills, toasters

and other fine appliances.

PLATE LUNCHES
Marshall Eastern Star members will serve plate lunches on the Island beginning at 10 a. m. Saturday.

Marshall School District Clean-Up Planned

The Sub-Committee assigned to the Marshall School District by the Steering Committee of the County Bicentennial Planning Committee is making plans in preparation for the clean-up and beautification phase of the Bicentennial projects adopted recently. Implementation of the over-all plan will follow immediately the official opening of the county landfill system. All efforts of the group will be aimed at identifying problems and publicizing these for greater public, community and school involvement, in the Marshall area.

Many problems were identified and among those discussed were: attention to abandoned and dilapidated buildings and importance of enlisting cooperation of property owners; clean-up of random dumps and enforcement of State anti-litter law; roadside clean-up,

removing cans and bottles, investigating all re-cycling programs which might be of use; beautifying and identifying mailboxes; using native shrubbery for beautification — a permanent project; clean-up of streams, especially removal of plastic materials; attention to erosion and landscaping at new high school site; planting flowers, displaying American flag, identifying and marking local historical sites.

Members of the committee are: Mr. Everett Barnett, Mr. Mike Bradley, Mrs. John Corbett, Mrs. Pauline Ditmore, Jerry Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Duvall, Mrs. Grace English, Miss Dale Everett, Mr. Norris Gentry, Mrs. Porter Graham, Mrs. Ruth Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton, Mrs. Spencer LeGrand, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Plemmons, Mrs. Elums Ponder, Mayor Lorado Ponder, Mr. Burder Reeves, Mr. Roy Reeves, Mr. and Mrs.

Hilliard Teague, Mrs. Hughes Treadway, Jeff Treadway and Mr. Earl Wise. Mrs. Ditmore and Mrs. Gregory are Co-Chairman, Miss Dale Everett is Secretary. Marshall School representatives are Jerry Cody and Jeff Treadway. Representatives of the Committee were named to meet with the presiding judge at the April 29 term of court to ask County citizens to be aware of all regulations of the landfill operation and to be aware of strict enforcement of laws. Jerry Cody, Jeff Treadway, Miss Dale Everett and Mrs. Ditmore will attend this meeting.

Every organized group (all agencies, boards, church, youth, farm women, bridge clubs, professional, civic and service, labor, development, et.) will be expected to accept a project or to be a part of one. Further information will follow the adoption of the specific county-wide Clean-up program.



PICTURED ABOVE is Mr. R. L. Edwards, Superintendent of Madison County Schools and Mr. J. C. Wallin, Principal of Madison High School accepting a check for \$3,000 from Mrs. Jerry Plemmons, President of Beta Omega Sorority. The money will be used toward the purchase of band uniforms.

Beta Omega Donates \$3,000 For Band Uniforms

Beta Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority has donated \$3,000 toward the purchase of band uniforms for Madison High School. Beta Omega President Joyce Plemmons presented the check to J. C. Wallin, Principal of Madison High School at the Consolidation Offices here.

The band uniform fund has been the main philanthropic project for the sorority since it was chartered three years ago. The money for this project was raised through various fund raising events and last fall's successful

Walk-A-Thon in which many county high school students participated. The money from the fall Walk-A-Thon netted approximately \$2,150.00. Philanthropic Chairmen for the past three years have been Joyce Plemmons 1971, Pat Franklin 1972, and Kathryn Boppe 1973. Other members of the sorority who have spent many philanthropic hours on this project are Anna Mae Tipton, Carol Ramsey, Donna Rice, Billie L. Roberts, Marie McIntyre, Virginia Cody, Christine Lister, Ruth Deal and past members Peggy

Water System Construction Studied Here

A careful inspection of various routes and locations of the new water lines which are proposed here were made by Bill Johnson and Henry Johnson, of Smith Engineering firm of Columbia, S. C., last Thursday. The two experts were accompanied by Mayor Lorado Ponder and members of the board of aldermen. The experts and town officials are seeking the most feasible and practical locations of new pipe lines from the reservoir to Main Street and adjoining areas and at the same time are looking

for the most economical routes for the pipes. They also inspected the Hunter Creek lake which supplies Marshall with water and studied remedies to alleviate the present leaks in the retaining walls at the lake. It was thought that with construction of additional retaining walls the water from the leaks could be diverted to the future filtering plant. Surveyors from Asheville will survey the various proposed routes this week and will be responsible for the locations and feasibility of the new water lines.

Mayor Ponder said that the public will be informed by news media as progress and definite decisions are made on the water system.

Wagon Train To Leave

The Marshall Wagon Train Club will hold its first trail ride April 27-28, it has been announced.

The train will leave from the Marshall by-pass at 10 a. m. Saturday and return Sunday afternoon.

Marshall Man Killed, Two Injured In Wreck

Guy Franklin Tipton, 32, of the Rollins section of Marshall, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville Saturday night following a one-car wreck on the Walnut

Creek Road about 7:20 p. m. Saturday. Tipton was a passenger in the car in which two other Marshall men were injured. Mack Donald Pressnell, 41, remains in critical condition

and Vincent Joseph "Buddy" Hartel, 22, remains a patient in Memorial Mission Hospital. Trooper J. L. Devlin said the car went out of control and struck a tree after leaving the road on the right hand side of the road. The 1964 Ford Convertible was a total loss.

FUNERAL TUESDAY
Services for Tipton, a lifelong resident of Madison County and a construction worker, were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. John Self officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery. Pallbearers were friends of the family.

