

THE NEWS - RECORD

County Escapes Major Damage In Rainfall Tuesday Night

Heavy rains, the aftermaths of Hurricane Agnes, struck Western North Carolina Tuesday night, causing numerous streams to overflow and rivers to rise rapidly. Many bridges were washed out and many highways and secondary roads blocked.

One of the worst hit counties was Yancey it was feared that a three-mile long lake which lies behind a dam, could cause considerable damage should the dam give way. Fortunately the dam did not give way but many persons evacuated the area "just in case."

Although the French Broad

Rouse Reelected GOP Chairman

A number of Madison County Republicans attended the Presidential Election year State Convention last Friday night and Saturday (June 17) at the Four Seasons and Coliseum Complex in Greensboro.

Harry S. Dent, special counsel to president Nixon, was the keynote speaker. He predicted that the Nixon-Agnew ticket would sweep the Southern states on November 7, 1972.

Mrs. Grace J. Rohrer, acting State Chairman, presided and was elected a delegate at large to the GOP National Convention. J. Edgar Broyhill of Lenoir and Mrs. Louis G. Rogers of Charlotte were re-elected as National Committeeman and Committeewoman respectively.

Rep. Charles H. Taylor of Brevard reviewed the changes being made in the State GOP platform and plan of organization. James E. Holshouser, Jr. GOP nominee for Governor and John A. Walker, nominee for Lt. Governor, pledged to work hard for party unity and victory in the November election. Jess I. Ledbetter was introduced as the nominee for Congress from the 11th District.

Two at large Presidential Electors were nominated. They are Jerry P. Wallace, of Gastonia and Henry Wilmer of Charlotte. Ten delegates at large and ten alternates, at large, were elected to the National Convention in Miami Beach (August 21-23). Among those elected from the 11th District were Mrs. Barbara Dent, Chairman of the Buncombe County Republican Party, as a delegate at-large and young Chris Callahan, a Morehead Scholar from Rutherford County, as an alternate delegate to the National Convention.

The State Republican Executive Committee met after the Convention and elected Frank A. Rouse of Kinston as Republican State Chairman. Ted Dent and Rep. Jonas Made impassioned speeches in behalf of cooperation and harmony within party ranks for the fall campaign. One hundred ninety-eight Executive Committee members, including Joe L. Morgan of Madison County, voted by secret ballot for the chairmanship Rouse was victorious over Mrs. Rohrer by a vote that was not announced. Several supporters of Jim Gardner indicated they will now actively support Jim Holshouser, Jr. for the governorship "for better government in North Carolina."

Madison County delegates were greeted by Johnny Walker at his Hospitality Room at the Four Seasons Friday night, at a "Walk Right In" reception. Hors D'oeuvres and "Mementoes for your pleasure" were available.

Madisonians present at the Convention were: Mrs. Joyce H. Ramsey, Robert Arrington, Mrs. Elizabeth Crocco, Alan Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Willis, Bill Briggs, J. Detric Brown, Ann McKinney, Bruce Briggs, Gale Brown, Marsha Payne, W. T. McKinney, Jr., Larry R. Swann, Mollie A. Brown, and Joe Morgan.

River rose to dangerous heights which caused much concern in Marshall and Hot Springs, did not overflow as was feared. Small streams in the county did leave their beds and overflow into roads and farms but no appreciable damage was reported.

One mobile home was moved late Tuesday night at Rollins and the underpass under the railroad contained about two feet of water, making it hazardous for vehicles to move in this area.

Several trees were left across roads but everyone concluded that Madison County was indeed fortunate in not having more damage done.

Interest Increases In Wagon Train July 1-4

Interest is mounting in the plans for a large wagon train in Madison County starting at Mars Hill on July 1 and ending in Marshall on July 4.

Arthur Thomason, Wagonmaster, of Route 1, Mars Hill, has had experience in wagon trains and is an expert at directing the events. This, however, will be the first wagon train to run through Madison County, he states.

