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Marshall, N. C.

can be seen at extreme left.

I have never even thought of

apologizing for addressing one

of you as "Dear Democrat". I

consider that one of the best

compliments I could pay to

This letter will go to each Democratic Precinct

Chairman, Vice-Chairman

and all ten Precinct Com-

mitteemen, as well as to all Democratic Officeholders of

Madison County, and exofficio members of the Democratic

Executive Committee and

certain other key Democrats.

In choosing certain key Democrats to receive this

letter, I am very much aware of the fact that many key Democrats will inadvertently be overlooked. I am, therefore, asking each of you

to invite as many Democrats

as you see fit. As each of you

know, all Democratic

meetings are open to all active

I am calling a special meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28 to be convened at 7 p.m. in

the Marshall School

Auditorium. The State

Chairman of the Democratic

Executive Committee, Mr.

Jim Suggs, has ordered all

County Chairmen throughout

Democrats.

Dear Democrat:

any friend I have.

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French Broad EMC **Prepares For** Rate Increase

French Broad Electric lembership Corporation has accived word that Carolina ower & Light Company will etition the Federal Power mmission for another lesale rate increase by the 1st of January, 1976. There ad been previous indications nat such an increase might be equested in March or April, ut it now becomes of imrediate concern to the embers of French Broad

Negotiations are still under ay on the rate case that has

Electrical, Plumbing

Laws Enforced

It has been announced that state Electrical and Plumbing aws are now being strictly inforced in Madison County. If you are employing an electrician or plumber, they nust be licensed by the State of North Carolina.

For further information contact the Department of Public Safety, located in the Ramsey Building on Main Street in Marshall.

Tentative plans have been made with Richard Silver, a

well known square dance teacher, to hold classes in Marshall either in March or

April. As soon as a definite

date is set, you will be ad-

Mr. Silver teaches Western

tht all over the world. The

Square Dancing which is

first course will be one night a

Court In

Progress

The January term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases started here Monday morning with Judge Robert D. Lewis presiding.

Practically the entire term thus far has been devoted to the trial of Marie Kuykendall charged in connection with the death of Baxter Franklin. She was acquited of the charge Tuesday morning.

Scheduled to be heard during the term is the case of

during the term is the case of State vs. Perry Gowan, charged with murder. Also on the docket are several cases involving manufacture of contained substances.

been before the Federal Power Commission since the first of 1975. If such a rate increase is allowed by the FPC, with no settlement of the existing rate case, French Broad EMC will have no choice but to increase retail rates to its members.

"At the present time we do not know the exact amount of CP&L's proposed wholesale rate increase," stated Charles R. Tolley, French Broad EMC"s acting manager, "As soon as we know this amount, we can determine what amount our retail rates will have to go up. We will strive to keep any necessary rate in-crease as low as possible and will keep you informed of ents as they occur."

Hot Springs Issue To Get Court Test

The constitutionality of North Carolina's law which requires a 4-1 majority by the state Board of Elections to order a new election will be tested in Wake Superior Court in Raleigh by losing clu-didates in the Hot Springs municipal election.

A petition to the court was

filed Thursday by Asheville attorney Edward B. Krause, who also requested that a state elections board order denying a new election be overturned, and that the elections board be required to conduct a new election in Hot

Springs.

The petition also asks

week for 15 weeks which will

cover the basic steps. After

this basic class, you will be

able to join any of a number of

dance clubs in the area, or

form a club of your own. A

club generally dances twice a

month and workshops are usually held once a week.

really a competitive sport where men and women can

participate on the same level.

same time, a lot of fun. It gets

people from all walks of life together to socialize and enjoy

each others company.

Age is really no barrier and

as possible take these lessons

Western Square Dancing is

Tentative Plans For

Square Dance Lessons

removal of the apparent Hot Springs board of aldermen winners, if a new election is

Plaintiffs in the action are George K. Ramsey, Claude Moore and Tony Gamble, who have alleged irregularities in the Nov. 4 town election. Named as defendants are

the state board of elections and its five members.

The three plaintiffs sought a new election from the Hot Springs local board but the appeal was turned down. They appealed to the state board, which voted 3-2 for a new election, failing to meet the 4-1 majority requirement which the plaintiffs are contesting.





