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"I WOULD HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT YESTERDAY, BUT I WAS LAUGHING TOO MUCH!"
—Gene Shalit, NBC-TV



EMC Representatives Visit Gudger

Three directors and the manager of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, Marshall, were among the representatives of North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives who visited 11th District Rep. Lamar Gudger, center, in his Washington office recently to discuss legislative issues of interest to the EMCs. About 50 EMC directors and managers from across the state visited members of Tar Heel Congressional delegation and their aides as part of a national

legislative rally sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. With Congressman Gudger are, left to right: W.G. Plemmons of Route 3, Leicester; Noville C. Hawkins of Route 1, Mars Hill, both directors; Charles Tolley of Route 4, Marshall, manager; and John O. Corbett of Marshall, president. The EMC provides electric service to about 18,000 homes and businesses in Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, Mitchell and Unicoi [Tenn.] counties.

Yancey Highway Accidents Cause Injuries To Four Persons

A two-car accident on Thursday, May 12 at 8:30 a.m. occurred 15 1/2 miles out of Burnsville on NC 197 toward the Buncombe County line.

Wallace Paterson, 36, of Route 1, Barnardsville was driving a 1972 Chevrolet

pickup truck north on 197. Calvin Davenport, 44, of Route 4, Burnsville was driving a 1969 Ford pickup truck south on 197. As both vehicles entered a sharp curve at the same time they struck each other. Both vehicles

came to rest at the point of impact.

There was one other passenger in the Paterson vehicle, Susan Paterson. No other passengers were in the Davenport vehicle. There were no injuries.

Damages were estimated

at \$300 to the Paterson Chevrolet and \$40 to the Davenport Ford. Trooper C. D. Thomas investigated.

An accident one mile south of Burnsville on US 19E occurred on Friday, May 13, at 12:40 p.m.

Rhonda Hensley, 16, of Route 1, Burnsville was driving a 1975 Chevrolet Stationwagon. Diane Wilson, 26, of Route 1, Burnsville was driving a 1975 Chevrolet.

Vehicle 1 was traveling south on 19E and the driver turned to go onto old Hwy. 19E and turned into the path of vehicle 2 which was traveling north. Vehicle 2 struck vehicle 1. Vehicle 1 came to rest in the north-bound lane of old 19E headed south. Vehicle 2 came to rest on the southbound shoulder of 19E headed north.

There was one other passenger in the stationwagon, Jill Peterson of Green Mountain. There were no injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$150 to the Chevrolet Stationwagon and \$700 to the 1975 Chevrolet. Rhonda Hensley was charged with safe movement violation. Trooper C.D. Thomas investigated.

An accident on NC 197N near Mitchell County line on Sunday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. resulted in four injuries.

Richard Ray Conley, 25, of Bakersville was driving a 1973 Camaro south on NC 197 at a high rate of speed.

Conley drove 4 ft. left of center in a sharp left hand curve. The vehicle skidded off the right side of pavement, then crossed the highway, striking an embankment then overturning twice in the road. The vehicle then rolled down a 5 ft. embankment on the right side of road.

There were three other passengers in the vehicle, Debbie Ledford, 18, of Spruce Pine; Linda Duncan, 20, of Spruce Pine; and Joe Buchanan, 21, of Bakersville. All passengers were injured. Two were taken to Yancey Hospital and two were taken to Spruce Pine Hospital. Duncan and Buchanan were more seriously injured than the others.

Damage was estimated as a total loss, \$2500. Conley was charged with driving under the influence. Trooper A.T. Morrison investigated.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am one of those mountain people as we are so often referred to by various news media. The mountains of Western North Carolina are very special to me. I was born in the Prices Creek Township of Yancey County and there spent the next 20 years of my life.

There is a way of life in those hills that no other place can equal. The people live quiet, peaceful lives and are always ready to help a neighbor in need whatever it may be. Sometimes it may be helping harvest a crop, sometimes preparing food for a grief stricken family or just maybe sitting down with some lonely person and sharing a bit of their time. In this hurried society of ours very few people take time for any of this.

To extend the Mount Mitchell area, as I understand the plans, would be tragic. A way of life would be destroyed forever. These people have lived on their land and cultivated it for generations. Most of them were born either on or near their present homes. There are far too many good things that have already disappeared in the [questionable] name of progress.

I don't understand how anyone who has ever lived in or visited the beautiful mountains of North Carolina could even consider the park change. Please, whoever is to make this decision, think of the mental anguish, the sorrow, the loss of independence of these proud people, the security these people have, the problems both mental and physical, and many, many others, not to mention the millions of taxpayer dollars to establish this park. This money could be used for much more worthwhile programs.

I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please send me names and address to whom a letter may be sent effective toward stopping the park plans.

Thank you,
Mrs. Robert A. Moore,
Stone Mountain, Ga.

Wilson Is Promoted

Frank Wilson, who has served as vice president of North Carolina Motor Speedway for the past four years, has been promoted to Executive vice president of the one-mile superspeedway.

Wilson replaces Larry Hogan, who is now engaged full time as general manager of Atlanta International Raceway. Wilson, a native of mountainous Burnsville, N.C. has resided in the Sandhills area of the state for 20 years. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and served in the United States Navy.



Frank Wilson

52 new cars, 28 pick-up trucks, 23 campers and 15 boats will be sold in Yancey County this Spring.



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REPORT FROM
U.S. Senator
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WASHINGTON—The other day, a friend in North Carolina sent to me a piece of mail he had received earlier in the week. On the outside of the envelope was printed, in big black type: "Did you receive your additional government check last month? If not, see instructions inside."

Inside was an advertisement for a book of instructions on how to obtain federal hand-outs. The first paragraph read: "Dear Friend: If you think Social Security, or Food Stamps, or even Veteran Checks are a bonanza, then read about such totally-unknown U. S. Government windfalls as these—"

Then the advertisement began to list various ways in which citizens might obtain money from the U. S. Treasury.

TAXES—This advertisement was undoubtedly mailed to hundreds of thousands of people—and, ironically, at just about the same time that American taxpayers were filling in their income tax returns.

This illustrates how far we have gone in this country in convincing an enormous number of people that they should seek "free money" from Washington. The young people have a word for it—they call it a "rip-off," and they are right.

Every penny that the federal government spends is taken from your taxes—and, worse still, the federal government is going deeper and deeper in debt for the money it is handing out. And it's being handed out not only here at home, but to foreign countries as well.

BIG SPENDING—There's every indication that this year's federal deficit will be the second largest in history. Thus, instead of the balanced federal budget that was promised last year, we are moving further and further in the other direction.

And this is what is causing the growing inflation. If the present trend continues, we will be in the midst of "double-digit inflation" later on this year—meaning that your food, housing, transportation, clothing, everything you buy, will be costing you even more than it does today.

I have voted against a number of outrageously-high spending bills in the Senate during the past two weeks. But the majority of Senators voted to approve them. Obviously they don't have to worry about inflation—they can just let their own pay be increased again to take care of it.

But what about the people back home who have to foot the bill? They have no way to give themselves big salary increases. Thus, it gets harder and harder for the working man and woman to make a living.

WHEAT—Just one small illustration of the absurdity of the federal government's policies: Last year, the U. S. sent the nation of Bangladesh thousands of tons of American wheat.

Bangladesh didn't need our wheat. In fact, Bangladesh had a surplus of wheat. But we sent our wheat anyhow, at the American taxpayers' expense, so that the Bangladesh government could go into competition with its own farmers.

That's how silly Washington has become. And that's why I vote "No" so often—against such wasteful spending of your money.

BET ON A VET

