

Blackouts May Cause Hardships

Charles Tolley, General Manager of French Broad EMC, has announced that Coop members would be affected should it be necessary for the state of North Carolina to go into Phase III and IV of the emergency energy plan. Phase III would be implemented if the coal supply of CP&L falls to a 30-day level. This would be mandated by the governor and may include such measures as lowering of thermostats, shorter work week, and curtailing

operating hours of commercial establishments. Phase IV, however, would be entered if the coal supply drops to 20 days, and rotating blackouts would be implemented. This will be inconvenient for everyone, but by scheduling blackouts for specific times it is hoped they will be easier for people to endure. Residential circuits will be interrupted for four hours, three times a week on weekdays. These blackouts would occur from 8 a.m. to 12

noon OR from 1-5 p.m. Every effort will be made to notify the members of the day and time of day they will be off, but since this may not be possible, it is felt knowing the standard hours will allow for some individual planning. Weekdays and daylight hours were chosen because these are generally the peak periods. Commercial and industrial consumers would be the second group to be affected. Their power would be interrupted for 8 hours once a

week on a weekday during daylight hours. However, if commercial and industrial consumers are on the same circuits with residential consumers, the residential schedule would be followed. If at all possible, the schedule of 1 to 5 p.m. will be used for schools in the service area. It is hopeful these rotating blackouts will not occur, but coop members are urged to follow these suggestions if their power should be interrupted for a few hours.

Keep the freezers closed as food will keep up to 48 hours in a freezer that is not opened; don't open the refrigerator any more than necessary; check oil level in heater or furnace before relighting if fire goes out; cut off any appliances that may have been in use when power went off so there will not be such a large load to pick up when power is being restored; and put on extra clothing to keep warm if your house starts getting cold.

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A \$1,000 CHECK in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Ramsey of Walnut was donated to the Marshall-Walnut Medical Center last Friday by the Walnut Presbyterian Church Inc. to help defray renovation costs of the building, formerly the Madison Grill. Tom Wallin, left, chairman of the Hot Springs Health Program, is shown receiving the check from Mrs. Edna Martin, treasurer of the Walnut

Presbyterian Church Building Fund. Mrs. Naomi Tweed, a trustee of the church, is next to Mrs. Martin, and Robert Johnson, a trustee and chairman of the Board of Elders. Hartford Tweed, a trustee, was absent when picture taken. The picture was made inside the center which is being renovated. (Photo by Jim Story)

Madison, Buncombe Get \$377,000

The Community Services Administration has awarded a \$377,000 grant to the Opportunity Corp. of Madison-Buncombe counties, Congressman Lamar Gudger announced today. The grant is for administration of the community action agency and operation of programs in health, education, housing, energy, economic

development and social services, according to the CSA. Retroactive to Jan. 1, the grant is of nine months duration. Lonnie Burton is executive director of the Opportunity Corp., whose offices are at 50 Westgate Parkway.

E. O. Burnette Files For School Board Race

Ernest O. Burnette, of Route 2, Marshall has announced as a Democratic candidate for the Board of Education (District III), subject to the will of the people in the May 2 primary. He is married to the former Doris Rice of Marshall. They have three sons, Gary, of Athens, Tenn.; Timothy and Gregory of the home. They have resided in Marshall for 12 years. Burnette completed his education in Buncombe County schools and has completed Business Management and Sales Seminars in Atlanta, Ga. He

was formerly employed by Asheville International Truck as parts manager. He is now employed by Arrowhead International Trucks as heavy duty truck salesman. He is now serving as president for Camp No. 1, and state trustee for the Woodmen of the World. He attends and serves as youth director and chairman of the board of deacons at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Burnette is pledging to the people that if he is nominated and elected the children of Madison County will come first in all decisions. "I will strive for a better



E.O. BURNETTE



EMERY METCALF

Metcalf To Run For Commission Seat

Emery Metcalf, of Route 7, Marshall has announced his candidacy for Democratic candidate for county commissioner in the Democratic Primary on May 2. Metcalf, the son of Mrs.

