



## Marshall, Hot Springs Escape Serious Flood Damage

### Supreme Court Sweeps Away Delays In County Election Maneuvers Fri.

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RALEIGH — In a rare legal maneuver, the N. C. Supreme Court issued a sweeping and bluntly worded order Friday blocking efforts to delay the ramping-up of the election machinery in beleaguered Madison County.

The court, in effect, threw out lower court rulings that would have delayed the transfer of authority from the old to the new Madison Board of Elections.

It prohibited future rulings bearing on the same subject, and banned interference by state judicial officials or anyone else as the Madison board prepares for the Nov. 3 general elections.

To accomplish its purpose, the high court relied on its constitutional authority and issued a "writ of prohibition," believed to be the first such writ issued by the court in 100 years.

The court "commanded" that its orders be carried out as it wrote a forceful ending to one phase of the disputed Democratic primary election in the 34th Senatorial District between Zeno Ponder of (Continued To Last Page)

### RED CROSS FUND DRIVE STARTS IN COUNTY OCT. 15

**\$3,000 Is Again Goal; Quota Exceeded Last Year**

The annual American Red Cross fund drive will begin in Madison County next Thursday, Oct. 15, it was announced this week by officials. The drive will continue for one month — until November 15 and the goal for the county is the same as last year — \$3,000.

It will be recalled that the goal was exceeded last year for the first time in many years and it is hoped that the county will again exceed the goal.

The Madison Branch of the Asheville Area is being benefited almost every day by Red Cross services, especially in the Home Service Department and the all-important Blood Program.

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### VETERANS COMM SERVICES AID THIS COUNTY

**Established In May; Don West, Service Officer Here**

The latest monthly report released by the Asheville District Office of the N. C. Veterans Commission on the activities of the Madison County Veterans Service reveals a continuing increase in the services being rendered by Don L. West, County Service Officer.

For the month of September a total of 67 veterans and dependents of veterans were contacted in Mr. West's office in the courthouse building — in addition to which Mr. West made field trips to the homes of several veterans and widows who were unable to visit his office.

A total of \$30,778.19 in new cumulative benefits of all types have been secured for the veterans, widows and dependent children of Madison County since the beginning of the 1964-65 fiscal year as of June 1.

Prior to the new fiscal year — the Madison County Service Office having been established by the County Commissioners on May 1, 1964 — monthly benefits in the amount of \$4128.00 were obtained for the months of May and June.

### REGISTRATION IS STARTED IN COUNTY SAT.

The first day of the new registration required in Madison County started last Saturday with "heavy" registering in some precincts and "light" participation in others.

Next Saturday, as well as on Saturday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 24, the registration will continue in each precinct.

Members of the Madison County board of elections urge all voters to re-register either on these Saturdays or at the registrar's home on other days. Registration begins at each precinct at 9 a. m. and continues until 6 p. m.

Total figures of last Saturday's registration were unavailable today.

### PAST RECORDS OF FLOODS HERE; 1916 IS WORST

Past records of flood crests in Marshall are as follows:

1916	— 24 feet
1925	— 16.3 feet
1940	— 20.3 feet
1964	— 15 feet

Flood stage in Marshall is 10 feet.

### RED CROSS IS ACTIVE DURING SEPTEMBER

The following activities for September have been reported by the Madison County Branch of the Asheville Chapter, American Red Cross.

The Home Service Department served four cases involving servicemen and their families. Two of these were emergency leave requests, one a hardship discharge, and the other was both emergency leave and assistance with hardship discharge papers.

The bloodmobile collected 17 pints of blood in Marshall on September 2, and 25 pints in Hot Springs on September 17. Residents of Madison County used 21 pints of blood in hospitals during September.

### CRIMINAL COURT ADJOURNS ON TUESDAY

Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases, adjourned here Tuesday after a two-day session, Judge Hal Hammer Walker presided.

About 50 cases of traffic violations were heard, with fines being exacted in most cases. Judge Walker instructed the clerk of superior court, Herbert Hawkins, that where violators failed to appear for trial, for him to forward their names and violations to the N. C. Motor Vehicle Division.

Jack Ferguson, charged with felonious assault, was fined \$50 and costs; sentenced to five years with the sentence suspended for five years, and his license revoked for five years, with the stipulation that he not drive on the highways except in connection with his farm work and traveling to and from religious services.

Walter Bradley, charged with non-support of his children, was sentenced to 18 months.

### TOM R. BALLARD COORDINATOR AT H.S. PLANT

Tom R. Ballard has been named Personnel-Training Coordinator for the Hot Springs plant of Burlington Industries, Neil Ross, plant manager, announced today.

