



ISLAND FORD area was under water Monday morning following the heavy rains and storms of Saturday and Sunday. Hundreds of acres of bottomland was under water as the tide

swept down the French Broad River valley. The road was passable to trucks, Jeep-type vehicles, but several autos were reported drowned out and stranded.



A DATSUN auto which Mr. and Mrs. David Cook of Rainbow Lake bought a week ago was demolished when heavy winds accompanying a thunderstorm Sunday night blew

a tree across it. "Thank Goodness, we weren't in it," Mrs. Cook said as she looked at the destroyed auto Monday morning. The tree fell across the center of the auto.

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Rains, High Winds Cause Flooding, Damage In Areas

2.55 Inches Reported At Rosman

Rains and high winds caused flooding and damage in many areas of Transylvania County over the weekend.

At Rosman, where 2.55 inches of rain fell from 7 a.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday, the French Broad River was out of its banks, flooding the lower end of town, according to E.M. Collins, official U.S. Weather observer.

The river peaked at 6:40 a.m. Monday at 8.49 feet. The flood level is eight feet, Mr. Collins said, but the river has to reach nine feet to flood the town and close highway 178.

From the 12-hour period 7 p.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. Monday, the NASA Tracking Station near Balsam Grove reported three inches or rain.

The French Broad overflowed its banks in many areas, covering hundreds of acres of farmland.

Brevard's rainfall was only slightly less. From 10:30 a.m. Sunday until 10:30 a.m. Monday, rainfall reached 2.11 inches, bring the total to 3.59 inches since it began raining Saturday.

Mr. Collins also reported some REA power outage Sunday night during the electrical storm.

The rain also caused slides, including on one the Country Club Road that closed it until the road could be cleared.

Duke Power Company had no damages due to the storm, according to George Turner, manager.

At Rainbow Lake in East Fork Community, a tree fell across a Datsun auto belonging to Mr. and Mrs. David Cook. The auto was destroyed.

County Has \$27,000 More For Hiring

Transylvania County Monday was given another \$27,000 to hire personnel under the emergency job program, according to County Commissioner Chairman Bill Ives.

County Planner Mike Epley said that plans are to hire an additional 15 persons with these funds. The school system will get four of these, Mr. Epley said.

Rosman already has two employees under the program; Brevard, five, and Transylvania County a total of six.



DRIVE LEADERS — Donald McCall, trustee; Tom Willis, chairman; and William Galloway, trustee. Planning the Rosman Ambulance Trust Fund drive Thursday night in Rosman were left to right:

Rosman Ambulance Trust Fund Drive Is Underway

The Upper County Ambulance Service has launched a fund drive seeking to build up the trust fund which supports it.

Chairman Tom Willis says of the campaign: "We'd like to have a \$5 from each family in the area, but as in all drives some will give more and some less. We think \$1 per person for each individual in the county west of Ross Rd. would give us enough to operate."

The ambulance service is free, and is unique in the nation so far as is known.

The upper county ambulance is operated by the Rosman Rescue Squad, Mr. Willis explains, "and ac-

ording to the bylaws of the rescue squad, they are not allowed to accept money. So the service is free to anyone who becomes ill or has an accident in our area.

Payment for ambulance trips comes from the trust fund.

Transylvania County provides the ambulance, supplies, gasoline, and upkeep for the Rosman Rescue Squad. Then each time the squad answers a call, the county is paid \$15 from the trust fund.

Because of this system, which was begun last October, the county has batted 1,000 in collections from the Rosman-based ambulance. In the first

three months, the trust fund paid Transylvania \$645.

Trustees of the fund are Jack Breedlove of Lake Toxaway, Donald McCall of Balsam Grove, and William Galloway of Rosman.

Money is raised on a community basis. Chairmen are Festus Wilde, Lake Toxaway; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dann, Sapphire-Whitewater; Charles Kimsey, Silversteen; Norris Powell, Eastatoe; B.B. Cantrell and Mike Whitmire, Cherryfield; Benny Fisher, Quebec; James Meigs, Toxaway Estates; Chester Brown, and Dewey Galloway, Balsam Grove; and Lila Mae Stanley and Johnny Jones of Rosman.

