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Drizzle, Mud Keep County's Time Capsule Above Ground

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More than a hundred Madison County citizens of all ages were on the Mars Hill College campus Sunday afternoon for the "planting" of the Madison County Bicentennial Time Capsule, scheduled to be in front of the Country Boutique. Steady drizzle and muddy ground, however, forced the ceremony to be held in the Renn Building on the campus and the actual planting of the capsule at a later date. Ladies and men, attired in attractive dresses and suits of yesteryear, added to the colorful and meaningful ceremony. Many of the men, especially in the Mars Hill area, displayed their bicentennial beards.

Women, in their long dresses, wore bonnets and were admired by the overflow crowd which jammed into the Renn Union.

Dr. Fred Bentley, president of Mars Hill College, was master of ceremonies and was ably assisted by Mrs. Bentley, who led the group in singing.

Mrs. Dorothy Weaver Roberts was music director and Dr. Mary Ihrig was pianist.

The invocation, "The Lord's

Prayer" was by the audience, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following welcoming remarks by Dr. Bentley, the Mars Hill Children's Chorus, under the direction of Robert Russell, sang several songs. The Bethel Youth Choir, with Jake Fender as director, sang several selections. The audience was also treated to selections by The Glad Hearts, a mixed trio composed of Nila Mann, lead and piano; Arthur Robinson, baritone, and Nell Wyatt. Leon Watts accompanied them on the guitar.

Chairmen and aides of nine communities and the Bicentennial Commission of Madison County explained what each community had placed in their individual boxes to be placed in the Time Capsule.

Participating in the presentation of boxes were:

Big Laurel, Mrs. Juanita Adcock; Bull Creek, the Rev. Stanley Peek; Greater Forks of Ivy, Richard Dillingham. The Rev. Joe H. Smith, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church for the past 48 years, gave a special prayer; Greater Ivy, which includes all of No. 4 Township, Dr. Grover Angel; Hot Springs, Dr. Evelyn

Underwood (in the absence of Mildred Shelton, chairman); Marshall, Mrs. Hilliard Teague; Mars Hill, Miss Sadie Wallin; Sleepy Valley, Mrs. Flo Wallin (in the absence of Emma Kate Davis, chairman); Upper Laurel, Arthur Ramsey; Bicentennial Commission, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, county bicentennial chairman.

Ralph M. Lee of Mars Hill College, gave the prayer of dedication for the next 100 years, and the impressive meeting was adjourned with the audience singing "God Bless America."

The Time Capsule will be "planted" in a few days after the ground loses some of its moisture.

Officials of Mars Hill College were commended for their donation of the site for the capsule and Capps Funeral Home was commended for furnishing the vault which will protect the capsule.

"It was inspiring to see people from all over Madison County join together in a united effort to preserve the history of our great county and to leave this heritage for future generations," one citizen remarked.



IN FRONT of the Country Boutique on the Mars Hill College Campus is shown the location of the burial of the Madison County Time Capsule. Impressive bicentennial ceremonies were held Sunday afternoon but the actual "planting" of the capsule was postponed due to a steady

drizzle and muddy ground. An overflow crowd attended the ceremonies which were held in the Renn Union Building on the campus. Nine communities and the Bicentennial Commission furnished valuable documents, historical data, etc., for the capsule.

PORTIONS of overflow crowd which attended the Madison County Time Capsule ceremonies held Sunday afternoon in the Renn Union Building on the Mars Hill campus.



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Most Bicentennial Events Go On Schedule

Despite rainy weather and muddy conditions, scheduled events for the bicentennial celebration were held here this past weekend.

The opening event was the Madison County Crafts Fair Thursday at Madison High School where hundreds of persons saw the talented hands of craftsmen and craftswomen "doing their thing." Spinning wheels, making yarn from cotton, needlework of various types, woodwork from the talents of veteran craftsmen,

many other types of craftsmanship, were enjoyed by interested spectators. Adding to the crafts exhibits was instrumental and vocal music by popular groups. A group from the Greater Ivy communities also served sandwiches and soft drinks which made the event successful.

Dark clouds, intermittent showers, wet and muddy grounds, didn't rain out the events on the Island in Marshall on Saturday. Naturally, the attendance was much less

than anticipated but "the show went on."

Members of the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department and the Marshall Lions Club didn't let the elements bluff them as they prepared pigs for barbecuing over the open grates. Firemen's and Lions' wives assisted serving the delicious plates and sandwiches in the Home Economics Room under the gymnasium. Many people termed the barbecue as "some of the best ever." Little League baseball

games were enjoyed and other athletic events held.

In Mars Hill, all events were held as scheduled.

Little League ball games were held and the arrival of the Tri-County Wagon Train was at 3 p.m.

Howard Higgins, wagon master, stated that the entire trip was highly successful with 23 wagons and 101 riders enjoying the trip. He highly commended Phil Briggs, chief scout, on an outstanding job and said that everything went "smoothly and orderly." "We were lucky to get to Mars Hill before the rains descended," Higgins commented.

