

KING STREET

BY ROB RIVERS

BEFORE THIS GETS into print, the city election will have been held and a Mayor and board of aldermen named for the ensuing two years. . . . The last minute efforts by the candidates, and their friends, to line up the votes, and the tales that are whispered around, lots of them without foundation in fact, designed to influence a few electors. . . . The great American game of politics at work, and we like it. . . . When folks can be aroused along party lines, and go out for their candidates in force, the system will endure. . . . The danger lies in an apathetic electorate, one unwilling to accept the responsibility of the franchise or of government. . . .

WHOEVER HOLDS FORTH down at city hall has a hard job and whatever is accomplished for the benefit of the community, is practically without remuneration. . . . It is strictly a labor of love for the town. . . . and it is a tribute to the patriotism of the men who have been governing our town, that they have been willing to abandon their businesses for hours on end in an effort to improve conditions, with no appreciable monetary return. . . . A good job has been done in extending public services to the people. . . . much yet remains to be done. . . . and the folks who are trying to keep the town progressing without further involving its credit, and without a prohibitive tax rate, should have the united support of the folks.

MR. B. W. STALLINGS, who has been doing a full share to help out the centennial celebration, and has insisted on other business men using the centennial envelopes and enclosures, says he is getting splendid reaction to his direct mail plan of promoting the celebration. . . . He is in receipt of a letter from the Advance Watch and Jewelry Supply Co., Washington, D. C. with a five dollar check for centennial expenses. . . . the letter says: "We find the circular you enclosed telling about the centennial celebration in your city in July. . . . It is very interesting and although we cannot leave Washington to be with you, we are herewith enclosing a small check as a contribution toward the success of your celebration. . . . We do hope all of Boone will have a wonderful time." . . . Mr. Stallings hadn't even asked anyone to attend or to contribute. . . . just used the enclosures and envelopes. . . . Many others are reacting to the publicity thus afforded by the business men.

STANLEY A. HARRIS, who luckily was secured to head the centennial corporation is doing a magnificent job of getting all the ducks in a row for Boone's biggest day. . . . The former Boy Scout Executive is working tirelessly on the big job, and his capacity to handle even the details of the promotion is amazing. The celebration is destined to be an outstanding success and when the book is closed on the gala occasion, the lion's share of the credit for the event will be due to Mr. Harris, whose qualities of leadership and of organization have been so clearly demonstrated. . . .

HALTING to jot a news story on the pad en route to the office from the mail box. . . . By-stander spies the pile of newspapers we are toting, and about the time we are ready to move on, grabs the Raleigh News and Observer for a scanning, spreading the "old reliable" over our first class mail so's we can't well retrieve the letters and settling down for an analysis of the days news while we shift from one foot to the other thinking of the heavy day we have mapped. . . . Couldn't wait longer, finally surrendered the Daniels' journal and got under way, 'fore he spied the periodicals from other towns and cities. . . . Thought of our deceased pal, who idled away his spare time reading our letters, and thumbing through the ledger. . . . So pleasant-like we couldn't say a word. . . . A. W. Smith and Albert Watson back from Spanish-War Veteran Reunion in Asheville bring us greetings from Bob Reynolds, whom they say made a fine address to the veterans. . . . The new faces on the street since summer school opened down at Appalachian. . . . Stuart Coffey, from Statesville, attending the Building and Loan meeting at Blowing Rock, and visiting with his old friends in Boone. . . . and automobiles from many states seen in increasing numbers as the Blue Ridge mountains receive the first of the summer guests.

FLY CASTING CHAMPION Thomas C. Wright, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. T. C. Wright of Boone, won first place in the fly-casting contest held at Sears-Roebuck, Winston-Salem recently. The anglers' contest was held in connection with the National sporting goods week.

WINNERS IN CITY ELECTION



The winners in Tuesday's municipal election, all incumbent Democratic officials, Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, Guy H. Hunt, Councill Cooke and Grady Moretz.

