

THE NEWS - RECORD

River Threatens Marshall

The raging French Broad River caused some damage and considerable concern here Monday following heavy rains and a severe lightning storm in Western North Carolina Sunday night. Fortunately, graduation exercises had been completed at the Marshall school on the Island. The river reached its crest late Monday afternoon but not before many basements in business houses were flooded and many gardens and small farms near streams the river were damaged.

The menacing river sent tons of water into the basement floor and rooms in the main school building.

Upper left: Looking toward bridge from Upper Bridge St.

Center left: The Island looked like a huge lake.

Bottom left: Water swirls against gymnasium.

Upper right: Swollen river almost reaches Mayhew building near Ivy Bridge. Note basketball goal under water.

Center right: A tomato patch resembles Flander's Field at lower end of Marshall.

Bottom right: Mobile Homes at Rollins barely escape damage by river.

(Photos by Jim Story)



Horse Show To Be Held On Island Saturday

Saturday is THE day for all horse lovers of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.

The most beautiful and well-trained horses in this area will display their talents on the Island here this Saturday.

There will be two shows, the afternoon show will begin at 1 and the night performance will begin at 7:30.

In case of rain the event will be held on the Island Sunday.

This is the eighth annual charity show to be sponsored by the Marshall Lions Club and this year's event promises to be "tops."

Maurice McAllister and Jerry Plemmons are co-chairmen of this year's event and are assisted by members of the local club.

19 classes will perform in

the afternoon show and 19 classes in the night's entertainment, making a total of 38 classes.

Officials will be Judge, Hon. Bill Winchester of Florence, S. C.; Master of Ceremonies, Lloyd Thompson; Ringmaster, Jack C. Cole; Farrier, Chet Griffin. A veterinarian will be on call.

In addition to trophies and ribbons, cash awards will be awarded in the championship events.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, etc. will be available during both afternoon and night performances.

Admission will be \$1.50 for adults and 50 cents for children, it was announced.

Ralph Ramsey Retires As ASCS Director

Ralph W. Ramsey, of Marshall, who has served as executive director of the ASCS Office here for more than 27 years, officially retired from the post last Friday.

An Open House, arranged by members of the ASCS personnel, was held Friday when more than 70 friends and associates dropped by to extend congratulations to Mr. Ramsey for his many years of devoted service to the ASCS.

Delicious punch and cake squares were served amid a beautifully decorated portion of the office.

and "boss."

Mrs. Mann then presented Mr. Ramsey with a gold watch with the engraving, Ralph W. Ramsey—ASCs, 1944-73.

Mr. Ramsey, a quiet, dedicated and personable man, has served the public all of his adult life.

He taught school in Madison County for 12 years, eight years as sixth grade teacher at Marshall and also served as principal at the Lower Pine Elementary School and the Little Pine Creek School.

Prior to becoming executive director of ASCS, he was connected with Farmers Home Administration.

He and his wife, Hazel, reside in their beautiful home in the Walnut Creek section.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with farmers for all these years and the success of our efforts has been largely made possible through the devoted and efficient work of my staff, and local and state officials," Mr. Ramsey stated.

Those attending the banquet at Wolf Laurel included, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Briggs and son, Grayson, Mrs. Annette McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson, Mike Sease, Sandra Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cody, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Cutshaw, Roscoe Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Proctor, of Buncombe County; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryson, Transylvania County; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fisher, Haywood County; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Honeycutt, Henderson County; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Story.

On Tuesday night of last week Mr. Ramsey was honored at a banquet at the beautiful Wolf Laurel Restaurant. This occasion was sponsored by the ASCS office personnel.

Mrs. Kyle (Nila) Mann, who will succeed Mr. Ramsey as director until a permanent successor is named, presided in addition to county ASCS officials, personnel and guests, Lee Roy Briggs, District Director, represented the State Office. Mr. Briggs lauded the efficient manner in which Ramsey had served and also commended the fine work of the entire personnel. "I feel it an honor to be associated with Mr. Ramsey, his devoted staff, and other officials," Briggs commented.

