

If the radio-TV news there has been like near here, don't worry about us. We escaped the local disaster. I sure am glad I was able to get the new roof on, because without it we'd have been a mess. A very great amount of rain fell in a very short time. I've never seen or heard of a flood in Frederick, with it about 900 feet higher than Washington. We are even higher. But the whole downtown area was under water. Town sealed off and patrolled with extra police sent in in anticipation of looting after buildings collapsed. Some of downtown of pre Revolution construction. One small creek through center of town plus the rain actually did it. I can imagine what that was from our spring-branch, which normally is carried by a 15" bed 6' below road. It was over the road in the a.m. Unless we have some trees down and perhaps lost the new bridge across the entrance to the pond, no damage here. Hope no fish washed out of pond. One never expects these things in highlands but by flukes they do happen. A friend whose wife clears weekends in a vast shopping center told me its 1/2 mile parking lot still flooded 3 hrs after rain. HW 10/10.76

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