

Heard and Seen

By POP

Saturday was an unusually busy day around Marshall... on the hill at Madison High School was the 40th annual meeting of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation and on the Island here was the Madison County Democratic Convention. Instead of a quiet, rather dull Saturday, there was activity, music, plenty of food, entertainment, fellowship, business, politics, and what have you. Such meetings make our town seem "alive." It reminded me of the long-ago Saturdays when Marshall was crowded with shoppers and visitors, stores were thriving, banks and courthouse open, theater on Main Street, etc.



MARSHALL'S oldest fire truck, a 1946 Chevrolet engine and chassis with American LaFrance equipment and pumps, was sold here Monday night to an individual who bought the once-admired pumper. The above truck was the only unit when it was purchased by the Town of Marshall while S.B. Roberts was mayor. Although the truck has answered countless calls, it had been actually driven only 6,459 miles since 1946. Among the larger fires during the time of only one fire truck in Marshall, included the Pritchard home in 1947, the cotton mill fire in 1947, the French Broad Chevrolet Co., fire in 1951, and the large trailer truck loaded with cloth in 1961, on the Hopewell mountain. During the first 10 years of use here, Jim Story served as fire chief. Among the firemen were Bill Boone, Jimmy Sprinkle, Vader Shelton, Phillip Elam, Clyde Roberts, Will B. Ramsey, Wade Huey, Ed Sams, Howard Jarvis, Allen Duckett, Hubert Edwards, James Penland and many others. Although the truck had served its life here, it was sad to see the truck sold.

Post Office Offers Address Change Kits

If you're one of the estimated 36 million persons who plan to move their residence this year, you should begin notifying everyone who regularly sends you mail at least one full month before you move.

That's the advice from Marshall Postmaster J.A. Craine, who suggests you file change-of-address forms with your post office and send them to correspondents and publishers.

The Postal Service offers free Change-of-Address Kits to make it easier to notify everyone. Available in post offices and from letter carriers, the kits include convenient postcards to alert the postmaster and for mailing to department stores, friends and relatives, utility companies, banks, newspaper and magazine publishers and others who do business with the family planning a move.

"Too often people who are moving wait until the last minute to notify their correspondents," said Postmaster Craine. "The result is they add up to several days to their First-Class mail delivery because it must be forwarded to the new address," he added.

Those who fail to give publishers at least a month advance notice must either pay additional postage for forwarding, if desired, or wait

Benito Juarez, the founder of modern Mexico, died in 1872 at age 61. Juarez became governor of Oaxaca at 41 and was active in the military and political turmoil of the mid-century. A year after he was elected president, the French emperor sent an army to install an Austrian prince as ruler of Mexico, and Juarez led a successful resistance.

several weeks before the publisher changes the address. This means customers may miss one or more issues of their favorite magazine.

"Customers should also remember to include their account number when notifying stores and banks and to send their old address labels to publishers," Postmaster Craine advises. "And for all correspondence, remember to include their new ZIP Code."



CECIL C. FISHER, an independent contract truckman for North American Van Lines, has earned the company's "Vanguard Driver" award for outstanding work in 1979. All North American contract truckmen are continually rated in a variety of categories, including safety, driving ability, paperwork handling, claims, and overall performance. The Vanguard award signifies excellence in all areas. Fisher is the brother of Mrs. Marvin Faulkner of Rt. 7, Marshall. He is a native of Marshall and graduate of Marshall High School, and the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fisher of Marshall. He and his wife, the former Doris East, and their three children, Cheryl, Pam and Phil, reside in Weaverville.

THE GOTT FAMILY SINGERS gave a polished performance of country music for co-op members, featuring Susie on fiddle, Peter on guitar, Polly on bass and Tim on banjo.

French Broad EMC

(Continued from Page 1) cooperative would soon occupy the new office facility located on the Marshall-Mars Hill Highway.

John Corbett of Marshall was reelected as director from Madison County; W.G. Plemons of Leicester was reelected from Buncombe County; and James W. Ray and Hazen Ledford of Burnsville were reelected to the Board of Directors from Yancey County, without opposition.

More than twenty crafts people from the area displayed various crafts and sold their wares in the school cafeteria while the Cowbell Hollow Stringband, a Madison County oldtime and bluegrass band, and the Singing Patriots, a gospel group from Buncombe County, entertained in the gymnasium.