Mrs. Mann, visibly affected by Mr. Ramsey's retirement, also praised the fine leadership of Mr. Ramsey and in behalf of her fellow-workers, associates, committeemen and other officials, wished for Mr. Ramsey "a well-deserved rest after more than 27 years of successful leadership as friend, director

30 Awards Are Presented At Marshall Graduation

Twenty-eight awards were presented to students at commencement exercises Friday night at Marshall High School by Principal Clive M. Whitt. Sixty-five seniors received diplomas.

Top honors went to Patricia Fisher, valedictorian, and Joyce Craine, salutatorian. Other honor graduates were Deborah Roberts, Leslie Mashburn, Susan Frisby, Brenda Smith, Harlon Rice, David Parker, Rhonda Sprinkle and Sheila Wallin.

Special awards given were citizenship: Brenda Smith and David Parker; leadership: Marilyn Wyatt and James Briggs; scholarship: Susan Frisby; School spirit: Harlon Rice; yearbook editor: Patricia Fisher; yearbook business manager: Harlon Rice; school newspaper editor: Harlon Rice.

Outstanding girl and boy athletes: Kathy Fisher and James Briggs; outstanding cheerleaders: Sharon Henderson; Bausch and Lomb science award: Leslie Mashburn; Dekalb agriculture award: Ted Dill; biology: Pat Fisher and Leslie Mashburn; agriculture: David Parker; bookkeeping: Pat Fisher and Deborah Roberts; bricklaying: Gary Walling.

English: Joyce Craine and Susan Frisby; home economics: Cathy Ponder and Rita Wilde; library science: Frances Bailey; marketing: Sheila Wallin and Harlon Rice; mathematics: Susan Frisby and Leslie Mashburn; physics: Ben Ledford and Leslie Mashburn; shorthand: Pat Fisher; typing II: Pat Fisher; U. S. History: Kevin Robinson; world history: Carolyn Buckner.

Armed Forces Test Award: Jean Chandley and Ben Ledford.

Others graduating were: David Adams, Cathy Allen, Barbara Briggs, Ruby Jean

Rep. L.B. Ramsey Praises New Highway Bill

Rep. Liston Ramsey of Madison County said the newly enacted highway reorganization bill "will assure the counties a strong voice in road-paving, toss out the slush fund and provide a heavy penalty for those who exceed the legal bounds of their office."

Ramsey was referring to House Bill 1063, enacted to become effective July 1, 1973, and reorganizing the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety as it relates to highways.

He said the new law "is a great stride for North

Carolina, its people and its roads systems."

He called attention to the provision calling for representatives of the Department of Transportation and Secondary Roads Council to meet with boards of county commissioners at a regular or special meeting.

A notice will be available to the newspapers once a week for two succeeding weeks prior to the meeting. County citizens and their commissioners will discuss road needs and commissioners will make a written recommendation to the Secondary

Roads Council.

The Democrats said, too, the law provides that development plans of a county and maintenance and improvement of all existing roads in the county will be given due consideration.

Provision is made whereby commissioners can appeal a decision of the Secondary Roads Council to the Department of Transportation.

A uniformly applicable formula for the allocation of roads funds will be based on a study of all State-maintained unpaved roads before July 1 in

each calendar year. The number of miles of unpaved roads in each county will be spelled out.

State funds appropriated for secondary roads shall not be transferred or used except for the construction and maintenance of secondary roads in the county for which they are allocated.

The "slush fund," unallocated funds that have been used at the discretion of Governors in the past, ends under the reorganization bill.

Under the new law, any excesses in the highway fund "shall be allocated by the Director of the Budget to the Board of Transportation for school and industrial access roads and emergencies, with

50 percent of the balance allocated to the State Secondary Roads Program on the basis of need as determined by the Department of Transportation."

The law specifies that no member of the Secondary Roads Council, Department of Transportation nor any officer or employee of the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety shall be permitted to use his position to influence elections or the political action of any person.