MRS. RENA SHELTON

Rena Wallin Shelton Retires At Laurel

you don't have to be Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers to learn and enjoy square Mrs. Rena Shelton of Laurel School retired January 1, 1976 after serving the students for 30 years. She and her husband, This sort of activity is long overdue in our community and Paul, reside at Route 3, we would like to see as many Marshall. She has three daughters. Two are married and one is at the University of North Carolina.

as possible take these lessons and to be a part of the upgrading of activities at our Community Center.

Please contact Francis Pizzulo, 649-2035 or Nina Williams, 649-2495 so we may know how many to plan for.

Specific details will be given as soon as definite arrangements are made.

After receiving her degree at Asheville Normal Teachers College, Mrs. Shelton returned to start her teaching career at Laurel School. Her entire teaching career was at Laurel. Said one teacher, "It's just not the same around here

without Mrs. Rena."

Mrs. Shelton is a nature-lover and made an exceptional Science & Math teacher. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Shelton excelled in all endeavors

Mrs. Shelton was replaced by James Shelton who transferred from Occupational Education (Middle Grades). Mr. Robert Ramsey is now the new Occupational Education

Poetry Contest

A \$1500 grand prize will be awarded in the new Poetry Competition sponsored by the World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any sphered are allethed to

any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or metchandise awards. Second

chandise awards. Second place is \$50.

Says Contest Chairman, Joseph Mellon, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from: World of Poetry, 801 Portola Dr., Dept. 211, San Francisco stest closes March 31,

Lions Enjoy

Steaks

It assembers of the Marshall Lices Club enjoyed a steak supper at Peddler's in Asseville blooday right as a reward for their efforts during

great Country, I am State Convention, and Democratically yours, National Democratic Con--s- Zeno H. Ponder Chairman

Madison Square Garden.

Hoping you will take time

from your busy schedule to

participate in making the

greatest County on earth a

better place in which to live

and putting the Democratic

Party in power to lead our

Madison County

Island, -ZHP

Democratic Exec. Comm.

Don't forget, Wednesday,

Jan. 28, 1976 at 7 p.m., Mar-

shall School Auditorium on the

While we are convened as a group of active and interested Democrats, I would like to have the following questions answered: (1) What is the best approach to our Presidential Preference Primary coming up in March ? Another question I consider vital to Madison County and to the Madison County Democratic Party is - What approach shall we take in the upcoming Gubernatorial Primary in August, 1976? Ifthe above two ns are resolved to the satisfaction of everybody

PICTURED ABOVE is the residence of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Tweed

which was located on Main Street in Marshall where the Ponder Auto Supply

Co., is now located. The picture was made prior to 1916 when the house was

washed away in the 1916 flood. Shown, left t right, Mrs. Tweed, Leslie Tweed

(on tricycle) Mr. Tweed and son, Connor (deceased). Leslie, of Marshall, is

the only surviving member of the immediate family. A freight car on railroad

A Message To Madison Co. Democrats

North Carolina to convene such a County-wide meeting

and instruct each interested

Democrat as to how he or she

can go about becoming a

delegate to the Democratic

County Convention,

Congressional Convention,

present, which I trust we can do, then our course will be charted for the two Primaries in March and August. We shall go over the recent changes in the North Carolina Democratic Plan of Organization as those changes relate to our Precinct meetings on Thursday, Feb. 12 been called for 7 p.m. upon that date, February 12, 1976. We shall also deal with any and all questions relating to our Organization from the Precinct to the National

County C.B. Club Organized

Convention to be convened at

A set of formation by-laws was read and received setting forth the formation of the Madison County C. B. Club on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Marshall Recreation Center. Questions were received and answered by an organization committee consisting of Vader Shelton, Clarence Henderson, Kenneth Brown and John Dodson. Marshall city official, James Penland was present and pledged the support of the city to the newly formed club. About 50 persons attended the meeting. So of which joined the club as Churter members. Coffee was donated by the Sprinkle - Shelton Co. and other refreshments were served by wives of the organization committee.