The train will assemble at the Hubert Briggs barn on Dormitory Road, Mars Hill, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 1 and will go into Flag Pond, Tenn., on its initial jaunt. The camp site for the first night will be on the Mouth of Smith Creek on Punchin Fork. The second camp site will be at the Roscoe Briggs fish pond on Laurel and the third night the group will camp at the Mouth of Heck

Creek on Walnut Creek, Thomson said.

The wagon train will arrive in Marshall about 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 in time for the Rodeo which will be held on the Island. The wagon train will terminate on the Island.

Mr. Thomason said that there is no cost to join the train and explained that each participant or family is expected to furnish sufficient food to eat and also bring feed for the horses.

Many riders are expected to join the train along the route.

"We are expecting 15 or more wagons and more than 75 horses to be in the train," Thomason stated, and added, "we want this to be an orderly event with hopes to make it an annual affair."

He also said that the event would be held regardless of the weather. The State Patrolmen have assured officials that they will cooperate in seeing that intersections are protected and that the train would not be an obstacle to usual highway traffic. Marshall policemen have also pledged their cooperation and services when the train arrives in Marshall.

Howard Higgins will serve as Chief Scout of the train and Mr. Thomason's son and several other men are helping plan this exciting and unique event. For further details those wishing to enter the event should contact Mr. Thomason at 689-2919 or Howard Higgins at 689-4094.

"We are looking forward to a successful wagon train this year and the more who participate the more fun everyone will have," Thomason said.

Joe Lee Hartley, Jr., and Robert Hartley, sons of the great singing event's founder, are co-chairmen of the 48th gathering. And they echo their father's old-quoted sentiments that: "Whosoever Will May Come...There Will Be Plenty To Feed a Multitude."

"Singing On The Mountain" Event To Be Held Sunday

Approximately 25,000 persons will converge upon Grandfather Mountain next Sunday (June 25) to witness the inspiring "Singing on the Mountain" event which will be offering a unique spiritual experience for the 48th consecutive year.

There is no admittance charge for this famous event which consists of day-long preaching and gospel singing by individuals and musical groups.

The principal address will be delivered at 1 p. m. by Dave Boyer, a 36-year old Pennsylvanian who overcame drug addiction and alcoholism to engage in one of the most penetrating ministries of recent years.

Arthur Smith and his Crossroads Quartet of television

fame will headline a long list of musical groups appearing on the program which commences at mid-morning and continues until late afternoon.

"Singing on the Mountain," originated back in the 1920s by the late Joe Hartley of Linville, is an informal, casual gathering where families and church groups enjoy spiritual fellowship in the cool, fresh air provided by the high-elevation slopes of Grandfather Mountain.

Many of those in attendance bring their own folding chairs, while others spread blankets and picnics on the grass. Warm box lunches are available.

Haywood Tech Announces Night Courses

Haywood Technical Institute announces night vocational registration for the Summer Quarter. Persons interested in these courses please take note: Automotive Mechanic (night); Brickmasonry; Auto Body Repair; Small Engine Repair; Carpentry and Cabinetmaking (night); Electrical Code; Welding.

Registration for above courses will be held on Thursday, July 6, 1972, from 8:30 to 8:30 p. m. in the Clyde Elementary School, Room 19, Clyde.

NOTE: Please note that it is extremely important that you be present at the scheduled time for registration. You can not begin the class until you are properly registered. If you do not register on this night, you will be allowed seven days to register; however, a LATE REGISTRATION FEE of \$2 will be charged on any registration past the set date of Thursday, July 13, 1972.

