

Mountain Lutheran Fellowship  
Mitchell Branch Road  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship  
9-22ch

The word "booze" is believed to come from the Dutch *buizen*, meaning "to drink to excess."

## Low-Interest Farm Loans

[Cont'd from page 1] potential savings for farmers.

This was one of the topics discussed last Wednesday when Congressman Gudger met in Asheville with representatives of the 12 Federal agencies and five state offices or agencies with responsibilities in stream stabilization and flood prevention, dam safety inspection, or support for long-range recovery efforts in the wake of the recent disaster.

Also participating were representatives of municipal and county governments in Regional Planning Councils A, B, C, D, and E.

"The purpose of the meeting was to determine

what needs were still unmet in our disaster relief operations to date and what could be done to meet these needs. We are also concerned with preventing similar disasters in the future through better stream stabilization and flood prevention efforts," Gudger said.

"The meeting was very successful in determining continued needs and in pin pointing responsibilities for meeting those needs," he added.

There were definite indications of the necessity for every county in the district to

move to develop, through more cooperative Federal, State and local efforts, a viable Civil Preparedness system similar to the one employed so effectively in Buncombe County in the wake of the flood. Substantial Federal funding and other resources are available to support that purpose.

Since his return to Washington, Gudger has met further with representatives of several of the Federal agencies involved and more such meetings are scheduled this week.

TVA Director David Free-

man attended the Wednesday session in Asheville and is working closely with Gudger's office and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety in efforts to achieve better stream stabilization and flood prevention. TVA is also deeply involved, along with the Appalachian Regional Planning Commission in plans for stronger support for long range economic recovery.

The Congressman praised the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration efforts through the Disaster Centers that operated in the wake of the Disaster.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank Governor Hunt for helping with the water problem. Although we live outside the city limits we have "city" water.

Last winter when our water froze, we could go to the laundromat. But for ten days after the flood, we had no water to wash clothes or scrub up all the many things that needed washing because of the flood. We desperately needed water to wash away mud and the flood odor.

We now have all the water we need, and we are very grateful.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Charles Fox

Dear Editor:

Having just returned from a 10,500 mile "gift-trip" around the western U.S. and British Columbia, to the tragedy caused by the flood, our hearts go out to everyone who has suffered severe damage. While we lost our bridges, etc. at Catalina, it was nothing compared to the losses so many have had.

Perhaps, though, it will help to know that even though the mountains in the west are spectacular, the huge trees unbelievable, the national parks fantastic, glaciers and canyons and deserts breathtaking, we did not see one place in all our travels where we would prefer to live than here in beautiful Yancey County.

So I hope, during this Christmas season, that everyone will thank the good Lord they are able to live in the beauty and serenity of Yancey County.

Merry Christmas  
The George Downings

P.S. Our hats off to the Rescue Squads and Radio Patrol and all the people who helped.

## French Broad EMC Adopts New Rate Schedules

New rate schedules have been adopted by the French Broad EMC Board of Directors that will be in effect on all bills rendered after January 1, 1978. This rate increase is necessary because of an increase in wholesale power costs to the Cooperative by Carolina Power & Light Company of approximately 7.5%.

Under the regular farm and home residential rate, the monthly minimum charge will increase from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

All-electric residential accounts will also have a \$4.00 monthly minimum. Members whose usage is 500 KWH per month or less will see a smaller percentage of increase than those whose usage is above 500 KWH. The percentage of increase will vary according to the number of kilowatt hours used, with those homes using large amounts of power seeing a larger percentage of increase than the average Coop member.

Shown below are rates adopted by French Broad EMC for their North Carolina consumers:

**SCHEDULE A-2**  
(Regular farm and home)  
First 20 KWH \$4.00 per month (minimum), next 980 KWH at 4.1c per KWH, over 1000 KWH at 3.2c per KWH.

**SCHEDULE AE-2**  
(All-electric)  
First 20 KWH \$4.00 per month (minimum), next 980 KWH at 4.1c per KWH, over 1000 KWH at 3.1c per KWH.

**SCHEDULE GS-2**  
(Small commercial & schools)  
First 25 KWH \$5.00 per month (minimum), next 975 KWH at 5.0c per KWH, over 1000 KWH at 3.4c per KWH.

**SECURITY LIGHTS**  
175 watt luminaire will be \$5.00 per month and 400 watt luminaire will be \$7.75 per month.

All accounts will still be subject to a Purchase Power & Fuel Adjustment Clause as this will still be charged to the Cooperative by CP&L, but this will be considerably less than members were seeing on their bills in the past.

## Address Needed

[Cont'd from page 1] with Christmas and New Year holidays intervening, flood victims who have serious needs due to flood damage that have not applied for the Individual and Family Grant Program, have less than 20 days remaining to apply. January 9, 1978 will be the final day for accepting applications for the grant.