Any violation of the provisions of the section calls for a fine of not more than \$20,000 or imprisonment of not more than 10 years, or both fine and imprisonment.

Judgments Given In Criminal Court Here

Several judgments were rendered during the May term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases last week. The term started Monday morning and court adjourned on Thursday, Judge B. T. Falls, Jr. presided.

In addition to many cases being continued or not prosessed, the following judgments were rendered:

Walter Gunter, breaking and entering 5-7 years; two years for larceny. (Emmett Norton Home)

L. C. King, breaking and entering, 5-7 years; two years for larceny. (Emmett Norton Home)

Boyd Buckner, breaking, entering and larceny, 7-10 years, suspended for 5 years on conditions. (Emmett Norton Home)

John Gahagan, breaking, entering and larceny (Mato), prayer for judgment continued.

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Innoc Gunter Jr., BE&L, mistrial.

L. C. King, BE&L, mistrial.

Boyd Buckner, BE&L

(Exxon Station), 4 years under work release.

Starlin E. Gosnell, BE&L (Houston Bros.), non-suit.

Starlin E. Gosnell, BE&L (Burlin Ricker Station), continued.

Bernard Kanarr, Doris Anderson, Ronnie Payne, BE&L (Ben Frisby, Jr., home) pleaded guilty; two years on breaking and entering; two years on larceny for total of four years each, suspended for three years on conditions.

Mrs. S.E. Eure Retires After 44 Yrs.

Mrs. S. E. Eure, the former Miss Selwyn McDevitt, of Marshall, has retired from the teaching profession after 44 years in the classroom. She has taught in the Marshall High School for 41 years and taught three years at Hot Springs High School.

She was presented a beautiful silver tray by her fellow teachers as a retirement gift.

Mrs. Teague Honored



MRS. HILLIARD TEAGUE, of Marshall, has retired after 38 years of teaching—five years at Lower Little Pine and the remainder at Marshall as a second grade teacher. Top photo shows Mrs. Teague admiring some of her gifts given by fellow-teachers and friends in her classroom last Friday morning. Principal Clive Whitt and a group of teachers are standing behind Mrs. Teague. Bottom picture shows Mrs. Teague standing beside her new LTD which was a retirement gift from her husband.

Mrs. Hilliard Teague, one of the best loved teachers at Marshall School, was honored with a surprise retirement dinner at the Madison Grill on May 24. Those enjoying the occasion were Miss Elouse Ward, Mrs. Othella Brigman, Mrs. Jessie Worley, Mrs. Donna Rice, Mrs. Helen Ledford, Mrs. Viola M. Ramsey, Mrs. Betty Bradley, Mrs. Maxine Snelson, Mrs. Orla Ponder, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Whitt, Mr. Hilliard Teague and the honoree. Mrs. Teague was presented a book of poems and a feather flower arrangement by her co-workers. Mrs. Orla Ponder presented her with a beautiful hand-made quilt. The highlight of the evening occurred when Principal Clive Whitt presented Mrs. Teague with the key to a new LTD which was a retirement gift from her husband. She was also presented a silver tray by her friends on Monday.

At the end of the present school year Mrs. Teague has successfully completed thirty eight years of teaching—five years at Lower Little Pine and the remainder at Marshall as a second grade teacher. She is an active member of PTA, NCEA and has served as building representative. She is also a member of the Marshall School social committee.

Mrs. Teague expressed her desire to travel and to spend time with family and friends during her retirement years. She will be greatly missed at Marshall School.



RALPH W. RAMSEY, of Marshall, who retired last Friday as Executive Director of the ASCS Office here, is shown expressing his gratitude for services rendered by the personnel at a banquet held in his honor at the Wolf Laurel Restaurant Tuesday night of last week. He was also honored at Open House Friday at the ASCS Office when more than 70 friends and associates dropped by to extend congratulations for his more than 27 years of service with FHA and ASCS. Also shown at the table are Kyle Mann, Mrs. Mann, who presided at the banquet; and Mrs. Ralph Ramsey.