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## CP & L Won't Build New Power Plant



DR. GROVER L. ANGEL addresses audience last week during WNC tour and banquet.

Carolina Power & Light Company announced Wednesday that it will not continue its investigation of a site in Madison County as the location for a pumped storage hydroelectric generating plant.

Pat Howe, manager of the technical services department for the company's engineering, construction and operations group, said CP&L's studies show that it no longer is economically feasible to add a pumped storage generating facility to its system in the foreseeable future.

He emphasized, however, that the investigation thus far indicates that from an engineering standpoint, the

Madison County site about 3.5 miles west of Marshall would be suitable for a pumped storage generating facility.

Howe said that the economic feasibility of pumped storage generation in the CP&L system had depended heavily on the use of larger amounts of nuclear generation. CP&L has sharply reduced its construction plans since 1974, delaying the scheduled completion of a large nuclear facility in Wake County from 1984 until 1990.

He said the decision to discontinue investigation of this Madison County site has absolutely no bearing on the nearby Sandy Mush site which CP&L has been studying for a steam-electric

generating plant.

CP&L first announced in August, 1973 that it would seek a permit from the Federal Power Commission to investigate the Madison County site. That permit was granted in December, 1974, and application will be filed with the FPC to surrender the permit. The company has had options from some property owners and purchased some tracts in the approximately 1,500-acre area that would have been involved.

James Baldwin of Asheville, project supervisor for the company, said that persons who have sold land to CP&L will be given opportunity to buy it back.

## 2 Students Are Injured In 'Unavoidable' Wreck

A Laurel elementary school bus and a car collided Monday afternoon on the Big Laurel Road near the home of Jeff Rice. According to Verlon Ponder, principal at Laurel, there were 11 students on the bus when the collision occurred. Only two of the students were injured.

According to information received, a car, driven by Malcolm Buckner, 17, of Sodom Laurel and a student at Madison High School with three passengers, collided with the school bus, driven by Houston Thomas, about 40, of Little Laurel. Ponder

stated that Thomas was an experienced driver with years of service.

State Trooper Cooper investigated the accident which was "unavoidable," it was reported.

The school bus overturned on its side from the impact and the car driven by Buckner struck a barn a short distance from the impact. An estimate of damage to the bus was reported at \$2,500. The automobile involved was totaled according to reports.

Mellisa Rice, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rice of Route 8, Marshall, received a cracked collarbone. She was taken to Memorial Mission Hospital where she was released Monday night. Tina Rice, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Rice, also of Route 6, Marshall, received minor injuries. The other students were examined at the Laurel Clinic and were found uninjured. Thomas, as well as Buckner and the other youths in the car, were uninjured.



MRS. GLENNIS RAY

## Mrs. Ray Is Teacher Of Year

Mrs. Glennis Ray, third grade teacher at Laurel Elementary School, has been selected as "Teacher of the Year" in the Madison County school system.

Ms. Penny Moss, president of the student body at Madison High School; Dr. Anderson, member of the Madison County Board of Education; Mrs. Carrol Anderson, parent and teacher aide; Ms. Donna Rice, teacher; Vernon Ponder and Larry Plemmons, principals; composed the teacher selection committee.

Mrs. Glennis Ray, a graduate of Asheville Teachers College, has taught for 35 years in the Madison County schools. Thirty-four of these years she taught at Laurel School. One year she taught at Spring Creek School.

This past year, Mrs. Ray taught in a Title III reading program at Laurel School. Her students made outstanding progress in this individualized reading program.

A class of Mrs. Ray's former students described her as friendly, kind, patient, understanding and an excellent teacher.

Ms. Glennis Ray is the wife of the late Travis Ray and has three children, Mrs. Shirley Metcalf, Mrs. Flossie Ball and Edward Ray.

## Greater Ivy Community Reflects On Opportunity And Achievement

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unity, accomplishment and vision. Though Angel refused the nomination to serve once more as Man of the Year, he will long hold this position in the minds of his friends and co-workers of the GICCA.

Greater Ivy consists of over 600 families from 24 communities between Mars Hill and the Buncombe and Yancey County lines. The GICCA organized on Jan. 27, 1975, to unite this community. Their first goal was to acquire the Beech Glen Elementary School as a meeting place for organization and social activity. It was only a matter of months before programs began for all ages in the community. Mars Hill College students helped organize and develop the GICCA.

GICCA's most pressing concern is acquiring an \$85,000 non-matching federal grant to begin repairs on the depression-era Beech Glen School. Floors are rotting, there is no plumbing, the roof

leaks, and half of the windows, secured in weak pine frame, are broken. The government money will only begin the repairs necessary to make the building safe and useful; the unrepaired portions of the building will have to be blocked off until more federal money is available in the future.

