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To Elect Directors:

EMC Meeting Set

The 35th Annual Membership Meeting of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will be held in the Marshall Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, July 17, 1976, with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m.

The the business session beginning at 2:00 p.m., members will take action on the following matters: Reports of the officers and directors, election of three directors, and any other business which may come before the meeting.

In connection with the election of directors, the following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee which met on June 23, 1976:

District No.1, Madison County, Three year term--Mr. Novile C. Hawkins, Route 1, Mars Hill, N.C.

District No.4, Mitchell County, three year term--Mr. Elmer Buchanan, Bakersville, North Carolina.

District No.5, Unicoi County, Tenn., three year term--Mr. Carl Ramsey, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Mr. Hugh A. Wells, Vice President and General Counsel of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. Mr. Wells is a native of Shelby, North Carolina and a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School. He served for 5½ years on the North Carolina Utilities Commission before resigning to accept employment with North Carolina EMC.

Hugh A. Wells

The feature prize will be $200 credit on electric account. Other prizes include coffee makers, fry pans, irons, toasters, mixers, and other small appliances. Members must be present to win.

Food and drink will be sold on the school grounds by the Marshall Eastern Star-Chapter.

Democrat Program And Rally

All Yancey County Democrats are invited to attend a friendly "get-together" on Saturday night, July 24, 1976 at Bee Log School. Supper will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., and music and a special program is planned, with a Rally at 8:00 p.m. All county Democratic candidates are invited, as well as other Democratic candidates for office.

The precinct committee from Egypt and Ramseytown will host this countywide meeting. Tickets for the supper are available now. However, if you do not get your tickets in advance, you may do so at the supper.

Tap Dancers In 'Dames At Sea'

Parkway Playhouse Offers Two Musical Productions

Musical Comedy is an invention of American theatre and is one of the most popular forms of entertainment. The reasons are obvious...you get to laugh and cry with the plot line, hear a vocal recital, see an art show, and watch a dance program all in one.

Parkway Playhouse is presending two musicals to Burnsville audiences for the bicentennial summer. DAMES AT SEA is now running through Saturday, July 14-17, and SOUTH PACIFIC by Rodgers and Hammerstein will close Parkway's season with a two week run Wednesday through Saturday August 4-7, and Tuesday through Saturday August 10-14. A Sunday matinee on August 8 is also under consideration.

DAMES AT SEA is directed by Dr. John Joy, a former Broadway actor, singer, and dancer and current managing director at Parkway. Joy is extending the idea of a musical as an extravaganza by adding extra dancers to the cast. Tap rehearsals take approximately eight hours a day. And while dancers and singers are working, Karen Thompson from Durham, N.C. and her costume crew are busy with the sixty-seven costumes required by the show.

Duo In Musical

James Parker (Salisbury, N.C.) the scenic designer has the reponsibility of delighting the eye with eight different sets. Parker has been with Parkway for four years and in his career has designed more than two hundred productions. He has also experienced the directing and acting aspects of the theatre.

The same staff will apply its talent to present SOUTH PACIFIC three weeks after DAMES. The MATCHMAKER, a comedy, July 21-24, and THE GLASS MENAGERIE, July 28-31 fill the interim between the musicals to complete Parkway's season.

SOUTH PACIFIC is by Rodgers and Hammerstein who are considered to be fathers of the American musical. OKLAHOMA was their first united effort which included songs such as "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" and "People Will Say We're In Love." Songs from SOUTH PACIFIC such as "I'm In Love With a Wonderful Guy" and "Some Enchanted Evening" are also well-known to many Americans.

To paraphrase Rodgers and Hammerstein, there is nothing like a musical, and Parkway Playhouse plans to present two very exciting ones July 14-17 and August 4-7 and 10-14. Reservations may be made at (704) 682-6151. Tickets are $3.50 for adults and $2.25 for pre-college.

Sen. Helms And Rep. Taylor Support 'Consumer Communications Reform Act'

Congressional hearings are expected in late September on the Consumer Communications Reform Act--a bill aimed to keep rates for basic residential and small business service as low as possible.

Almost 150 members of Congress have joined in as co-sponsors of versions of the bill, according to Paul Wooten, District Commercial Maager.

Among those from North Carolina who have introduced or co-sponsored this legislation are Senator Jesse Helms and Representative Roy Taylor as well as eight of the other Representatives from North Carolina.

"The widespread support in Congress, as well as from consumer groups, labor unions and farm organizations, is a clear message to the federal regulators in Washington: Stop experimenting with the world's best telephone system, especially when the experiments will lead to much higher basic rates," Wooten said.

"These federal policies could well cause rate increases up to 60 percent for residential and small business service, according to the 18-month study done for the United States Independent Telephone Association by Systems Applications, Inc., a prestigious telecommunications research firm in San Rafael, California," Wooten said. "The Communications Act of 1934 called on the telephone companies to develop low cost telephone service to reach everyone."