Democrats Win Handily Mayor, Aldermen Race

HONOR STUDENT



Walter C. Thompson

Mr. Walter C. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson of Vilas, was graduated from the University of Tennessee on June 6, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While attending the University for the past three years, Mr. Thompson was elected to membership in the honorary societies of Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, and Phi Kappa Phi. He was also a member of the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers; winner of the H. S. Lockett Engineering Scholarship, awarded annually to the top three men in the College of Engineering, junior class; and winner of the Tennessee Valley section of the American Society of Civil Engineers' prize, awarded to the top two seniors in the College of Civil Engineering. Mr. Thompson was graduated from Cove Creek High School in 1941 as co-valedictorian of his class, and during the war, he was a radar navigator in the Army Air Corps with the rank of Second Lieutenant. After a brief stay at home, Mr. Thompson plans to be employed by the Gulf All Corporation for work with the Mene Grande Oil Company in Eastern Venezuela, C. A. as junior structural engineer.

Centennial Theme Of Today's Edition

The Centennial celebration is the principal theme of this edition of the Democrat, which besides carrying the current information about the Centennial, gives historical stories which are of interest at this time. The publisher greatly appreciates the cooperation of the business people and others in making this edition possible. Those wishing extra copies of the current issue may find them at the Democrat office.

All Incumbent Officials Elected in Municipal Voting on Tuesday.

Democratic candidates for Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen tallied up a commanding lead over their Republican opponents in the municipal election Tuesday, which climaxed one of the quietest political campaigns the community has known. Gordon H. Winkler had a margin over W. H. Gragg of 110 votes in the mayoralty race, the vote being: Winkler 416, Gragg 306.

In the race for aldermen the lead of the Democrats was more impressive. Guy Hunt claimed 465 votes, Grady Moretz 447 and Council C. Cooke 434. On the Republican ticket Kenneth Linney tallied 264 votes, I. T. Barnett 281 and Earl Cook 245. Mayor Winkler is entering upon his fourth term as the head of the city government, while the incumbent members of the board of aldermen are at the beginning of their second terms.

Standings of Pioneers, Queen Aspirants Given

Following is the latest tabulation of votes in the contest for the selection of the centennial pioneer and queen:

For pioneer: S. E. Gragg 111,250, John W. Hodges 49,000, J. M. Moretz 13,000, B. B. Dougherty 25,000, W. W. Mast 10,250, Jack C. Norris 3,000, D. C. Mast 5,250, Newton Greene 6,000, W. R. Lovill 4,000, Norva Rominger 1,000.

For queen: Barbara Jones 37,000, Mickey McGuire 58,000, Rebecca Shoemaker 18,000, Annie Mae Carroll 29,250, Katie Sue Farthing 16,250, Dorothy Norris 31,000, Rachel Ann Vance 4,000, Billie Badgett 17,250, Shirley Max Swift 5,500, Ruby Moody 8,000, Velma Brumley 25,000, Joe Ann Aldridge 2,000.

Asks Clean City For Celebration

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler is joined by the board of aldermen in a plea for a special clean-up of the town for the centennial week activities. Mayor Winkler is anxious that all vacant lots, yards, etc. be clean, and asks all those who gather rubbish to call city hall for a special pickup service. The town is making every effort to have the streets clean, and earnestly asks for the support of the people, so that all private property will present a pleasing appearance to the many visitors who are expected.

THOUGHTFUL THIEF Cumberland, Md.—It was a thoughtful thief, who, after stealing clothes from twenty closets, neatly stacks the clothespins in a pile.

FIRST COUNTY HEALTH MEET ASKS FOR FULL TIME OFFICER

Dr. I. G. Greer Speaks, and Links Future of the County with Health of Her People; Organization Asks for Full-Time Health Officer.

The first county-wide health meeting was held in the courthouse in Boone, June 15th with Mr. Clyde R. Grøene serving as chairman. Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., speaking for the local medical society pointed out the importance of a full time health officer. He said that the present three county district was too large for efficient work on the part of one health officer, and that the medical society would like to see a reduction of the health district by one county at once and work toward a department for Watauga county alone. This report brought about a lively discussion and resulted in a unanimous adoption of a resolution for the efforts of the health council to be used in working for a full-time health officer for the county.

