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Rate Increase Hearings Scheduled

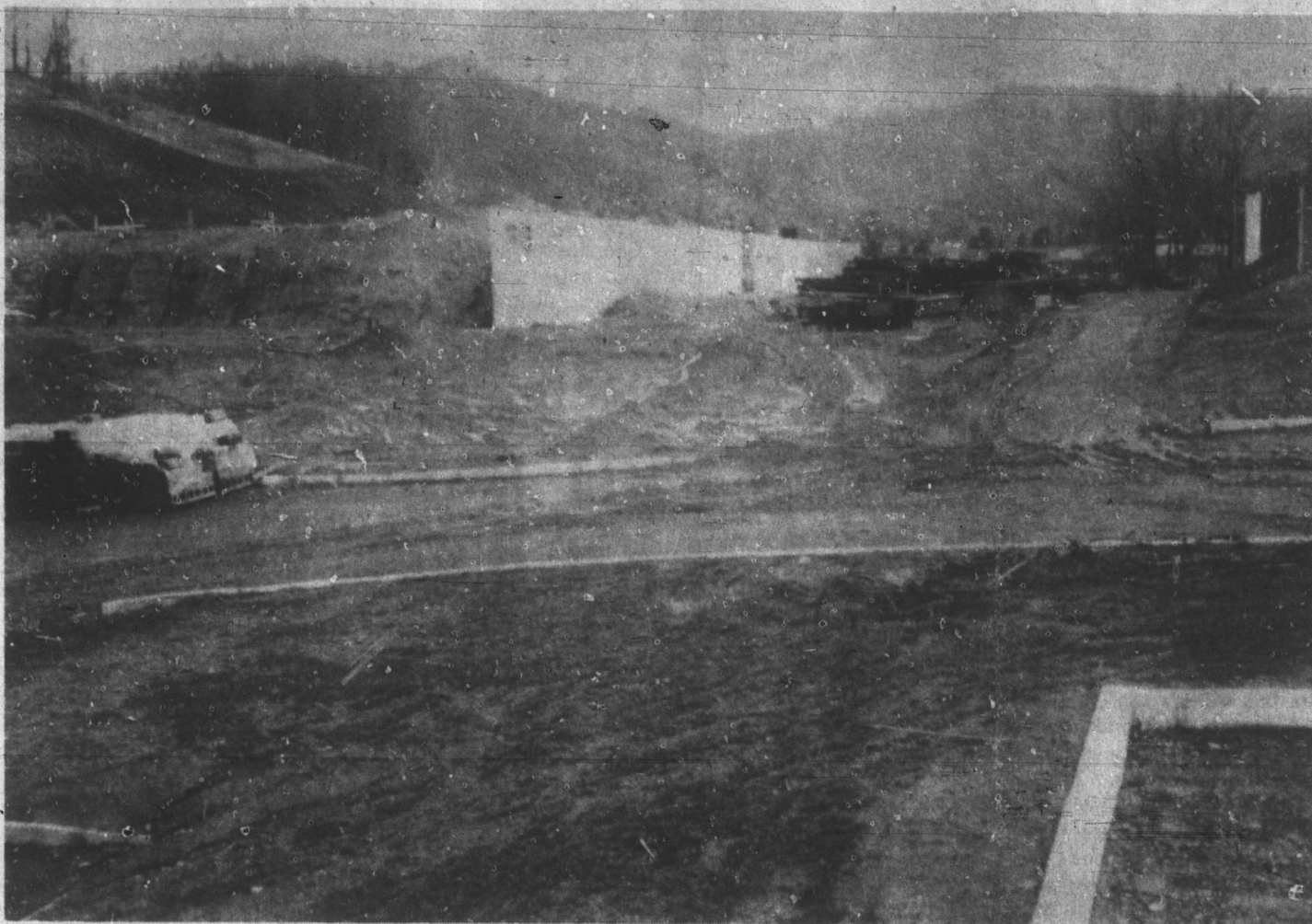
French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, in addition to the other 17 electric membership corporations in the State of North Carolina that have recently been subject to wholesale rate increases, have intervened in protest against Carolina Power & Light Company on what the Cooperatives consider an increase above and beyond the revenue needs of Carolina Power & Light Company for electricity sold to the Cooperatives throughout the State of North Carolina.

