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French Broad EMC Meeting Draws Capacity Crowd Here

The general manager of North Carolina's statewide association of rural electric cooperatives said here Saturday that these consumer-owned, local businesses render a major utility service in North Carolina, providing electric power to one-third of the state's population.

Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice president and general manager of N. C. Electric Membership Corporation, said the 28 electric cooperatives in North Carolina "have a total investment in the state of \$250 million and employ 1,500 people. As a result, we have a sizable contribution to make

Carolina.

Cleveland was the featured speaker at the 1974 Annual Meeting of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered here. The EMC serves more than 16,000 consumer-members in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell and Unicoi (Tennessee) counties.

The speaker told the capacity crowd in the gymnasium that electricity accounts for about 25 percent of all energy in the country at present, but is expected to rise to 50 percent by the year 2,000. In discussing the various

forms of raw energy available for conversion to electric power, Cleveland pointed out that coal is one of the most important sources of energy for electricity in the U.S., with untapped supply sufficient to meet the nation's needs for 300 or 400 years.

"Unfortunately, a lot of the

coal is not where the population is, but is out in Colorado and Wyoming, and the greatest need for electricity is on the east and west coasts. We can build generating plans, but we have to build a national grid system for this country to move electricity from one place to another and this is going to take five or six years to develop.

Cleveland said the federal

government made a big legislators know how you feel," he said. "And, if they mistake when it allowed the don't listen, tell them again at major oil companies in this the ballot box. That's the country to buy up the coal language politicians unreserves. Currently, he added, 15 major oil companies own 55 DIRECTORS REELECTED percent of the coal reserves

At the business session and 70 percent of known privately owned uranium various reports were given and the directors were reserves. reelected. The board is 'This means that all of the composed of E. C. Teague, known energy in this country is controlled by these 15 president; Novile Hawkins, vice-president; C. L. Proffitt, companies. The N. C. EMC official secretary; W. G. Plemmons, treasurer; C. E. Buchanan, I. called for the cooperatives and their consumer-members E. Clevenger, Paul Higgins, to join together to make their E. H. Poteat, J. A. Rice,

voices heard in the govern-

mental circles of Washington

'Let your Congressman and

and Raleigh.

H. Tilson. John A. Darlington is General Manager; Norris Gentry, Marshall District Manager; C. I. Yelton, Burnsville District Manager; and Mrs. Florence M. Ramsey, Office Manager.

Albert Freeman, Jr., and O.

PRIZE WINNERS Dennis Myers, 22-year-old farmer who resides on Bailey Street in Mars Hill, was the big winner at the meeting when he held the lucky ticket which won for him a 1974 Pick up truck.

Other winners at the conclusion of the meeting follow: Vacuum Cleaner: Andrew Caldwell, Rt. 1, Marshall Dutch Skillet: Wade Hunter,

Rt. 6, Marshall 14 Portable Phonograph: Bud Norton, Rt. 6, Marshall Electric shaver: Robert

Roberts, Rt. 2, Marshall Shave Cream Dispenser Evin A. Payne, Rt. 5, Marshall Hedge Trimmers: Chauncey Metcalf, Rt. 2, Marshall

Ice Cream Maker: George C. Pack, Rt. 6, Marshall Waffle Iron: Howard Huffman, Rt. 3, Mars Hill Flashlight: Mrs. Nellie J. Briggs, Rt. 1, Flag Pond Tenn.

Sherman Chest: Ice Ramsey, Rt. 1, Marshall Drill: Carl Williams, Rt. 3,

Marshall Electric Blanket: Fred Sluder, Rt. 5, Marshall Heating Pad: L. C. Hensley,

Marshall Electric Heaters: Theodore Lambert, Rt. 6, Marshall; Sammy Moore, Rt. 2, Mar-

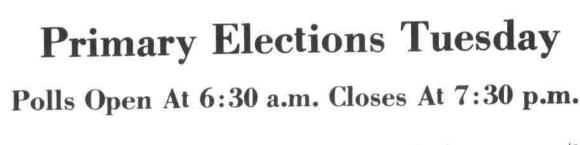
shall Electric Can Opener: Farold Coates, Rt. 6, Marshall, Arnold Bullman, Rt. 4, Marshall

