

# THE NEWS - RECORD



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## French Broad EMC Prepares For Rate Increase

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation has received word that Carolina Power & Light Company will petition the Federal Power Commission for another wholesale rate increase by the 1st of January, 1976. There had been previous indications that such an increase might be requested in March or April, but it now becomes of immediate concern to the members of French Broad EMC.

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 increase as low as possible and will keep you informed of developments as they occur."

## Hot Springs Issue To Get Court Test

### Electrical, Plumbing Laws Enforced

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

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 candidates in the Hot Springs municipal election.

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

## Tentative Plans For Square Dance Lessons

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 advised.

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.



MRS. RENA SHELTON

## Rena Wallin Shelton Retires At Laurel

Mrs. Rena Shelton of Laurel School retired January 1, 1976 after serving the students for 30 years. She and her husband, Paul, reside at Route 3, Marshall. She has three daughters. Two are married and one is at the University of North Carolina. 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



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 to 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 can be seen at extreme left.

## A Message To Madison Co. Democrats

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## County Begins C.D. Application Process

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## 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 acquitted of the charge Tuesday morning.

Age is really no barrier and you don't have to be Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers to learn and enjoy square dancing. This sort of activity is long overdue in our community and we would like to see as many 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.

## 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 subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise 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."

## County C.B. Club Organized

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, 35 of which joined the club as Charter members. Coffee was donated by the Sprinkle - Shelton Co. and other refreshments were served by wives of the organization committee.



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, Michelle Garrett; back row - Kimberly Flynn, Anita Reed, Jackie Shelton.



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 - Cherion Lunsford, Chris Ward, Anthony Wilde,



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



MEMBER HEADS of the Ford Commission for the election of President Ford were announced this week in Asheville. Roger Swan, of Mars Hill, will serve as chairman and W. F. Powell, of Mars Hill, will serve as co-chairman. Orville D. Conner, chairman of the 11th District chairman of the Ford Commission, made the appointments. Also shown is Governor Holshouser who attended the meeting at which the appointments were made. Left to right, Holshouser, Powell, Swan and Conner.

## Lions Enjoy Steaks

18 members of the Marshall Lions Club enjoyed a steak supper at Ponder's in Asheville Monday night as a reward for their efforts during the Christmas season for the blind and visually handicapped. Several of the Lions were unable to attend due to conflicting engagements.

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