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## Marshall Faces Water Shortage

It was a comforting feeling here Monday afternoon when two 5,000-gallon tankers from the North Carolina National Guard roared through Marshall and headed toward the reservoir near the former Mato shed.

Operators of the trucks and Guardsmen who accompanied the trucks here sounded their sirens to alert local citizens that water had arrived. Sighs

of relief were echoed by everyone.

Many persons, including newspapermen and television personnel, flocked to the reservoir to watch the operations. When the two trucks had emptied their tanks, they headed back to Woodfin to reload and return. This continued throughout the afternoon and night and is continuing as deadline ap-

proaches for this issue.

Sgt. Carpenter told The News-Record that the Guardsmen would render this service as long as necessary.

The immediate danger of limiting the use of water has been alleviated at the present but local citizens are urged to conserve every drop of water possible.

James Ledford, chairman of the Madison County board of

commissioners, said the National Guard efforts helped

to raise the water level in the reservoir more than a foot "and brought the situation a little above the danger point."

This water, combined with that which Marshall is pulling off the headwaters of Hunter's Creek and that produced by two 500-foot wells drilled over the weekend, may give the town enough water to meet its needs.

A third well located by Cecil Blackwell of Walnut with a diving rod Monday, was expected to be in operation Tuesday, Ledford said.

He said the diving rod man was called in to attempt to find a larger underground source than the 10,000 to 12,000

gallons the other two wells were providing per day.

"The way that stick was acting," Ledford said, "he convinced me he knew what he was talking about."

The National Guard tankers rolled into Asheville Monday morning and immediately began hauling loads of water from a large line at the Metropolitan Sewerage Disposal plant at Woodfin, pouring the water into a million-gallon reservoir across the highway from the new Madison High School above Marshall.

The level of the 16-foot-deep reservoir was down to six feet, four inches Monday morning, Ledford said, but had risen to above seven feet by the end of

the day.

The hauling operation will continue around the clock "for as long as necessary," Ledford said.

The trucks, from the 540th Transportation Battalion of the National Guard, based in Lenoir, were making a run every two hours, supplying 120,000 of the 200,000 gallons of water that Marshall requires each day.

The wells and the creek, Ledford said, are expected to supply another 100,000 gallons a day, especially now that the dry season appeared to have ended with weekend rains.

W.J. Perrigo of Asheville, area coordinator for the North Carolina Division of Civil

Preparedness, and Jerry VeHau, director of the Buncombe County Office of Civil Preparedness, kept close eyes on the coordinated efforts Monday.

"If the drain is too great on Woodfin's water supply," VeHau said, "Asheville has agreed to furnish water, either directly to Marshall or into the Woodfin system where it would be taken out for Marshall's use."

Ledford said the Woodfin source was accepted by Marshall rather than water from Mars Hill because of construction of a new highway between Marshall and Mars Hill. "It's easier for the trucks to roll down the river from Woodfin," he said, "because

there are so many detours and holes in the road between Marshall and Mars Hill."

Perrigo said two portable filtration units have been located in Richmond, Va., and could be brought in if necessary to filter the water from the lake behind the Hunter Creek dam. This water was declared to be contaminated by the North Carolina Department of Health after the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources ordered the lowering of the lake's water level in July.

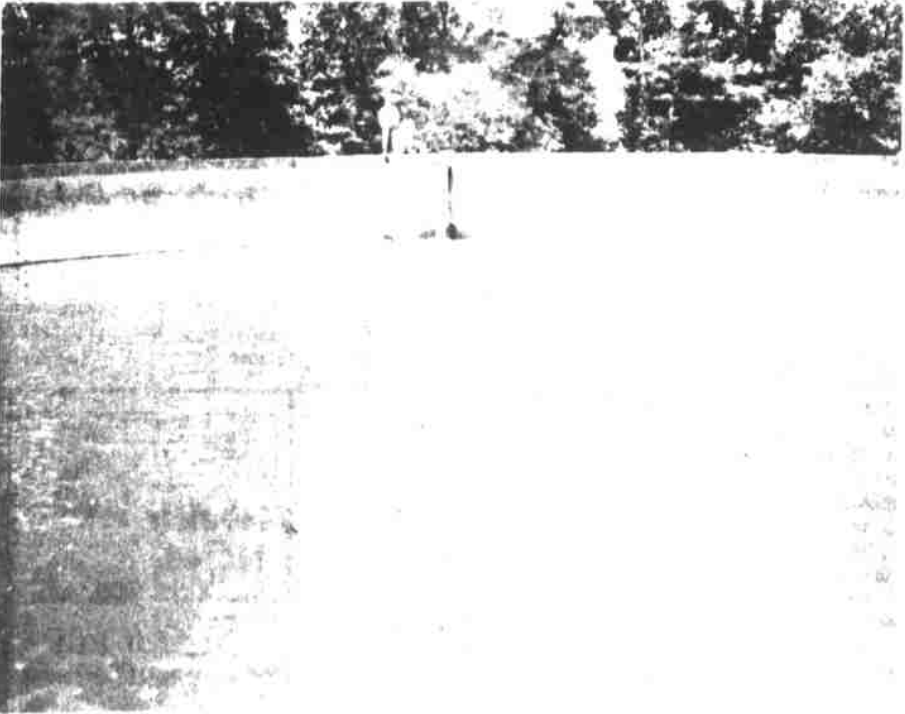
The National Guard assistance was ordered by Gov. James Holshouser

Fifteen guardsmen accompanied the tankers and support vehicles.