The scheduled dinner at the Mars Hill Elementary School cafeteria was held and was successful. String music was enjoyed which was furnished by the "Turkey Branch Junction."

A square dance was also enjoyed.

The day's program was completed with a display of fireworks.

Many persons attended the "Ark of Safety" at the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre in Mars Hill.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Madison County churches observed "festivals of faith" on Sunday with many of the churches having colorful and impressive services.

Also impressive was the ringing of Madison County church bells, along with all churches in America, at 2

p.m., for two minutes. At Hot Springs and Sleepy Valley, it is assumed that the joint celebrations, a parade and gospel singing and also a picnic at 2 p.m. on Sunday were held although no official report was available.

However, the raft race, scheduled for Sunday at 6 p.m., was postponed until a later date due to the rising waters of the French Broad River.

The rodeo on the island in Marshall Monday was held.

Next week's issue will give accounts of the final events in the county through July 10.

Bicentennial Issue Breaks All Records For Demand

Last week's bicentennial issue of The News-Record broke all records for popular demand, Jim Story, editor, announced.

Although hundreds of extra copies were printed for boxholders in the county plus hundreds of copies for newstands and cross-counter sales, the supply was quickly exhausted.

The demand for additional copies was far greater than was anticipated and by Saturday all newstands reported "sold out." This was also true at The News-Record office.

One person requested 100 copies and several desired 50 copies and hundreds of persons wanted from five to ten extras to send relatives and friends.

One person who had two copies said she had been offered \$1 for one of them but she refused because she wanted to keep both copies.

Several people asked, "Why don't you print some more?"

Everyone Complimentary

Everyone is most complimentary about the bicentennial issue which turned out to be such a success. Such expressions as "It was a

masterpiece", "...the best edition I've ever seen of any weekly paper anywhere", "Expertly laid out, interesting pictures and features, attractive advertisements, wholesome reading, a real treasure to keep," were just a few of the comments.

"The response to the special bicentennial offer of 15 months for the price of 12 months for new subscribers in Madison County was also gratifying,"

Story said. This offer continues through July 17.

"Again, we wish to express our appreciation to all persons who supplied pictures and articles and we appreciate the cooperation and courtesy of the three postmasters and the rural carriers for their services. Last but not least, we also congratulate the advertisers who made this special issue possible," Story concluded.

More Coming . . .

The News-Record's bicentennial issue was overwhelmingly received.

The extra supply of copies was soon exhausted, and we regret some who wanted as many as 100 copies had to do without.

We are anxious that as many people as possible get copies, and we will take tentative orders for reprints. If sufficient orders are received, we will have more printed. The expense of reprinting will be a sizable sum, and we will have to sell the edition at 50 cents each.

Orders should be placed at once, as the decision on whether we will reprint the edition will be made within a week.

Fireworks, Rodeo Enjoyed Here

Hundreds of people enjoyed the annual rodeo on the island here Monday despite muddy ground.

Following the rodeo, a display of fireworks thrilled the crowd on the island as well as nearby families who could view the fireworks from their homes.

Both events were sponsored by the Marshall Volunteer Fire Department.

Madison Band Schedule

William Stell, Madison High School band director, announces the following summer schedule: beginner band, 1 to 6 p.m.; junior band, 6 to 7 p.m.; marching band, 7 to 8 p.m. All band members are urged to attend.

School Administrators To Attend Conference

Public school administrators in Madison County schools will join some 1,500 of their colleagues from across the state July 14-21 in Asheville for the State Superintendent's Conference for Administrators. The conference, which has been held annually in Wilmington since 1970, was moved to Asheville this year to give the administrators an opportunity to meet in the western part of the state. The Great Smokies Hilton will serve as headquarters.

The conference will be held in two parts. Nearly 500 superintendents, assistant superintendents and supervisors are expected to register Wednesday afternoon for a four-day session ending July 17. On Sunday afternoon, about 1,000 principals and assistant principals are expected to register for a four-day meeting ending July 21.

According to State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. Craig Phillips, the annual conference provides an opportunity for the staff of the Department of Public Instruction to bring administrators up-to-date on the latest laws and policies affecting public schools, services available to local schools from the state agency, and national and statewide issues and trends in education. The administrators will be able to choose from 48 workshops covering such topics as "Issues in Education," led by superintendent Phillips; "Discipline Alternatives," conducted by assistant state superintendent for Human Relations Dudley Flood; and "Budgets and Allocations," led by State Controller A. C. Davis.

Dr. Sidney P. Marland, president of the College Entrance Examination Board and former United States Commissioner of Education, will address the superintendents and central office staff at 9:45 a.m. on July 14.

Dr. Paul Brannaman, nationally noted educational researcher and author of numerous books and articles, will serve as keynote speaker for the conference. He will speak July 15, at 11:30 a.m.

July 16, Dr. Howard F. Taylor, State Treasurer of the National Education Association, will address the conference. He will speak July 17, at 11:30 a.m. July 18, Dr. Robert L. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the conference. He will speak July 19, at 11:30 a.m. July 20, Dr. Robert L. Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will address the conference. He will speak July 21, at 11:30 a.m.