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CP&L Rate Increase To French Broad EMC

French Broad EMC has received notice from Carolina Power & Light Company that a new rate increase request has been filed with the Federal Power Commission which will increase wholesale rates approximately 33 percent. CP&L was denied a 35 percent increase in March of this year and required to refile at a lower level, and French Broad EMC was not anticipating as much as 33

percent on this new filing. However, it appears that the FPC will allow this 33 percent to be put into effect, under bond, on May 1. This will mean that French Broad EMC's rates to its members will have to be increased on the May bills that will be mailed around June 1. Information on exactly how much bills will have to be increased will be supplied to the members as soon as it is determined.



MRS. JIMMY RAMSEY shown receiving Citation and Plaque at annual meeting of "Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc.", at the Research Triangle Park.



MRS. JIMMY RAMSEY, Mrs. Overton Gregory and Mrs. Marie Osteen are pictured above at the Research Triangle Park where they attended the annual meeting of "keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc."

Republican County Convention April 24

Roger Swann, Chairman Madison County Republican Executive Committee, announced this week that the Republican County convention will be held at the courthouse here on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 2 p.m.

The purpose of this convention is to elect 15 delegates and 15 alternate delegates to the District Convention. There are also some county officials to be elected at the county convention.

"It is up to each precinct chairman to have the precinct meeting before the county convention and have the delegates attend the convention here," Mr. Swann stated.

County Cited At Meeting At Research Triangle

Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey of Madison County is shown receiving the Chairman's Citation for Excellence and Plaque at the annual meeting of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc. on March 28. The meeting was held at Governor's Inn, Research Triangle Park. Mrs. Barbara Deverick of Lenoir, Chairman of "Operation Beautiful '75"

made the award which reads in part, "Madison County is hereby cited for creating a new awareness within the county of the great natural beauty which exists and involving its citizens in projects to enhance this natural beauty." Mrs. Overton Gregory, County Beautification Coordinator, named Mrs. Ramsey to represent the county

because of her outstanding leadership as Beautification Chairman in the Greater Ivy Community Club, the county's largest organized community.

Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Max Osteen of Sleepy Valley Community Club also attended the meeting. Mrs. Osteen met with Governor Dan Moore's conference in Asheville in 1967 when a

statewide Beautification Committee was created — this became the Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc. in 1972. Objectives of the organization are to act as a promotional, educational, advisory and coordinating agency for the improvement of the visual environment of North Carolina... cooperating always with existing local, state and national groups.

Greater Ivy Senior Youth Group Organized

The Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association, Inc., has organized a Senior Youth Group with 50 charter members.

Officers are: "Ricky" Anderson, President; Roy P. Ledford, Jr., Vice-president; "Cris" Robinson, Secretary; and Jeff Roberts, Treasurer.

Anderson, a senior at Madison high school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Anderson, Jr., who resides in the Upper Metcalf Creek Community. A popular athlete in Madison High, he was a forward, the star player, and high scorer of the Madison Patriots Basketball Team this year with a total of 342 points in the regular season, an average of 17.1 points per game. He has played center field for four years on the baseball team, and has earned letters in basketball, baseball, and track. He is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, the Math Club, and the Monogram Club. He is also the reporter for the Senior Class.



OFFICERS OF THE GREATER IVY COMMUNITY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC. SENIOR YOUTH GROUP. Left to right: Ricky Anderson, President; Roy P. Ledford, Jr., Vice-President; Cris Robinson, Secretary; and Jeff Roberts, Secretary.

Ledford, a Senior in Madison High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Ledford, Jr., and resides in the California Creek Community. He is a member of the Future Farmers of America Club; a member of DICA, the Vocational Industrial Crafts organization; and the Monogram Club. During his junior year in high school, he played second base on the baseball team and during his

first year in high school, he played junior varsity basketball. As a school bus driver this year he is unable to participate in athletic programs at the school.

Robinson, a Madison High School Senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Robinson, and lives in the Beech Glen Community. He has played third base for four years on the Baseball team. He is a member of the Monogram

Club, the Science Clubs and the Math Club.