In a board meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, John O. Corbett; vice-president, Novile C. Hawkins; secretary, I.E. Clevenger; asst. secretary, James W. Ray; treasurer, Albert Freeman; asst. treasurer, Joe Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Ammons of Rt. 2, Marshall, N.C. were the winners of the Grand Prize of \$200 credit on electric account. Other prize winners included: \$50 credit on bill: Leonard Silvers, Rt. 6, Marshall; Howard Teno, Rt. 2, Hot Springs.

\$25 credit on bill: George R. Statler, Rt. 2, Marshall; Howard Rice, Rt. 1, Mars Hill. Frypans: Jess English, Mars Hill; Mrs. Harley Hensley, Rt. 6, Marshall; E.Y. Ponder, Rt. 1, Marshall.

Coffee maker: Roy Young, Rt. 2, Weaverville; Stanley Shelton, Rt. 3, Marshall; Alpha R. Arrowood, Rt. 1, Mars Hill.

Mixer: Manuel Chandler, Rt. 5, Marshall; Kenneth Franklin, Rt. 3, Marshall. Clock: Emmett Johnson, Rt. 3, Marshall; Ella Shelton, Rt. 3, Marshall.

Crock Pot: Nina Roberts, Rt. 7, Marshall; Nell English, Rt. 3, Mars Hill.

Lantern: Robert E. Shelton, Rt. 3, Marshall; Mrs. Woodrow Hunter, Rt. 1, Mars Hill.

Iron: Wilson Wilds, Rt. 6, Marshall; Joe Bullman, Rt. 4, Marshall.

Pressure cooker: Ollie Franklin, Rt. 3, Marshall.

Fry Daddy: Jake Grigg, Mars Hill.

Electric blanket: Gladys Frisby, Rt. 5, Marshall.

Bag sealer: Homer B. Hawkins, Rt. 1, Mars Hill.

Toaster: Roy Waldrop, Rt. 1, Marshall.

Revere Ware set: Vernon Runnon, Rt. 7, Marshall.

Can opener: Owen Fish, Rt. 4, Marshall.

Clock radio: Redmon Bapt. Church, Rt. 1, Marshall.

Circular saw: Wayne English, Rt. 1, Mars Hill.

Drill: Huel Fox, Rt. 2, Marshall.

Tool set: James Buford Marlor, Marshall; Madison High School, Marshall.



JOHN CORBETT, seated third from left on platform, was reelected chairman of the French Broad EMC board of directors.

EMC Manager Charles Tolley, at microphone, gives a brief history of the co-op for several hundred listeners in the Madison High gymnasium.

County's School Students Pitch In For Clean-up

The five elementary schools in Madison County are taking part in the April clean-up campaign in various ways. Each community is different and many different approaches to the problems were reported.

Spring Creek School has conducted the usual clean-up of school grounds but added a special project by cleaning the stream that runs at the back of the school property. With the present focus on cleaning streambanks and streams — and keeping them clean, this is a project to be commended.

Hot Springs School students have worked with the community efforts to clean up both school grounds and streets near the school. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and church youth groups have worked with the community.

Laurel School has conducted poster campaigns and "mini-seminars" on litter control to make the student body more aware of the importance of proper disposal of trash.

Each school has carried a litter bag at the front of the bus,

and students pledge to make use of it when they need to dispose of any item. Bus drivers empty the containers daily at the end of their runs. Classroom groups have conducted roadside inspections — examining what items of litter were there as they picked up as well as to enjoy the spring beauty of the area.

Walnut School has conducted pick-up programs to keep the schoolgrounds clean and neat. The parking area at the school has recently been sectioned with cross-ties, and plans are being made to stabilize and beautify the bank at the front of the building. New playground equipment is expected early next month adding to recreation facilities. Public use of this community school property is heavy, and all who use it are urged to help with the care and cleaning of the grounds.

Marshall School conducts daily litter pick-up when possible. CETA, school staff and students have all participated

Forest Service Stoves Save Money

"North Carolina is one of the few states in the nation with 20 million acres of commercial forest land. It just makes good common sense to use this renewable natural resource to its fullest extent and not be wasteful," states Ralph C. Winkworth, director of the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.