Mr. Ballard was formerly Training Coordinator at the Drake's Worsted Plant in Drake's Branch, Va. Both plants are units of the Pacific Mills Division of Burlington Industries.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. Ballard is a 1960 graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in Cookeville, Tenn. He joined Burlington following graduation and was assigned to the textile firm's Cleveland Worsted Division in Cleveland, Tenn.

Mr. Ballard has served in manufacturing and administrative positions in production planning, industrial engineering and personnel. He was transferred to the Drake's Worsted Plant in November, 1963.

Mr. Ballard is married to the former Sue Carolyn Sadler, of Durham, and they have two sons.

### French Broad Finally Recedes Tuesday A.M.

**Island Covered; Basements Filled; Merchandise Moved; Mars Hill College Students, Jupiter Rescue Squad Offer Assistance**

Sunday, October 4, 1964 started off normally as any Sunday does but shortly before noon the word reached Marshall and Hot Springs that heavy rains above Madison County were sending the French Broad River to flood stage and above.

Word quickly got around via radio, telephone and person to person and anxious merchants and others quickly shed their "Sunday clothes" and put on working clothes and hurried to their places of business to start moving merchandise.

By two o'clock Sunday afternoon practically every store and business firm was open with employees, employers and volunteers working feverishly taking merchandise out of basements to higher floors and from street-level floors to second and third-story levels. Many trucks were put into use as heavy merchandise was transported to buildings high on the mountains. Many motors in basements were disconnected and moved where possible, electrical equipment was cut loose from "live" wires.

The huge MATO Building near the By-Pass was opened and several loads of merchandise was stored there.

It was stated that approximately 250 tons of foods from the Surplus Commodities Warehouse, located on Main Street, was transported to the MATO building. This task required all Sunday afternoon and into late Sunday night.

As the river continued to rise, anxiety also increased by late Sunday afternoon many of the stores on Main Street had placed sand bags in front of doors.

Marshall Volunteer firemen went into action early Sunday afternoon and directed the heavy traffic throughout the day and late into the night. Other firemen assisted in moving merchandise and doing whatever they could to help. The Marshall Baptist Church opened its Fellowship Hall for all who wished to use it (Continued To Last Page)

### ABSENCE OF BULKHEAD IS BENEFICIAL

Many observers conclude that the high waters Sunday, Monday and Tuesday would more than likely have reached Main Street and the sidewalks if the bulkhead at the dam had not been removed.

Approximately 30% of the on-rushing river flowed where the bulkhead used to be.

The bulkhead was blown out about two years ago and officials of the French Broad Electric Membership Corp stated here this week that it is now the plan to blow out the entire dam above the railroad station in the near future. It is believed that this, too, will greatly reduce the chances of flooding in Marshall.

### Democratic Caravan To Be Here Saturday Morning

**Leading Candidates To Be At Courthouse From 9:00 - 10:00**

The State Democratic Caravan, composed of candidates seeking offices in November, will roll into Marshall about 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning and will remain at the courthouse until 10:00 o'clock, it was announced this week.

Included in the caravan will be Dan K. Moore, candidate for governor; Robert Scott, candidate for lieutenant-governor; Congressman Roy A. Taylor, seeking reelection; and other outstanding Democratic leaders.

The public is invited to come, see, hear, and meet these men. It is thought that they will speak briefly and will meet as many people as possible on their short visit here.

The caravan is visiting all 100 counties and with such a crowded schedule it is doubtful that they can remain for more than an hour.

It was announced that Representative Liston B. Ramsey and Attorney A. E. Leake, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, will meet the caravan in Asheville prior to its visit to Marshall.

### EVANGELISTIC SERVICES TO BE HELD AT MBC

**Revival Here To Begin On Oct. 14; Schedule Announced**

A series of evangelistic services will be held at the Marshall Baptist Church beginning October 14 and continuing through Oct. 25.

A fellowship supper will be held at the church on Wednesday evening, October 14, at 6:30 o'clock to enable the church members to meet several men from Hendersonville, Raleigh and elsewhere who will be in Marshall to help in a laymen-led evangelistic effort. Following the meal these men will conduct an inspirational service in the sanctuary of the church.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons, October 15 and 16, the visiting men will meet with the men of the church and assist in an intensive visitation effort during the afternoon. They will lead a second service at the church (Continued To Last Page)

### DAVID WYATT IS COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE CHMN.

Bill Roberts, chairman of the county board of commissioners, announced this week that David Wyatt has been appointed Civil Defense Director for Madison County.

Mr. Roberts stated that Mr. Wyatt is well qualified for the post, being well trained to handle any emergency that may occur.

Mr. Wyatt, who teaches in the Marshall High School, resides at Petersburg and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Wyatt.

