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Nuclear Controversy Meeting To Be Held Saturday

Carolians For Safe Energy, Asheville, are sponsoring a public meeting Saturday, March 15th at UNC Asheville, Science Building. The morning session, 9-12:15, includes three speakers on the nuclear power issue and a panel discussion. The afternoon session, 1:45-4:15, includes a citizen's workshop and two speakers on Energy Alternatives. The afternoon session will be followed by a reception to which the public is invited.

The morning session opens with Jesse Riley, M.S. Chemistry, speaking on the Economics of Nuclear Plants and their effect on the electric utility rates. Mr. Riley is a member of the Carolina Environmental Study Group in Charlotte. CESG is the main client in the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union McGuire suit challenging the right of Duke Power Company to build nuclear reactors on Lake Norman near Charlotte. The suit raises the question "does nuclear power pose an unconscionable threat to human life?"

Allen M. Moore, Ph.D., Dept. of Biology, Western Carolina University, will speak on the effects of radioactive substances on living organisms. Dr. Moore is co-author with H. T. Odum and Lawrence A. Burns of a model of pathways of radioactive tritium in a rainforest ecosystem.

Chauncey Kepford, Ph.D. Chemistry, Chattanooga York Committee For a Safe Environment, Penna. Dr. Kepford has testified twice

before the Joint Committee of Atomic Energy regarding possible modifications to the Price Anderson Act. He will address the issue of liability insurance of the nuclear industry and public protection.

An afternoon's Citizen's workshop will afford people an opportunity to discuss ways of taking action to bring the nuclear question to our legislators.

An unusual slide presentation on Solar Energy will be given by Mrs. Helen P. Bird, Solar Energy Services, of Hendersonville. The presentation will show actual solar heating systems in use today. Mrs. Bird has been

recipient of many awards for her conservation work including the Governor of Florida's Award as our Standing Conservationist of the Year in 1970.

Robert S. Cole, Ph.D., Dept. of Physics, UNC Asheville will sum up the program with a discussion of Energy Options to Nuclear Power. Dr. Cole has a past record of outstanding environmental work with the Sierra Club and the North Cascade Conservation Council in Washington State.

The day long program will be followed by a reception for the speakers and the citizens attending the meeting.

Methodist Women Met With Mrs. Tom G. Wallin

The United Methodist Women of the Marshall church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Tom G. Wallin, Walnut Highway, on Wednesday evening, March 5. Mrs. J. L. McElroy discussed Dr. Leslie D.

Weatherhead's book, "Life Begins at Death." As predicted, this subject proved not gloomy or forbidding, but very uplifting and hopeful. The general theme was "an Easter Serenity," serendipity defined as the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for—a bonus, such as finding happiness in your own back yard.

In the business session, Mrs. Wallin, president, announced the date of the district meeting of United Methodist Women, April 27, 2:30 p.m., at Grace United Methodist Church, Asheville. A report on the Yokefellow Prison Ministry was made, and announcement of the World Day of Prayer observance at St. Luke's Catholic church in Asheville on March 7.

Pancake Supper In Mars Hill Wednesday

Members of the Mars Hill United Methodist Church will sponsor a family pancake supper on Wednesday, March 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Plates are \$1 for children and \$1.50 for adults.

The public is invited.

Madison County Rates Protested

By ED SPEARS, Citizen Staff Writer

Madison County High School's gymnasium was filled with approximately 1800 citizens who aired a variety of grievances at increases in their electric bills by French Broad EMC.

Some told of bills jumping to as much as \$189 per month for a woman whose total income was little over \$200 when the

electric co-op's higher rates were begun in January after their wholesale supplier, Carolina Power and Light Co., increased its rates to French Broad EMC.

Organizers of the protest announced plans to seek an EMC agreement to allow a delay in paying the higher bills until the federal power commission can act on a state-wide appeal for relief. Attorney Ronald Howell, acting as secretary at the session,

said if there is no granted delay, he would see if a judge could be found who would sign a court order forcing such a delay.

State Rep. Claude DeBruhl of Candler discussed steps being taken by the Attorney General's office and General Assembly to repeal authorization of the bill adjustment clause which has figured in higher rates charged by utilities which generate their own power.

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PORTIONS of an estimated 1800 people are pictured above at the protest meeting held Tuesday night in the gymnasium at Madison High School here. Although it looks like fans at a basketball game, it



was far from that. The crowd gathered to express grievances at increases in their electric bills and to seek relief.