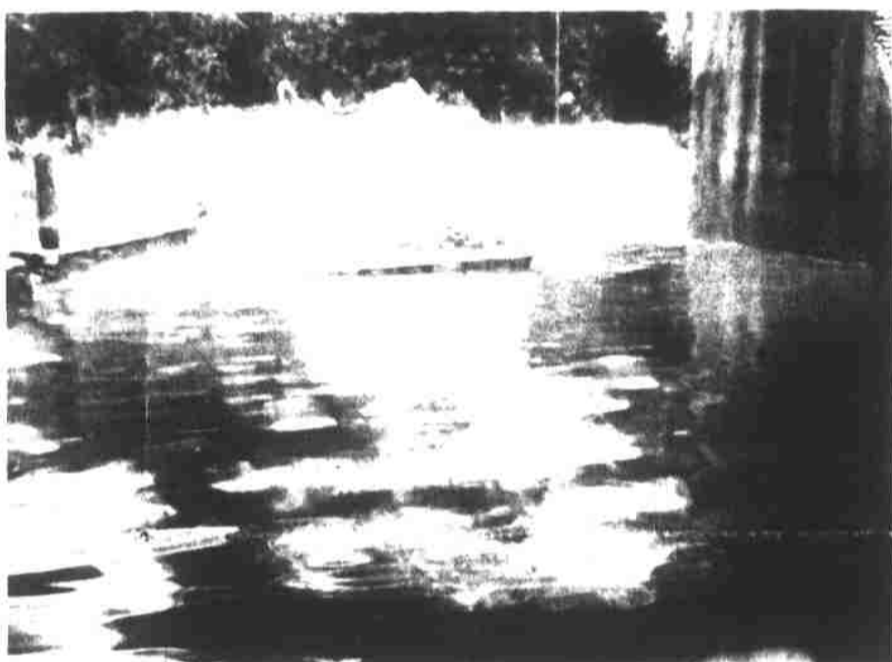
Senior Citizen's Week

August 6 - 10

A very special program for Senior Citizens is scheduled for Lake Junaluska Assembly, for Sunday, August 6 through Thursday, August 10. Special programs, speakers, and workshop sessions will be available to everyone interested in attending. I have printed pamphlets on the workshop that I will be glad to give you if you will come by, call, or write to the County Extension Office. I know that anyone who attends will have a wonderful week of fellowship and learning.



PICTURE AT TOP was made Wednesday morning near the depot in Marshall which shows the French Broad River nearly to the top of the wall. Fortunately, the river receded before overflowing over the wall. Bottom picture shows the 1963 Chevrolet, driven by Alvin Randall, of the Hopewell community, as it plowed through the two-foot overflow at the underpass at Rollins.



No Error In Cutshall Case

A release from the State Supreme Court which ruled on several Western North Carolina cases last Friday which were on appeal included: State vs. Cutshall, Madison County, No Error.

Hot Springs To Celebrate 4th On Saturday, July 1

The Hot Springs Lions announce that their annual Fourth of July Program will be held July 1st on the hotel grounds in Hot Springs. Every one is invited for a day of celebration, visiting old friends, and meeting new ones. Starting at 10 a. m., there will be pony rides, concessions and skeet shooting with Bingo to start at 1 p. m., fish fry at 3 p. m., and fireworks at 10 p. m., with a square dance beginning at 11 p. m. and lasting until? A 30-30 rifle and bicycle will be awarded to the lucky ticket holders prior to the fireworks.

Teachers Elected For County Schools

The following teachers have been elected to teach in the Madison County Schools for the 1972-73 School Year:

