

Support Day By Showing Stars-Stripes

June 14 is Flag Day. It marks the Anniversary of the day in 1777 when the United States flag was adopted. This year it deserves more than the usual routine gestures of observance out of respect for a symbol of freedom, spat upon, burned and dragged in the dirt during the past year with alarming impunity by malcontents and bums of all stripes who respect neither the flag nor the United States.

It is a sad commentary on our times that laws have had to be passed protecting the flag from desecration. Until fairly recently, mutilating the flag, in the minds of most of us, was tantamount to treason. But somehow the fog of permissiveness that has settled miasma-like over the land has obscured our vision of the flag and the deathless ideals that support the Stars and Stripes.

The easiest way to gain perspective on the meaning of the flag is to visualize for a moment the void that would surround us if there simply were no flag--no focal point on which to center the sense of purpose and principles of a nation. In common with the U. S. Constitution, The Declaration of Independence and other physical manifestations of freedom under representative government, the flag makes known to all mankind the reason for our existence. Flag Day is a good opportunity to "show the colors."

Taylor's Aide To Visit Here

ASHEVILLE--Tom L. Mallonee, 11th Congressional District Assistant to Congressman Roy A. Taylor, is now making scheduled visits to the county seats and other sections of the counties.

On Tuesday, July 1, he will be at the Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, from 1:00 p. m. to 2:00 p. m.

Any person who has plans or official business pertaining to Congressional matters they wish to discuss, is invited to meet with Mr. Mallonee at the above specified time.

Storm Termed Disasterous By Yancey Co 'Old Timers'

By Rebecca Boone

And the rains came! Not only rain, but hailstones almost as large as eggs came pouring down on various sections of Yancey County late Tuesday afternoon. Someone said that Noah's Ark withstood the flood of Biblical times, but he didn't have the hail to contend with!

The storm began around 4:00 p. m. Tuesday with a sudden cloudburst, and lasted over two and a half hours with a continuous downpour of rain and hail.

Some of the "old timers" of the county reported that this storm was the most disasterous and damaging that they could remember the county ever experiencing. It is estimated that thousands of dollars of crops must have been destroyed. Vegetable gardens and tobacco plots were completely washed away.

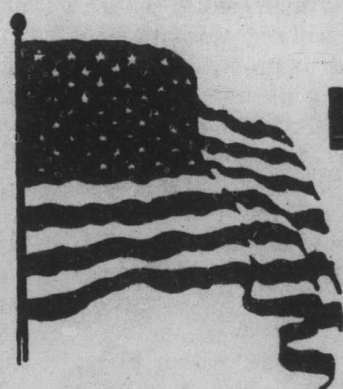
One lady from the Micaville section stated "I just stood there crying as I watched the rain washing my yard and garden away and the hail beating my tobacco plants into the ground. All I can do now is start over and replant everything."

Homes were seriously damaged by the hail. Several people of the Micaville community have reported that their roofs were torn off. The home of Ralph Tomberlin of Micaville was flooded with six inches of water standing on the living room floor. Windows were shattered by the huge "marbles" and some have described "golf-ball" hailstones.

Drivers found it necessary to leave the road and park their cars until the rain had stopped. One of the Mills completely stopped operation because of the nervous state of their workers.

A lady from the Pleasant Gap area reported that the entire valley was covered with 3 to 4 inches of hail stones and gave the appearance of a snow scene in the dead of winter. Because of the darkness and fog which accompanied the storm, the Record was unable to get a picture of the valley.

According to the reports, the storm wreaked havoc in the Micaville and Pleasant Gap Communities.



Red Skelton Comments On The Pledge Of Allegiance

An unusual and stirring Pledge of Allegiance was recited by comedian Red Skelton on his television show Tuesday night. He is scheduled to repeat the recitation from Independence Hall in Philadelphia on July 4.

Red's comments and the Pledge follow:

I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and he walked over. Mr. Lasswell was his name... He said:

"I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word

I - me, an individual, a committee of one.
PLEDGE - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

ALLEGIANCE - my love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

OF THE UNITED - that means that we have all come together.

STATES - individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

OF AMERICA.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS.

ONE NATION - meaning, so blessed by God.

INDIVISIBLE - incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE - The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL - which means it's as much your country as it is mine."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance "under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too?



Deputy Robinson At Site Of Still

Sheriff Finds, Destroys Still

By Rebecca Boone

Well, it seems that "Smuffy Smith" has finally been outwitted. According to Sheriff Donald Banks of the Yancey County Sheriff's Department, a still was discovered and destroyed by means of stick dynamite late Monday evening. It was located on Locust Creek at the South Toe River section.

Sheriff Banks and his deputies moved in on the still around 6 p. m. Monday to find the area unoccupied. Investigation is now underway, but at this time no arrests have been made.