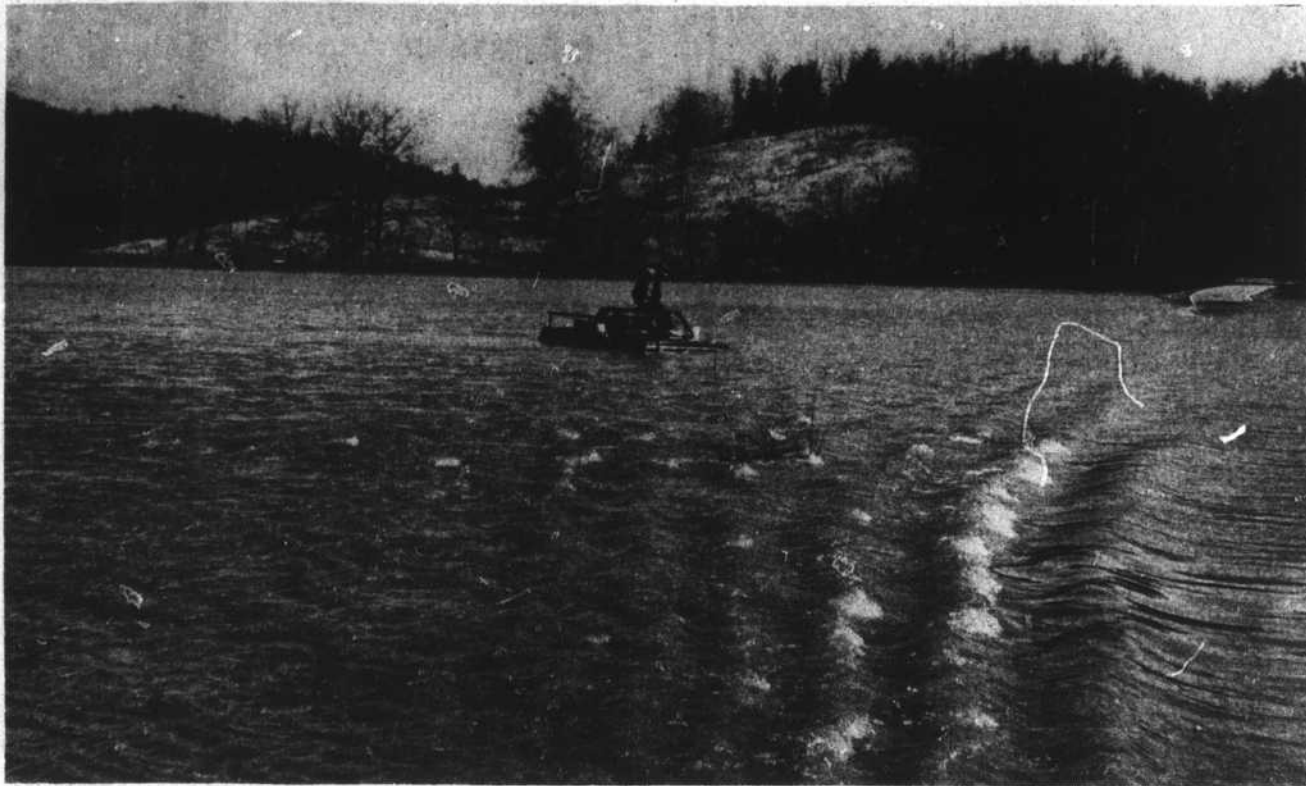


Rescue



Clark Grissom atop truck cab and awaiting help as torrent of flood waters races by.

Ranger's Car Floats Off Barclay Rd.

County Forest Ranger Clark Grissom, attempting to cross flood waters of the French Broad River on Friday, really got into deep water before the crossing was completed.

The ranger's pickup truck was swept downstream from Barclay for about 75 feet before taking on enough water to sink. It stayed upright, so Mr. Grissom clambered out a window and got on top to wait for assistance.

His plight was spotted and someone called the Brevard Rescue Squad, plus an ambulance.

On arrival Rescue Leader Charlie Galloway, seeing that Mr. Grissom was safe and sound, although the flood waters were still rising, yelled to the ranger:

"I see you're okay. We'll be back when the water goes down."

