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Homecoming-A Fair Day At Madison High

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The Madison County Bicentennial Homecoming held Saturday at Madison High School climaxed the 10-day period of bicentennial observances held throughout the county. The day's activities started at 10 a.m. with numerous field events which involved youths from many sections of the county. An old-time rifle shoot, under the direction of Ron Kiser, also was enjoyed by men of all ages.

While the younger set competed in such sports as softball throwing, football throwing, running, three-legged races, egg throwing, jumping, relay races, horseshoes, etc., current and past

rifle marksmen were using their skills at rifle shooting. Both events were held in the Oren E. Roberts Stadium with spectators enjoying every contest.

Inside the school building hundreds of persons visited the Community Exhibition Hall where several communities displayed attractive exhibits of present styles and layouts of interior furnishings, both past and present. Ladies, dressed attractively in their "old-time" attire, were at each individual exhibit. These exhibits were among the features of the homecoming observance.

A movie, "The Patriot," was shown before an appreciative audience in the Little Theatre and the tape-slide show, "This

is Madison" was shown in one of the school's rooms continuously during the morning entertainments.

Also conveniently planned was lunch which was served cafeteria style.

From 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., mountain music, folk singing, square dancing and clogging were enjoyed in the lobby of the cafeteria. Friends visiting from out of county renewed acquaintances with those attending from inside the county. Former classmates, relatives, and those from every section of Madison County mingled and talked and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of visiting together in the magnificent new facility.

At 1:30 p.m., gospel singing

of favorite songs were rendered by the Belva Church Quartet, composed of Owen Fish, Wendell Wallin, Ruth Wallin and Christine Franklin. Accompanying the quartet were Carol Ann Wallin, pianist, and the Rev. Gordon Ball, guitarist. Their program featured both past and contemporary selections.

The Mars Hill Gospel Singers, composed of Dr. Fred Bentley, Mrs. Bentley, Miss Sue Fitzgerald and Bob Russell, sang several selections. One of the most beautiful renditions of "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," was enjoyed by the audience seated at tables in the cafeteria.

HOMECOMING ASSEMBLY
The feature of the

homecoming observance which was held in the gymnasium was the well-planned program when hundreds of persons heard inspiring talks, patriotic music, the presentation of awards, and the recognition of community projects within the county during the past year.

Bill Clark, of Mars Hill, was master of ceremonies and did an outstanding job.

Following the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the Inspiring Brass Ensemble, of Mars Hill College, under the direction of William Thomas the Pledge to the Flag was given. Dr. Fred Bentley pronounced the invocation and the 10-piece band then entertained with a medley of patriotic selections.

Dr. Evelyn Underwood, of Mars Hill, chairman of the Madison County Bicentennial Commission, gave the welcoming remarks, pointing out the origin of the county bicentennial plans and paying tribute and honor to various committee and sub-committee members and community leaders for their accomplishments and expressed appreciation to everyone who had made this bicentennial year such a success.

Mrs. O. A. Gregory, chairman of the Madison County Beautification Committee, presented a "Memento" to Dr. Underwood

in appreciation for her outstanding and devoted services she had rendered. As Dr. Underwood accepted the honor, she was given a standing ovation by all those present.

Following the recognition of senior citizens and county officials present, Mrs. John

