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Letter To The Editor

Charles R. Tolley, Acting Manager, French Broad EMC in Marshall, North Carolina, has released the following letter which he mailed to the Federal Power Commission on March 3, 1976:

Honorable Kenneth Plumb, Secretary
 Federal Power Commission
 825 North Capitol Street
 Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Sir:

We at French Broad Electric Membership Corporation are a non-profit rural electric distribution utility and as such, we are dedicated to providing our 17,300 members with the most reliable electric service that we can supply at the most reasonable cost we can.

Our service area is rugged, mountainous country, and our membership consists of mostly small family farms and small rural businesses. We have many members who are on fixed incomes and our service area is critically affected by unemployment.

We do not ask for any special favors in your deliberations of requests from private power companies for rate increases, nor do we seek undue hardship on any private power company. We merely ask that you be aware of our situation and similar situations across this nation today, and that this awareness receive full consideration in your rulings and deliberations.

Sincerely yours,
 Charles R. Tolley, Acting Manager

[In releasing this letter, Mr. Tolley encourages members of French Broad EMC to also write to the Federal Power Commission or your Senators and Congressmen concerning the rate cases before the FPC.]

Charles Gillespie

& Ferril McCurry's

HEALTH NEWS

from Pollard Drug

Remember Poison Prevention

Do your life and the lives of unsuspecting children a favor this year, keep a strong Poison Prevention vigil. For starters, avoid storing poisonous substances in empty "pop" bottles; keep medicines in original containers; don't take medicines in front of children; don't call medicine "candy"; keep drugs "out of sight and out of reach" of youngsters; keep a one ounce bottle of Syrup of Ipecac on hand to induce vomiting when called for as a counter-dose remedy; and post a Poison Prevention Counter-dose Chart inside your medicine cabinet. Order your chart free from our Clipping Service, Box 5051, Raleigh, NC 27607. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Footnote: During its first year of enforcement, safety caps helped reduce deaths from accidental poisonings in kids under 5 by 70%. So use them whenever young children are around.

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Democrat Executive Committee Chairman

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years. He has been associate lay leader of Asheville District Methodist Church for 15 years.

With a degree in Agriculture from Berea College, Ray

Revival At North Bend Church

A revival started March 8 at North Bend Free Will Baptist Church on Jacks Creek. Rev. Sheehan is speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Volleyball Clinics Slated For Women

The Yancey County Recreation Commission will sponsor Volleyball Clinics to be held in the Burnsville Elementary gym Tuesday and Thursday, March 9 and 11, 7:30 p.m.

The clinics will be prerequisite to a county Women's Volleyball League.

Persons interested in hav-

ing teams in the league should attend the clinics or the organization meeting following the clinic on Thursday night, March 11, 8:30 p.m.

League requirements are that persons must be 16 years of age or older, must be resident of Yancey County, and everyone is required to wear tennis shoes.

He is married and has one daughter; his wife, Dorothy, is a teacher at East Yancey.



Agri-Vues

BY WM. C. BLEDSOE
 EXTENSION CHAIRMAN

Yancey County sold slightly over 3 million dollars worth of Burley last year. Pounds produced here in the county were up 14.28% and income was up \$200,000. If prices had been as strong as '74 we would have had a much larger increase.

Our growing season was

McCurry Joins Staff At Roberts

Roberts Chevrolet-Buick-Jeep, Inc. is pleased to announce that Dennis McCurry has joined our sales staff. Dennis is well known



Dennis McCurry

throughout Western North Carolina. A native of Yancey County, he is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

Dennis taught Biology at Mars Hill High School for eleven years, is a charter member and assistant Chief of Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville. Dennis and his wife, Linda presently live in Mars Hill.

Dennis invites all his friends to contact him at Roberts Chev-Buick-Jeep for their transportation needs.

Lutherans Meet For Fellowship

Lutherans interested in a Lenten fellowship are gathering at the Amberjack Restaurant in Burnsville on Sunday, March 14, 1976 at 3:00 p.m. for a coffee hour. The possibility of forming a Lutheran congregation will be discussed at that time. Non-Lutherans and those with no church affiliation are also welcome. If you care to inquire further call Ron Teed, 682-7352 after 6 p.m.

Mayland Tech Has Course In Metrics

Mayland Technical Institute will offer a course in "Fundamentals of Conversion to Metric System" (Math 215) during Spring Quarter. The course offers credit of five quarter hours.

