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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

to the state of North 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 plants, 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 mistake when it allowed the major oil companies in this country to buy up the coal reserves. Currently, he added, 15 major oil companies own 55 percent of the coal reserves and 70 percent of known privately owned uranium reserves.

"This means that all of the known energy in this country is controlled by these 15 companies."

The N. C. EMC official called for the cooperatives and their consumer-members to join together to make their voices heard in the governmental circles of Washington and Raleigh.

"Let our Congressman and

legislators know how you feel," he said. "And, if they don't listen, tell them again at the ballot box. That's the language politicians understand."

DIRECTORS REELECTED
At the business session various reports were given and the directors were reelected. The board is composed of E. C. Teague, president; Novile Hawkins, vice-president; C. L. Proffitt, secretary; W. G. Plenummons, treasurer; C. E. Buchanan, I. E. Clevenger, Paul Higgins, E. H. Poteat, J. A. Rice, Albert Freeman, Jr., and O. 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.

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

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.

Ice Chest: Sherman 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, Marshall

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 Creek, Rt. 1, Marshall

Toaster: Mrs. Seltas Cantrell, Marshall; Mildred Hensley, Marshall; Sherman Cutsall, Rt. 4, Marshall; Emmett Norton, Rt. 4, Marshall; James Brazil, Rt. 5, Marshall; Richmond Payne, Rt. 5 Marshall

Mixer: R. J. Marler, Rt. 1, Marshall; Fred Rigby, Rt. 6, Marshall; Howard Green, Rt. 2, Marshall; Hardie Merrill, Rt. 2, Marshall; Charice Warren, Rt. 3, Mars Hill; Robert Allen, Jr., Rt. 4, Marshall; Mrs. Carol Williams, Rt. 5, Marshall
Percolator: Ronald Fisher, Rt. 8, Marshall; Sam Higgins, Rt. 2, Green Mountain; Frankie Blackwell, Rt. 7, Marshall; Mrs. Eunice Bell,

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DENNIS MYERS, 22-year-old farmer who resides on Bailey Street in Mars Hill, with his wife, Jennifer, was the big winner Saturday at the French Broad EMC annual meeting in the Marshall gym when he held the lucky ticket which won for him a 1974 Pick-up truck. Dennis will receive his diploma this Spring

from Mars Hill College. He plans to move to Murphy, N. C. at the end of May where he will assist in farming chores with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myers. Dennis is pictured above (left) receiving the keys to the truck from John Darlington, French Broad EMC General Manager.



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



C. I. YELTON, Burnsville District Manager who 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 left.



ROBERT N. CLEVELAND, featured speaker, is shown addressing the audience at Saturday's French Broad EMC meeting on island.



ADDED ATTRACTION during musical portion of meeting was the impromptu solo dancing of a Marshall woman much to the delight of the large audience.

County Voters All Set For Primary Elections Tuesday

Polls Open At 6:30 a.m. Closes At 7:30 p.m.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Democrat	Democrat	Republican	Republican
STATE	COUNTY	STATE	COUNTY
For UNITED STATES SENATE (You may vote for one)	For STATE SENATOR 26th DISTRICT (You may vote for two)	For UNITED STATES SENATE (You may vote for one)	For CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (You may vote for one)
FRED D. CHANDLEY <input type="checkbox"/>	I. C. CRAWFORD <input type="checkbox"/>	WILLIAM E. STEVENS <input type="checkbox"/>	EDDIE ENGLISH, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>
JOHN McVAY FERRELL, II <input type="checkbox"/>	LAMAR GUDGER <input type="checkbox"/>	B. E. (Bea) SWEATT <input type="checkbox"/>	C. H. WILLIS <input type="checkbox"/>
NICK GALIFIANAKIS <input type="checkbox"/>	ROBERT S. SWAIN <input type="checkbox"/>	WOOD HALL YOUNG <input type="checkbox"/>	For SHERIFF (You may vote for one)
ROBERT L. (Bob) HANNON <input type="checkbox"/>	For COUNTY COMMISSIONER (You may vote for three)	For CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT (You may vote for one)	J. DEDRICK BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>
WILLIAM H. (Bill) HARE <input type="checkbox"/>	ERVIN ADAMS <input type="checkbox"/>	BLERTA MELTON ALEXANDER <input type="checkbox"/>	DEWEY GRIFFEY <input type="checkbox"/>
JAMES TROY JOHNSON <input type="checkbox"/>	VIRGINIA H. ANDERSON <input type="checkbox"/>	JAMES MILFORD (Jim) NEWCOMB <input type="checkbox"/>	For BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT I (You may vote for two)
MILDRED T. KEENE <input type="checkbox"/>	JAMES T. LEDFORD <input type="checkbox"/>		MRS. JOHN (Harriet) BUCY <input type="checkbox"/>
ROBERT MORGAN <input type="checkbox"/>	GEORGE K. (Red) RAMSEY <input type="checkbox"/>		RALPH M. (Dean) LEE <input type="checkbox"/>
CHARLES B. RIDDLE <input type="checkbox"/>	For CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (You may vote for one)		JAMES B. (Jim) LONG, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>
HENRY HALL WILSON <input type="checkbox"/>	JAMES W. (Jim) CODY <input type="checkbox"/>		
For ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT (You may vote for one)	JUDSON EDWARDS <input type="checkbox"/>		
JAMES G. EXUM, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>	For BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT II (You may vote for three)		
REGINALD (Rex) FRAZIER <input type="checkbox"/>	ROY FREEMAN <input type="checkbox"/>		
R. A. (Fred) HEDRICK <input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN R. (Ray) GARDIN <input type="checkbox"/>		
For ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT (You may vote for one)	BLANCHE HOUSTON <input type="checkbox"/>		
J. WILLIAM COPELAND <input type="checkbox"/>	JOE W. PENLAND <input type="checkbox"/>		
EUGENE HAFFER <input type="checkbox"/>	R. Z. (Robby) PONDER <input type="checkbox"/>		
JAMES A. WEBSTER, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>	W. M. (M) ROBERTS <input type="checkbox"/>		
For JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS (You may vote for one)	ALBERT JETER THOMAS <input type="checkbox"/>		
ROBERT M. MARTIN <input type="checkbox"/>	EMERY WALLIN <input type="checkbox"/>		
TOM M. MATTHEWS <input type="checkbox"/>			
For JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS (For unexpired term expiring 12-31-76) (You may vote for one)			
ORLAND ARNOLD <input type="checkbox"/>			
E. FREDERICK WINDSCHE <input type="checkbox"/>			

The above sample for Board of Education (District I) is only for voters in:
Mars Hill T-1, W-1
Grapevine T-3, W-2
Beech Glen T-4
Elba Chapel T-7