

Donations Invited

# Local Committee Formed

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between the central office and the agencies. Formation of the coordinating committee followed a lengthy discussion of flood relief accomplishments to date, and the importance of finding a way to coordinate efforts from now on.

The chairman-treasurer of the coordinating committee has been a Methodist minister about 13 years, having served in a number of communities

mostly in the Methodists' Asheville District, which includes Yancey County. Previously he was identified with the Asheville Citizen and Times in the capacities of reporter, city editor, managing editor, promotion director, and classified advertising director. He also has been with the Philadelphia, Pa. Daily News, the Rock Hill S.C. Evening Herald, and was publisher-general manager-editor of the Myrtle Beach

News. Also he served with the radio stations WFGW-WMIT and for two years was a member of the faculty of Brenau College. He came to the Yancey county churches the Sunday of the flood, and was scheduled to preach that Sunday at the Elk Shoal Church, which was swept away by the flood.

Mr. Jones and Floyd Holt of Social Services met with the County Commissioners and County Manager David Blankenship Monday and discussed the coordinating program and the group gave concurrence to the effort. It is expected that the need for flood assistance in Yancey County will continue for months, and especially will there be needs to be met during the Christmas holidays. Many families have lost all their belongings and total resources.

The ingenuity of state and county personnel can be best described by the manner in which a bridge was restored to service.

Flood waters had knocked a steel-girder bridge from its moorings and it was swept several hundred yards downstream before it lodged lengthwise against the bank.

Highway equipment available could not move the bridge to its former location. And it would be some time before the equipment needed could manage the mountainous road to the site.

The engineers went into a huddle. Soon, the Highway Division workers were pulling one end of the bridge to the opposite bank.

That done, the bridge was anchored. The workers then built a new approach on each side of the stream to the bridge.

When the job was finished, one worker was overheard to say: "We've got a modern highway out here in the mountains."

It probably would be if it were four lanes.

Those who were cut off by the bridge being out probably think it is.

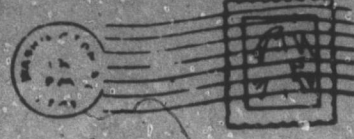
## Engineer Ingenuity

The general public can respond with donations of clothing, bedding, canned foods, furniture, etc. by telephoning the coordinating committee "nerve center" at Lincoln Park. The telephone number is 682-7594. Plans for attempting to meet the needs of Yancey County in the holiday season will be forthcoming as the coordinating committee meets this week and later.

Donations are being received for flood relief from places outside the county, these including amounts of money received by church leaders for use in the county, an automobile load of bedding, including new quilts, from a church in Salisbury, N.C. which arrived this Monday.

It is expected that the

## Letters To The Editor



Dear Editor:  
Just writing this letter to let you know that I think it is a shame that Yancey County didn't get recognized after the flood. I'm a GI stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado and the only thing I saw on television was about Boone and Asheville, N.C. I'm a resident of Pensacola and I had family that I didn't know about for a week. National television is not what it is cut out to be.

The only regret I have now is that I want to be at home to help clean up and help people rebuild. I would like to say thanks to all those who are giving a helping hand.

Sincerely,  
Sgt. Charles E. Ledford

Dear Editor:

I am so very grateful to all the various agencies that are helping in our flood disaster in Yancey County, particularly in the Catah! Creek-Bolen's Creek-Cane River areas where most, if not all of our bridges have been destroyed and hopefully will be rebuilt soon.

I want to thank the young men of the Radio Patrol who were my bridge to the outside world.

Also Rev. Don Sides who brought my Greek Mountain family to me when I was almost despairing of seeing them anytime soon.

That sense of desolation when you have no transportation, no lights, no communication is very real.

This whole experience has been unbelievable to one who has been through at least five hurricanes in South Florida, the first one in 1926, one of which followed us up through North Carolina, into Indiana and passed out somewhere in Canada; two tornadoes and a smaller flood.

Gratefully,  
Mrs. Elmer L. Day

Dear Editor:

There have been many nice letters written to The Yancey Journal thanking each and every person for their help and kindness in so many ways. I too would like to thank each and every one who has helped or assisted in any way. It is wonderful how people have worked together to help each other. But I feel we have overlooked the most important one who is due all the thanks and praise, and since it is Thanksgiving season, I could not think of a better time or place for us all to turn our face to Heaven and thank God. The one who showed His mercy. Some might think it was His wrath. But had it been His wrath, who would be spared? Since there's no loss of life, I call it mercy.

Genesis 7 speaks of a flood where 8 souls were saved. We have much to be thankful for. In Luke 13 Christ speaks of destruction asking a question: "Suppose ye were sinners above all the Galileans? I tell you nay; But except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." St. John 5.11 says sin no more lest a worse thing come unto thee. Palms 46 says God is a very present help in trouble. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled.

Little did I realize when I awoke my son at 3 a.m. even though the waters were raging around the trailer that every direction we turned we were in more danger. When the raging muddy waters were splashing over the hood of the truck and onto the windshield, we had no way to contact the Rescue Squad, Sheriff's Dept. or any source for help. There was no way they could reach us, although I feel certain they would have put forth every effort possible.

But there was One who knew where we were, and I feel assured He came to the rescue. Otherwise we would not be here. So I want to give Him the Honor and Praise and many thanks to the Ike Randolph family and Tom Wheeler family who provided dry clothing, shelter and food.

