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## FPC Issues Permit To CP&L To Study Hydro Project

The Federal Power Commission today issued a three-year preliminary permit to Carolina Power & Light Company, of Raleigh, N. C. to study the feasibility of building a proposed pumped-storage hydroelectric power project in North Carolina.

The proposed Madison County pumped-storage project would be located on the Sugarcamp Branch of Big Pine Creek and Pawpaw Creek, near Marshall in Madison County, N. C.

The project would consist primarily of an upper reservoir formed by a 360-foot-high rockfill dam on Sugar-

camp Branch; a lower reservoir formed by a 2909-foot-high rockfill dam on Pawpaw Creek and a saddle dam about 125 feet high at the divide between Pawpaw Creek and Little Pine Creek; and a powerhouse, possibly underground, adjacent to the lower reservoir, with at least 1,000 megawatts or an ultimate installation of 2,000 megawatts of generating capacity.

The company said that power developed at the project will be used to supply part of its future load requirements. Average annual output of the 1,000 megawatt project is estimated to be 2 to 3 billion kilowatt-hours.

The Commission noted that a number of informal letters of protest from interested local citizens were filed. In acknowledging these letters, the Commission pointed out that no construction would be authorized by the issuance of the preliminary permit.

The preliminary permit only allows the holder to undertake studies and examinations needed to determine feasibility of the proposed project. The permit also gives the holder the right to priority of application for an FPC license while making

these studies during the term of the permit.

The FPC also said that expenditures for the studies and examinations under the permit are entirely at the company's risk. The project may prove to be economically infeasible, the FPC said, or it

may determine the plan is not best adapted to comprehensive plan of development of the water resources. Also, the Commission said it may determine that the development of the water resources for public purposes should be undertaken by the United States itself.

## Whitten Speaks To Group At Hot Springs

Postmaster W. T. Whitten of Hot Springs has called for a community-wide drive to eliminate dangers at rural intersections and other safety hazards in the area.

Speaking at a meeting of the Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce the Postmaster said his appeal was made as part of a national safety drive now underway by the U. S. Postal Service.

A common problem for rural carriers, as well as other motorists, is the lack of sight triangles at intersections. The Postmaster noted, are long-standing "blind corners" and other driving hazards which can be corrected through community efforts, such as removal of obstructions at intersections to create a clear view of the highways.

He said he would also be increasing his discussions with local, county and state officials regarding persistent road hazards.

Such a simple step as cutting down overgrown foliage at driveways and intersections can save lives and prevent painful injuries," he said. "This will benefit not just rural letter carriers, but all driving residents of our area."

The Postmaster said the new national drive by the U. S. Postal Service has a goal of reducing injuries and fatalities among about 700,000 postal personnel, including rural carriers who sustain more than their share of serious injuries.

The Department on November 27 also announced. The average loan rates in effect in 1974 for wheat and feed grains will be continued at the same levels for the 1975 crops. The present per bushel loan rates are \$1.37 for wheat, \$1.10 for corn, \$1.06 for grain sorghum (1.88 per hundredweight), \$0.90 for barley, \$0.54 for oats and 0.89 for rye.

There will be no loan programs for soybeans, dry edible beans, flaxseed, gum naval stores and honey, beginning with the 1975 crops. The Department said little use has been made of the loan

program for these permissive support commodities in recent years because market prices are two to three times loan levels. Continuation of loan support on these commodities when not needed would require unnecessary administrative expenditure, the Department pointed out. Wheat and feed grain loans will no longer have identical maturity dates but will mature 12 months from the first day of the month in which the loan is made. This procedure should assure producers more flexibility in marketing crops under loan. A purchase program for honey for which price support is mandatory will continue to be available.

