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An Editorial

Honorable Heritage

With Madison County's rich background, its history, and its heritage, it is fitting that The News Record this week reviews a small portion of some of the events which have occurred in years gone by.

This bicentennial edition is the largest and most comprehensive issue in the history of our county.

Over a year ago, the Madison County Bicentennial Committee called a meeting of county residents known to be interested in the history of the county and its activities and who would be willing to contribute their efforts to producing a worthy special edition to mark and celebrate the bicentennial of our nation.

This project has been under the leadership of Dr. Evelyn Underwood, professor of history at Mars Hill College, and Mrs. Edna Alexander of near Marshall, as publicity chairman. This writer has been coordinator for this interesting and informative issue.

Through the cooperation of this newspaper's new owners and the efforts of many persons who have contributed articles and pictures, this issue is a reality.

It would be impossible to name all those who have played a part in the preparation of this special issue, but we would remiss not to point out the efforts of Mrs. Alexander and of Andrew V. Graves, S. J., of Hot Springs. Father Graves has devoted much of his time during the past

weeks soliciting advertisements and compiling articles and pictures.

The person most responsible for the issue's success, however, is Dr. Evelyn Underwood of Mars Hill, who not only served as county bicentennial chairman but also personally wrote numerous articles, secured valuable pictures and solicited advertisements which were necessary to publish such an issue.

With the tremendous cost of producing and mailing such an issue it would have been utterly impossible without the cooperation and support of many firms and individuals. Not only do their advertisements and messages result in more business for them but they also reflect interest in publishing this bicentennial edition. We appreciate this support.

It is planned to include a copy of this issue in the Bicentennial Capsule which will be buried on the Mars Hill College campus on July 4 at 3:30 p.m.

This issue will also be kept by hundreds of persons as a souvenir and will be passed on to future generations for them to read.

We are proud of what our forefathers accomplished under difficult conditions and admire their deep dedication to the building and progress of our county.

Let us, however, be certain that we leave an honorable heritage which will reflect our dedication to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to future generations.

July 10 is to be Madison County Day and will climax the 10-day period of bicentennial observances. The home coming celebration will be held at the Madison County High School in Marshall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will be a festive occasion for all Madison County people, and for all former Madisonians who can "come home" for the day.

A great variety of events will be taking place throughout the day. During the morning, beginning at 10, there will be an old time rifle shoot on the south end of the football field

and all who have old muzzle-loading rifles, or who like to shoot these guns, are invited to participate. At the same time on the northern end of the athletic field there will be games and contests for the young and young-at-heart. Sack races, egg-throwing and ball throwing contests, broad jump, horseshoes, relays, volley ball, tug-o-war will provide good fun for all participants. Prizes will be given to all winners.

During the same hours, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a number of inside attractions. A 30-minute film, "The Patriot,"

a beautiful story of the beginning of the Revolution, will be shown in the Little Theatre. A tape-slide show on the history of Madison County will be shown in the classroom just behind the theatre. A community exhibition, "Madison County — Yesterday and Today," will be on display all day.

The "Bicentennial Band" will provide occasional music in the lobby, where people may visit all their old friends and relatives.

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m., or any who wish

may spread a picnic lunch with friends in the stadium stands. Drinks can be secured at the concession stand.

Beginning at 12 noon in the lobby of the cafeteria, Quinton Ramsey and his musicians will provide a period of mountain music. Square dancers and cloggers will demonstrate their skills, and the audience will be invited to participate.

At 1:30 p.m. in the same lobby, there will be a program of gospel singing. Two male quartets will give a program of favorite songs.

At 2 p.m. all will move into

the gymnasium for the home coming assembly. A period of devotion and patriotic music will introduce the program. Recognition will be given to returning Madisonians, guests, county officials, and senior citizens. Community awards will be presented to the communities entering the contest for beautification. Essay contest awards will be given and prizes presented to all the winners in the day's events.

The public is invited and all Madison County people have a special invitation.

Here's Lineup For Primaries

Following is the lineup of candidates for which Madison County voters will nominate in

the Aug. 17 primary elections:

For Governor:
Democratic: James B. (Jim) Hunt, Jr., Thomas E. Strickland, Jetter (Andy) Barker, Jr., Edward M. (Ed) O'Herron, Jr., George Wood.

Republican: Wallace E. McCall, David T. Flaherty, J. F. (Jake) Alexander, Coy C. Privette.

For Lieutenant Governor:
Democratic: E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., C. A. Brown Jr., Katherine M. McRacken, Waverly Akins, Herbert L. Hyde, James C. (Jimmy) Green, Howard Lee, John M. Jordan.

Republican: Odell Payne, William S. (Bill) Hiatt.

For Secretary of State:
Democratic: Thad Eure, George W. Breece.

Republican: C. Y. (Cy) Nanney, Asa T. Spaulding Jr.

For State Treasurer:
Democratic: Lane Brown, Harlan Boyles, Jack Powell, Jerney.