Sincerely,  
Mae Edwards

Dear Editor:

In earlier years when I was managing a business I didn't worry much about fires. I had insurance, of course, and some fire extinguishers, but beyond that I thought very little about it.

However, whenever there was a bad fire in my neighborhood I invariably found myself either increasing my insurance, or getting more extinguishers, or perhaps installing a fireproof file. That seems to be the way we humans work.

People living in mobile homes along the creek are pretty much the same as everybody else. They don't give floods a second thought until-Wham! They've had it!

Now is the time, with the mud and misery fresh in our minds, that we should be looking ahead and laying plans for avoiding or at least minimizing future disasters.

Floods are measured in "years." A ten-year flood is one that can be expected to happen about once in ten years. A 25-year flood is still bigger. The one we have just seen was, according to government figures, of about 100-year magnitude. [There are, of course, 25,000-year floods, like the one that buried those big rocks in your field, but let's not worry about them.]

Unfortunately 100-year floods don't necessarily come a hundred years apart. Another may come next week or a hundred years from now. Such a flood has, theoretically, a one-in-one hundred chance of coming in a year, no matter how recently the last one came. Then too, the hundred year category is sheer guess work. That might actually have been only a 50-year flood.

It is to be hoped that our public officials will take prompt steps to inaugurate flood zoning in Yancey County. It is essential that we support them in this effort. Procedures for such zoning are well developed and much of the necessary data is already available from the U.S. Geological Survey and other sources.

In essence, flood zoning means that the construction of residential buildings is prohibited in flood-prone places, or else that no house in a flood-prone area may be sold without the buying being properly informed and signing a statement indicating that he is aware of the flood danger.

Driving near Nashville, Tennessee at the time of my flood, a couple of years ago I saw an attractive subdivision of neat new cottages standing in four feet of muddy water beside a creek. Some developer had built those houses and sold them to black families of modest means who didn't understand about floods--as most of us don't. Obviously Yancey County is not the only place that needs flood zoning.

Let's not get caught this way again.  
Sincerely,  
Ernest Morgan  
Celo

## FHA Emergency Loans Available

Farmers who sustained damages and losses due to the flood from November 4 to November 6, 1977 in Yancey County are eligible for emergency loans through the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to help them recover their losses.

FmHA emergency loans are made to help farmers recover from losses based on designated natural disasters, in situations where necessary credit is not available from other sources.

Farmers who have sustained a loss of Burley tobacco, equipment, livestock, fish, tools, barns, land damage, bridges, roads, etc. may receive a low interest loan to replace the above items. There are other services available in this area but space will not allow for listing. Amounts of up to \$250,000 offsetting actual loss are loaned at an interest rate of 3%. Amounts in excess of loss needed to restore production or make major adjustments in the farming operations are loaned at a higher interest rate.

Farmers may receive loans for repair or replacement of the primary residence and personal property at one percent interest on the first \$10,000 and three percent on the balance not to exceed \$40,000. Mobile homes can be financed if the mobile home was the primary residence for the farmer and his family.

Loans are available for family automobiles and trucks at low interest rate for the actual value of the vehicle lost.

For actual loss, the security for the loan has a larger part to play in the terms of the loan. If real estate is taken for security, the terms may exceed seven years. However, if crops and chattels are offered, a maximum of 7 years is allowed. Terms may be

### Superior Court Session Here

To Jurors, Grand Jurors, Defendants, Witnesses, Attorneys and others:

The session of Superior Court that was scheduled for the week of November 14, 1977 and cancelled was rescheduled for the week of December 5, 1977.

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**Real Estate**  
By Wanda Proffitt  
REALTOR

## REAL ESTATE VS DOW JONES

When we compare the results over the past decade between stock market profits and real estate increases, we'll see quite a dramatic difference in dollars.

In the decade from January 1960, to January 1970, the Dow Jones Industrial average jumped from 688 to 800—an increase of 16 percent in ten years. During the same ten-year period, the average home price increased from \$18,307 to \$27,022, an appreciation of 48 percent or triple the Dow.

By January, 1977, the Dow Jones average jumped to the 1,000 level for a 16-year appreciation of 45% while home prices continued to increase faster than the cost of living to \$46,000—up 150% since 1960.

No matter how you slice the cake, an investment in real estate over the past decade had proven to more than double the stock market increase. And the trend is widening in favor of real estate.

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## Sports News

Yancey County Recreation Department

Volleyball League standings through November 24 are as follows:	Women's League	W L
Men's League	B.F.D. Ballers	7 0
Charlie's Devils	Demonetts	6 0
Superstars	76'ers	5 4
Demons	Micaville Outlaws	4 4
Micaville	Charlie's Angels	4 5
Blue Ridge MH Center	East Burnsville	2 7
Bombers	Lucky Ladies	0 8
East Yancey Shell		
El Smoky		
Roundballers		
State Troopers		

## WAMY Writing Job Training Contracts

W.A.M.Y. Community Action is now writing On-the-Job Training contracts in the Tri-County area with small business, companies and industry. By design of OJT, businesses agree to hire an unskilled individual, teach them a skill and in return be paid for a part of the training cost. Anyone interested in more information about the OJT program should call the Division of Community Employment or come by WAMY Community Action, over Pollard's Drug Store, Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. Telephone 682-2610.

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