The rural health essay contest sponsored in the Watauga high schools by the health and welfare committee of the Boone Lion's Club was reported on. The winners were announced as follows: Janice Ray Swift, Bethel High School, 1st prize of \$25.00; Lena Greer, Boone High School, 2nd prize of \$15.00; Doris Smith, Cove Creek High School, 3rd prize of \$10.00. The prizes for this contest were made possible by the Boone Lion's Club and the Watauga Medical Society. Awards will be made at the next Lion's Club meeting, but advance announcement was made at the county wide meeting by Dr. H. B. Perry, Jr., chairman of the committee and the winners were introduced to the audience.

Questions arose in the general discussion of the meeting concerning many other health problems. Mr. W. A. Smith, FHA supervisor promised more information.

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C. Of C. Meet At Shulls Mills

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner meeting at the Hebron Colony Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. it is announced by H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization. Mr. Wilcox states that this is a most important meeting and that every member is asked to visit the institution which is doing so much for the county. Mr. W. R. Winkler will make a report on the activities of the Park Committee, of which he is a member. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, where members will gather at 7 p. m. Thursday. Transportation will be furnished for everyone wishing to attend the meeting.

Pioneer, Queen Vote Ends Tuesday, June 28

The voting on the pioneer and queen of the Centennial will close at 2 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, June 28, it was announced yesterday by the committee, rather than on June 30, as had previously been announced, in order that the final results may be carried in the next edition of the Democrat. Everyone is invited to cast his vote for his favorite candidates by the time stipulated, as no ballots received after that time will be valid.

SCENE OF AUTO ACCIDENT



The wreckage of the two automobiles which collided on the Blowing Rock road a few days ago, critically injuring Mrs. R. J. Fox of Lenoir, and less seriously injuring her husband. Three others were treated for minor injuries.

Centennial Celebration Plans Are Now Nearing Completion

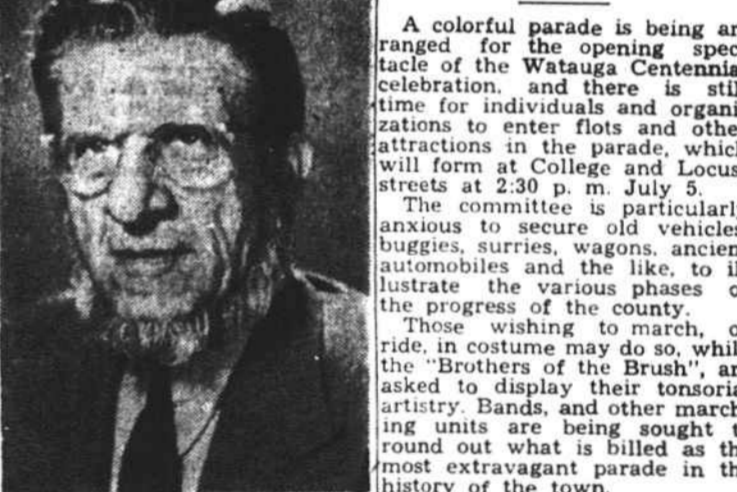
AWAITING THE HOUR OF TRIAL



Rufus W. Colvard and Guy H. Hunt, as they peered from the Bearded Brethren's stockade, before being haled into the kangaroo court on charges of violation of the no-razor ordinance.

Colorful Parade To Mark Start of Festive Occasion

DIRECTOR



Stanley A. Harris, president of the Centennial corporation, who is so ably directing the preparations for the celebration.

Grandfather Singing To Be Held Sunday

The twenty-fifth annual Grandfather mountain singing convention and Sunday School picnic will be held on the Yonahlossee road at the Alexander McRae place on June 26. The annual singing, which is now being covered regularly by national picture magazines, is attracting an increasing gathering each year, and parking space has been enlarged to take care of the larger crowds. All singing classes in this area and in surrounding states are being invited.