Elbs Chapel Vernon Ponder, Principal; Carolyn Ponder, Diane Moxley, Marsha Boyd, Patsy Hoyle, and Rex Sprinkle. Beech Glen: Hughie Ray, Principal; Agnes Metcalf, Eulala Boone, Edith Radford, and Evelyn English. Mars Hill: Fred Dickerson, Principal; Roy Ammons, Janet Hall, Linda McCurry, Hazel Suttles, J. D. Wallin, Ronnie Wallin, Eileen Wood, Vivienne Diercks, Doyle Ammons, J. C. Moss, Janice Pressley, Wanda Edmonds, Sadie Wallin, Eva McIntosh, Billie Jean Haynie, Betty Ballard, Elizabeth Norville, Tommy Blackwell, Ruby C. Wallin, Lena Ray, Ruby English, Nina Ledford, Zora Pegg, Gladys Ammons, Peggy Thomas, Larry Wyatt, Judy Wallin, Elizabeth Clayton, Connie Kramer, Beverly Hough, Shirley Norton, Paula Ammons, R. J. Denny, Paul Tugman, Irene Metcalf, Fred Sams, Half time Mars Hill-Marshal, and Bruce Sprinkles. Hot Springs: J. Bruce Phillips, Principal; Alma Fowler, Selma Wallin, Lois Moore, Vera Sumeral, Dorothy L. Chandler, Isabelle Maynard, Bobby Gunter, Shirley Jean Franklin, Jeter Shelrin, Linda Gardner, Larry J. Phillips, Harold Baker, Alexander Farkas, Tommy Huff, Troy S. Harrison, Hettie B. Rice, and Charles R. Tolley, Half time Hot Springs-Laurel.

Plemmons, and Ethel M. Kirkpatrick.

Marshall: Clive Whitt, Principal; Roy Reeves, Larry West, F. N. Willett, Lucille Bullma, Selwyn Eure, Dorothy Shupe, Mary Sprinkle, Patricia Waldrop, Carol Whitt, Sandra Briggs, Mafra Clark, Helen Ledford, Judy Payne, Freida A. Ponder, Viola M. Ramsey, Billie Jean Redmon, Donna Rice, Hattie Teague, Winfred West, Anna White, Jessie Worley, Viola B. Ramsey, Kathryn Boone, Jack C. Cole, Maxine Gosnell, John Ray, James Allen, Fred Sams, Half time Marshall-Mars Hill, Eloise Ward, Teddy Cody, John R. Fisher, and James E. Boone. Walnut: Auburn Wyatt, Principal; Juanita Boone, Lewis Ammons, Mary Ponder, Queen Bullman, Tressalle Ramsey, Lucile Burnette, Othella Brigman, Ruth Guthrie, Doris Wyatt, Lucile Sprinkle, and Polly Lewis.

Unitwide: Grover Gillis, General Supervisor, Mrs. Carol D. Ramsey, Truant Counselor; J. C. Wallin, Jr., Coordinator, Middle Grades program; Owen Fish, Coordinator, ESEA Title I; McClelland Rice, Driver Training Instructor; Glenwood Wallin, Drive Training Instructor.

GOP Women

The Madison County Republican Women's Club will meet next Monday night at the home of Mrs. Winfred Shephard in Mars Hill at 7:30 o'clock.