### Farmers Responsible For An Opportunity

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, agricultural patterns throughout the entire United States go through a continuous change of emphasis. The South used to be noted for cotton, tobacco and peanuts. Some of these crops have had a tendency to move west. Other enterprises have had a tendency to move South. Georgia came from an unknown to the production of poultry, to number one in the nation on the product (Continued To Last Page)

### Red Cross Stands By Ready To Help County

**Constant Communications Between RC Headquarters And County**

It was thought the American Red Cross that Marshall and Hot Springs were alerted Sunday morning concerning the flood prospects along the French Broad River.

At 11:30 a. m., Marshall Upton, of the Asheville Area Headquarters, notified Jim Story, Madison County Red Cross Disaster Chairman; and James Gentry, Hot Springs Disaster Chairman, what to expect in the way of a flood and revealed the conditions elsewhere in Western North Carolina. Mr. Story notified the radio station and other media and precautions were begun.

Throughout Sunday, Sunday night and Monday, the Red Cross Headquarters stood ready to send cots, clothing, food and medical supplies to Marshall and Hot Springs if conditions warranted.

"It was a fine feeling to know that the American Red Cross is ready to assist us whenever we need its services and supplies," Mr. Story stated.

### GOP PRECINCT CHAIRMEN ARE ANNOUNCED

Below is a list of Madison County Republican Precinct Chairmen:

TS 1, Posey Wild; TS 2, Hubert Cutshall; TS 3, J. A. Buckner; TS 4, W. M. Metcalf; TS 5, C. N. Willis, Jr.; TS 6, Mallie Brown; TS 7, L. J. Brown; TS 8, Herman W. Freeman; TS 9, Troy Self; TS 10, L. B. Rice; TS 11, Perry Willis; TS 12, A. L. Buckner; TS 13, Spencer Rollins; TS 14, Kerfman Clark; TS 15, Ralph Briggs; TS 16, Howard Roberts; TS 17, Jim F. Craine; TS 18, Robert Freeman, Jr.; TS 19, Birchard Shelton; TS 20, Shad Franklin; TS 21, Rommie Jarvis; TS 22, Leo Willett; TS 23, Odus Chandler.

### Sewerage Pipes Being Installed In Courthouse Lawn

If you are wondering why the ground is being torn up beside the courthouse it is that workmen are preparing to install new sewerage disposal pipes.

Wade Huey, auditor, explained this week that the workmen were carefully removing the turf and it would be replaced without any noticeable effect.

### FOOTBALL

**FRIDAY NIGHT:**  
Marshall at Hot Springs  
Mars Hill (open)

**SATURDAY — 2:30 p. m.**  
Newport News (Va.) Apprentice School  
vs.  
Mars Hill College High School Field (Homecoming)

### License Bureau Is Located On Bridge Street Here

**Auto Licenses, Applications Can Be Secured At New Office**

Much to the delight of Madison County citizens, a license bureau has been opened in Marshall.

The Madison County Farm Bureau has been awarded the contract to handle the sale of license plates and title applications for North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. It was announced

this week by Bill Roberts, president of the county organization.

An office for this purpose has been opened on Lower Bridge Street here. The office will be managed by Mrs. Margaret Ramsey. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a. m. until 12:00 o'clock noon and from 1:00 p. m., until 4:30 p. m., with the exception of Wednesday and Saturday when office hours are from 8:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon, it was announced.

## Mars Hill College Observes Homecoming On Saturday

### Marshall Loses To Bowman; Mars Hill Downs Cane River

**Blocked Punt Paves Way For Tornado Touchdown**

Playing before a large Homecoming crowd plus a large number of Marshall football fans, the Bowman High Bulldogs scored a touchdown in the final quarter to defeat a game band of Tornadoes, 13-6 in a conference game at Bakersville last Friday night. Heavy rains prior to the game caused the turf wet and slippery, causing several fumbles. Despite the soggy field and wet ball, the (Continued To Last Page)

**Tolley Again Stars To Lead Wildcats To 6th Win**

Fullback Charles Tolley carried 11 times for 126 yards and returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown Friday night to lead undefeated Mars Hill High to its sixth straight football victory, a 34-0 romp over Cane River in an Appalachian Conference game at Mars Hill.

Tolley, a 6-foot, 180-pound senior who is attracting a number (Continued To Last Page)

### Football Game Saturday Afternoon To Feature Activities

The annual Homecoming observance will begin at Mars Hill College today (Oct. 8) with a special convocation and reach its climax Saturday with a whole day of activities, including ground-breaking ceremonies for a new building, the homecoming football game and a special musical program.

Dr. Robert Seymour, former pastor of the Mars Hill Baptist Church, will speak at the convocation during the chapel period at 10 a. m., today (Thursday) in Moore Auditorium. Friends of the community and residents from Marshall and other areas have been invited to attend the special service along with the students (Continued To Last Page)