The area served by the Rosman-based ambulance includes the entire county west of the Ross Rd.-Highway 64 intersection. There are 32 qualified drivers who are constantly upgrading their skills in saving lives.

Says Trustee Donald McCall: "We get a great satisfaction in knowing that we are providing a real service for the people of this area. We have saved lives, and this program will certainly save many more."

The fund-raising committee requests that all persons having money for the ambulance trust fund contact their community fund chairmen or call them for more information. Each of the chairmen is listed in the telephone directory, Drive Chairman Willis said.

Hospital's Old Building Paid Off: Owner Will Enlarge It

Announcing that he would double the size of the facility in the near future, J. Richard Queen Friday night handed Ralph H. Ramsey Jr. a check for \$153,192.32, a final payment on the Brevard Residential Care Center, Inc., the old community hospital.

Mr. Ramsey accepted as a Transylvania Community Hospital trustee.

Mr. Queen, of Haywood County, chose the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce as the time for the payment, so that he could briefly tell Brevard's business leaders what he has in mind for the old hospital facility.

"We plan a large rest home on the back of the lot," he said. "And this will give Transylvania County every element of health care that is

to be found . . . more than 200 beds for health care in Transylvania."

The Brevard Residential

Care Center, Inc., located on Country Club Rd. occupies the building which served as the Transylvania Community Hospital for many years.



Charles Russell, left, outgoing president of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce, receives a plaque from Dr. Robert Davis, the

new president, during banquet program Friday night. Mrs. Russell looks on.

205 At Chamber Banquet Asked To Praise Nation

Citizens of the U.S. have less to complain about than the citizens of any other nation in the world, the annual banquet of the Brevard Chamber of Commerce was told Friday night.

John Ed Davis of Shelby, a humorist and a philosopher, told the 205 persons present in the Brevard College Cafeteria that America has more material wealth, more freedom, more food, and more housing than any other nation.

Telling of his visits to South and Middle America, and the Far East, Mr. Davis described crowded people in crowded housing, with 20 people living in 20 by 20 huts, and the huts' roofs overlapping.

"Let's stop criticising and start praising America," Mr. Davis said.

"Good citizens must become active in behalf of America."

That was his serious talk. Earlier he had kept the audiences in stitches with his funny stories, and during dinner he impersonated a woman moving from table to table to kiss every bald head in sight. Later he changed to his hobo costume to beg crumbs from the laden banquet tables.

Dr. Robert Davis, the president of Brevard College, took the reins of the Chamber from Charles Russell, and presented the outgoing president a handsome plaque.

Master of Ceremonies was Jerry Purser, Transylvania County Extension chairman. Rev. Harry W. Phillips of Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

Lloyd F. Cash presented the speaker of the evening.

Dr. Davis, giving his "inaugural" talk, said that Brevard and Western N.C. were truly wonderful places to live. He had just returned from the Piedmont, he said, and ran across a fellow who had moved there six months ago from the mountains.

"If I had known then, what I know now," the man said, "I would never have left the mountains."

Dr. Davis continued: "That's the way I feel. I don't want to leave this wonderful City of Brevard."

"Truly we are fortunate, with less to complain about than people in other areas of the state."

Approval Needed For Permits

The changes in building permits announced in Thursday's paper will be made on condition of approval by the Board of Commissioners, according to County Planner Mike Epley.

The official said he expects approval by the commissioners at the next meeting on Tuesday night.

The new plan would require three permits — building, electrical, and plumbing, — instead of the old single blanket permit for each structure.

The new plan would be in force on Monday, March 3, Mr. Epley said.

Taylor Aide Plans Visit

On Tuesday, March 4, Tom L. Mallonee, 11th District Congressional assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor will be at the county court house in Brevard from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Mr. Mallonee invites all citizens of Transylvania to visit with him to present their views on legislative matters and to offer suggestions.