Then he turned as if to walk away.

He was joking. As soon as the Rescue Squad's boat arrived they went to work to bring Mr. Grissom to shore.

No serious damage, other than to Mr. Grissom's truck was reported from the waters in the county, although the Sylvan Valley became one huge lake when viewed from adjacent mountaintops.

Break-Ins Plaguing Officers

A series of break-ins and robberies plagued Brevard Police late last week.

Detective Sgt. Walter Siniard said that the Sacred Heart Catholic Church was broken into, apparently by persons with vandalism in mind. "Things were thrown about and damaged."

Two break-ins and thefts occurred early on the morning of the March 13, he said.

The home of Chris Pidgeon on Park Avenue was entered around 4 a.m. on that date, Sgt. Siniard said, and a \$500-plus radio-tape system was stolen.

Then at 4:30 on that morning, Mr. Zip's was entered; a case of beer and \$25 in change was stolen; and extensive damage was done to the lighting; a window was broken, and other vandalism was found.

A number of incidents of house and auto paintings have been reported in the last two weeks, he said.

The officer said he expects arrests soon in all of the trouble areas.



Brevard Rescue Squad boat reaches thoroughly soaked truck



Smiling, relieved forest ranger arrives on shore

Social Services Hearing March 19

Transylvania County citizens will have an opportunity on Wednesday, March 19, to help decide what services should be provided by their Social Services Department, Director Don Morrison has announced.

A public hearing will be held on that date at 12 noon in the County Courtroom.

Mr. Morrison, says that every citizen and organization that is interested in services to the disabled, elderly, children and families, and who would like Federal funding participation in their programs should attend this meeting.

All county agencies, departments, civic organizations, PTA's, churches, and interested citizens are invited to bring proposals and learn more about Title XX.

New Federal legislation enacted by Congress and signed by President Ford on

January 4, allows states far more freedom in determining the kinds of services that are provided its citizens, Mr. Morrison said.

In the past most services offered by county social services departments throughout North Carolina were specified by the Federal government.

The state could have been spending upwards of \$62 million annually in federal funds to meet the needs of its people; but due to past restrictive federal regulations, states spent about half that amount while service needs went unmet.

This latest federal legislation known as Title XX is a part of the new federalism which allows state and local government to have more decision-making authority in how federal funds are spent.

The law establishes five

Satellite, Not Station Will Move

A rumor going around that the N.A.S.A. Tracking Station is going to be moved from Balsam Grove to a site in India, is incorrect, NASA's Chief of Operations at the facility said early Monday.

Jim Jackson explained that a satellite now under control of the station, a stationary satellite called an ATSS6, and now directly overhead, but many miles in space, is going to be programmed to drift out over the Atlantic.

"A temporary tracking station located near Madrid, Spain, will take over control this satellite," Mr. Jackson explained. "And a few of our personnel may be transferred to the site, but it would be a very few."

The satellite, not the tracking station, is going to move, he explained.

4-Year School Board Tenure Bill In House

DeBruhl, Nesbitt Signers

A bill which would change the office tenure of Transylvania Board of Education members from six years to four years has been introduced in the N. C. General Assembly by Rep. Claude DeBruhl and Mary C. Nesbitt, both of Buncombe County.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Transylvania Democratic Executive Committee, which had voted in favor of the proposed measure twice, once at a meeting in Rosman, and again in a session at Penrose with Mr. DeBruhl and Mrs. Nesbitt present.

The purpose of the bill, according to two of its strongest backers — Dr. Marius Wells, and Joe Terry — is to give the electorate within the county the power to elect a majority of the five board members in some election years.

As it is set up now, a maximum of two can be elected in any one election year.

Dr. Jerry Cabe and School Board Chairman Gene Morris both spoke in opposition to the bill at the session at which the second vote was taken. They told the Democrats in attendance that a couple of years are needed to learn the job before a member can become an effective one.

The bill as written, would not change the tenure of any person already elected. Only one term expires in 1976, the next general election year. Only one person would be elected, but would be elected for a four-year instead of a six-year term.

Two would be elected in 1978. Then in 1980, a majority of the board would be elected — the two whose terms would normally expire that year plus filling the seat of the person elected in 1976.