Social Services To Hold Public Hearing Monday

A public hearing on social services needed by Madison County citizens will be held Monday, March 17, at 1 p.m. in the Easton Ramsey Building in Marshall.

The Madison County Department of Social Services will conduct the hearing to determine what services are to be provided under the new federal legislation known as Title Twenty-XX. This law, signed by President Ford on January 20, allows the states much more freedom in determining what kinds of services are provided to citizens. All citizens and organizations interested in services to families, children, disabled and elderly are asked to attend and give their views.

The intent of the law is to give the states and local governments an opportunity to offer more social services to their people. The Department of Social Services has been given the job of doing this. The services offered must be limited toward five areas:

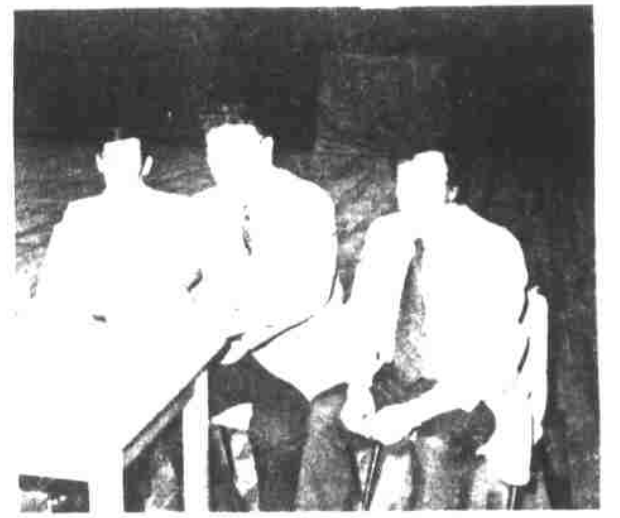
1. Family Support
2. Child Support
3. Adult Support
4. Institutional Placement
5. Services to the Elderly

Protection of children and adults from abuse and neglect, (4) Deinstitutionalization to the greatest extent possible, (5) Institutional placement and services as needed.

You can help determine the services necessary to meet these goals by attending the hearing.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE Claude DeBruhl, of Candler, (3rd District) is shown explaining to the crowd the problems, causes and suggested action which should be made in seeking relief from the increase in electric bills.



SHOWN ABOVE is Rep. Claude DeBruhl holding part of the estimated 10,000 signatures on petitions seeking relief from current electric costs. On left is Cheever Metcalf, of Madison County, who was partly responsible for starting action a week ago at a protest meeting near Mars Hill; and Richard "Dick" Gilbert, newspaper man of Asheville, who assisted in arranging the protest meeting.

Dairymen's Conference To Be Held Friday

The Western North Carolina Dairymen's Conference has been set for this Friday, March 14, at the WNCU Agricultural Center in Fletcher. Activities will get underway at 9 a.m. with registration, topics for the morning program include: The Availability and Use of Fertilizer and Agricultural Chemicals, Will Changing Food Prices Change Feeding Practices, Mastitis Treatment and Guidelines, and Feeding Colostrum to Dairy Calves. After lunch, Formula Pricing and Milk Marketing in N.C. and Plans to Meet Our Veterinary Manpower Needs will be discussed.

Dr. G. I. Honeycutt, Assistant Director of the Western Disease Diagnostic Lab., will report on progress made by that facility. Featured speakers for the day will be Harry Silver, District Supervisor, TVA Programs; Mark Wall, Spartan Quality Feeds; Dr. Don Wesen, Dairy Husbandry Specialist, N.C.S.U.; Dr. Fred Knot, Dairy Husbandry Specialist, N.C.S.U.; Bill Phelps, N.C. Farm Bureau; and Dr. T. M. Curtin, Department of Veterinary Science, N.C.S.U. All dairymen and others interested in the dairy industry are cordially invited to attend the Conference.

Frederick Wilde Dies From Auto Injuries

Frederick Neal Wilde, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Wilde Jr. of Rt. 6, Marshall (Walnut Creek), died Friday, March 7, 1975, in an Asheville hospital from injuries received Wednesday of last week when he darted into the path of a passing car driven by Rankin Rice of the Sandy Mush section. The accident, which occurred in front of the youth's home, was unavoidable, it was stated.



FREDERICK WILDE DIES

He was a third grade student at Marshall School. He was a member of the Walnut Creek Baptist Church Junior Youth Choir.