Corn Popper: Dwight Arrington, Rt. 6, Marshall; Coy Roberts, Rt. 7, Marshall Portable Room Cooler: Tilson Hunter, Rt. 2 Marshall; Donald Gouge, Rt. 1, Mars Hill Radio: Zeb Edwards, Rt. 2, Marshall; Furman Franklin, Rt. 4, Marshall

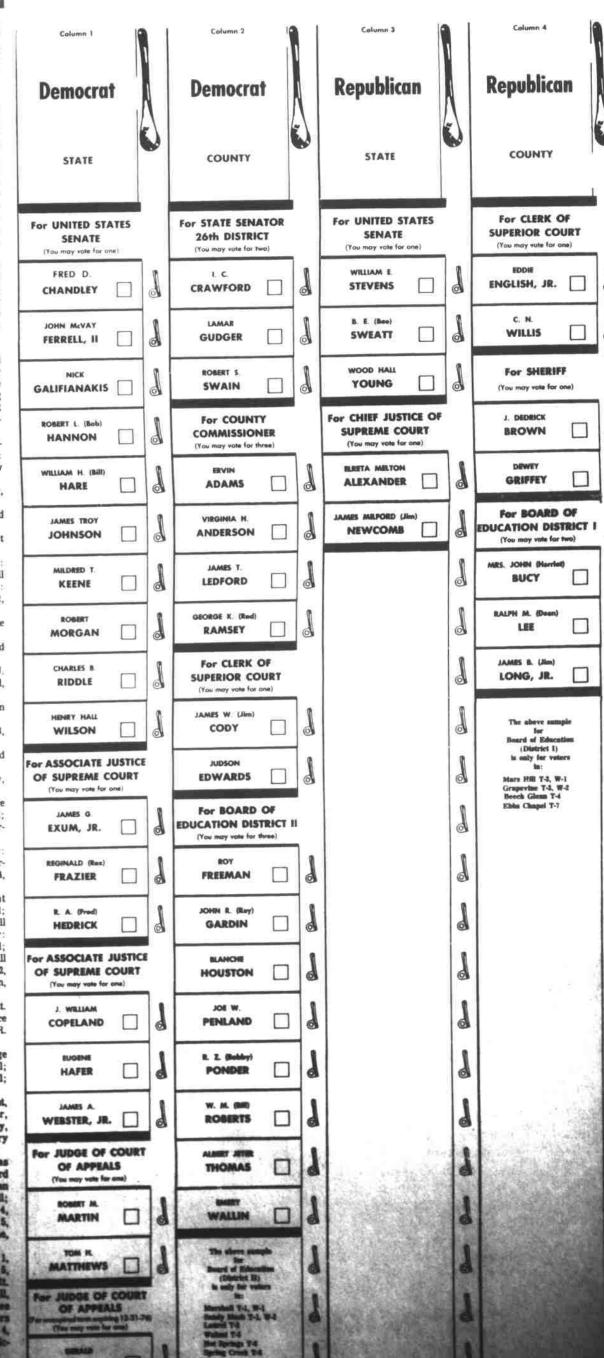
Blender: Paul Moxley, Rt. 2. Mars Hill; Miss Grace Conner, Marshall; Stanley R. Shelton, Rt. 3, Marshall

Electric Frypan: George Robertson, Rt. 1, Marshall; Ray George, Rt. 6, Mars Hill; Luther Chandler, Walnut Clock: Mrs. Helen Kent, Marshall; Ed Parker,

Leicester; Johnny Rt. 2, Mars Hill; Harry lows, Rt. 1, Marshall Toaster:



County Voters All Set For





DENNIS MYERS, 22-year-old farmer who resides from Mars Hill College. He plans to move to Muron Bailey Street in Mars Hill, with his wife, Jennifer. phy, N. C. at the end of May where he will assist in was the big winner Saturday at the French Broad EMC annual meeting in the Marshall gym when he Ralph Myers. Dennis is pictured above (left) held the lucky ticket which won for him a 1974 Pick- receiving the keys to the truck from John up truck. Dennis will receive his diploma this Spring Darlington, French Broad EMC General Manager.

PORTION OF CAPACITY CROWD who attended the French Broad EMC meeting here Saturday.





farming chores with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

presided at the drawing is shown checking the lucky pick-up truck ticket belonging to Dennis Myers of Mars Hill. The little girl who drew out the stub is on