Resale prices per bushel (not including carrying charges which vary) will be \$2.36 for wheat, \$1.59 for corn, \$1.51 for grain sorghum (2.70 per hundredweight) and \$1.309 for barley. This established rate of resale will assure producers that government-owned grain which may be acquired will not be used to drive market prices down to target levels. Oats and rye which do not have target prices will be resold at \$0.78 and \$1.28 per bushel averages, respectively, plus carrying charges, which makes the resale prices comparable to those commodities which do have target prices. A resale

policy on any honey acquired under the purchase program will be announced later.

## Buckner, Edwards, Allen Morehead Nominees

Three Madison High School students have been named as nominees for one of the Morehead scholarships to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarships are awarded to outstanding students over the state who show potential for continuing their leadership at the university and then in public life.

Charles E. Mashburn of Marshall is chairman of the Madison County Committee which selects the nominee who

competes with other Western North Carolina students for the six scholarships given in this area.

The nominees are Caroleen Buckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Buckner of Hopewell; Paula Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Edwards of Marshall; and Jeff Allen Treadway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson of Walnut.

Caroleen was crowned "Miss Marshall" for 1973; listed in Who's Who in American High Schools; vice president of Madison High senior class; and received the King College fellowship award last spring for summer studies.

Paula was homecoming queen at Marshall High in 1972; listed in Society of Outstanding American High School students; French Club president; and is assistant editor of the Madison High yearbook.

Jeff has been an outstanding athlete lettering in three sports each year; is listed in Who's Who in American High Schools; served as president of his sophomore class, and secretary of the Marshall French Club.



MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS held their Annual Christmas Exhibit in the Marshall Library, December 13 and 14. The theme "An Old Fashioned Christmas" was carried out in the tree decoration and dress of the homemakers. The exhibits were varied and beautiful. "We do appreciate all the ladies serving as hostesses for the two days and all homemakers who brought items for the exhibit." Extension officials stated. As a special feature, 4-H girls served an old-fashioned tea, wearing old-fashioned dresses. They are, left to right, Peggy Sexton, Paula Edwards, Denna Fox, Renee Wyatt, Lisa Riddle, Nan Ramsey, Delores Buckner, Renee Scronce and Tammy Young.

## 1975 Farm Programs Announced By Agriculture Dept.

A 1975 national feed grain allotment of 89 million acres - the same as for 1974 - has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The allotment represents the number of harvested acres of feed grains, based on the estimated national average yield, needed to produce the quantity of feed grains (less imports) that will be used domestically and for export during the 1975-76 marketing year. Projected 1975 per bushel feed grain yields on which the allotment is based are 93.0 for corn, 60.0 for grain sorghum and 45.5 for barley. The allotment does not represent a limit on acreage but is computed only for the purpose of distributing payments to producers should such payments be required.

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## Fatal Shooting Follows Argument Near State Line

Michael Franklin, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beulah Franklin, of Route 4, Marshall, is being held in the Greene County, Tenn., jail in Greenville, charged with the murder of a cousin, William Jerry Franklin, 24, of Route 7, Greenville. The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Permon Franklin, of Greenville, Route 7, and formerly of Madison County. Sheriff E. Y. Ponder reported that he received a call about the shooting at 2 o'clock Saturday morning and said that Michael was "waiting for him" on Little Laurel where the arrest was made. Ponder stated that Michael related the circumstances of the incident which followed an argument between the two men. The shooting occurred in Tennessee on the Greenville - Asheville highway about six miles from the N. C. - Tenn. State Line, it was reported.

The victim was shot with a .22-caliber pistol, generally termed as "Saturday Night Weapon." An autopsy was ordered. Ponder said there were several witnesses to the incident.

Greene County officers from the sheriff's department are continuing the investigation, it is reported.

Franklin waived his rights and was returned to Tennessee with officers Ted Tweed and Berry Tarlton.

FUNERAL MONDAY William Jerry Franklin was a native of Madison County and had lived in Greene County, Tenn., for the past 20 years and was a construction worker.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Permon Franklin of Greenville; three sisters, Misses Shirley Ann, Deborah Elaine and Carolyn Sue Franklin of the home; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Velrie Franklin of Greenville; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Green of Marshall.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Brigman Chapel Baptist Church. The Rev. C. W. Cannon officiated. Burial was in Thomas family cemetery, Rt. 3 Marshall. Pallbearers were Charles Cuthrell, Robert Franklin, Paul Bailey, Mike, Tom and Bill Gosnell.