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## Sports News

### Yancey County Recreation Department

Yancey County Recreation Department announces volleyball standings as follows:

**Women's League**

**Final Standings**

Demonetts 12 0

B.F.D. 10 2

Outlaws 7 5

76'ers 6 6

Charlie's Angels 4 8

East Burnsville 3 9

Lucky Ladies 0 12

**Men's League Standings thru Dec. 19**

Charlie's Devils 17 1

Demons 16 2

Superstars 15 3

Blue Ridge MH Ctr 10 7

Micaville 10 8

Bombers 6 11

East Yancey Shell 6 12

Li'l Smoky 6 12

Round Ballers 1 15

State Troopers 0 16

## Gudger To Speak

"What Small Business Can Expect from Congress in the Year Ahead" will be the subject of an address by Congressman Lamar Gudger at the annual membership meeting of the Better Busi-

ness Bureau of Asheville/Western North Carolina, Inc. The meeting will be held at the S & W Cafeteria in the Asheville Mall at 1:00 p.m. January 5. A Directors meeting will follow.



REPORT FROM  
**U.S. Senator**  
**JESSE HELMS**

WASHINGTON—The immortality of Dr. Peter Marshall is that during his all-too-brief lifetime, he was able to convey to every heart he touched the true meaning of love.

Dr. Marshall, a Presbyterian minister, served for awhile as Chaplain of the U. S. Senate. He was born in Scotland, and he never lost his unique accent. So impressive was he that the Senate Chamber was almost always packed with visitors each morning when Peter Marshall entered quietly to offer the opening prayer.

THREE DECADES—It was 30 years ago, December 19, 1947, when Dr. Marshall offered a prayer in the Senate which, ever since, has been a part of our family's Christmas:

*We thank Thee, O God, for the return of the wondrous spell of this Christmas season that brings its own sweet joy into our jaded and troubled hearts.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that we should celebrate without understanding what we celebrate, or like our counterparts so long ago, fail to see the star or hear the song of glorious promise.*

*As our hearts yield to the spirit of Christmas, may we discover that it is Thy Holy Spirit who comes—not a sentiment, but a power—to remind us of the only way by which there may be peace on earth and good will among men.*

*May we not spend Christmas, but keep it, that we may be kept in its hope, through Him who emptied Himself in coming to us that we might be filled with peace and joy in returning to God. Amen.*

EDWARDS—My neighbor, two doors up Caswell Street in Raleigh, is Dr. Albert G. Edwards. He, too, is a beloved Presbyterian minister. He, too, was born in Scotland. And he, too, still possesses the delightful accent of his homeland.

In so many ways, Al Edwards is similar to Peter Marshall—in personality, in dedication, in the depth of his faith. Al is a wonderful friend and neighbor.

In years gone by, Dr. Edwards appeared on television each year for a special Christmas message. Always he would tell a little story to emphasize the meaning of Christmas.

I shall always remember his story of a little farm boy, years ago, who had never seen a circus. So, when a circus came to a near-by village, the little boy's father gave him a silver dollar, and suggested that the little boy ride his pony into town to attend the circus.

CIRCUS—The lad arrived in town just in time for the circus parade down Main Street. He marveled at the elephants and other animals. He was thrilled by the marching band. And he laughed at the antics of the clowns.

The clowns danced from one side of the street to the other. Suddenly, one of them stopped in front of the little boy, and stretched out his arms. The lad, knowing nothing about circuses, assumed that he was supposed to give the clown his silver dollar—and so he did.

After the parade, the little boy rushed back home, and told his father about all of the wonderful things he had seen.

When the little boy had finished, his father said sadly: "My son, you missed the circus; you saw only the parade."

Dr. Edwards' point was that so many of us risk missing the real meaning of Christmas. The tinsel and the bright lights, and the parties and the gifts—these are fine, and they are enjoyable. Like the little boy, however, unless we are careful, we will see only the parade.

Mrs. Helms and I wish for all North Carolinians, indeed all people everywhere, a wonderful and meaningful Christmas—and as Peter Marshall put it, may we not spend Christmas, but keep it, that we may be kept in its hope.

## Your Pharmacists at Pollards Drug Store

**Christmas' true meaning**  
Last year I saw a letter written to Santa which read: *Dear Santa, My Mom is going to bake a cake for Jesus this year. I hope you won't mind, but it is his birthday... Love Jimmy.*

What a wonderful reminder to keep Santa in perspective. Aside from the fun, fantasy and freedoms characteristic of Santa, the real meaning of Christmas lies in God's gift to man. "I bring you good tidings of great joy... for unto you is born... a Savior." Yes, that gift is Jesus Christ. So, let's rejoice. It's Christmas and his Birthday!

Charles Gillespie, Jr.,  
Dawn Higgins,  
George Brookins

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## Real Estate

By Wanda Proffitt

REALTOR

## FALLING FOR FRILLS

Many people go househunting in a remarkably casual way and sometimes end up by making costly mistakes. One of the mistakes a househunter can make is to buy the frill instead of the house. All too often a family will fall in love with an eye-catching feature and buy the wrong house. This mistake happens frequently and in all price ranges.

Families skip over careful consideration of the major factors because something minor

has really grabbed them. The lure may be a charming fireplace, a glamorous lighting fixture, a garage door opener, or even a dogwood in bloom.

Yielding to superficial attractions like these can result in your family winding up with a thoroughly unsuitable house. Bear in mind that these same alluring features can usually be added to another house at a relatively small cost, considering the amount of the overall purchase.

## Offices Closed

The Offices of French Broad EMC in Marshall, Burnsville and Bakersville will be closed for Christmas holidays on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. Personnel will be available for emergency work. Consult your November ELECTRI-FIER or your local telephone directory for numbers to call after hours.

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