Registration will be Monday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 7, Mayland Market Building. Classes will be held

from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mondays and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursdays.

Tuition for the course will be \$13.75. Classes will run for eleven weeks. Enrollment will be limited to 20 students.

The course will include introduction and history of the Metric system, basic units of measure; length (meter), mass (gram), and volume (liter). The course is designed so that the student will learn through a "hands-on" basis. Metric measurement equipment is used whenever possible. It is the intent to guide the student through first-hand experience rather than through vicarious experiences such as visual aids.

The course is open to anyone eighteen years of age or older. John Keen, head of the Mathematics Department at Mayland Tech will be the instructor. For more information call Mr. Keen at 765-7549 or call Student Services 765-4261.

Dillingham Promoted At IBM

Kenneth L. Dillingham, Branch Manager of IBM's Utica N.Y. Office, has been promoted to Marketing Practices Planning and Evaluation Manager of Office Products, IBM Division, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Dillingham of Burnsville.

Harrell Appointed

The Madison County Board of Social Services appointed Donald Harrell of Mars Hill as director trainee to replace Mrs. Francis G. Ramsey who retired at the end of February.

After working as a counselor at Schinck Job Corps Center in Transylvania County Mr. Harrell graduated from

Mars Hill College in 1972 and joined the staff of the Madison County Social Services Department as social worker.

Mr. Harrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrell of Burnsville, and is married to the former Linda Haynie of Weaverville. They have one daughter, Danna Lynn.

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REPORT FROM
U.S. Senator
JESSE ★★ HELMS

WASHINGTON—A week or so ago, a very "liberal" women's political organization sent out press releases in which Senators were "rated" on ten issues acted upon by the U.S. Senate last year. Not surprisingly, I received a "zero" rating—which pleased me almost as much as my annual "zero" rating from the left-wing organization known as "Americans for Democratic Action."

There are all sorts of "ratings" by all sorts of organizations. I certainly have no quarrel with any of them, and certainly not with this particular group of ladies—or their obvious devotion to liberal causes and liberal politicians. They were correct in "rating" me zero—in the context of the admiring 100% ratings they extended to Senators Kennedy, McGovern, Javits, and various others whose political philosophy is a contradiction of my own.

LABELS—I am an economic and political conservative. I believe in the free enterprise system, a strong national defense, and a minimum of federal bureaucratic meddling in the lives of the American people. I do not believe in the "welfare state" concept. And, that being the case, I do not wonder that very liberal citizens find themselves in disagreement with my voting record. In order to win their favor, I would have to compromise almost all of the principles in which I believe—and I am not willing to do that.

I have often thought that it might be fairer to the public if this particular women's organization would add a word to its name, so that the public could clearly understand that this is a liberal political organization, operated by a very few women obviously dedicated to more federal spending and more federal controls.

They might follow the example, say, of the American Conservative Union, which also "rates" Senators. The ACU generally gives me a high rating, often 100%. There is no possibility that the public will be misled by the ACU. The American Conservative Union proclaims, by its very name, that it is conservative. Therefore, it would be appropriate, by the same token, that there be a new name for the organization now known as the League of Women Voters. Why not call it what it is—the "League of Liberal Women Voters"?

PROTESTS—I am confident that these well-intentioned comments will result in editorials, and perhaps some letters, rebuking me for "attacking" the League of Women Voters. Such protests will be unfounded. Actually, I admire the zeal and dedication of the ladies. They are constantly working for liberal causes, and they are effective. They are well within their rights in all that they do.

As I indicated earlier, in order to win their favor, I would have to vote for things which I oppose. For example, the League of Women Voters favors increased foreign aid. I do not. The League of Women Voters favors even more federal spending on the food stamp program—which I consider to be an enormous rip-off of the taxpayer already. The League of Women Voters favors more federal controls over various aspects of American life. I contend that we already have too many federal controls.

UPSET—I am sure that there are ladies who participate in the activities of the League of Women Voters who will misunderstand what I am saying.

But before protesting too much, I hope they will review the positions taken by the League of Women Voters, and advise me of any conservative positions taken by the League in recent years. If I am wrong about the organization's consistent political posture, I will cheerfully say so. I just happen to believe that all of us, whether we be liberals or conservatives, ought to march under the flag best representing our philosophical position.

One last thought: I admire liberals who freely acknowledge that they are liberals. The people who bother me are those who try to be all things to all men, and who hesitate, for whatever reason, to identify themselves clearly.

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