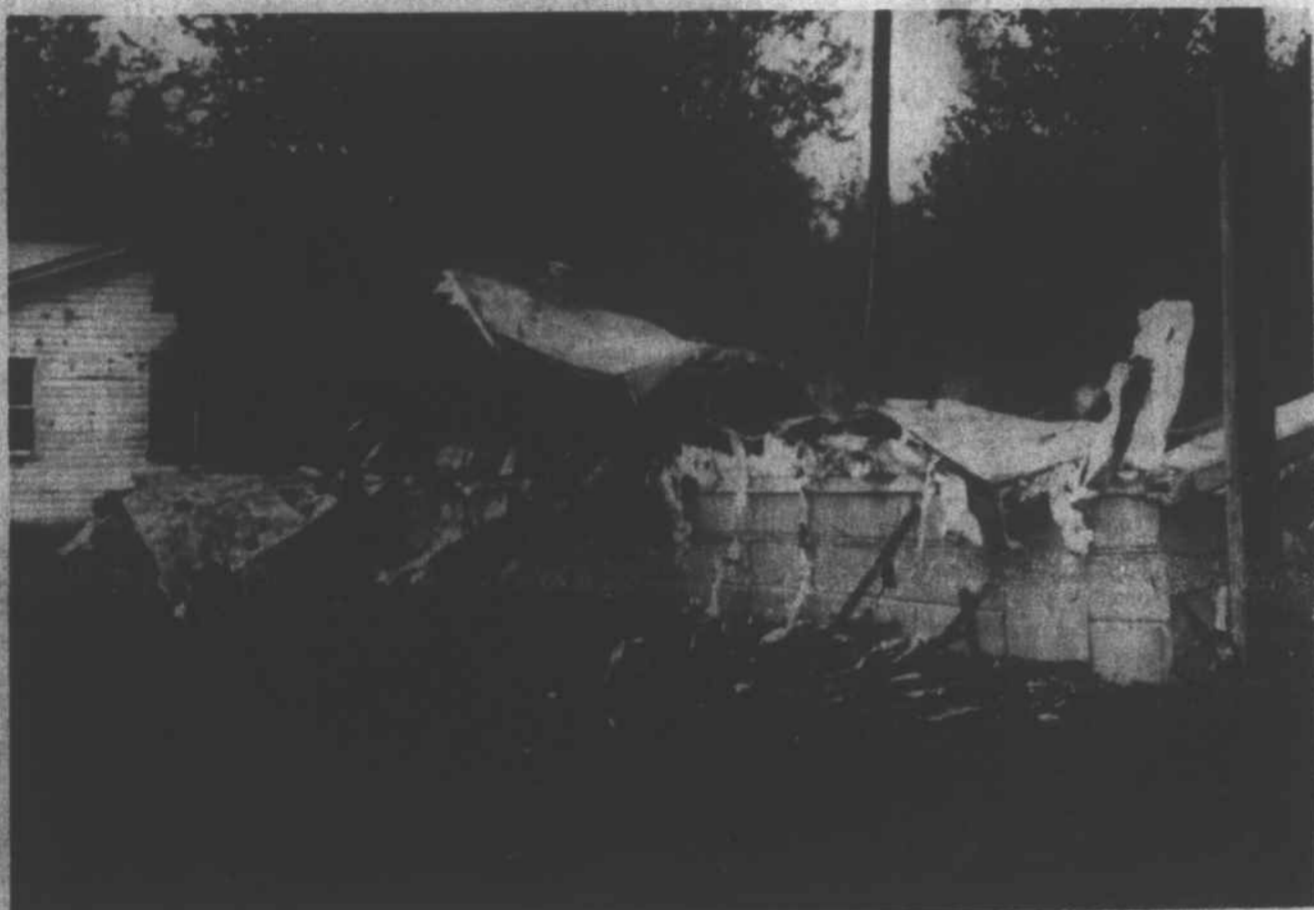
Corbett, of Marshall, presented the Beautification Awards.

The presentation of Community Development Awards was made by Earle Wise, county extension chairman.

Dr. Grover Angel, leader of the Greater Ivy Community Development Organization,

made the presentations of Essay Contest winners. Dr. Angel pointed out the great cooperation and efforts of the various communities in No. 4 Township in numerous progressive accomplishments during the past year and paid

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SMOULDERING REMAINS of the mobile home of Emmette E. Crowe, are shown following the fire early Friday morning which destroyed the trailer and took the lives of two men and seriously injuring the wife of

one of the men. The partially burned house in left background is the old Crowe Home, vacant at the time of the fire, is located near the Davis Chapel Baptist Church near Marshall. (Photo by Jim Story)

Housing Authority Gives Report

C. N. Willis, executive director of the Marshall Housing Authority, recently made the authority's annual report to Mayor George Penland and presented the town with a check for \$1,442.40. The check, Willis reported, represents 10 percent of the

housing authority's gross receipts from its tenants during the fiscal year that ended March 31.

As of March 31, the report indicates, the Marshall Housing Authority facilities were 100 percent occupied with an average monthly rental

rate of \$59.83 per unit and a total of 129 persons of all ages being housed.

The authority showed an \$870.86 deficit in its operating expenses during the past fiscal year, according to the report. The total expenses were listed at \$36,769, while total income was listed at only \$35,898.35.

The authority's largest source of income comes from dwelling rent, which brought in \$33,050.06 during the past year, while excess utilities brought in \$1,389.02.

Income from the authority's investments brought in an additional \$1,025.95, and other income totaled \$453.30.

On the other hand, water and electricity were listed as the largest expense for the Marshall Housing Authority with a combined total of \$19,995.06 for the past fiscal year.

Maintenance and labor for the facilities represented the next highest expense at \$5,995.06, while administrative salaries accounted for \$4,704 of the expenses.

Other administrative expenses totaled \$2,238.93, while non-routine maintenance took \$1,537.83 and other general expenses accounted for \$1,587.69, according to the report.

Penland gave the following breakdown of the authority's 35 dwelling units at four different levels: 28 one-bedroom units, 14 two-bedroom units, 12 three-bedroom units and a two-bedroom unit.

Sixteen of the 20 one-bedroom units are for the elderly, the report notes.