This rate case is scheduled for hearing before the Federal Power Commission in Washington, D.C. sometime between the months of April and June, and has already been assigned a Federal Power Commission Docket No., that being Docket No. E-8884.

The Cooperatives in North Carolina through their state-wide organization, the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in Raleigh, retains what is considered to be one of the best legal firms and engineering firms specializing in utility rates and matters to handle cases such as this. Our attorneys have plead for relief in this contract as now prepared by Carolina Power & Light Company for relief to the parties concerned. The proposed contract as drawn and submitted by Carolina Power & Light Company on July 1, 1974, to become effective January 1, 1975, at the expiration of the contract the Cooperatives were prior receiving service under, re-unsigned by any Cooperative within the State of North Carolina. The legal staff representing the Cooperatives in North Carolina have been preparing their intervenors' testimony since the Fall of 1974 in behalf of the Cooperatives and consumers within the State of North Carolina and Tennessee that they so represent.

The Cooperatives appreciate the interest of their consumers in what is taking

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Grading, Construction Progresses At New School Site

Mtn. Heritage Principle Chosen

Mrs. Cara W. Cox, Cane River High School principal, has been selected to serve as principal of the new consolidated Mountain Heritage High School when opens in 1976. Edgar Hunter, Superintendent of Yancey County Schools, made the announcement this week following a meeting of the Yancey County Board of Education. In making the announcement, Hunter stated that it was the unanimous opinion of the Board of Education that Mrs. Cox has proven her ability to handle this position by having done such an outstanding job as principal of Cane River High School during the past four years. In the meeting Mrs. Cox was commended by the various members of the board for the unusual orderliness in which her school operates, for the rapport she has established with her faculty and students, for the cleanliness and attractive appearance of the school plant and for the individual interest she has shown for the welfare of each

student and employee under her supervision.

Mrs. Cox will continue to serve in her present capacity as principal of Cane River High School throughout the 1975-76 school term. However, she will be given as much release time as possible during the year to visit other schools, confer with local and

state school officials and make plans for the opening of the new school.

Mrs. Cox is a graduate of Bee Log High School where she was an outstanding student and athlete. She received a Bachelor of Science Degree from East Tennessee State University in 1955 and a Master of Arts Degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1970. She received a high school principal's certificate in 1971. She worked as a teacher in Bee Log Elementary School from 1955 to 1959, and at Cane River High School from 1959 to 1970. During the 1970-71 term she worked as a guidance counselor before becoming principal of the school in 1971.

Mrs. Cox's husband, Horace H. Cox, is also recognized as one of Yancey County's Outstanding educators. They have three children. Jane is a fifth grade student at Bee Log School; Jody is a graduate of Cane River High School and is expected to complete his work on an Associate of Applied



Cara Cox

Science Degree in electronics at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Institute in May; Janet is a graduate of Cane River High School, East Tennessee State University and has a Masters Degree in Counseling from Georgia State University where she is presently enrolled in a six-year program.

The Coxes are active members of the Big Creek FWB Church where Mrs. Cox teaches the ladies Sunday School class.



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TEMPERATURE
YANCEY COUNTY
COUNTRY STORE
Hi - 72°
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Mountain Heritage High Progressing On Schedule

On September 28, 1974 contracts for the construction of Mountain Heritage High School were signed with Juno Construction Company and crews began moving on the site immediately. The beginning of construction culminated almost a year and one half of planning by the Board of Education, school personnel and architecture firm for one of the largest building projects in the history of Yancey County. The school site, consisting of 124 acres, was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. T.K. Riddle on July 23, 1973 and is located approximately one mile west of Burnsville in almost the exact geographic center of the county, bordered on the back side by Cane River and with extensive frontage on highway #19 E.