Surviving are four daughters, Linda Kay, Vickie Lynn, Angelia and Brenda Tipton of Weaverville; the mother, Mrs. Robena Clark Tipton of Marshall; three brothers, Elbert and Norman Tipton of Marshall and Bruce Tipton of Blount, Miss.; and two sisters, Mrs. Floyd Pressley and Miss Patty Tipton of Marshall.



THE DEMOLISHED 1964 Ford Convertible, pictured above, which ran off the Walnut Creek Road Saturday night resulting in one Marshall man being killed and two other Marshall men being seriously injured.

Discontent In County Over Roads

By ED SPEARS
Citizen Staff Writer
A Department of Transportation hearing Thursday night on a planned replacement bridge over the French Broad River turned into a sounding board for Madison County citizens to express discontent with what they called unkept promises by the State of North Carolina to build good primary roads to serve the county's new consolidated high school.

The bridge project itself failed to win any support at the hearing in Marshall High School attended by about 50 persons. Several complained about the lack of legal or news release announcement about the hearing. Dr. Wayne Montgomery, Asheville member of the State Board of Transportation, responded to critics of the seven-year priority plan by saying Madison County had — like many other areas in the state — been overpromised by pre-Holshouser Administration politicians on roads over what road-building funds are actually available. He said professional road builders drafted the priority plan on the basis of revenue expectations, and that many deserving projects were necessarily omitted. The bridge project, ex-

plained by William A. Garrett, administrative assistant to the Division of Highways design chief, is to erect a .16 mile long structure 30 feet wide over the French Broad west of Marshall just downstream of the present Redmon Bridge on S.R. 1135, at a projected cost of \$457,000. He said the project would involve relocation of only one family. Garrett said the project would be financed entirely by state funds. Zeno Ponder, dairyman and political leader, said that when on the Madison County School Board six years ago he had worked hard to bring about a consolidation of high

schools. When the school bond referendum was announced, he said, former Gov. Bob Scott "told us if we built the school we would have the roads" necessary to serve it. Ponder said the bridge as proposed continues the level crossing by vehicles of the railroad track which parallels the river. "We want a bridge that is part of a primary road and will go over the railroad track. "We want the whole loaf of bread," he said in reference to the Scott-promised roads, "we don't want just a slice." The bridge would serve only as "a monument to the

department of Transportation," Ponder said. "It doesn't begin anywhere and it doesn't go anywhere." He declared Madison County would continue to fight for its promised roads. The chairman of the Madison County Planning Board, Donald Anderson, said primary roads are vital, and that of four roads promised to Madison - Spring Creek to Marshall, Weaverville to Marshall, Hot Springs to the Tennessee State line and Marshall to Mars Hill — only the last one has reached the construction stage, the others being canceled. He called for cancellation of the bridge project and reviving the road projects. "There is no road on either side (of the bridge) to adequately move children to school," he said. Robert L. Edwards, superintendent of schools, said the promise of roads was a main factor in the passing of the school consolidation referendum. Madison's 68 school buses, he said, travel about 75 per cent on dirt road. "Help us out in Madison County on our roads," he

asked. Carolina Power & Light Co. divisional manager James M. Hall said the bridge plan as presented "would not be helpful" in getting heavy trucks back and forth over the French Broad servicing power lines. He called on the Department of Transportation to consider the needs of adequate roads on the proposed two CP&L generating facility projects on Big Pine in Madison and Sandy Mush Creek in Buncombe and Madison for construction crews and equipment. Novle Hawkins of Mars Hill, former State Highway Commission member, said the bridge would be "a waste of money." P. R. Elam of Mars Hill, economic development director for the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce, termed the bridge plan "ill advised" and suggested road builders think of ridges rather than valleys in planning routes. James Ledford, chairman of Madison commissioners, said the board is on record against the bridge.

District Court To Be Held Here Friday

Criminal District Court will be held here Friday with Judge J. Ray Braswell scheduled to preside. Clyde M. Roberts and James T. Rusher will be prosecutors.

Among the cases on the docket include: George Lovin, non-support; David Pike, larceny of motorcycle; Arby Higgins, larceny; Robert Ben Edwards, larceny, wound, perjury, kill cattle; Carroll Anderson, selling more than one gallon of whiskey at one time; Wilson Payne, possession of non-taxpaid liquor; Orvil Gentry, possession for sale and selling non-taxpaid liquor; Carl Williams,

selling non-taxpaid whiskey; Odell Cook, selling non-taxpaid liquor, possession, allowing gambling in a house of public entertainment; George K. Ramsey, delaying an officer; Doris Carroll, selling intoxicating liquor, selling non-taxpaid liquor, possession; Ronald Miles Gardner, non-support; Ralph Brockens, fishing violation; Slick Davis, BE&L; Freddie Tilson, larceny of cattle; Cecil Tipton, peace warrant; Leroy Chandler, peace warrant; Bessie McMahon, assault on female; Nell Ferguson, speeding; Jerry Backs, P.D.; Everett Gensel, non-support.



FUTURE FOOTBALL FIELD at Madison High School is being constructed and it is hoped that the stadium will be ready for use this Fall. A portion of the high school is pictured at right top.



THE MADISON COUNTY LANDFILL was opened last week for use by the towns of Hot Springs, Mars Hill, Marshall and commercial haulers. Private vehicles are not allowed on the landfill without permission. However, a dumping station located at the landfill entrance (where there is a sign) is open to the public 24 hours a day including weekends. Within the next month, if weather permits good working conditions, county officials believe construction will be located throughout the county for disposal of some refuse. The landfill is located on Long Branch Road off the Marshall by-pass.