Blanche Allen Metcalf, of Route 7, Marshall, and the late Garrett Metcalf, is a graduate of Beech Glen High School. He served as auditor of Madison County for four years and is currently the operator o

the Madison County Animal Shelter. He is married to the former Miss Fay Ray. "I am not running against any other candidate but solely for myself," Metcalf said.

Med Center Funds Now Within Reach

Last Thursday there was a meeting at the Madison High School to assess how the Medical Center fund-raising is progressing. Many of the volunteer solicitors attended the meeting, bringing their collected donations and giving them to the group leaders. Each leader mentioned their helpers and announced the amount the group had collected. Later Roy Reeves, treasurer of the health program, tallied all the cash and check donations and pledges. The mood of this informal meeting became progressively more exciting when Reeves was finished he announced there was \$11,687 in cash and \$4,269 pledged.

The \$1,000 Lions Club check brought the total cash collected to nearly \$13,000. The volunteers are very happy and proud about the way the fund drive is going, as should

be all residents of the Marshall-Walnut area. Many contributions also came from other areas. The drive's goal of \$20,000 is well within reach. All citizens

of the area should do their best to help it become a reality. Volunteers still have not reached every area. If your home has not been reached or (Continued on Page 3)

Kidnapping

Victim Okay; Suspect Held Without Bond

Alan Kim Deweese of Waynesville is "alright" according to his mother after the former Tuscola cage star and Mars Hill junior was kidnapped early Wednesday morning of last week from the

Cosmic Ballroom parking lot in Asheville. Detective F.W. Hensley said James Paul, 21, of Miami, Fla., was charged with kidnapping early Thursday afternoon and is currently being held in the Buncombe County Jail without bond. No date has been set for his preliminary hearing.

Deweese reportedly began at 1 a.m. when Deweese and two companions were leaving the parking lot at the Cosmic Ballroom off Merrimon Avenue. An unknown male approached the vehicle at this time and placed a revolver against the Waynesville native's temple. Deweese was then transferred to another vehicle where a man was holding a gun on Paul, according to reports. Deweese was driven to a dead-end dirt road in Madison County and after being knocked down, was left lying in the road. After regaining consciousness, Deweese walked to Mars Hill. During the ride to Madison County, the assailants reportedly accused Deweese of taking \$1,500 worth of marijuana from Paul's auto. Deweese denied knowing anything about the theft and, according to reports, was told he would be killed in 10 days if he did not give them the \$1,500.

Madison Is Site Of Trout Project

Members of the Madison County Chapter of Trout Unlimited, along with the U.S. Forest Service Young Adult Conservation Corps personnel and officials of the U.S. Department of Interior Trout Hatchery at Brevard, cooperated in an experimental stocking project in Madison County on March 15.

stocked both brown and rainbow trout in Shut-In Creek near Hot Springs and there are plans to continue the program throughout the spring months in other streams.

Trout Unlimited, only recently chartered in Madison County, meets on the third Friday of each month at the Old Mill Wheel Restaurant on U.S. 25-70 at 7 p.m. Those interested in improving trout fishing in the county are invited to attend. According to Chapter Chairman Charles Tolley, the stocking project was undertaken to determine if it would be possible for the chapter to assist the federal agency in distributing fish throughout the streams rather than at a few locations. "We hope this will be possible and that we can continue assistance in the future to give fish a better chance of adapting to the streams before being caught," Tolley said. Wednesday the crews

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Madison Election Board To Meet

Announcement is made that the Madison County Board of Elections will meet at 10 a.m. this Friday. The meeting will be held at the Board's Office on Main Street and is open to the public.

Officials also announced that the registration deadline for those desiring to vote in the May primaries is April 3, closing at 5 p.m.

For the convenience of those unable to come in the office during normal hours, the Board of Elections will be open the next two Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., election officials announced.



STOCKING TROUT in Shut-In Creek near Hot Springs is shown above as members of the Trout Unlimited and U.S. Forest Ser-

vice cooperated in Madison County on March 15. Jim Brown and Homer Shelton are pictured stocking the creek.