
#### Abstract

By POP One of the most welcomed and needed 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... over indulgence of cookies, fruit cake, sand wiches 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. nis rate increase is crease in wholesale power costs to the cooperative by Carolina Power \& Light C 0 . of approximately 7.5 per cent. ome residential rate, the monthly minimum charge will increase from $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 4$. Allwill also have a $\$ 4$ accounts minimum. Members whose usage is 500 KWH per month less will see a smaller percentage of increase than KWH. The percentage of increase will vary according to he number of kilowatt hours used, with those homes using larger percent power seeing rease than the average coop Shown below are rates dopted by French Broad EMC for their N SCHEDULE A-2 (regular
farm and home), first 20 KWH 4 per month (minimum); next $980 \mathrm{KWH} \$ 4.25$ per KWH; SCHEUDLE AE-2 (allelectric), first $20 \mathrm{KWH} \$ 4$ per month (minimum); next 990
KWH 94.1 per KWH; over 1,000 KWH $\$ 3.1$ per KWH SCHEDULE GS-2 (small ammercial and schools), inimum) ; noxt 975 KWH 35.0 per KWH ; over $1,000 \mathrm{KWH}$ 3.4 per KWH
watt lumina Lights: 175 month, and 400 watt lumingire 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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