The size of the family and age of the children determines the number of bedrooms the family requires, according to the annual report.

The report further indicates that the average monthly rental of \$59.83 per unit includes electricity and water used by the tenants, although tenants are charged for excess electricity used over their allowance.

The families pay an average of 24 percent of their annual income for rent, according to the report.

One of the most tragic fires in the history of Madison County occurred early last Friday morning when flames engulfed the mobile home belonging to Emmette E. Crowe near the Davis Chapel Baptist Church off the Marshall bypass.

Fatally burned were Emmette Crowe, 61, and Claude Edwards Jr., 38, of Alexander, Route 1. Mrs. Delma Edwards, 33, was seriously injured with second and third degree burns over 15 percent of her body. She is listed in satisfactory condition at the Memorial Mission Hospital.

Crowe was found dead on the scene of the fire when Marshall firemen arrived. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were rushed to the Memorial Mission Hospital where Edwards lived until early Sunday morning.

The mobile home was a burning inferno when firemen arrived but the firemen were able to extinguish the flames which had spread to the old Crowe home adjacent to the mobile home. Considerable damage was done to the large white house which was vacant

at the time. Crowe, a lifelong resident of Madison County, was employed by French Broad Electrical Membership Co-op. He was a son of the late Robert and Annie Mae Davis Crowe.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Ilene Boone Crowe of Asheville; three daughters, Miss Shirley Crowe, Mrs. Everette Barnes and Mrs. Linda Sharpe of Asheville; a sister, Mrs. Mildred Merrell of Asheville; three brothers, Hubert Crowe of Marshall, Warren Crowe of Lincoln Park, Mich., and Lee Crowe of Knoxville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Davis Chapel Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The Rev. Jack Davis and the Rev. Lloyd Ponder officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery. Pallbearers were Rodney Wallin, Ray Caldwell, Earl Ramsey, Roy Waldrup, Charles Tolley and Iverson Bradley.

EDWARDS RITES
Edwards, a native of Madison County, and his wife lived in Detroit, Mich., for

several years where he had been employed by Supreme Heating and Plumbing Co. He and his wife moved back to Alexander four months ago and were in the process of building a new home.

Surviving are the wife, Mrs. Delma June Edwards; the parents, Claude and Clara Caldwell Edwards of Alexander; a brother, Mack Edwards of Taylor, Mich.; and four sisters, Mrs. Irene Greene

of Alexander, Mrs. Ioma Ruth Worley of Swannanoa, Mrs. Bonnie Chandler of Marshall and Mrs. Gaynell Taylor of Candler.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Bowman Funeral Home. The Rev. Jack Davis and the Rev. Alfred Taylor officiated. Burial was in Bowman-Rector Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles and James Sexton, Clarence and R. J. Edwards, Curtis Price and Ray Caldwell.

2 Die, 1 Injured In Trailer Fire

PARTICIPANTS at speaker's table, left to right, Mrs. John Angel, Dr. Evelyn Underwood, Bill Clark, Dr. Fred Bentley, Corbett, Earle Wise, Dr. Grover Father Andrew V. Graves.

Football Cookout Sat. For Players, Parents

Before the start of a football game you have the kickoff, so to kick-off the 1976 football season for the Madison High Patriots, there will be a cookout at O. E. Roberts stadium this Saturday night. The cookout is being sponsored by the Madison County Boosters Club and all young men in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades

who plan to play football this year at Madison High and their parents are cordially invited to attend the cookout.

There will be recreational activities such as softball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, etc., beginning at 6 p.m. The cookout will start at 7 p.m. with hamburgers and all the

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Annual French Broad EMC Meeting On Island Saturday

The 25th Annual Membership Meeting of French Broad Electric Membership Corporation will be held in the Marshall Elementary School Gymnasium Saturday at 8 a.m.

At the business session beginning at 2 p.m., members will take action on the following matters: reports of the officers and directors, election of three directors, any other business which may

come before the meeting.

In connection with the election of directors, the following members have been nominated by the Nominating Committee which met on June 22:

District No. 1, Madison County - Three year term, Norris C. Hawkins, Route 1, Mars Hill.

District No. 4, Mitchell County - Three year term, James H. Hester, Hesterville. District No. 4, United

County, Tenn. - Three year term, Carl Ramsey, Route 1, Flag Pond, Tenn.

Guest speaker for the meeting will be Hugh A. Wells, vice president and general manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. Wells is a native of Shelby, and a graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School.

Wells will be the main attraction of the meeting on the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation.

resigning to accept employment with North Carolina EMC.

The feature prize will be the credit on electric account. Other prizes include coffee making, by some name, insurance, and other items.

Prizes will be given to the members of the Madison County Boosters Club and all young men in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades