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Heard And Seen

By POP

One of the most welcomed and needed Christmas presents for Marshall people was the hardtopping of the "naked strip" on Main Street last Friday... local people had suffered from muditis and dustitis for weeks... the strip, reaching from one end of Main Street to the other, was caused by the installation of a new water line... although temporary, the new improvement will greatly decrease the mud and dust which has plaqued us for so long.

The candlelight service Sunday night at

the Marshall Baptist Church was certainly impressive... most of the credit for the beauty and significance of the service goes to Charles Huey, who is an expert organist and music director as well, as a person who knows how to arrange and see that programs are carried out with great thought and expertise.

The open house Sunday afternoon at the Niles residence was again enjoyed... as usual, the Niles home was beautifully decorated and the large number of friends who attended the occasion had a delightful time... the "bird in the Christmas tree" fascinated me but I wasn't the only one who searches, to no avail, for the chirping little critter.

Every year at this time I eat too much at the various Christmas gatherings... overindulgence of cookies, fruit cake, sandwiches of all kinds, mints, candies, Russian tea, eggnog, ice cream and the like certainly doesn't help reduce my waistline, which is already too large.

Here's wishing the readers of this column a very merry Christmas.



French Broad EMC Adopts

Rate Schedule

New rate schedules have been adopted by the French Broad EMC board of directors that will be in effect on all bills rendered after Jan. 1, 1978. This rate increase is necessary because of an increase in wholesale power costs to the cooperative by Carolina Power & Light Co. of approximately 7.5 per cent.

Under the regular farm and home residential rate, the monthly minimum charge will increase from \$3.50 to \$4. Allelectric residential accounts will also have a \$4 monthly minimum. Members whose usage is 500 KWH per month or less will see a smaller percentage of increase than those whose usage is about 500 KWH. The percentage of increase will vary according to the number of kilowatt hours used, with those homes using large amounts of power seeing a larger percentage of increase than the average coop member.

Shown below are rates adopted by French Broad EMC for their North Carolina consumers.

SCHEDULE A-2 (regular farm and home), first 20 KWH \$4 per month (minimum); next 980 KWH \$4.25 per KWH; over 1,000 KWH \$3.2 per KWH

SCHEUDLE AE-2 (allelectric), first 20 KWH \$4 per month (minimum); next 980 KWH \$4.1 per KWH; over 1,000 KWH \$3.1 per KWH

SCHEDULE GS-2 (small commercial and schools), first 25 KWH \$5 per month (minimum); next 975 KWH \$5.0 per KWH; over 1,000 KWH \$3.4 per KWH

SECURITY LIGHTS: 175 watt luminaire will be \$5 per



month, and 400 watt luminaire will be \$7.75 per month.

All accounts will still be subject to a purchase power & fuel adjustment clause as this will still be charged to the cooperative by CP&L but this will be considerably less than members were seeing on their bills in the past.



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