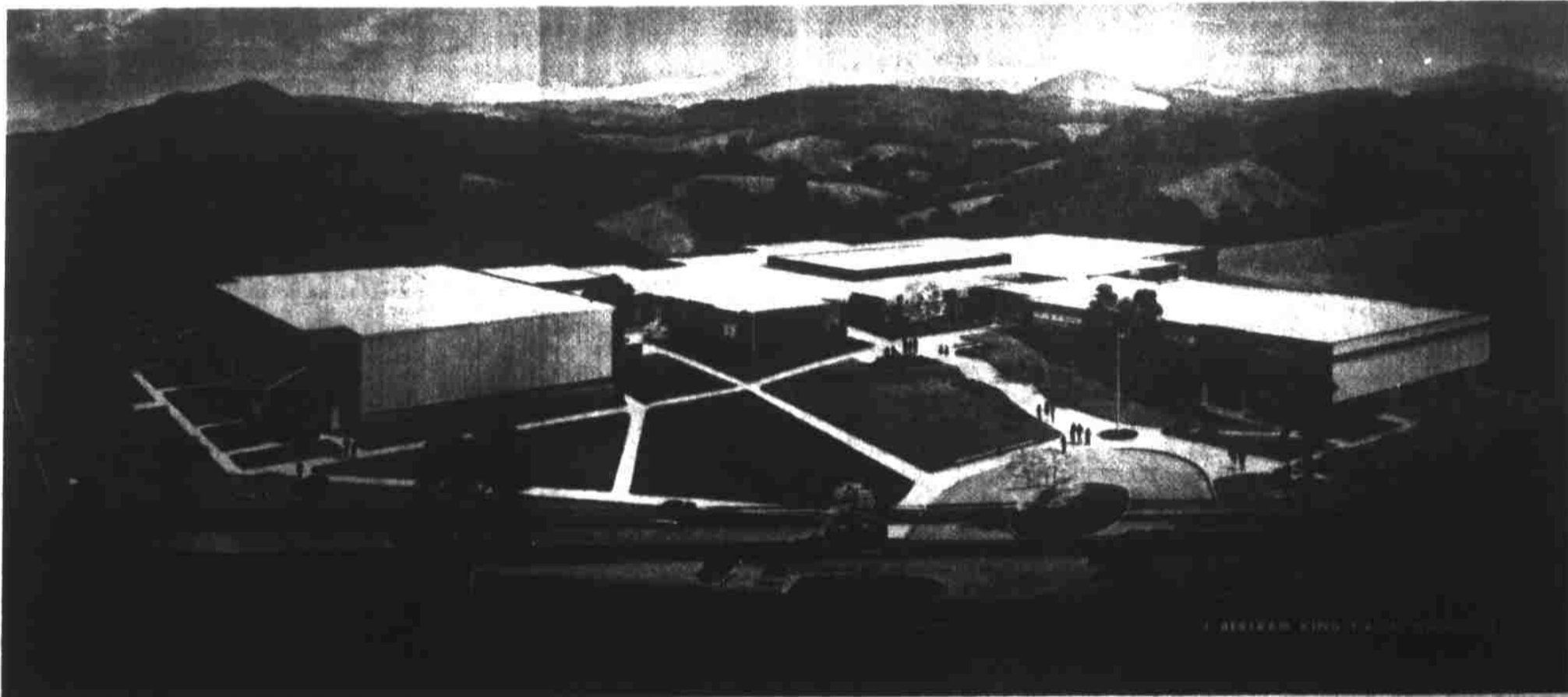
Alan Briggs will be the main speaker.

All members are urged to attend.

VBS Will Start

Vacation Bible School will be held at Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church June 26-30. Children's classes will begin at 7 o'clock and the adult class will start at 7:30 p. m.

The commencement program will be held Sunday night, July 2 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Cass Thomas, pastor, extends a welcome to adults and children.



Madison County's Proposed Consolidated High School

Construction is scheduled to start immediately on Madison County's new comprehensive high school, shown in the architect's color rendition, to be built on the Marshall By-Pass, U. S. Highways 25-70 between Marshall and Walnut at a cost of approximately \$2 million. The consolidated school will replace the five existing high schools at Marshall, Mars Hill, Hot Springs, Laurel and Spring Creek. The school, to be completed in 12 months, was made possible by overwhelming

passage of a \$950,000 school bond issue by the people of Madison County in 1970. J. Bertram King of Asheville, project architect, has worked closely with Robert Edwards, superintendent of Madison County Schools, the Madison County Board of Education, and the Division of School Planning in Raleigh to plan a facility that will accommodate broad academic and vocational curriculums. With an overall area of 120,000 square feet, 32,000 square feet is devoted to occupational education.

Other programs will include the humanities, sciences, music, art, and there will be complete facilities for audio-visual instruction, drama and lectures. The library is of an open design, readily accessible from all areas of the building. Physical education is an important part of the program and the gymnasium will have a seating capacity of 3,000. The academic portion of the building will be air-conditioned and will be heated electrically. C. J. Kern, contractor, Inc., of Greensboro,

has been awarded the general contract on a bid of \$1,181,500. Ray C. Davis Co. of Asheville received the plumbing contract with a bid of \$120,350; heating and air conditioning will be provided by Moser Plumbing Co. of Asheville, \$299,700; and electrical, M. B. Haynes Electric Corp., Asheville, \$229,740. Grading was completed under a separate contract by Perry M. Alexander at a cost of \$71,700.