

THE NEWS - RECORD

Marshall Threatened By Flood Friday Night

Heavy rains last Thursday night and Friday sent the French Broad River up and until early Saturday morning when waters began to recede, much to the delight of businessmen and citizens.

The French Broad River was 13 feet above normal at 9:45 p. m. Friday night and floodwaters had caused widespread damage to the roads and flooded basements and low-lying buildings in and near the business district here.

The island was covered with churning, muddy water about 9:00 p. m., causing the Marshall school to take a huge ship afloat in a muddy sea.

Business, firemen and hundreds of volunteers spent many anxious hours moving merchandise to higher shelves as warnings were forecast that the river would reach its crest after midnight at about 16-17 feet above normal.

By 10:00 p. m., the waters had completely covered Main

Street at the "lower end" of town when the river went over the railroad and reached a depth of about a foot on the street. Another portion of Main Street at French Broad Electric's building and the Presbyterian Church was inundated by "back-up" waters causing cars to slowly "wade" through the rising waters. Shortly after 10:00 p. m., the traffic was halted at both ends of Main Street as a precautionary measure.

Practically all basements in buildings along Main Street were flooded with several firms having waterpumps hard at work drawing water out. Surface water reached over one inch in depth inside The News-Record Office but no major damage was reported.

The basement wall at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Troward of near Walnut collapsed from the soggy conditions but the house was not damaged, Sheriff Ponder

stated that he had received more than 11 calls about landslides in nearby areas.

The major landslide occurred early Friday morning when the 100-foot rock wall which supports Roberts Hill Road caved in just north of Main Street with tons of rock and dirt covering Highway 25-70. Highway crews quickly had the main highway open for traffic but vehicles choosing to go on Roberts Hill Road went at their own risk over a dangerous one-lane strip. Many drivers, including school buses, wisely preferred going the long-way around via the Health Center and into Marshall.

Several mobile homes in the Rollins area were moved Friday night as precautionary measures.

Adding to the heavy rains Friday night was plenty of snow on Saturday although temperatures were around 42 degrees.

Sunday the day was clear and comfortable with bright sunshine drying up many wet areas. However, due to the flooded basement in the Marshall school where the water reached a depth of 12 feet, the school did not operate on Monday or Tuesday but it is hoped to resume school later this week.

Many of the landslides on county roads and highways had been cleared and traffic was able to move as usual on Monday.



THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER receding but still 12-feet above normal is pictured above at the bridge leading to the Island. Picture taken Saturday morning.



A VIEW OF THE ISLAND and school Saturday morning after river had receded. Water against school at rear of building.



HUGE CAVE-IN on Roberts Hill Road early Saturday morning sent tons of rock and dirt across Highway 25-70 just north of Main Street.



LOOKING DOWN ON US 25-70 from Roberts Hill Road where rock wall caved in leaving narrow one-lane open, but risky.



BASEMENT OF MARSHALL POSTOFFICE FLOODED. Picture taken Saturday morning after water receded a foot. Back Street was closed Friday night due to flood conditions. Other basements flooded similar to above.



FAMILIAR SCENE IN MARSHALL Friday and Saturday as water pumps drew water from several basements. Above picture made at rear of Bowman Hardware Saturday morning.

Election Machinery Bill Hearings Set

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this newspaper goes to press on Tuesday night, results of the following hearing will be published next week.

A public hearing will be held Tuesday on a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Gerald Arnold, D-Harnett, which would continue the control of election boards by North Carolina Democrats.

Rep. Ernest B. Messer of Canton, chairman of the House Committee on Election Laws, said the hearing will be at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday in the auditorium of the Legislative Building.

Messer said 30 minutes will be allotted to opponents of the bill, and 30 minutes to those in favor of it. He said he expects an overflow crowd at the auditorium.

Under present law, Republicans would take control of the election machinery just prior to the 1974 primaries.

Gov. Jim Holshouser would appoint the five-member state board of elections under the law that says no more than three may be selected from one political party.

The state board appoints the county boards under current law, which says no more than two of the three-member county boards may be selected from one party.

A bill under consideration by the General Assembly which would expand boards in counties with more than 14,000 registered voters to five members, and current law would allow the party with the governor in power to select three of the five.

Arnold's bill would take the selection of election boards out of the governor's hands, giving the party with the greatest number of registered voters the majority on both the state and county boards.

About five counties in the state, including Mitchell and Avery, would come out with Republican-dominated election boards.

Democrats To Attend J-J Dinner Sat.

Former U. S. Sen. H. Pat Taylor will deliver the welcome to approximately 1,200 Democrats expected to attend their Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, March 24, at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, State Democratic Party Chairman James R. Sugg announced Wednesday.