Roberts, also a member of the Senior Class at Madison High, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts, and a resident of the Crooked Creek



April was proclaimed Cancer Control Month in North Carolina by Congress and a proclamation was presented by Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Governor James E. Holshouser and Area Vice Chairman for the American Cancer Society, to Moyer Smith, Crusade Chairman for the North Carolina Division.

Mountain Valleys RC&D Council Elects And Makes Plans

The Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council has announced its election of officers for the current year. John Loren Brown, retired soil conservationist from Hendersonville, was reelected Council chairman — a post he has held for two terms. Randal Lyday, retired vocational agriculture teacher from Brevard, was reelected vice-chairman. Mr. Lyday has been acting as chairman for several months while Mr. Brown has been out of the area and has served on the Council since its inception in 1974.

Juliett Greenwood of Buncombe County and Juanita Adcock of Madison County round out the Executive Committee, as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Both of these officers are new Council members. The Council serves Region B - Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties - and is concerned with natural resource problems and community improvement projects.

The Council has recently been playing an advisory role in the cleanup of the French Broad River and in preparing long-range plans for development of recreation and other benefits for the public through the river's course. It and the Land-of-Sky Regional Council have signed an agreement with the Tennessee Valley Authority geared toward a cooperative river cleanup and development plan. The two Region B organizations have jointly formed a River Improvement Committee to oversee the long-range effort along the 117 miles of the French Broad River in the four counties.

Sivils Elected Young GOP Director

Charles Scott Sivils, of Mars Hill, chairman of the Madison County Young Republican Club, was elected as the new 11th Congressional District Director of the Young Republicans and to the State YR Executive Committee. He also won the Grassroots Award for the best YR worker at the district level.

These honors were announced at the N.C. Federation of Young Republicans Banquet held last week-end in Asheville.

Chain Letters On Increase

Fraudulent chain letters have been around for many years, but odds are better now that you may receive one, this time with a Bicentennial theme, according to county Postmasters.

"A scheme, which involves the mailing of U.S. Savings

Bonds, has shown up in major urban centers of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia and Florida," they said.

"The letter with the Bicentennial gimmick," the postmasters explained, "urges those receiving it to mail \$2.00 - \$1.00 for each 100 years - to the person whose name is first on the list in celebration of our nation's 200th birthday."

"Chief Postal Inspector C. Neil Benson has informed us that actual profits from chain letters are usually obtained only by those who originate or enter the scheme very early," they said.

Chain letters requesting money or other items of value are non-mailable under the Federal Mail Fraud Statute. They are considered to be fraudulent because of the likelihood that the chain will be broken and most participants will get nothing from their involvement.

Typically, the chain letter requires each of its recipients to mail or mail copies to a

specified number of others, who would also be asked to continue the chain of mailings. Usually, the chain expands so rapidly that the number of prospects is soon exhausted.

For example, a chain letter requiring each purchaser to send copies to six others would theoretically reach the entire literate population of the earth by the time it reached its 12th link.

The fact that chain letters are not mailed does not exclude the scheme from being a violation of law if the scheme involves the mailing of bonds or other valuable items.

On the other hand, so-called chain letters which call for nothing more than reciprocal picture post cards and the like, are ordinarily considered to be mailable because the items sent do not constitute a "thing of value" under applicable law. However, postal codes involving "good luck" chain letters that contain a threat of bad luck to those who break the chain are prohibited because it is against the law

Marshall To Switch To Well Water

The leaking dam on the town of Marshall's Hunter Creek reservoir is "too costly to repair," an engineer said Wednesday, so the water system will be developed with wells as the source of water.

Ronald Butler, an engineer for Hoffman, Butler & Associates of Asheville, said sites for additional wells have been selected. If options from property owners can be obtained, he said, bids could be sought on drilling of one or more wells within a month or so.

Wells presently in use, drilled last year when the reservoir difficulties came to a head, will be tested for water flow and retained in the system if feasible, Butler said.

The town of Marshall and Madison County are jointly sponsoring the improvement project and have \$797,000 in grant and local funds available. When the program is completed, water service will be provided for an industrial site outside the town.