Ledford said he has requested \$25,000 in assistance from the governor for the drilling of the wells, and had "put in" for \$250,000 of federal Title 10 money for repairing the dam.

Schools in Marshall, which had been closed Friday because of the water shortage, were in operation this week with no reported inconvenience to the students.

Roy Wild, alderman and water commissioner of Marshall, stated that he wishes to thank everyone who has helped conserve water during this critical time.



THE IMMENSE SIZE of the reservoir, as shown above, will require round-the-clock trips of the National Guard trucks to put the water level back to normal.



MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH BROAD EMC are also assisting in the operation. Pictured above looking at the water being released into the reservoir are Randy Roberts (standing) and Howell Cody (sitting.) It can be noted that the million-gallon reservoir is dangerously low of water due to having to abandon the storage lake on Hunter Creek, the lowering of the lake by a foot a day, and the extended dry spell, despite needed rains over the weekend.



TWO NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD water supply trucks, each holding 5,000 gallons, started pouring thousands of gallons of water into the Marshall reservoir Monday afternoon. It is a round-the-clock operation with the trucks refilling at Woodfin from the Asheville water system. Shown above are the two huge trucks. A water pump and crew from Lenoir, also members of the National Guard, are assisting in pumping the water from the trucks up the hill and into the reservoir.

## Marshall Housing Authority Report Made To Town

The following report of the activities, income, expenses and other related data has been submitted to the Town of Marshall by C. N. Willis, Executive Director, Marshall Housing Authority:

August 14, 1975  
Honorable Lorado Ponder  
Mayor of the Town of Marshall, North Carolina

Re: Marshall Housing Authority

Dear Mr. Ponder:  
We would like to make our first report to the Town of Marshall of the activities of the Marshall Housing Authority from its beginning through March 31, 1975. This report covers information of interest to all concerned.

Enclosed is the first payment to the Town of Marshall in lieu of taxes for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 1975. The first payment is in the amount of \$566.32. This may be smaller than expected due to the high cost of electricity. This is the reason for the smaller check.

OCCUPANCY FACTS:  
The Marshall Housing Authority owns and operates 50 dwelling units located at four different sites. The unit sizes are as follows:

1BR	2BR	3Br	4Br
20	14	12	4

(16 for elderly)

The size of the family and age of the children determines the number of bedrooms that a family requires, but since we have had so few applications, we have not followed this requirement to the letter. We have done this to avoid having vacancies. Our Occupancy Standards also require us to move tenants from one dwelling unit to another when there is a change in family composition. We still have not reached a 100 percent occupancy.

The average monthly rent for all tenants for occupancy during the month of March - the end of this reporting period was \$56.08. The rent includes electricity and water used by each tenant. A charge of the going rate to us is charged each tenant for excessive electricity used over their allowances.

All 16 units for the elderly are occupied and all seem to be satisfied with their apartment and the service they are receiving. All the families and all the other tenants in the other sized apartments seem to be satisfied.

SOURCE OF INCOME OF TENANTS:

At this time, tenants residing in the project, have the following verified sources of income:

Social Security and Social Security Benefits - 15  
Grants from the Dept. of Social Services - 4

Veteran's Pension - 1  
Working in Factories and Other Occupations - 19

The total population of the project is 162 people of all ages.

The way rent is calculated for the elderly or a person on fixed income: they get a 10 percent discount and their rent is 25 percent of the remainder. A family on earned income: they get a 5 percent discount and a \$300 discount for each dependent and sometimes given some off for unusual hardships and rent is figured on a 25 percent of the remainder.

In figuring 25 percent of a person's income - it is based on the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of income as set forth in the admission policies of the Marshall Housing Authority. We have no minimum set rent. We have a maximum set rent of \$125 a month.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES:

Although the Authority is tax exempt by law, it sets aside 10 percent of the total rent paid to the Authority, less the actual cost of electricity furnished and paid for by the Authority.

From the beginning until March 31, 1975, we took in rent - \$23,103.31, Excess Utilities - \$432.94. This is a total of \$23,536.25. Total cost of electricity for the same period

was \$17,871.09. This leaves a sheltered rent charge of \$5,665.16 which would make payment to the town of Marshall - \$566.32.