Taylor and Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, who contended in a hard-fought run-off primary last year for their Party's nomination for governor, will be together at the speaker's podium during the dinner when the Party faithful assemble and hear Arkansas Gov. Dale Bumpers in the principal address.

Pursuing the theme of "togetherness" the Democrats have arranged to bring together various elements of the Party's leadership to hear the Arkansas Governor, a leader among Southern State Executives and chairman of the National Democratic Governor's Caucus.

U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, North Carolina's senior senator, will bring the Party greetings from the Democratic Congressional Delegation, and Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt will bring remarks from the Legislature where he presides over the Senate and is the top Democratic office-holder on the state scene.

Bowles, the Party's nominee for governor last year, who is completing this week a tour of North Carolina in the interest of building the Party's organizational strength, will introduce Bumpers.

House Speaker James Ramsey, the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Chairman, will preside at the 100-plate fund-raising affair.

Millaway Is Elected Vice President RJR

R. K. Millaway has been elected vice president manufacturing by the board of directors of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Millaway, whose career with Reynolds spans almost 40 years, is responsible for all cigarette, smoking, plug tobacco, and leaf processing operations that are involved in the manufacture of finished tobacco products.

His first job with Reynolds was in the smoking and plug division. After military service during World War II, he moved to the cigarette division as a foreman. Three years later he became assistant department manager at No. 1 cigarette plant and in 1955 was promoted to factory department manager.

He was named assistant cigarette division superintendent in 1960. He was promoted in 1962 and became manager of the production division in 1970. He was named director of manufacturing in 1971.

Millaway is a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He married Sue Sandlin of Old Fort. They have one child and live at 278 Westview Drive. Mrs. Millaway is a niece of Dr. H. B. Dittmore of Marshall.

ABC Panel Ruling Alters Present Setup At Hot Springs

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The Hot Springs ABC Board will not only have to find itself new employees all the way around as a result of the regulation which also prohibits nepotism, it will have to rent another building to house its liquor store.

Robert N. Grice, chairman of the Asheville board, also works as supervisor of the system. Both appointments were made some years ago by Asheville City Council.

The regulation adopted by the state board Monday also forbids local ABC board members and employees from having any sort of interest in a private liquor firm.

It forbids board membership or employment by the board of anyone who is related to a person having interest in a private liquor concern "by blood or marriage" to a degree of first cousin or closer.

The regulation further prohibits local ABC board members from being employed in any capacity by the board, and requires that they receive only the compensation allowed for members of the board.

No local board member shall be appointed as manager of a store, or manager, supervisor, director or administrator of the local ABC system," the regulation says. It says the local ABC board shall carry out its powers and duties as a board and shall not delegate the operation of the system "to individual members thereof."

Carroll E. Anderson is chairman of the Hot Springs ABC Board and also works as manager of the store. His brother works as a clerk in the store. The regulation prohibits both Anderson and his brother, the only two clerks in the store at the present time, from working there.

The regulation further stipulates that members of the local ABC boards shall not enter into any contracts on behalf of the board with any person who is related by blood or marriage to any member of the board "to a degree of second cousin or closer."

The Hot Springs board leases the liquor store building from Swain Huff, Anderson's

father-in-law and another of Anderson's brothers.

The regulation adopted Monday was prompted by known dual-office holding situations in at least five local ABC systems including Asheville and Hot Springs.

Marcus Hickman of Charlotte, a member of the state board, had asked for an all-encompassing regulation against conflict of interest and nepotism.

No local ABC board shall employ in any capacity, any person related to a board member by blood or marriage to a degree of second cousin or closer," the regulation states.

Members of local ABC boards shall not enter into any

contracts or agreements, under such authority, or be in any manner interested in any contract or agreement for his own benefit, or in the profits thereof, either privately, openly, singly or jointly with another," the state board ruled.

But the final paragraph in the regulation left the door open to an appeal from any local boards hit by the ruling.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the state board may grant exceptions from this regulation in cases of extreme hardship and where the public interest would not be placed in jeopardy.

Taylor Demands Explanation Of Soaring Food Prices

U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor has demanded an explanation from the Department of Agriculture for its failure to take decisive action to halt soaring food prices in a statement submitted recently to the Congressional Record.

Taylor stated, "I think the American consumer is entitled to some answers and I am hopeful that my colleagues will join in an effort to find them."

Revealing that he had been informed by the Department of Agriculture that as of March 2, 1973, the Government had in storage an excess of 114 million bushels of wheat, and a large supply of oats dating back to the mid-sixties, and that these stocks are now being put on the market for domestic and feed grain consumption, Taylor asked why the Department delayed so long in the release of this grain.

He inquired as to the reason for not releasing the grain at an earlier time "when an injection of wheat, oats, corn and other feed grains would have contributed to a continuance of stable prices for dairy and hog ration and poultry feeds."

He reasoned that "by its inaction the Department of

Agriculture and in particular its Commodity Credit Corporation, has helped produce a fantastic increase in wheat and the other feed grain costs."

"This increase has forced an upward climb in the cost of producing meat and poultry and milk on the farm—a cost which is now being painfully borne by the American consumer."

Taylor said his office was unable to secure from the Department of Agriculture an accurate report of the Government's corn reserves.

He was told, however, that corn stocks have just gone on the market and are being offered at bin sites across the nation.

Though heartening news, Taylor contended that "again the action comes too late to offer any immediate relief to the American housewife."

Rep. Taylor concluded, "I do not feel that the American public has been given adequate reasons for the arbitrary manner in which the United States Department of Agriculture has contributed to the rapid rise in food prices and I think we are entitled in some better answers than we have been getting."

County Marketed 4,652,638 Pounds Burley Tobacco In '72

A summary recap of the 1972 crop of burley tobacco marketings reveals that Madison County producers marketed 4,652,638 pounds which is up 920,594 pounds from the 3,732,044 pounds marketed for the 1971 crop year according to Ralph Ramsey, County ASCS Director. Ramsey said this increase could be attributed to a larger planted acreage for 1972 as well as increase in farm yields. The burley record reveals that the County had a total of 2863 burley farms for 1972 with 1667 farms undermarketing their quota in the amount of 734,827 pounds and 846 farms overmarketing their quota in the amount of 112,386 pounds. This compares to a 1971 undermarketing of 928,587 pounds and 36,186 pounds overmarketing. Under the poundage control program, producers who undermarket their quota for one crop year have their undermarketing carried forward and added to the farm's basic quota for the following year while farms which overmarket their quota have their overmarketing

deducted from their farm's basic quota for the following year. The poundage control program permits producers to overmarket their quota by as much as 10 percent by borrowing off the following year's quota. Any marketing in excess of the 10 percent is subject to penalty and is ineligible for price support. The penalty rate on 1972 excess was 61 cents per pound. Some of Madison producers elected to market in excess of the 10 percent and pay penalty on their 1972 excess production.

For the 1973 crop year,

Madison County producers have effective quotas totaling 5,289,213 pounds which represents a 5.2 percent increase in 1972 effective farm quotas plus their 734,827 pounds of undermarketing from 1972. For 1972 the county's total effective quota was 5,319,873 which included some 928,587 pounds undermarketing from the 1971 crop. For 1971, the first year of the burley poundage program, Madison's total basic quota was 4,619,418, after the general reduction for 1972, it was 4,436,143 pounds and with the 5.2 percent increase for

1973 it is 4,666,773 pounds. Thus Madison's basic quotas for this year are up about 47,000 pounds from what it started with in 1971.

In conclusion Ramsey said Madison County is by far the largest burley producing county within the state accounting for about 20 percent of North Carolina's burley production each year.

Holshouser To Address GOP At LDD

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., will be the principal speaker at the 11th District Lincoln Day Dinner, March 31, at 7:30 p. m. at Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person except for those who belong to the \$144.00 club Sustaining Membership Program sponsored by the State GOP. For them the dinner will be only \$8.00 per person. The sum of \$8.00 will be rebated back to the county GOP treasury for each \$25.00 ticket sold. Any questions concerning the dinner can be addressed to Ted Dent, State Finance Chairman, by collect phone call at Arden, (804-6354) or at his office in Spruce Pine, (765-9481). Madison County GOP Chairman, Joe Morgan, said tickets would be available for purchase from party leaders within the county within a few days.

Walnut Cagers Complete Successful Season

Coach Banks stated, "Mike Cody was the leading scorer for the boys hitting at a 10.7 per game average. For the girls, Peggy Rice and Leesa Harrell led with around 7 points per game. Coach Banks stated that he wishes to thank everyone involved with helping the teams through a successful season. He also wishes to thank the referees who did a good job in calling the games and in most cases did this without charge."

GOP Chairmen Support Rouse

The highlight of the county GOP chairmen from throughout the state last Saturday at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh was a resolution which was passed relative to State GOP Chairman Frank A. Rouse. The resolution praised Rouse for his confidential memo to county chairmen to the effect that the state party would reward the party faithful and step up patronage after the Democratic controlled legislature adjourned in late May or early June. Rouse was commended for his concern for the interests of local Republicans and for his efforts to beef up party registration and improve the party image among North Carolinians. The party building attempts and partisan zeal of Rouse were deemed by the county chairmen as positive qualities, not liabilities. The public is invited.

News Item

There will be a gospel singing this Saturday at Richard Baptist Church in Woodfin. Singing will start at 7:30 o'clock. Taking part will be the Treasurers, the Wagon Trainers, the Gospel Singers, the Praying Team, and the choir. The public is invited.