"There is an increased interest in the use of wood as an alternate fuel source not only for home heating but for government, institutional, and industrial facilities as well. The N.C. Forest Service has begun using wood stoves for heating shops, offices, and warehouses. It is one way to save on fossil fuels and practice good forest management at the same time."

Today 26 Forest Service buildings across the state are heated by wood. These buildings contain about 40,000 square feet of heated floor space. The use of firewood to

heat these offices and work areas will save approximately 21,300 gallons of fuel oil this winter alone, resulting in a savings of about \$30,000. Most other Forest Service buildings which may be suited for heating with wood stoves will use firewood for heat next year.

The N.C. Forest Service office in Madison County, located on Highway 25/70 just west of Marshall, installed a wood stove in its office on Jan. 1. According to county ranger Tony Webb, the stove is saving about \$100 a month and the old oil burner has been removed.

Forest Rangers have not only saved fuel dollars which would have been spent on oil but have used their ingenuity and skills to build the wood heaters required to warm the large warehouses and workshops.

One warehouse which covers 3,700 square feet is heated by a homemade heater made from a surplus boiler

element. It took two men only one day to construct the heater, and the total paid out cost was only three dollars.

Other heaters of varying sizes have been cut and welded from sheet metal by Forest Service personnel. "Our personnel are not only concerned with saving money on their fuel bills. They have designed their heaters to work efficiently and safely," Winkworth said.

"Perhaps the greatest bonus from the increased demand for firewood will be to the North Carolina landowners. It is an opportunity for them to rid their land of cull trees and logging slash left after an area has been harvested. This makes reforestation easier and cheaper," Winkworth said.

"In addition, there are millions of acres of scrub woodland which should be converted to higher quality hardwoods or good pine stands. In order to do this, the existing vegetation must be removed, but often there has been no ready market for this material. The increased use of firewood and wood chips for fuel is beginning to help create a market for an otherwise unusable portion of our forest resource. Much of the cull material that formerly had to be destroyed before seedlings could be planted is now being put to good use," said Winkworth.

"Undoubtedly the high demand for firewood will continue for the next several years. Many landowners will find it more worthwhile to obtain the advice of a forester in marketing their low grade hardwoods and establishing valuable new forests," said Winkworth.

Any woodland owner who wants assistance in this area or any other area related to forestry may call Tony Webb at 649-3821 or after 5 p.m., 649-3605 or write Winkworth at Post Office Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611."



SANDY AND REDWING BLACKBIRD THOMAS show off some of their Indian crafts to a friend, along with several dozen

other craftspersons who gathered in the high school cafeteria during the EMC meeting.

Hydroelectric Power Is Subject Of Seminar

The second "Saturday Seminar" of the spring semester at Mars Hill College will examine hydroelectric power for individual homesites. These seminars, a series of non-credit classes dealing with special interests or contemporary issues, are open to the public and held one Saturday each month at the college.

This seminar will be taught by Bernard Bradach, a Madison County electrical engineer and adjunct faculty member of Mars Hill College, who recently received a \$7,500 grant to construct a small hydroelectric generating plant on the South Fork of Big Pine Creek to power his home. The seminar will be held on April 26 beginning at 10 a.m.

The seminar will cover the history and future of hydroelectric power, explain the conversion of hydraulic energy to electrical power, and the generation, storage, and transmission of electricity. Bradach will demonstrate how to measure electrical energy consumed by a home, how to measure the power of available water supplies, and how to compute how much of the total energy requirements can be met using hydroelectric power. He will also discuss individual problems associated with developing a hydroelectric power plant including geographical location, installation, and available equipment.

The Saturday Seminars are part of Mars Hill's community service and continuing education effort, according to Raymond C. Rapp, Coordinator of Programs for Continuing Education, Registration and a coffee reception will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the lobby of Peterson Conference Center, which is located on the ground floor of Blackwell Hall. The morning session will begin at 10 a.m. and a lunch break will be held from noon to 1 p.m. when the class will resume. There is a registration fee of \$10, and the seminar is limited to 30.

For those who wish to register or who need additional information, contact Raymond C. Rapp, Coordinator of Programs, The Continuing Education Program, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754 or telephone 689-1167.

Republican Women's Club Will Meet

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Monday at the home of Mrs. Jean Flowers of Mars Hill.

Cathy L. Bilmires, of Charlotte, will be the guest speaker. All members are urged to attend.

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