At Mountain Heritage High, there will be expanded academic offerings on the basis of demand. In addition to such vocational offerings as the present distributive education, agriculture, auto mechanics, carpentry, cabinet making, masonry, health occupations and office practices will be auto body work, drafting, blueprint reading, electronics, graphics, radio and TV repair and welding courses.

The senior high buildings, with 117,000 feet of space, will provide 39 regular teaching stations, 10 shop and vocational rooms, two music rooms and art and guidance clinics. The buildings will be of two-story construction.

After input of ideas from the entire professional school staff and interested members of the public, and after visits were made to numerous other new schools, the complex has been designed to meet community as well as student needs. A 760-seat auditorium is included to meet area needs for assemblies.

There will be an amphitheater and lake, a gym with seats for 2,400, a baseball field, softball field, two tennis courts and in a bowl on the back of the campus a football

field and track around it is taking shape. A practice field for football and band has been provided.

This project was begun in January 1973 immediately following the election of William A. (Bill) Banks, James Gardner, Charles Hopson, Wade Styles and Claude Vess to the board of education. At its January 18th meeting of that year, the board requested the County Commissioners to employ the

Asheville architecture firm of Padgett and Freeman to begin development of plans for Mountain Heritage High. On May 22, 1973 voters approved a bond referendum for one and one-half million dollars by an overwhelming majority. These funds added to the more than one million dollars from state school bond issues and some \$390,000 from the Appalachian Regional Commission along with Yancey

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Spruce Pine Club

Variety Show Slated

Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club presents "The Sounds Of America", a musical variety show, on Friday, April 11, 1975, 8:00 p.m., at Harris High School Auditorium in Spruce Pine. Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students 18 and under. Tickets are available from any member of the Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club, and may also be purchased at the door. Proceeds from this show will be used to purchase a bilirubin light and a fetal heart monitor for the OB-Nursery Department of the Spruce Pine Community Hospital.

The show will feature such entertainment as: The Harris High School Pep Band, Dayton School Choir, Mica-ville Elementary School Cloggers, Toe River Valley Cloggers, Western Square Dance Team "Docs and Dolls", Gwyn Biddix and Sassy Grass, Toe River Valley Boys, Ronnie Robinson's Band with Dawn Owens and Silver Wings, Barbership Quartet, Dixieland Band "The Dixie Friskies", Miss Mayland, Debbie Shook, Margaret Sue Range Dancers and Performances by members of the Spruce Pine Jaycees and Lion's Club and many others.

Members of the Spruce Pine Junior Woman's Club are also selling chances on a

beautiful hand-made dulcimer to be given away during the intermission of "The Sounds Of America". This dulcimer, of wormy chestnut, was handmade by Len Hicks of The Hillbilly House at Heaton, N.C. and it is valued at \$150. Chances on the dulcimer are \$1.00 each, and may be purchased from any Junior Woman's Club member. You need not be present to win.

Revival To Feature Singers

A Revival will be held at Prices Creek Union Church during the first weekend in April and everyone is cordially invited.

The Revival will feature "The Singing Calhoun Family from Piedmont, S.C. and Rev. Charles Calhoun, manager of this family singing group, will be the speaker at these special services. The Calhoun Family has a motto: Help somebody today, then your living shall not be vain.

Attend this forthcoming Revival and hear this remarkable family at Prices Creek Union Church, April 4-6, 7:30 p.m. each evening and Sunday morning.

North Carolina Has Economy In Mind:

Save Energy, Money By Camping

To cut back on expenditures and enjoy a refreshing vacation, a week or two spent right here in your own state backpacking some of the 700 miles of trails or relaxing in one of the 19,000 public and private campsites might be the perfect solution to vacation needs and pocketbook problems. A travel survey taken in North Carolina recently showed that the average traveler spent about fifty-three percent of his total trip cost on food and lodging. Camping can greatly reduce this part of vacation cost.