STATE OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1975:

INCOME:

Dwelling Rent	\$23,103.35
Excell Utilities	432.94
Income from Investments	475.22
Other Income	877.41
Total Operating Income	\$24,888.87
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Administrative	
Salaries	\$4,380.00
Other Administrative	

Expenses	1,497.71
Utilities (Water and Electricity)	14,602.68
Ordinary Maintenance & Labor	4,375.74
Other General Expense	3,011.12
Total Expenses	\$27,867.25
Non-routine Maintenance	487.50
Total expensers	\$28,354.75

This leaves a deficit of \$3,465.88. We have been subsidized by the government for \$8,484.00. We have no investments at this time.

This report made by:  
C. N. Willis  
Executive Director  
Marshall Housing Authority

## Bill Clark Has Position With Carolina Federal In Asheville



Bill N. Clark, Route 2, Mars Hill, recently graduated from the Graduate School of Savings and Loan at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, August 21, 1975.

Clark is Vice President and Secretary at Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association of Asheville. The school, conducted by the Institute of Financial Education in cooperation with Indiana University, is a two-week intensive education for persons in managerial and supervisory positions in savings and loan associations. Students attend three years to complete requirements.

Clark is one of 85 students who successfully completed the first and second years of the school and wrote a thesis on a savings and loan problem between the second and third years. Clark wrote his thesis on "An Effective Program of Employee Recruitment, Training, and Retention for Carolina Federal."

Subjects taught during the three years of the school include: Principles of Management, Marketing Management, Management Information Systems, Financial Institutions,

Economic Issues, Housing Patterns Here and Abroad, Society and the Law, Current Savings and Loan Economic Trends, The Social Manager, Executive Compensation and Benefits, Business Policy in Savings and Loan Association, Educational Opportunities for Savings and Loan Personnel, Business and Society, Man and His Environment and American Politics.

Clark, who is head of the Loan Department of Carolina Federal, has been a staff member of the Association since February of 1960.

He attended the public schools in Madison and Buncombe counties and

graduated from Sand Hill High School in 1953. He attended Asheville - Biltmore Junior College two years and Western Carolina University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1958. He has served as President and Instructor of the Asheville Chapter of The Institute of Financial Education, President of the Asheville Chapter of The American Business Club, and is

currently a member of The Board of Trustees of Eliada Home, Inc.

Clark is the first staff member of a Western North Carolina Savings and Loan Association to complete the Graduate School of Savings and Loan.

Clark resides with his wife, Bea, and sons, Chuck, and Tim, on Walker Branch Road in the "Greater Ivy Community" of Madison County near Mars Hill.

## Preliminary Plans Made For Marshall Christmas Pageant

Planning for the 1975 Marshall Christmas Pageant was begun by a committee appointed by the Marshall Bicentennial Committee last Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. The meeting, held at the French Broad EMC building, was chaired by Mr. John Corbett. Dates set for the performance are: December 19 and 20, with the dress rehearsal to be tentatively held Dec. 18. The strengths and weaknesses of last year's pageant were reviewed and suggestions made by anonymous observers were discussed.

The following committees were named:

Props and Set: Francis Pizulo, Earl Wise, Richard Wilds  
Script: Jerry Plemmons, Spencer LeGrand, Dean Shields, Jobie Sprinkle, Madelyn Betts  
Cast: Rick Thomason, Vader Shelton, Patricia Caldwell

Light: Roy Wild, Iverson Bradley  
Costumes: Hattie Teague, Ora Ponder, Edith Hampton, Helen Edwards  
Music: Charles Huey, Lillian Corbett  
Hospitality: Jenny Cody, Joyce Plemmons, Donna Rice  
Animals: Marjorie Payne McDewitt  
Publicity: Mattee Mashburn, Linda Mashburn  
Traffic Control: Fire Dept. and Police Dept.

A special thanks was voiced at the meeting to Dean Shields, Jerry Plemmons, members of the Merchants Assoc., and others, for their past interest and perseverance in promoting the Marshall Christmas Pageant in past years.

The next meeting of the full committee will be Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

## Marshall Precinct Divided Into Two Precincts -- North And South

The Madison County Board of Elections voted Tuesday of last week to create a new voting precinct by a division of the Marshall Precinct in Township No. 1.

The action by the board was taken over the objection of Edward T. Gentry, Democratic member of the elections board.

The Township No. 1 precincts will be known as South Marshall and North Marshall precincts, with the French Broad River as the dividing line, according to Joe Morgan, Republican member

of the board. Morgan said creation of the new precinct was supported by him and Perry Willis, the board chairman and a Republican.

There is a total of 5,113 registered voters in the original Marshall precinct. There will be some 900 or 950 in the new South Marshall Precinct, with the Marshall Elementary School on the island as the polling place; and about 1,100 or 1,200 in the North Marshall precinct with the new consolidated high school as the voting place.

## Bloodmobile To Be In Marshall Friday, Sept. 19

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the French Broad EMC Building here on Friday afternoon, September 19, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The blood will be coming on four earlier than in the past at

because this service of the high school students will be able to donate blood before the school hours.

All donations will be that of a few minutes and will not hurt at all.