Colvard Opening Draws Big Crowd

The Colvard Chevrolet Co. was host to a large number of people from a wide area Saturday on the occasion of the official opening of their new home on North Depot Street. Fourteen hundred and forty-nine people were listed as having visited the building during the day, among them being high officials of the Chevrolet Motor Co., and 100 or more from Jefferson and Sparta. Door prizes were given the visitors and employees escorted them through the salesrooms shops and offices, and refreshments were served. The new Chevrolet cars and trucks created much interest and a large number of orders were booked. The lobbies were decorated with cut and potted flowers, many of them brought by business friends. During the evening hours visitors were entertained by Paul Weston in a piano concert. Prizes given, and the winners were as follows: Combination radio and record player, W. D. Farthing; sunbeam mixer, A. E. Hamby, Jr.; portable radio, Edward Roland; West Jefferson; electric percolator, A. K. Pope, North Wilkesboro.

Local Rotarians At N. Y. Gathering

Messrs Stanley Harris of Boone, and Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Brown of Blowing Rock, were in New York last week where they attended the convention of Lions International. More than 20,000 people from every part of the world were in attendance.

Program Is Gradually Taking Definite Form for County's Birthday Party; The Day by Day Schedule; Details of Pageantry Given Out.

Plans are being completed for the celebration of Watauga County's one hundredth anniversary, July 5 through the 10, with highlight of the activities including parades, speakings by notable personages, a baseball game between Watauga County League All Stars and the league-leading team, and presentation of the production "Echoes of the Blue Ridge."

A big parade is scheduled for the afternoon of the opening day, July 5. Floats, bands, characters from "Echoes of the Blue Ridge," old vehicles, and others will be in the parade. The five big days and nights have been designated to commemorate different phases in the history and progress of Watauga county. As listed by Centennial officials they are:

Tuesday, July 5—Governor's and Queen's Coronation Day. On this day the governor of North Carolina and the governors of other nearby states will be honored, and the Queen of the Centennial will be crowned.

Wednesday, July 6—Pioneer and Homecoming Day. The Pioneers of the county will be honored and former Wataugans will be welcomed home.

Thursday, July 7—Educational Day. The founding of Watauga Academy will be celebrated and Appalachian State Teachers College will be honored.

Friday, July 8—Youth Day. The youth of the county will be honored on this day.

Saturday, July 9—Farmer's Day. Contests for the rural folks will be staged during the day and activities of the farmers in the county will be portrayed.

Sunday, July 10—Worship Day. Old time singing and worship on the College stadium appropriate for the occasion will be held.

Governor W. Kerr Scott is scheduled to speak on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 5. Other governors have been invited by Centennial officials.

The baseball game between the All Stars and the league leaders is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, at 2:30 p. m., according to Bill Murray, spokesman for the league.

Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine will be master of ceremonies at the morning program of the educational day celebration Thursday, July 7. Senator Frank Graham, formerly head of the University of North Carolina, will also be here on that day to make an address, as will Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who is scheduled to speak at the night performance of "Echoes of the Blue Ridge." A dinner will be held at the College cafeteria honoring the many noted guests here that day.

A children's parade is planned for Friday, July 8. The youth of the county, in costumes, and their pets will parade through the town.

The Queen's Ball will be held Friday night, July 8, after the performance of "Echoes of the Blue Ridge."

Other speakers during the celebration will include Carroll Rêse, former head of the National Republican Committee, and I. G. Greer, a native of Watauga county, and well known throughout the state.

One of the speakers for the Worship day exercises will be Dr. E. K. McLarty, Sr., retired, formerly pastor of Boone Methodist church in 1941 through 1946. Another speaker is expected that afternoon, but due to the absence of the Worship day chairman, it was impossible to confirm the name of that speaker. Clyde Eggers and Dr. John G. Barden, will have charge of the music for that day, which will conclude the official celebration of the county's founding.

It is understood that no admission will be charged for the afternoon activities.

The nightly programs of the celebration will feature the production "Echoes of the Blue Ridge," a dramatization of the history and progress of Watauga county, directed by Russell L. Rowland. Approximately 500 persons are included in the cast.

According to Mr. Rowland the spectacle will begin with a prologue in which U. S. A. Girls, States, Trumpters, Boy Scouts,

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Local Veterans Go To Asheville Meeting

Messrs. A. W. Smith and Albert Watson of Boone were in attendance last week at the state reunion of the Veterans of the Spanish-American war held in Asheville. About two hundred veterans of the war of the nineties were present for the reunion, on which occasion former Senator Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville delivered the principal address.