

Mars Hill Tables Development Decision

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Community Calendar

Support Group Meets July 15

Donations are currently being sought to replace the diving board at the Marshall Rec Center pool. Cost for a replacement board will be \$800. Donations are being collected at the pool or at town hall.

Rec Center Seeks Donations

The Association of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Disorders Support Group will meet Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. at the Marshall Senior Citizen Center. A video, "Managing with Alzheimer's Disease" will be shown.

Democrat Women To Meet

The monthly meeting of the Madison County Women's Democratic Club will be held on July 15 at 6 p.m. in the Western Steer Steak House in Mars Hill. Wayne McDevitt of Marshall will be the guest speaker. All women Democrats are invited to attend.

Marshall Aldermen To Meet

The Marshall Board of Aldermen will meet on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Superior Court To Hear Attempted Murder Case

Judge Alexander Lyerly presided over two sessions of Madison District Court on June 28 and 29.

Judge Lyerly conducted a probable cause hearing on attempted murder charges against James K. McElfresh, 31.

McElfresh was arrested on June 17 following an accident involving two passengers in a 1973 Cadillac. One of the passengers, Roy Mitchell of Brunswick, Ga., testified at Monday's probable cause hearing. The court found probable cause for the charges and ordered the case sent on to Superior Court for trial. McElfresh remains in the Madison County Jail on Tuesday in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond. No date for the trial has been set.

Ted E. Rice of Mars Hill, was found guilty of assaulting his sister-in-law, Florence Rice of Mars Hill, on June 13 and sentenced to five days in the Madison County Jail. Bond was set at \$200 cash when Rice filed notice of appeal.

William Thomas, Vaughn Franklin and Cathy Thomas each pleaded guilty to attempting to sell alcoholic beverages without a permit, an ABC law violation. They were fined \$200 each plus court costs.

Judgement was deferred until after Nov. 1 on the basis of successful completion of community service in a case against Anthony Scott Phillips of Mars Hill for secretly peeping into the bedroom of Linda Gostlin, also of Mars Hill. Phillips was restricted from the Gostlin property.

Probable cause was found in the case of Teresa Murphy, who is charged with larceny. The case was sent on to Superior Court.

Clinton Honeycutt of Mars Hill was fined \$150 for an ABC law violation.

Michael Daniel Davoren, a Mars Hill student, pleaded guilty to the charge of driving while impaired. He was given a 30-day sentence suspended with 12 months probation under an agreement to pay a \$100 fine plus court costs, give up his rights to



ANXIOUS YOUNGSTER AWAITS FIREWORKS display last Friday night in Weaverville. Other photos of local celebrations are found on Page 10.

operate a vehicle in North Carolina, work at least 24 hours of community service and attend ADET.

Andrew Chester Glenn was found guilty of driving while impaired. His license was suspended for two years and he was fined \$150.

In other traffic cases, Christopher Jack Lunsford pleaded guilty to charges of reckless driving and driving without a registration. Jeffrey Alan Rice pleaded guilty to charges of carrying a concealed weapon, displaying an altered registration sticker and driving without liability insurance. Edward Ramsey was found guilty of failing to drive on the right half of the road.

Charges of assault with a deadly weapon and injury to personal property against Brenda Henderson were dismissed.

Charges against Arnold Davis, Jr. and Anthony Phillips for bringing a weapon on educational property were also dismissed. Davis' charges were dismissed on a deferral agreement.

Audrey N. Hensley pleaded guilty to welfare fraud. She was ordered to pay restitution of \$492.

Also, a probable cause hearing was scheduled for July 17 for breaking, entering and larceny charges against James David Day, Jr.

The court heard traffic-related cases during Tuesday's session.

Ernest O. Harwood of Beech Glen was convicted on a charge of driving while impaired. A charge of failing to stop at a stop sign was dismissed. Harwood received a suspended 30-day jail sentence and \$100 fine. He was also ordered to surrender his driver's license and attend Alcohol Drug Training School. Harwood's attorney, Forrest Ball, filed a notice of appeal.

Champ Rice Jr. of Mars Hill was convicted on charges of failure to heed a blue light, driving while license permanently revoked and driving while impaired. He received a one-year prison sentence for driving while impaired. —Continued on Page 4

School Board Seeks Budget Increase

By WILLIAM LEE

The Madison County Board of Education made its way through its July meeting last week with a degree of resolve and resolution.

The resolve was the board's decision to stick by its policy regarding student transfers to other county schools. Daphne Gouge, a sophomore at Madison High School, was denied her request to transfer to Mountain Heritage H.S. in Bunnsville.