Rep. John S. Stevens and Rep. Herbert Hyde, who also represent Transylvania along with Buncombe County in the 43rd House District, did not attend either of the local meetings at which the bill was discussed.

Mr. Terry told the last meeting that he had high respect for the present board but that he thought the county's voters should have the opportunity to elect a majority of the board members when they felt the board was not acting in the best interest of the schools.

Transylvania Smokers' Annual Bill: \$1.57 Million

(Special to the Times)

Just about 10 years have passed since the U. S. Surgeon General issued the warning that cigarette smoking was injurious to health.

Since then there have been a number of other reports linking cigarettes with cancer, heart disease and other ailments.

To what extent has this moved Transylvania County residents to change their smoking habits? How much are local people smoking these days compared with people in other areas?

Although many of them have given up the habit completely or are smoking less than they did in former years, according to the statistics, others have taken up smoking for the first time.



NEW OFFICERS — These are the leaders of the Connestee Property owners group which will take control of Connestee Falls development's amenities within 30 days. From left, they are: Ross Hutchinson, Mrs. Charlotte Lister, Ernest D. Bryant, president; Mrs. Frances Frost, and Anthony McNally.

Connestee Falls Residents Take Over Area's Facilities

Residents and lot owners of Connestee Falls, on Friday signed agreements with the Connestee Falls Development Corp. which will give them absolute control of all the development's amenities within 30 days.

In effect the residents and lot owners are taking over the ownership and the maintenance of all roads, the golf course, swimming pool, stables, tennis courts, and community land and parks.

"These are conservatively valued in excess of \$6 million," said Richard McIntyre, vice president of Realtec, Inc. of which Connestee Falls Development Corp. is a subsidiary.

Colonel Ernest D. Bryant was elected president of the new Connestee Maintenance Corp. Other officers are Mrs. Frances Frost, Mrs. Charlotte Lister, Anthony McNally, and Ross Hutchinson.

They immediately signed an employment contract with Jim Farrer, who will serve as community manager, to oversee the maintenance of the properties.

Mr. McIntyre said that there are still a number of jobs the developing corporation will have to attend to. "These were things that you just can't get done with the kind of

weather we've been having. But we're obligated to do them, so we will."

There'll also be a sales office maintained at the development until the remaining 10 to 15 per cent of the development lots are bought, Mr. McIntyre said.

Early Friday, the developing corporation satisfied one of two outstanding liens against it, which had prevented it from selling more lots and giving free titles.

One of the liens was satisfied by bond in the amount of \$203,306.29. The other lien for \$119,072.63 was to have been cleared Friday afternoon with cash, according to the Clerk of Court office.

Lawrence McCall Gets New Trial

Lawrence McCall, on death row at the State Prison in Raleigh since February of 1974 after conviction of the slayings of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hice of Balsam Grove, has been granted a new trial by the State Supreme Court.

The court said it was granting a new trial because

Attorney Bill White of Brevard said that the transfer of ownership of the development's amenities "came about as the result of a lot of hard negotiations between property owners and developers."

"This is the first time something like this has happened in Transylvania County."

Some 100 homes of an expected 3,000-plus have been built in the 3,900-acre development.

The transfer of ownership of the facilities from developer to property owners was toasted with champagne.

of errors made by Judge Harry C. Martin in admitting certain testimony and for failure to instruct the jury properly.

The double slaying of the Hices occurred on Sept. 12, 1973, allegedly over a property dispute.

Also charged originally with Lawrence McCall were his brother Lloyd, and Lloyd's son, Gary McCall, all of Balsam Grove. A mistrial in their cases was declared at the time of the first trial, and a judge freed them in November after the state had presented its case.

The judge said there was not enough evidence to allow the case to go to a jury.

Several witnesses allegedly changed their testimony between the first and second trials, the judge said.

Clerk of Court Marian McMahon said Friday that she had not yet received the Supreme Court order, but that she expected Mr. McCall to be brought back from Raleigh for trial at the next term of Superior Court which begins Monday, March 31.

Also scheduled for that term of Superior Court is the trial of Elzie McCall in the death of Brent McCall. This shooting occurred in January in the Frozen Creek section of the county.