Bowman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



CAROLEEN BUCKNER



PAULA EDWARDS



JEFF TREADWAY

## Burley Curing Research In Madison

For the past two seasons, research on curing burley tobacco with supplemental gas heat has been conducted by Dedrick Cody in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service. Thousands of dollars worth of tobacco is lost each year from barn rot in Western North Carolina barns.



The Cody barn was divided in half, from top to bottom with black plastic. One side of the barn received heat when needed; the other half received none. Both heat and moisture gauges were installed in the barn to show when the humidity was high enough to justify the use of heat.

Tobacco on the heated side weighed 552 pounds per acre more than that with no heat. Also, the quality was much better.

Sponsor of the test during

this past season was Jimmy Hill of The Big Burley Warehouse in Johnson City, Tennessee. Cost of gas for heating was paid by the sponsor, Suburban Propane Company of Asheville furnished tanks and free hookups. Gas heaters were

furnished by the Gaston Company of Charlotte. This type of cooperation between the grower, Extension and commercial people has proven to be an outstanding way of gaining new agricultural information, says Wiley DuVall, Madison County Extension Agent.

## Westco Telephone Rates Increased

T.A. Rogers announced today that pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 62-135 of the North Carolina General Statutes entitled "Temporary Rates Under Bond," Westco Telephone Company has notified its customers that it will put into effect rate increases not exceeding 20 percent on any single rate classification for all bills rendered on and after December 27, 1974, said increases being a part of the general rate increase request filed by the Company with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on May 28, 1974, in Docket No. P-78, Sub 32, which is now under in-

vestigation and pending completion of hearings and final determination by the Utilities Commission.

Westco Telephone Company will refund in a manner to be prescribed by order of the Utilities Commission to its customers entitled thereto the amount of any excess, if any,

with interest thereon at the rate of 6 percent per annum by which the rates under bond put into effect pursuant to this notice and the Undertaking filed, are in excess of the rates finally determined to be just and reasonable by the Utilities Commission.

## Santa Will Answer Letters

Roger Wood, Marshall postmaster, stated this week that any child being served by the Marshall post office who writes a letter to Santa Claus, c/o Postmaster, Marshall, N. C. 28753, will receive a handwritten reply from Santa

Claus. Mr. Wood also requested that out-of-town Christmas cards should be mailed by December 15 and local cards should be mailed by December 12.

## Christmas Activities In Marshall

Christmas activities in Marshall thus far announced are as follows:

December 20-21: The live Christmas Pageant beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse. It was also announced that the Manger Scene will remain in the courthouse lawn and the large star on Main Street Hill will remain during the Christmas holidays.

Various Marshall churches will also have special programs, as follow: Marshall Baptist Church presented a Christmas cantata, entitled "Love, Joy, Peace" on Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the church. On December 22 at 7:30 o'clock the children of the Baptist Church will present a special Christmas program.

Marshall United Methodist Church had its Christmas party at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Members of the Marshall Garden Club distributed native grown greenery (wreaths) to public buildings and churches on Thursday of last week.

Santa Claus is also making visits to Main Street and also the shopping center on the bypass.

## Christmas Edition Early Next Week

In cooperation with local firms, The News-Record's annual Christmas Greeting Edition will be published in time next week so that readers will receive their papers before Christmas Day (Wednesday).

Record an opportunity to enjoy Christmas Day when the office will be closed.

The early schedule also will give employers and employees of The Canton Enterprise, who print the paper, and the editor and bookkeeper of The News-

Those wishing to have Christmas Greetings, who haven't been contacted, can secure space before Saturday, December 21, deadline for next week's issue. This deadline also applies to all news articles for next week's issue.