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## High Waters Threaten Marshall On Thursday Night; Island Covered

### River Reaches Crest Friday Morning; Seepage Causes Damage

Heavy rains, swollen streams and rivers, seepage and landslides made Madison County, and more particularly Marshall and Hot Springs, a dreary and dangerous-looking area last Thursday night. Shortly after dark, it was seen that the French Broad River was rising rapidly and word from other sections stating that streams and branches were overflowing lent little optimism. Constant telephone calls to the weather bureau and to the Asheville Citizen resulted in businessmen, employees and volunteers hurrying to their places of business on Main Street here. Merchandise was taken to higher floors, new cars were speedily taken to higher grounds, electrical equipment was cut loose in many basements. Both sides of the street were lined with cars and hundreds of people viewed the rising waters at the depot and at the lower end of Main Street. Fortunately, throughout the busy and fretful hours Thursday night and early Friday morning, the power lines and telephones remained in operation.

The river finally reached its crest Friday morning, sloshing over the wall at the depot and completely across the street at the lower end of town.

Two more feet of water and the complete street from one end of town to the other would have been impassable.

Landslides blocked traffic between Marshall and Asheville and huge trailer-trucks were back-to-back on highway employees worked cooperatively to clear on the slides.

The island resembled a huge body of water with the three building having the appearances of huge ships afloat. The impounding wall again "saved" the buildings from considerable damage. Many desks, tables and chairs were taken from the basement rooms to higher floors. The lower part of the new gymnasium (Continued on Last Page)

### Heavy Rains May Contaminate Water, Dr. Lord Warns

By DR. MARGERY LORD Health Officer

Recent unusually heavy rains in Western North Carolina have caused flooding of many buildings including dwellings. The Madison County Health Department has had many calls concerning the advisability of taking typhoid vaccine because of this. As your health officer, I would advise that you be very careful about your drinking water. Many of you have springs or wells on your property. These may be contaminated because of all this extra water. If you will come to the Health Department we will furnish you with a sterile container in which to bring us a sample of your drinking water. It can be tested to determine if it is safe for you to use. Drinking water which is not safe to use may cause an epidemic of several gastro-intestinal diseases.

As typhoid vaccine, this is available at your Health Department each Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

### Marshall School To Resume Operation Here On Monday

The Marshall school, which has been closed since last Thursday because of flood conditions, will resume its normal operations on Monday, April 15, according to an announcement by William W. Peck, superintendent, Wednesday morning.

Coaches, janitor, teachers, boys and other volunteer workmen have been busy all week at the school striving to get it in readiness for operation.

The college grad who attempts to set the world on fire finds the world is full of fire engines.

## Middle Fork Child Fatally Burned In Fire Saturday

A small boy was burned to death and his 91-year-old grandmother, Mrs. Anna Rice, was injured in a fire that leveled Mrs. Rice's two-story home in the Middle Fork section near Mars Hill, shortly before noon Saturday.

The child was Jimmy Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rice, who lived on Shake Rag Road, close by the frame house that burned.

The chubby, curly-haired, and brown-eyed boy would have been four in August.

He had been left with his aunt, Miss Elsie Rice, while his mother was in Asheville shopping, according to a neighbor. His father and the aunt had gone "across the hill" to attend to a sick cow when the fire broke out, the neighbor, Mrs. Spurgeon Radcliff, reported.

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### License Examiner Office At Mars Hill To Close April 12, 19

The license examiner's office at Mars Hill will be closed on Friday, April 12 and Friday, April 19, according to an announcement by George Wilson, examiner for Madison County.

Mr. Wilson stated that drivers could go to the Asheville office on April 12, to take their examination, but that the Asheville office would be closed on April 19.

## MADISON BILLS INTRODUCED BY REP. A. E. LEAKE

HB 306 — Introduced by Leake March 18 (Sheriff's fees) April 5, passed Senate.

HB 342 — Introduced by Leake March 19 (Deputy CSC Salary) April 5, Ratified.

HB 524 — Introduced by Etheridge, April 1 (Special school taxing districts). To Education.

HB 590 — Introduced by Leake by request, April 5.

"To amend G.S. 47-17.1 relating to the filing of papers by the clerk of the superior court so as to make said section applicable to Madison County." (As title indicates; cited section prohibits CSC from accepting for probate or recordation papers (except holographic wills executed after July 1, 1953, unless draftsman's identification appears on the cover (papers prepared outside of county for recordation in other counties of N. C. may be accepted without such identification). Effective July 1, 1957.) To Counties, Cities and Towns.

HB 591 — Introduced by Leake, (Continued on Last Page)

## YOUTH NIGHT TO BE HELD SAT. AT SEMINARY

A Youth Night will be held at the Madison Seminary Baptist Church on Saturday night, it has been announced. The occasion, the first of its kind in Madison County, will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

The Rev. E. C. Wilkie will be the guest speaker and all members of Training Unions and others are invited.

## WNC Associated Communities To Meet Tuesday

Western North Carolina Associated Communities will meet Tuesday morning in the Community Building at Bryson City to discuss and have explained an Area Planning Project for Western North Carolina.

Mayors, commissioners, civic leaders, officials of clubs and industrial officials of Madison County are invited to attend.

Bob Jones College of Greenville, S. C., trains more ministers and missionaries than any other American college.

## TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 7

Notice appears elsewhere in this issue stating that an election will be held in Marshall, Tuesday, May 7, 1957, for the purpose of electing a mayor and board of aldermen by the voters of Marshall. The mayor and each member (3) of the board of aldermen shall be elected to hold office for a term of two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The polling place will be the street floor of the City Hall. J. H. Davis has been named registrar and Wade Huey and Jeter P. Fortner Jr., have been named judges of said election.

Registration books will be open on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 o'clock and will remain open each day for seven days excluding Sunday for the registration of any new electors entitled to register from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., except on Saturdays, when the books will remain open until 9:00 p. m.

Saturday, April 27 will be challenge day.

## N. C. Legislature Pays Tribute To Late Calvin R. Edney

In legislative action by the House Elections Committee this week, a Madison measure honoring the memory of the late Calvin R. Edney, Republican leader in Madison and former legislator, was ratified into law. Also ratified was a Madison bill fixing fees to be charged by the sheriff.

## WOOL PAYMENT APPLICATIONS DUE BY APRIL 30

Wool and lamb producers must file applications for payment under the 1956 wool incentive payment program not later than April 30, Chairman Novile Hawkins, of the Madison County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, has announced. The applications must be filed at the County ASC office. Payments under the 1956 program will be made on marketings of wool and lambs completed between April 1, 1956 and March 31, 1957.

"Completions of marketings," the chairman explains, means that the title of wool or lambs must have passed from the seller to the buyer. If any part of the sale — such as price, weight or yield — needed to determine the purchase price is not completed within the dates mentioned above, the sale will not be considered as eligible for submission under the 1956 program. Sales made after March 31 will be eligible under (Continued on Last Page)

## You May Star In Patrol's Movies

### Madison TB Asso. Has Dinner Meeting Tuesday Evening

Members of the Executive Committee of the Madison County Tuberculosis Association held a dinner meeting at the home of Mrs. Brown Ammons in Mars Hill Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing the making of plans for the 1957 budget.

The attendees, in addition to members of the executive committee were Mr. Lippard, of Raleigh, district representative of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association; Dr. Margery Lord, County Health Officer; the two county health nurses, Mrs. Anna Fox and Mrs. Florence Bell.

Mrs. Ammons is chairman of the Madison County TB Association.

### Cantata To Be Given April 19

The combined choirs of the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Marshall will present the Good Friday Cantata, "The Seven Last Words," by DuBois at the Presbyterian Church, Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Henry Clay Edwards is director; Mrs. John Corbett Jr., organist; Mrs. Carl Stuart, pianist; and Mrs. Coleman Worley, violinist.

The Pentagon has parking area for 9,000 cars.

## PRE-EASTER SERVICES HERE NEXT WEEK

The Marshall Baptist Church will hold Pre-Easter services each evening next week. On Sunday evening some of the foreign students at Mars Hill College will speak. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening Reverend J. H. Headall of Mars Hill will preach. On Thursday evening the Lord's Supper will be observed. And on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, "The Seven Last Words" will be presented by the choirs of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches at the Presbyterian Church. The services at the Marshall Baptist Church will begin each evening at 7:30, and everyone is cordially welcome.

## INDUSTRIAL DINNER-MEETING HERE APRIL 18

The Madison County Promotion Council dinner-meeting, which was scheduled for April 8, was postponed because of the Island being flooded. The meeting will be held Thursday, April 18 at the Marshall school cafeteria at 7:30 o'clock.

28.6 million Americans own one or more musical instruments.

## Madison County Motorists Warned Of Traffic Violations

Troop E of the State Highway Patrol recently introduced a new "silent watch" to increase highway safety across its 22 county mountain domain, including Madison.

This new device — the Abel Traffic Camera — is the latest weapon in the hands of the Patrol. Few other states have the development in the cause of safety.

The camera shoots 18 frames per second, thus having the capability of recording each movement made by the object on which it is trained.

Through construction of a time clock, speedometer and automatic calendar into the camera, each tiny frame of film records, in addition to the traffic violator upon which it is sighted, the exact time, day, month and even year of the violation.

The camera also records the license plate on the vehicle it may be tracking, making positive identification of ownership possible.

Thus, any offender caught by the camera is linked with the violation, the time of day, the day of the week, the month of the year — and the background scenery — in such a manner as to make defense almost impossible.

The speedometer in the camera is connected with the speedometer (Continued on Last Page)

## DOG OWNERS—RABIES CLINICS ARE SCHEDULED

Rabies is a communicable disease which is spread from rabid animals to man through an abrasion in the skin, usually due to one or more bites inflicted by the mad animal.

Like most of our communicable diseases it can be prevented if enough people who have dogs will see that they are vaccinated. This year we have available a new vaccine which will protect your dog from rabies for three years instead of only one year as formerly used.

Some counties in Western North Carolina have had rabid dogs recently. These dogs have bitten foxes, the foxes have bitten cattle, and some farmers have lost whole herds of cattle because of rabies. This loss could have been entirely prevented if each county would put on a Rabies Control Program and each dog owner have his dogs vaccinated.

It is not only loss of livestock that we are interested in but the protection of human beings. Many children are given injections because of the rabies prophylaxis program. (Continued on Last Page)



Above picture was taken Friday morning which shows the condition of the Island and the school buildings. Contents in basements and lower rooms were damaged in all three of the buildings. Workers have been cleaning out the mud and debris since Friday afternoon when waters receded enough to reach the building. This was the highest the river has been since the flood of 1940. —Cut courtesy Asheville Citizen.