But fixing ruins is not the organization's prime function. A congregate meals program offers lunches to senior citizens in Greater Ivy and Mars Hill. Though federal funding helps support this operation, it is not a welfare program. Those who can pay for their meals do, and those who cannot afford the lunches eat for free. These congregate meals offer senior citizens both nutrition and social activity.

When their building becomes reliable, the GICCA will provide day care for

children of working mothers, a branch of the Madison County Library, and health care. The swine flu program, in which every county resident will be inoculated, is already being planned.

A full-time recreation program is also being designed. So far, Greater Ivy has only been able to offer summer recreation consisting of softball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, ping pong, and basketball. If the school gymnasium is repaired, Greater Ivy will have year round activities.

Clean-up and beautification make up another phase of the Greater Ivy Citizens Community Association. Truckloads of trash are regularly emptied into dumpsters in an effort to make the county's roads prettier. Junk cars have been removed, mail boxes have been decorated, signs have been

erected, and flowers have been planted. The pride of those who work with beautification and witness multiple improvements is understandably apparent.

Youth involve themselves in community work by raising money and organizing clean-up details. Though the youth are divided into two sections (junior and senior), they work towards a common goal. Any young person, from the fourth grade on, is invited to participate.

The GICCA has had 20 months of success. Their cohesiveness was striking throughout the banquet in Mars Hill which followed the 20-minute program at the community center. Continued success is likely and with it, progress. Only expansion can be detained, and that could easily happen if the federal grant does not materialize.

## Roger Meadows Fatally Injured By School Bus

Roger Dean Meadows, 12-year-old student at Walnut Elementary School, was fatally injured Aug. 24 when he was struck by a school bus while riding a bicycle. The accident occurred after the youth, who had returned to his home on an earlier school bus, was leaving the driveway of his grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Meadows, with whom he lived.

Trooper Arthur Cooper, who investigated the accident, said the boy was riding his bicycle and veered into the path of the school bus on Anderson Branch Road. The bus was driven by Mack Boyd and at the time of the collision there were only two passengers. Boyd is an experienced school bus driver having several years' duty. No charges have been filed.

The youth was a seventh grade student at Walnut Elementary School, a member of the Walnut Little League team and was planning on joining the Marshall Boy Scout Troop.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Anderson Branch Freewill Baptist Church, where he attended regularly. The Rev. Marvin Ponder officiated. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Schoolmates served as pallbearers.

Surviving are the father, Herbert Meadows of Asheville, the mother, Mrs. Agnes Meadows Wilson of Marshall, two sisters, Mrs. Rose Mosser of Asheville and Mrs. Shirley Shelton of



ROGER MEADOWS

Marshall; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Gladys Meadows of Marshall with whom he made his home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eason Thomas of Marshall.

## Niles Heads Social Services

Ed L. Niles of Marshall was elected chairman of the Madison County Board of Social Services at the regular meeting of the board held on July 23.

Niles, a pharmacist, was appointed to the board in July, 1974.

At their meeting Aug. 23, Niles recommended Ernest C. Yagou of Marshall and Steve Hill as the first members of the board.

approved by the other four members.

Yagou is owner and operator of Teague Milling Company in Marshall and served two terms on the Madison County Board approximately 25 years ago.

Other members of the board are Mrs. Marjorie King of Hot Springs, Mrs. Wanda Brumfield of Walnut Ridge, and Mrs. Edna

## Raft Race At Hot Springs Saturday

The chamber of commerce at Hot Springs is sponsoring a Labor Day weekend raft race down the French Broad Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

A charge of \$10 per team will be paid in advance. Number of persons constituting a team can vary between 3 to 5, with an age limit of 18 years of age and older.

Parties wishing to enter the race should contact Smokey Mountain River Expeditions, P. O. Box 204, Hot Springs, 28743, or phone them at 623-7200 as early as possible. Participants should be at the starting point at the Hot Springs

later than 4 p.m.

Lemonade, soda and hot dogs will be available for those who wish to purchase them. And we expect that anywhere from 500 to 1,000 spectators will be climbing the bridges, trees, and hillsides to get a first-hand viewing of the two-mile race.

A \$50 prize will be offered to the winning raft, a \$25 prize to the follow-up boat, and \$15 to the number 3. All of us at Hot Springs will be there. "Why don't you join us in this terrific event? You'll be glad you came!" Thomas E. Jones, S.J., at the Hot Springs



VISITORS being served at GICCA Banquet attended by more than 300 persons.