Based on studies conducted by a Charlotte firm, Law Engineering Testing Co., it was found that fill material in the Hunter Creek dam was not suitable, and that deterioration over the years brought on the leaks. Butler said that to replace the unsuitable material, and to rebuild the dam so its slopes were not as steep as they are, would cost "a minimum of \$370,000. For the sum, he added, "You could almost build

another dam elsewhere." By utilizing wells rather than a reservoir, he said, the water will require only chlorination treatment rather than a full process treatment plant.

Marshall has a million-gallon reservoir which will be covered as part of the improvement program.

Water demand for the new system is estimated to be 280,000 gallons per day. The wells now in use were drilled last September when an acute water shortage developed.

Council Of Community Development Clubs Met

The Upper Laurel Community Club was host to the first meeting of the Madison County Council of Community Development Clubs on Thursday evening, April 1, at Wolf Laurel Restaurant with 61 persons attending. Mr. Bill Clark, president, called for reports from presidents of the seven organized community clubs, following the adoption of By-Laws of the Council. Presidents reporting were as follows: Mrs. Spence Rice, Big Laurel; Dr. Grover L. Angel, Greater Ivy; Mrs. Max Osteen, Sleepy Valley; Mrs. Thurman Briggs, Forks of Ivy; Mr. Preston Fox, Gabriel's Creek - Bull Creek; Mr. Frederick Anderson, Greater Mars Hill; Ebbs Chapel (Upper Laurel) Mrs. Robert Ramsey. A rousing applause followed the reports of presidents of two youth groups within two of the clubs: Darryl Norton, Forks of Ivy and Ricky Anderson, Greater Ivy. Reports described organization, outstanding activities and immediate plans - all are presently cleaning up and planning recreation and a variety of activities - all have long range programs to make Madison County the best of all places to live.

who spoke briefly on the expanded Community Development awards program. He reminded the group that improvement possibilities are unlimited when people work together. Bicentennial planting patterns, using red, white and blue petunias are available at the WNC Community Development office.

The next meeting of the County Council will be on June 17 at Sleepy Valley Community Center.

Weaver Added To Police Force

Jerry Weaver, of Weaverville, has been added to the Marshall police force. Since becoming a policeman, Weaver has devoted a great deal of time working with the parking problems in Marshall. "It is my desire to help the parking situation by appealing to local employees and other "all-day" parkers to stay off of Main Street, thus giving more parking spaces to the people who come here to trade," he stated.

Weaver is the son of Mrs. Pauline Weaver, of Weaverville, and the late Walter Weaver. He is a graduate of North Buncombe High School and attended A-B Tech for one year. Before accepting his present position here, he was employed by Winn-Dixie. Other policemen on the force are John Ray, Carlisle Gunter, Warren Edwards and Bill Rice.

USDA To Determine '77 Wheat Allotment

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 9 called for public comment on the proposed size of the 1977 national wheat allotment.

Under current legislation, the allotment is used as a basis for making payments to wheat growers if the market price for wheat falls below the established (target) price or if growers qualify for disaster payments. The allotment in no way constrains, nor sets a limit, on the amount of wheat that may be planted.

estimates of the national yield, domestic utilization of wheat, exports, carryover, and other data pertinent to this determination which are submitted in writing to the Director, Grain, Oilseeds, and Cotton Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Submissions must be received by the Director not later than April 6.

Beware Of Phonies

The Better Business Bureau of Asheville and WNC has just received a report of a grain-like food entering Western North Carolina at Bryson City offering home improvement services. The members of the band pose as painters, roofers, driveway pavers, etc. Many people, and particularly the elderly, are prime targets for these people.

Examples of items reported are: a new roof, a new driveway, a new garage, a new porch, a new deck, a new fence, a new lawn, a new garden, a new pool, a new hot tub, a new spa, a new hot water heater, a new furnace, a new boiler, a new air conditioner, a new furnace, a new boiler, a new air conditioner, a new furnace, a new boiler, a new air conditioner.

DAILY LIGHT
Let them that love Him be as the sun when He goes forth in the night. We are the children of Light and we children of the Day.