"We have carried out our Congressional mandate, and 95 percent of American homes now have telephone service. Telephone companies can compete with these outside suppliers, but to do so we must shift to cost-based rates across the board. This inevitably will mean higher rates for residential users, as has been well documented in independent research."

"It is for these reasons we have asked Congress to make a determination of the true public interest in this matter."

The proposed legislation would leave regulation of customer-provided equipment in the hands of the states, would forbid duplication of basic long distance service and would permit genuine inter-city rate competition based on costs, Wooten concluded.

Bejamin Kamins, Bassoonist

Celo Concert Set

Benjamin Kamins, bassoonist of the Celo Chamber Players, tries out a passage of the Trio for Oboe, Bassoon, and Piano by the contemporary French composer, Francois Poulenc. Mr. Kamins will be joined by Janet Rarick, oboe, and Ruth Geiger, piano, for this work, to be played at the Music in the Mountains concert this Sunday, July 18 at the Presbyterian Church, Burnsville, 3:30 p.m.

Also on Sunday's program will be Bach's Sonata No. IV in C minor for flute and harpsichord and the famous Schubert Quintet, Op. 63 for two violins, viola, and two cellos. Eva Ell, wife of Frank Ell, Music Director of Music in the Mountains, will join the Celo Players for this performance. Tickets are available at the door or at Nu-Wray Inn and the Yancey County Country Store.

Janet Rarick

Vacation Bible School Plans Made

An exciting and enjoyable Vacation Bible School program is now being mapped out by the youth and adult leaders at Green Mountain Presbyterian Church on the Toe River Road. Many creative activities are planned. There will be interest centers that may be freely visited by participants of this creative process. Through this activity of self expressing, including making banners, finger painting, painting of murals, poetry, collage, etc., individuals will be able to think about who it is that can create. Everyone is encouraged to attend these programs, and can be sure of a warm, friendly and heartfelt welcome by all the Green Mountain people.

Bible School will meet on Wednesday evenings, July 14 to August 11, 1976, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All interested children, kindergarten through teens, are invited. Teachers will be Mr. and Mrs. David Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Everett Garland, Mrs. James Webb, Mrs. Carl Whitson, and Mrs. U.B. Deyton. Music will be led by Mrs. Clarence Bailey and Mrs. Hugh Gornto. Rev. John David Stewart will open each evening with a devotional.

For further information call Mrs. Clarence Bailey, 682-2973.

Books Close On Monday

The Registration Books will close July 19, 1976 at 6:00 p.m. for the August 17 Primary. You may register in the Board of Election offices on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for this Primary. You may also register with your precinct registrar or one of the judges.

Also, starting July 18, 1976, absentee ballots will be available in the Board of Election offices for the convenience of those who are sick or are going to be out of town on election day. The deadline on the absentee ballots will be August 11, 1976 at 6:00 p.m. unless you become ill after 6:00 p.m. on the 11th.

Football Physicals

Football Physicals will be given on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Mountain Heritage High School. There will be no charge for this service, but all who plan to play should report at this time.

Queens Will Be Crowned

The North Carolina State beauty queens will be special guests and will crown the Spirit of '76 queens on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at East Yancey High School in Burnsville.

North Carolina's Little Miss is Lisa Waldrop, seven year old daughter of Carolyn Waldrop of Asheville and Alan Waldrop of Weaverville. North Carolina's Petite Miss is Brandi Fula, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fula of Asheville and North Carolina's Teen Miss is Teresa Dolinger, eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dolinger of Jefferson, N.C.

There will be four age divisions. Tiny Miss Spirit of '76 for ages 2 to 5; Little Miss Spirit of '76 for ages 6 to 9; Junior Miss Spirit of '76 for ages 10 to 13; and Miss Spirit of '76 for ages 14 and over. A queen and first thru fourth runners-up will be chosen in each age group.

For further information and entry forms, please call in Asheville 258-2710 or 253-7484 daily; or 253-8108 after 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Donated For Celebration

The South Toe Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating our 200th birthday with a Picnic and Square Dance at the Toe River Ranch and Campground on July 30. The Toe River Ranch has generously donated its facilities and the picnic will start at 5:00 p.m. followed by a drawing of the name of the lucky winner of a beautiful quilt donated by the Sandy Bottom Quilting Group whose members are Mrs. Phyllis Mace, Mrs. Lennie Ballew, Mrs. Lucille Shuford, Mrs. Kathleen Webb, Mrs. Nell Burch, and Mrs. Jane Autrey. The Square Dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.

The next meeting of the Fire Department will be held in the new Community Center on Monday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Receives Painting

John Bryans, Co-Director of Painting in the Mountains last week donated one of his pictures to the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce. He is pictured above with Chamber president Staunton Norris [l.] and the picture, whose frame and matting was donated by The Pendulum Shop of Burnsville.