Surviving in addition to the parents are five sisters, Mrs. Jackson Ramsey, Mrs. R. B. Wilde, Mrs. Everett Gomell Jr. and Mrs. Ray Cantrell of Marshall and Miss Lisa Wilde of the home; the paternal grandfather, Posey Wilde Sr. of Marshall; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roberts of Marshall; and the paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Enaline



KELLY DAVIS, of Marshall, was honored last Sunday morning at the Marshall Baptist Church on his enviable record of attending Sunday School for 25 consecutive years without missing a single Sunday. This means that Mr. Davis has attended Sunday School either at the Marshall Baptist Church or some other church for 1,300 consecutive Sundays. Pictured above, left to right, the Rev. Spencer T. LeGrand, pastor, who presented a pin; Mr. Davis (shown holding Bible and 25-year "ladder"); and Wade Huey, teacher of Whitehurst Bible Class, who presented the honoree with a new red letter Bible (Living Bible Translation) in behalf of the members of the class. The morning service was dedicated to Mr. Davis for this splendid record.



RALPH M. LEE, of Mars Hill, was honored by members of the Madison County Board of Education at their meeting on March 3. Mr. Lee was presented a plaque which read "With appreciation for outstanding and dedicated service as a member of the Madison County Board of Education, 1971-75. Left to right, Bobby Ponder, Dedrick Cody, Emory Wallin, Bill Roberts, Mr. Lee.

Summer Jobs In Forests Available

More than 500 young people will get summer jobs working on conservation projects on National Forests in the South, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, Regional Forester F. Leroy Bond said today.

Bond said there will be at least one Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Camp on National Forest lands in each of the 13 states in the Southern Region of the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Some states will have more than one camp, he said.

The YCC program will start in mid-June and run for six to nine weeks. It is open to boys and girls aged 15-18 and the basic pay rate is \$12 a day. Young people are eligible if they meet the age requirements, have no history of serious criminal or anti-

social behavior, have a social security number and work permits in states where such permits are required.

The program is financed by federal funds and federal camps will be located on lands administered by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Interior. There also will be camps sponsored by the States under federal grants.

Bond said most Forest Service camps in the south will be co-educational and the average camp will have 24 to 50 enrollees. There are three categories of camps - non-residential, 5-day residence (no home for weekends) and seven-day residential.

Applications may be obtained from the recruiting agent in each state.

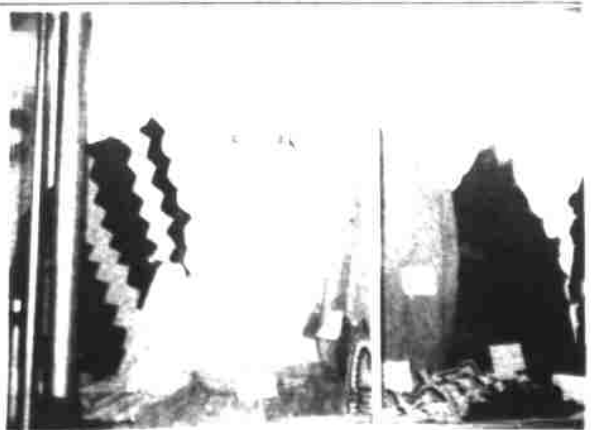
Criminal District Court Here

A two-day term of District court for the trial of criminal cases is now in progress here. The term started Wednesday of this week with Judge C. Walter Allen presiding. Prosecutors are Clyde M. Roberts and James T. Rusher.

Over 200 cases are listed on the trial docket for the two-day non-jury term. Approximately 43 cases of DUI - Driving Under Influence - are on docket, seven reckless driving cases, 67 speeding cases, 11 driving while license revoked, 13 breaking, entering and larceny cases, 11 public drunkenness, and various other violations plus several non-support cases.



LIBRARY WINDOWS for March again show local crafts. In the left window there is a Family Quilt made by Mrs. Lura Cogdill which is a record of birth and marriage dates of father, mother, children and grandchildren. Their hobbies are even included. There is also a Rose Quilt made by Mrs. Willa Duncan, a Cathedral Window Quilt made by Mrs. Gladys Ramsey and an antique quilt pieced in 1893 by



Mrs. Jasper Ebbs and displayed by her granddaughter, Ms. Thelma Gardner. In the right window is a display of afghans. Six of them were crocheted by Mrs. Louise Huey, one was crocheted by Mrs. Agnes Ammons and one was knitted by Mrs. Edith Queen Leake. Two were made by Mrs. Lindsey, the mother of Mrs. Arline Tweed when she was 97 years old.