

FEMA

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tions approved by the Agency of Natural Resources, and private riparian landowners are shoring up their banks with some advice from state and federal authorities.

Waitsfield and Warren's select boards met jointly this week, on July 6, to discuss hiring an administrator to help residents and businesses get all the federal and state aid available.

During the joint meeting, the two boards considered various ways to applying for relief and structuring municipal versus private losses to take full advantage of all the available help. Both boards want to make sure residents and businesses in Warren, Waitsfield and Moretown have an informed liaison to help them through the red tape and paper work, to write grant applications for those who need help and coordinate efforts to clean up from this flood, while working to mitigate future flood damage. For information about the flood relief coordinator, or to hear about job specifications, contact the Mad River Valley Planning District at 496-7173.

The Mad River Valley Rural Resource Commission has also begun documenting damage to historical buildings in The Valley and will be able to help property owners seek financial assistance, including grants, loans and tax credits.

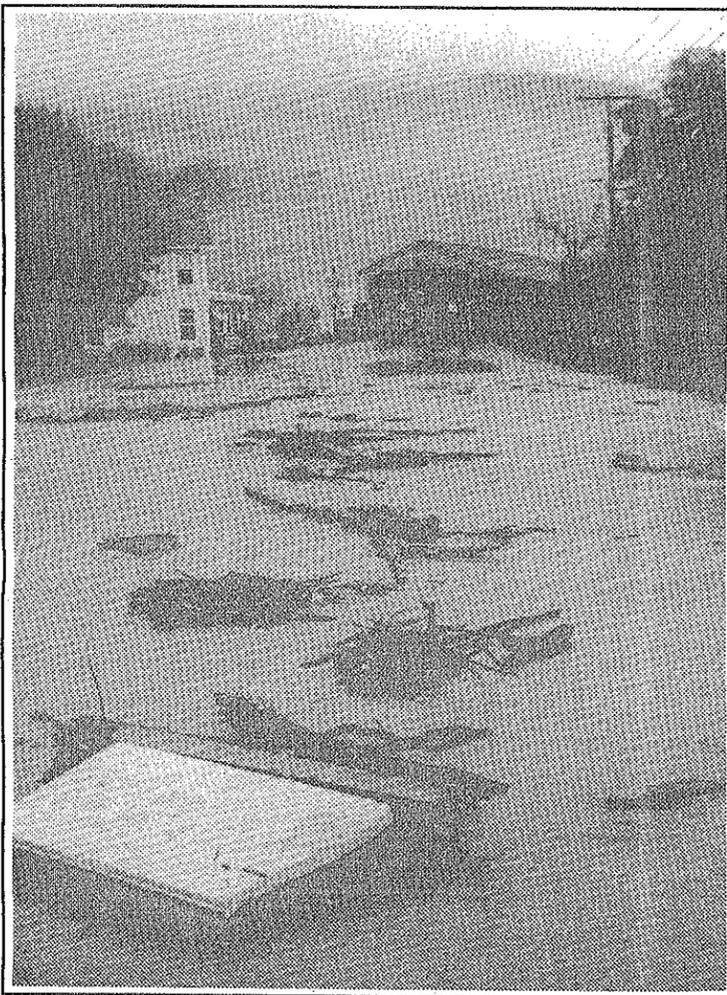
Town officials are invited to meet with agents from the Natural Resources Conservation Service on July 14 in Warren at 7:00 p.m. to discuss eco-friendly long term fixes to destabilized river banks and other river problems.

The USDA Farm Service Agency is also requesting that farmers suffering crop losses and land damages contact the Chittenden-Washington FSA County Office to report losses immediately. Local farmers should call 828-4491.

Finally, the Vermont Department of Employment and Training has announced a Disaster Unemployment Assistance program, effective immediately, for those who are unemployed as a result of the