Gouge complained that other students were attending other county schools. School board chairman Bobby Ponder asked her to provide attorney Larry Leake with the names of Madison County residents attending out-of-county schools.

Leake later informed the board that none of the names provided by Gouge were unlawfully attending other schools. Leake said that, in at least two cases, the Madison County parent was not the legal guardian but custody belonged with a parent outside the county. Two others named were no longer in school.

The board did approve, for medical reasons, the transfer of two students within the county school system. Brenda Lowe asked for and was granted a transfer of her daughter from Laurel to Marshall School, while the parents of Robert Cantrell were allowed to transfer their son from Laurel to Mars Hill.

The school board also adopted a resolution, to be drawn up by Larry Leake and Supt. Robert Edwards, accepting the budget allocation of \$700,000 from the county commissioners, in lieu of the fact that their's was the only department not cut from

the previous year. Through its resolution, however, the board went on record as requesting further consideration for funds when the new board of commissioners take office in December.

The school board requested an extension of their eviction from their current offices until Sept. 1, so the move can be made after the school year is started. The board has accepted the third-floor courtroom facilities being provided by the county commissioners.

The board of education now also finds itself at odds with the town of Mars Hill. The grease trap for the school cafeteria at Mars Hill School was found unacceptable by engineers for Mars Hill and the town has asked the school board to construct a new one a further distance away from the main sewer tap.

The school board heard from its engineer, Fred Hoffman, who told them that Mars Hill's request involves tying in its trap at the first manhole (sewer tap) rather than the second, requiring additional pipeline.

The question now is who is going to foot the bill, Mars Hill or the Madison County Board of Education.

"Let the town pay for it, they are the ones with the problem," said Edwards.

According to Mars Hill town manager Darhyl Boone, the close vicinity of the current trap to the line prohibits gravity flow with the trap at approximately the same level.

"If they would put one up at the top of the hill, near the cafeteria it would be far more beneficial to them as well

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Buy-Out Pact Signed

Governor Jim Martin joined representatives of the tobacco industry July 2 to announce a buy-out agreement that will substantially reduce Stabilization inventories and lower the per-pound assessment paid by tobacco growers.

The agreement represents the final, critical step in the tobacco legislation worked up by Congress this year. Four major tobacco manufacturers have agreed to pur-

chase the 584 million pounds of tobacco that remain in the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation's inventory. The four manufacturers, Philip-Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Brown and Williamson and Lorillard, agreed to buy out the inventory within eight years. Each company's obligation will be determined by their share of the U.S. cigarette market.

July 16, 1916

The Darkest Day In Marshall's History

Editor's Note: Seventy years ago this week, one of the worst floods ever recorded on the French Broad River struck Marshall. As we mark the occasion, we present the original account of the disaster as presented in the July 27, 1916 edition of The News Record.

ON SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1916.

The river commenced to rise at about 8 o'clock A.M., and at about 9:30 A.M., it was overflowing the rock wall along the Southern Railway tracks. At 10 o'clock the water was in Main Street and the people living along the street were carrying to places of supposed safety such of their household goods as they could get out. Many people carried their furniture into the upper stories of their buildings. At 12 o'clock everyone had crossed the street and taken refuge in buildings above Main Street. The water came down with tremendous force carrying with it the evidence of the great destruction that was taking place along its course.

Houses, logs, lumber, barrels, boxes, bridges, all were carried away. The old bridge at Bridge Street bare gave way and nothing of it was left save the rock piers upon which it rested for many years. Above the first span of the new bridge a drift that reached for more than one hundred feet up the river, gathered. The structure held for probably an hour but the pressure of the current and the drift proved more than it could stand. Three spans of the bridge were broken down but all of them landed there by and will be taken back. The remaining spans were

An immense drift gathered at the east end of the Southern depot and turned a current against the houses on the North side of the street in that case, we present the original account of the disaster as presented in the July 27, 1916 edition of The News Record. Soon after 12 o'clock houses commenced to rise from their foundations and float down the river. The sight was one that cannot soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. On either side of the river great crowds of people were gathered watching the destruction that was being wrought. Perhaps three millions of dollars worth of property came down the river during the day, men and women in Marshall whose homes and property were being destroyed stood the strain with a nerve and courage as fine as was ever displayed under such trying conditions. No one wept but all appeared stout hearted and cheerful.

At 4:30 o'clock P.M., the water began to go down and at the Baptist Church where many people had gathered a short prayer service was conducted by Rev. S.T. Hensley.

