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A LITTLE WATER in the road doesn't matter to David Wills as he travels in the Bluff section to pick up patients for the Hot Springs Health Program. Drivers are ready to go wherever

their four-wheel drive vehicles will travel in order to provide free transportation for patients who need rides.

REA Reelects Officers

Enough Electricity For The 1980's?

French Broad EMC held its annual meeting at Marshall Elementary School in Marshall on Saturday. Approximately 450 members and guests attended.

Reports were given by the officers and manager, and the Keynote address was given by Hugh A. Wells, vice president and general counsel of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. Wells recounted the early days of Rural Electrification and expressed concern over the availability, reliability and cost of power in

the future. He cited the problem of having enough power to meet the loads in the 1980s as the power suppliers have projected a time of zero reserves in the 1980s and emphasized the need of seeking ways of increasing the capacity available for the Cooperatives in North Carolina.

Three directors were elected to the board of directors without opposition. They were Novile C. Hawkins, District No. 1, Madison County; Elmer Buchanan, District No. 4, Mitchell County; and Carl Ramsey, District No. 5 Unicoi County, Tenn.

At the organizational meeting of the board of directors immediately

following the annual meeting, the following officers were reelected unanimously: president, John O. Corbett; vice president, Novile C. Hawkins; secretary, I. E. Clevenger; treasurer, W. G. Plemmons.

Mrs. Don West of Marshall was the winner of the grand prize of \$200 credit on her electric account. Roscoe Briggs of Route 6, Marshall, won the prize for being the oldest member present. He was 83 years of age.

Other prize winners are listed as follows: waffle grill, Henry Treadway, Route 5, Marshall; electric knife, Wayne Fisher, Route 7, Marshall; can opener, Hubert Worley, Route 5, Marshall;

skill saw, Roy Freeman, Route 5, Marshall; ice cream maker, McKinley Worley, Route 5, Marshall; fan, Raymond Caldwell, Route 1, Marshall; Crocker frypan, Finner Johnson, Walnut; electric drills, Gary Brooks, Route 3, Marshall, Robert Blazer, Route 6, Marshall; clock radios, J. Bruce Phillips, Route 2, Mars Hill, Fransco Cutshall, Route 3, Marshall

Clocks, Ruby English, Route 1, Mars Hill, Long Branch Baptist Church, Route 7, Marshall; toasters, Homer Faulker, Route 1, Mars Hill, Harold Wallin, Route 1, Mars Hill, Stella Presnell, Marshall; coffee makers, Howard Greene, Route 2, Marshall, Hazel Worley, Route 1, Marshall, Ernest Norton, Route 6, Marshall, Arrington Branch Church, Route 6, Marshall; crock pots, Fred Edmonds, Route 3, Mars Hill; Arnold Bullman, Route 4, Marshall, Roy B. Thomas Jr., Route 4, Marshall, Owen Fish, Route 3, Marshall; mixers, Edgar A. Rice, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn., John F. Kent, Route 6, Marshall, Bobby Edwards, Mars Hill, Clarence Cutshall, Route 3, Marshall; steam irons, Sam Roberts, Route 7, Marshall, Florence Shelton, Flag Pond, Tenn., Troy Ramsey, Route 6, Marshall, Kenneth Chambers, Route 2, Mars Hill, R. B. McDevitt, Box 483, Marshall.

Ride For Health Care? He'll Help

On paved road and off on one-way rocky lanes, David Wills knows where he's going around the Hot Springs area.

Just give him the names of people needing the services of the Hot Springs Health Program, and he knows where to find them. Wills, who lives near the Tennessee state line, drives one of two vans which provide free transportation for the program. A van driver for more than three years, he estimates that he has driven more than 20,000 miles each year, including the miles driven transporting pupils for the Hot Springs Handi-School. To reach the patients, Wills

and Paul Lovin, driver of the second van, have become familiar with the terrain of about half of Madison County. The Tennessee state line forms the northern boundary of territory served by the health program; the Haywood County line is the western boundary. To the south the vans go to the start of the Marshall By-Pass. It is no accident that both drivers know the roads and where to find the patients, explains Wills. By alternating routes every other week, the drivers learn all the territory and can travel about anywhere without undue loss of time.

On a typical trip, eight to nine passengers step on board, says Wills. Some have dental appointments; others plan to see the clinic physician. Many of the county older citizens live in the area, and several of them use the transportation service. Most of the people around Hot Springs are familiar with the transportation schedule, but anyone who needs more information can call the Hot Springs Health Program.

Roads that are rough in summer can be even more difficult in winter, especially during snow. "I've had to use four-wheel drive," comments

Wills, "and sometimes I've wondered if I'd make it out of a tight spot, but I always have."

