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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Greene County Historical Society sponsored a writing competition for students in the local grade schools. The subject was specified to be historical in nature and two divisions were established -- one for the fourth and fifth grades and a second for the sixth and seventh grades. The winning essays follow:

COURTHOUSE

Florence Breeden, Fourth Grade

October 24, 79 workers were working on a new clerks office and they hit a gas line and caused a fire. They ran and told the people inside to get out. They called the Rescue Squad. About 13 to 15 people got injured in the fire. The County Office was totally destroyed and there was 3 million dollars of damage. It damaged a lot of important papers and records. School had to be let out until the danger had passed. A back hoe that hit the gas line was left in the fire too. About 100 firemen from lots of counties came to help put the fire out. It destroyed the new building completely. The firefighters saved most of the courthouse. Later they built everything back. When they fixed the courthouse my granddaddy built the cupola on top of the courthouse. People from all over the United States talked about the fire in Greene County. Most of my fourth grade classmates were born that same year.