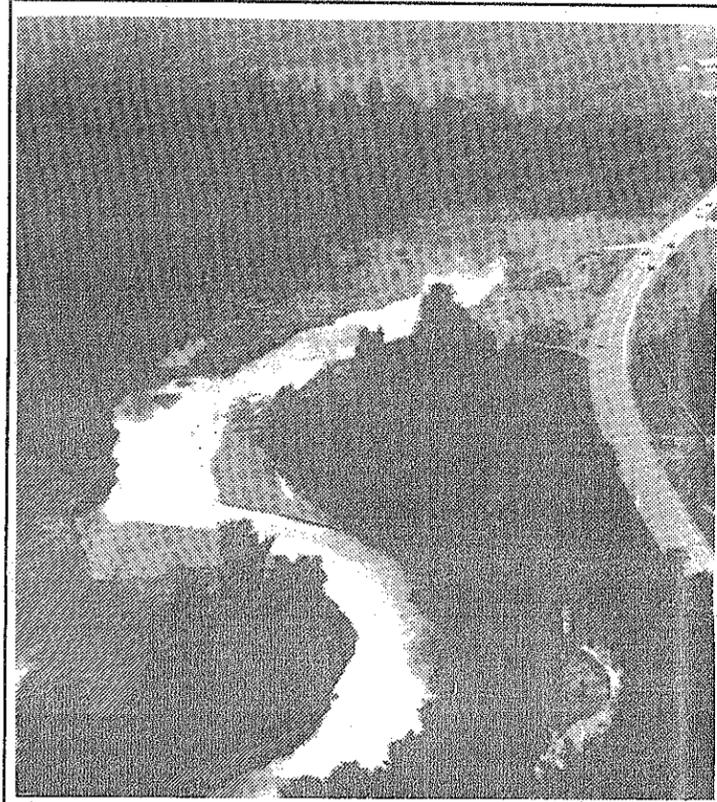
A view from the Tremblay Road bridge looking north and west.



When the water went down, Bridge Street was littered with debris.

flood. Those who are self employed are also eligible for the program.

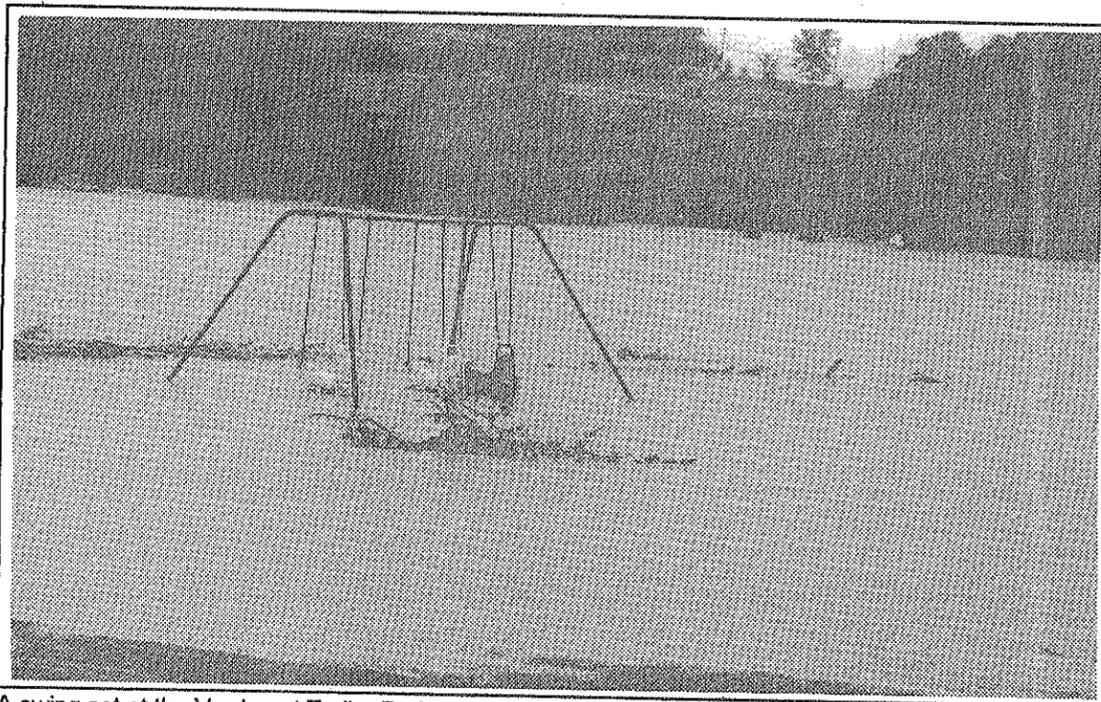
The toll free number for reporting losses to FEMA and for obtaining information on the myriad federal aid programs is 1-800-462-9029.



An aerial view of the Mad River looking south towards the Lareau Swim Hole. The Lareau Swim Hole is visible just above the middle of the photo, right of Route 100.



An aerial view of the Mad River through Waitsfield Village, two days after the flood.



A swing set at the Vermont Trailer Park.