Republican: George W. McLeod, J. Howard Coble.

For State Auditor:
Democratic: Walter Erwin Fuller, Henry L. Bridges, Lillian Woo.

Republican: No contest.
For Commissioner of Insurance:

Democratic: Jerry L. Waters, Joseph E. Johnson, John Ingram.

Republican: No contest.

For Commissioner of Labor:
Democratic: R. J. (Bob) Dunnagan, Virgil McBride, Jessie Rae Scott, John Brooks.

Republican: No contest.

State House of Representatives (44th District)

Democratic: Ted R. Wells, Ernest B. Messer, Liston B. Ramsey.

Republican: None.

State Senate (26th Senatorial District)
Democratic: J. Howard Collins, I. C. Crawford, Helen

Registration Deadline Is Mon., July 19

The Madison County board of elections reminds voters that the registration deadline for the Aug. 17 primary is July 19 at 4:30 p.m.

This deadline also applies to those who have changed their address or moved to another precinct. "Those voters residing in the north and south precincts who have moved since their initial registration should contact the board of elections to make sure they are registered in the proper precinct since the former Marshall precinct has been divided," officials said.



MADISON COUNTY was the first WNC county to receive a bicentennial flag and be recognized as a "bicentennial community." Miss Adrath Goldstein of the N. C. State Bicentennial Commission is

shown presenting the flag to James T. Ledford, chairman of the Madison County commissioners, at ceremonies held on Jan. 23, 1975 at Madison High School.

Charge Is Dismissed Against Mrs. Church

Madison County's school enrollment padding cases, started last October, came to an apparent end in District Court here Friday when Thomas Rusher, assistant district attorney, moved for dismissal of the charge against Mrs. Jewel Church.

Rusher said in presenting his motion before District Court Judge Robert H. Lacey that since co-defendants of Mrs. Church had been found not guilty of records falsification, he favored acquittal for her.

In the first misdemeanor trial last October of nine persons charged with padding enrollment figures at Hot

Springs and Spring Creek elementary schools during the 1974-75 school year by a total of 72 pupils, three defendants were found not guilty and six were found guilty. They appealed.

At their second trial in Superior Court here, a jury on June 2 found the six not guilty of knowingly and willingly falsifying records. Mrs. Church, who had been principal at Hot Springs during the year of the alleged padding, had testified as a state wit-

ness. Had the earlier conviction been upheld, the defendants would have lost their state teaching certificates. Mrs. Church resigned from the school system during the 1975-76 year which she began as principal at the Walnut School. Enrollment figures and attendance are the basis of determining the number of teachers assigned to a school. Mrs. Church had been principal of the Hot Springs school at the time of the alleged records padding.

Largest Issue Ever For News-Record

This bicentennial issue of The News-Record is the largest single issue in the history of the paper.

"The special 24-page section dedicated to Madison County's role in the bicentennial observance has many interesting and informative articles and pictures which will be read by thousands of people," said editor Jim Story. "Not only will the rapidly increasing number of sub-

scribers receive a copy of this issue but hundreds of copies are also being delivered to non-subscribers in Madison County," Story said.

"Through the cooperation of members of the Bicentennial Committee, many other individuals, and the advertisers, this issue was possible. We are most grateful to everyone who had a part in producing it."

Calendar Of Bicentennial Events

July 1 Madison Crafts Fair
Madison County High School, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Dinner served by the Greater Ivy Community, 5-7 p.m.
Music, 5-7 p.m. "The Appalachian People" and "The Stamp of Approval" "Ark of Safety", Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Mars Hill

July 3 July Third Celebrations in Marshall and Mars Hill
Marshall — "Pig Roast" on the island, afternoon
Little League ball games
Street Dance and fireworks, evening
Mars Hill — Little League ballgame, 2 p.m.
Arrival of the wagon train, 3 p.m.
Dinner at the Elementary School, 5-7 p.m.
Music by the "Turkey Branch Junction", 5:30-10 p.m.
Fireworks
"Ark of Safety," Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, Mars Hill

July 4 Festival of Faith — observances in all churches.

Bell ringing at 2 p.m. (for two minutes)
Burial of Time Capsule, Mars Hill College campus, 3:30 p.m.
Hot Springs and Sleepy Valley joint

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Pre-registration Urged By French Broad EMC

Members of French Broad EMC who plan vote proxies at the annual meeting of the members on July 17 are encouraged to pre-register these proxies at either Coop office during regular office hours Monday through Friday beginning July 4. A record will be made of the number of proxies pre-registered. On the day of the annual meeting, the member will only have to register in his own name and will receive a ticket showing the number of ballots he will receive for himself and his proxies.

At the 1975 annual meeting, delays were experienced in registration lines in verifying accounts. If proxies can be verified during the days preceding the annual meeting, this will greatly speed registration on the day of the annual meeting. Attendance of at least 2 percent of the membership is required to be present before any business can be conducted. Plans make a special effort to attend the meeting at the Hot Springs High School on July 17. Registration will be from 8 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

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