Sometimes the hours are long. It isn't uncommon for work to begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. Monday is the day scheduled to take patients to Asheville for special medical services. On a Monday in winter the van driver may begin picking up passengers before daylight and return after dark.

Not all the scheduled runs are long, however. On a recent sunny morning Wills left the clinic around 8:30 a.m. for his regularly planned trip to the Bluff section northwest of Hot

Springs. The trip was a short one, he explained, with only three stops on schedule.

"Sometimes we go up one side of the mountain and come down the other side," he remarked. "That trip takes longer."

At the end of the pavement he kept on going, and then turned onto a one-lane road. Waiting down the way were two of the older people served by the clinic. Wills pulled out a short stool to make the step up into the van less difficult and lent them a helping hand.

Before he started again, a
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The Youth They're Busy At Greater Ivy

By LUCILLE PACK

One of the greatest assets of any community is its youth. One of the goals of the adult leaders in the Greater Ivy Community is to permit the youth to become involved in community activities, instilling in them the experience that will enable them not only to be good citizens, but to become the leaders of

tomorrow. The ability of the young people to plan and to work faithfully was recently demonstrated as they served hot dogs, drinks, and desserts to the wagon train members and their guests at the Greater Ivy Community House. Under the leadership of Mrs. Coy Jamerson and Mrs. Joyce Gouge (who worked to secure donations of food), the senior

and junior youth groups were able to net a good profit.

"Youth Day" was observed on July 8 from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Community House under the direction of Jack Radford, recreation chairman, and several adult leaders in the community. A total of approximately 60 youngsters were present. California Creek

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WILLIAM A. SNYDER

Snyder Will Serve Beech Glen Church

William A. Snyder of Asheville has been elected to serve as interim pastor of the Beech Glen Baptist Church in the Greater Ivy area near Mars Hill. Mr. Snyder is a native of Asheville, a graduate of Mars Hill College, Furman University, and Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

He served for 13½ years as pastor of the Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Asheville. He has served the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Charlotte and Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir.

Snyder will begin his work at Beech Glen on Sunday, Aug. 1



BETTY LOU RAY, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Marshall, who became prominent following the disclosure of her alleged love affair with Congressman Hays and her book, "The Washington Fringe Benefits," unexpectedly visited here Tuesday of last week.

Angel Heads Library Board; Corbett Named

Dr. Grover L. Angel, of California Creek, has been elected chairman of the Madison County Library Board.

Dr. Angel and John Corbett of Marshall have been appointed by the Madison County Commissioners to serve six year terms on the board. Other members are Mrs. Orla Ponder, Mrs. Hazel Suttles, and Mrs. Helen Ponder.

Mrs. Clyde Roberts, Marshall, is the administrator of the Madison Library. The main branch is located on Main Street in Marshall and other branches are in Hot Springs and Mars Hill.

Hello Again!

Betty Ray Returns With TV Crew In Tow

By JIM STORY

Betty Lou Ray, of Washington, D. C., a native of Marshall, who has become a household word following the disclosure of her alleged love affair with Ohio Congressman Wayne Hays and her book, "The Washington Fringe Benefits," paid a surprise visit to Marshall last Tuesday afternoon.

Her arrival in Marshall caught everyone by surprise but it wasn't long before the word was spread and before her departure many people, both acquaintances of the past and persons who had never seen her, had the opportunity to see and talk with her, both in Marshall and at the Madison

Grill between Marshall and Walnut.

Miss Ray was accompanied here by two women and three men. According to Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDermott, owners of the Madison Grill, Miss Ray and her group ate lunch in the dining room at the grill and asked if they might take a few pictures on television film for the Thursday and Friday morning television show, "Good Morning, America" over ABC network.

It was at this point that the McDermotts discovered it was the pretty blonde who was born near the Grill and graduated from Marshall High School and who later became "famous" for her revelations and experiences in

Washington, Hollywood and other places.

According to several persons who went to the Grill to see the celebrity, Miss Ray remembered many of them and called them by their first names and seemed happy to renew acquaintances and talk about her experiences as a young high school student.

One of the persons present said that she was dressed in an attractive blue jean jump suit, her hair was "put up" and she wore large sunglasses. "She is very pretty," one man commented.

Many stood by and watched as the cameramen, lighting technicians, director and sound technicians worked the filming of her return. Marshall and

area.

Following various film "shots," questions and answers, Miss Ray and group motored around the area where her grandmother's home stood. They also toured other points of interest and later Tuesday afternoon came to Marshall where cameramen took several pictures on Main St. and elsewhere.

Miss Ray talked with several former schoolmates and spoke to a group of Little League baseball players as well as other persons who had known her from childhood.

Late Tuesday Miss Ray and group left Marshall and returned to Washington, D. C.



BETTY LOU RAY is shown (left center) as a fourth grade student at Walnut.