The next meeting at which time officers will be elected, has been set for Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. again at the Questions were received and

has been set for Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. again at the Marshall Recreation Center.

Anyone interested in joining between now and the next meeting can do so by contacting John Dodson at Dodson's Grocury, Marshall. The membership for is \$10 and is at present the total fee for membership for its 10 and is at present the total fee for

County Begins C.D. Application Process

In response to government legislation that provides funds to communities planning for services and capital expenditures, Madison County Planning Board has held hearings in Mars Hill, Hot Springs, and Marshall.

The Board has been designated as the Citizens Advisory Board for Community Development in the county.

During the week of 11-17 January public meetings were held. The six meetings were well attended by citizens of each town and surrounding area.

At these meetings a consensus for spending these funds emerged. Two areas of concern dominated the discussions.

Services: Of utmost importance for Madison residents is the expansion and improvement of day care facilities throughout the county. Capital Expenditures: Recreation facilities in the entire county and the extension of water and sewer services in the Mars Hill area

appear to be top priorities. Further suggestions and ideas may be given to Nick Kmecza at the Planning Board, 649-3901 or 689-1336, or to members of the Planning

Board themselves. They are: Donald N. Anderson, Beech Glen; Mrs. Robena Adams, Laurel; Mr. Manual Briscoe, Mars Hill; Mr. Larry Burda, Mars Hill; Father Jeff Burton, Hot Springs; Mr. Robert Edwards, Mars Hill; Wayne Gosnell, Grapevine; Mrs.

Jeanne Hoffman, Mars Hill; James T. Ledford, Beech Glen; Earl Levinger, Mars Hill; Lawrence Ponder, Marshall; Gordon Rice, Walnut Creek; Earl Wise, Long Branch; Louis A. Zimmerman, Guntertown

Husband Wounded By Wife Here Thursday

It was a cold, dreary morning here last Thursday and, as a whole, the town was quiet when suddenly, about 9:30 o'clock, three pistol shots were heard coming from the direction of the jail. Actually the shots were fired a few feet from the jail.

Officers quickly approached the scene where it was found that Fred Phillips, about 35 years of age, of Route 1, Weaverville, was wounded by three shots from a pistol fired by his wife, Gladys Phillips.

The victim was rushed to Memorial Mission Hospital and Mrs. Phillips was arrested on a charge of assault in connection with the

Sheriff Ponder stated that Mrs. Phillips was released from jail Sunday night under a \$5,000 bond. Mr. Phillips' condition is reported as

satisfactory. Phillips received wounds on the right and left shoulders and in the stomach. According to reports. Phillips was able to walk to the jail following the shooting at which time he was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

According to Ponder, the two had had marital trouble before and a non-support hearing against Phillips was scheduled at the courthouse

SKIPAON THE MOVE - Neither rain, nor hail, n or storm at night hinders the "storylady" from her rounds. But Snow - in our county - that does have an effect. Surely, all the warm smiling faces in these, pictures will help keep the cold weather away, so Mrs. White can hold her storytimes. Today we are



WALNUT SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Robena Adams, Teacher, (Left picture) front row left to right - Celena Baker, Eugina Henderson, Lisa Johnson, Anita Williams, Linda Johnson; middle row - Teresa Wyatt, Dwayne Middleton, back row -



Bradley Griffey, Mark Meadows, Kathy Worley; (right picture) front row - Craig Baker, Miche Garrett; back row - Kimberly Flynn, Anita Reed, Jackie Shelton.

featuring children from the Walnut, Marshall, Ebbs

Chapel, Grapevine, and Beech Glen communities

They are learning books can be special friends. Ones

to be loved and caref for properly. The storyhou programs are made possible this said SKIPA. Madison County Public Library Outreach Project



MARSHALL SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN - Mrs. Doris Wyatt, Teacher - (Left Picture) front row left to right - Cindy Sexton, Sudean Norton, Becky Butler, Pam Ball, Ren Freeman; second row -Cherlon Lunsford, Chris Ward, Anthony Wilde,



Clifton Norton; (right picture) front row - Edwin Crowe, Chris Tweed, David Cutshall, Harry Rica, Jr.; second row - Adrian Reece, Freddie Sherlin, Kevin Hunter.