WIDE CHOICE

With three distinct forms of topography in North Carolina in close proximity of each other, the mountains, piedmont and coastal plains offer the camper a choice of one or all three with a minimal amount of travel and expense. Campsite facilities, fees, regulations, and forms of recreation available differ from one campground to another.

GREAT SMOKEYS

The Great Smoky Mountain National Park, straddling North Carolina's western

boundary, is the most visited National Park in the U.S. Campgrounds on the half-million acre park are operated on a first-come first-served basis. One campground is open year-around and three others are open from June 1 to Labor Day. The only reservations accepted are for bona fide institutional youth groups. Each campsite, in established campgrounds, has a table and fireplace with running water and restrooms nearby. The cost for individual tent/trailer space is \$3. Smoke fishing streams are open spring through fall (state license required but not special park permit). Guided nature tours are available from spring through October. There are 700 miles of horse and foot trails and seventy-one miles of the Appalachian Trail with 17 trailside shelters. Camping permits are required for non-designated camping areas. Request for permits and information may be made to: Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738.

CAMPING ON PARKWAY
Campgrounds on the Blue Ridge Parkway are located at

Doughton Park near Laurel Springs, Julian Price Memorial Park near Little Switzerland, and Mt. Pisgah near Asheville. Each campsite has a table and fireplace with water and comfort stations near by. Campgrounds are open from May to October.

NATIONAL FORESTS

North Carolina has camping in all four of its National Forests. Pisgah and Nantahala in the mountainous region together total almost one million acres. Pisgah has 600 miles of trails, eleven camping areas and approximately 300 campsites. Nantahala has 320 miles of trail, nine campgrounds and 400 campsites. Both have group camping areas. Campgrounds are open from April 15 to October 15 on a first-come first-served basis. Facilities include site, fireplace and toilets. Maximum stay at any one area is 14 days. The two forests offer lake and stream fishing, hiking and swimming. The Parkway and National Forest use fee is about \$2 per night per campsite for up to four campers. Group camping reservation fees and addition-

al information can be obtained from: National Forest in North Carolina, Post Office Box 2750, Asheville, North Carolina 28802.

WILDERNESS AREAS

For inexpensive, rugged, primitive camping, the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area and the Shining Rock Wilderness Area are ideal year around. Hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing are major activities in the gorges. Entry into these wilderness areas is by permit only. A limited number of permits are available and may be obtained up to 30 days in advance. For the Linville Gorge area, contact Pisgah National Forest, P.O. Box 519, Marion, N.C. 28742. For the Shining Rock area, contact District Ranger, P.O. Box 8, Pisgah Forest, North Carolina 28768.

STATE PARK CAMPING

State Parks are also widespread in North Carolina. Out of 24, eight have developed tent/trailer campsites. Fireplaces and tables are provided along with a central wash house, toilets, drinking water and sewage disposal. The fee is \$2 per day per campsite for four persons

or less, plus 50 cents per day for each additional person. Reservations for periods of seven days or more may be made and are payable in advance. Campers for shorter periods of time are assigned sites and pay on arrival.

In addition to camping, other facilities are available in North Carolina State Parks. Wilderness youth camping, group camping, bridge trails, rental row boats, hiking, fishing, refreshment stands, historic sites and swimming can be found in many parks. Swimming facilities are operated from about June 1 through Labor Day. Nature study is aided by a naturalist during summer months in several parks. For full description of all parks, write the Division of State Parks, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

UWHARRIE AND KERR

Uwharrie National Forest, east of Albemarle in the foothills of the state, has wilderness youth camping only. Hiking trails and bridge paths course through the

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Local Youth Descends Rock Cliff At Linville Gorge