Homeless People Cared For

Stout hearted and cheerful, Messrs J. H. White, Dr. Frank Roberts, John A. Hendricks, James West, Nait Holcombe, Guy V. Roberts, R. N. Cain, E. B. Gilbert, Poney Fisher, John Jarrett, Reuben Ramsey, J. C. Ramsey, E. R. Tweed, P. V. Recotte, Roy S. T. Hensley, others living on the hill opened their homes and, in the style, cared for those who had been driven from their homes by the flood. A good dinner Sunday and Monday and meals until the waters had subsided were served by these

displayed a most generous spirit toward those who were temporarily homeless.

Death List

Only two people lost their lives in the flood. They were as follows: James Guthrie, Mrs. Estell Briggs. Both parties were recovered on Monday and brought to the Baptist church where they were prepared for burial. It is stated that both Mr. Guthrie and Miss Briggs had left the house and gone to a place of safety but later thinking there was no danger, returned to the house.

They were in the Ball & Gudger Restaurant at the depot.

Washed Away

Quite a number of buildings were washed away. The following is a list:

Southern Railway pump house at depot, two tenant houses at depot owned by Ball & Gudger, Livery stable at depot owned by Ramsey & Rector, Erve Bailey's two houses, Erve King's building on Bridge St., in which were located the Central Telephone office, H. L. Banks & Company's store, Poney Fisher's Pressing Shop, and Alfred Lowe's home, coal bins, and cotton house owned by Capicola Manufacturing Co., Rector & Ramsey lumber plant, stable and tenant house owned by Citizens Bank, stable and garage owned by C. B. Shaddox, Robert Ramsey's warehouse, owned by W. Shelton, small garage owned by Mrs. Claude Allen, front wood shed and house

Redmond & son and a dwelling house between the river and railroad just below the old church at West end of the town.

Flooded

Every building on Main St., except the residence of P. A. McElroy, the Court House and the Baptist Church were flooded and filled with mud. Household furnishings and merchandise in the houses and stores were badly damaged. Windows in many places were broken loose from some of the resident buildings along the street.

A few buildings were moved from their foundations and left close by. A few others were floated for some distance but lodged against other buildings.

Damages

No one can at this time, give an accurate statement as to the damage sustained by the town. However, a rough conservative estimate figures in sound numbers, a total damage of \$125,000.00 sustained by citizens of the town, aside from this the Southern Railway and Madison County have been heavily damaged. No bridges along the river in this county are left.

Clearing the Wreck

On Monday morning when the people came down to their homes only a small part of Main Street in front of the Baptist Church was visible. The street was filled with wreckage and small broken apparatus. But everybody went to work and gradually the street has been cleared of the

Convicts Used On The Streets

Captain H. T. Peoples of the State Convict force here brought down his force of men and worked them on the street for three days.

Mr. Peoples is a splendid fellow and his services, at this time, places Marshall under lasting obligations to him. Aside from this, Mr. Peoples and his guards and assistants came to our relief with cash and provisions.

Captain Robert Tweed, in charge of the County Convicts, has also done telling work for us on our streets and is deserving of our deepest gratitude for his much needed assistance. Capt. Tweed continued working his men here for several days and has done a large amount of work in helping to clear away the wrecks.

Marshall Dark

For several days after the flood Marshall was in total darkness. The lights came over a part of the town on Saturday night following the flood. The lighting, water and sewer system has not yet been fully repaired but the work of repair is going forward rapidly and the town will again soon have both light and water.

Marshall Cut Off From Other Points

The high water put all telegraph and telephone lines out of commission and Marshall was, for several days completely cut off from communication with the rest of the county. The telegraph lines were repaired but the telephone lines were still out of commission.

delivered here last Sunday on a freight car. Postmaster Swann has brought mail up from Rannion once or twice by automobile.

The Southern Railway Company has been working a large force of men getting its track again in shape for traffic but up to date no passenger trains have passed through Marshall. A few passengers, coming from the West have been delivered on work trains at the west end of town. Freight traffic over the line through Marshall is expected to begin within a few days. Passenger service will not begin until the track is put in a safe condition which will probably take several days.

Business Conditions

No one will deny that our town has sustained a heavy blow but the business men who were damaged are men of sterling character, ability and energy and will soon be doing as much business as before the flood. Marshall has always been a thrifty town and within a short time business here will be good. Any spot of earth in Marshall can be sold today at a good price.

House Keeping

House keeping for the first two weeks after the damage was a rather difficult proposition, but the women of Marshall, in the majority, managed to keep their homes in a clean and comfortable condition.