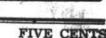
## WATAUGA · DEMOCRAT

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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1949.





FOURTH OF JULY celebrants flee to the mountains as torrid weather continues in the low-lands, and mingle with those who came specifically to attend the centennial celebration . . . large crowds are converging on the town as this is written to take part in the festivities marking the 100th anniversary of the date when a new county was carved from Ashe, Caldwell, Wilkes and Yancey, to become a century lat-er, the educational and com-

er, the educational and com-mercial center of a wide area . . . One of those we greeted Monday was J. P. Hagaman, 89 years old, a resident of Knoxville, Tenn., who hadn't been in his native county for 73 years . . . Capus White and Mrs. White from down Raleigh way, spending the week here, and the former giv-ing down with some of the poli-tical information gathered around the State capital and in travels about the State . . Willard Beach, up from York, S. C. for the week, and doing some chores about the Democrat office through force of habit.



WHEN DISASTER STRUCK ALONG THE STREET

**BLOWING ROCK** 

STREET DANCE,

PARADE FIRST

Fourth of July Events at Blowing Rock Mark Start of

**Centennial Observation**, Pa-

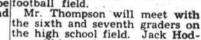
rade from Boone Hampered By Rain; Tuesday Sees

Watauga county's centennial elebration started in Blowing Rock Monday evening with a street dance, as the culmination

Boone Jammed.

EVENT

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**Celebration** Throngs

Honor Local Leader

FIRST MAYOR

Leaders of State and Nation Gather Thursday To Recognize Founders of Appalachian College.

Wafauga County's centennial celebration will see its biggest day thus far today (Thursday) as many state leaders join in cele-brating the semicentennial of Ap-palachian State Teachers College and honoring its founders, B. B. Dougherty and the late D. D. Dougherty. Jougherty.

The program, as announced, in-cludes open house at the college at 10:00 a. m.; Band parade and concert by the Appalachian, Mooresville, and Winston-Salem bands; program honoring B. B. Dougherty at 11:00 a. m.; at 2:30 p. m. a reunion of alumni and friends of the college; at 6:45 p. m. a band concert and at 7:00 a program on public education, with the speaker list including Dr. The program, as announced, in-

MARKS of the town is the huge sugar maple tree which stands is front of the old Democrat office, and under whose boughs a lot of folks gather when the sun is at meri-dim is the summer time gather when the summer time . . . The tree, when little more than a sprout, was set there by Dr. J. G. Rivers, one of the town's first councilmen and his young son, Robert C. Rivers, Sr., more than 80 years ago . . . States-men, cracker box politicians, laborers, farmers and business men have gathered there through the decades and made a pass at settling the problems of County, State and Nation, and Bob Rivers, the first, so cherished the maple that he left a writing, as an admoni-tion to his son, and to officials of the town to protect the anci-ent tree, which was quite a sapling when the town was incorporated.

UP ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN is another tree, which provides a monument for a man provides a monument for a man yet living . . the big aspin, where jurors, witnesses and others are wont to while away the time, particularly in the fall, while the court is getting ready to use them . . . More than forty years ago, when John W. Hodges was sheriff of Watauga county, he dismounted from his horse at the courthouse, and stuck his aspin riding switch in the ground, . . the branch took root, and the magnificent tree result-ed . . . Both these, however may ed . . . Both these, however may be antedated by the big oak on the hill to the rear of the J. M. Moretz residence . . . we don't cnow. . .

MEARTIEST CONGRA-TULATIONS to Dr. B. B. Dougherty on the completion of fifty years of educational of hiry years of educational service... The growth of Ap-palachian College from a 3 grade elementary school estab-lished fifty years ago, to per-haps the leading teachers col-lege in the South, is a story of (Continued on page 4)

## PROGRAM

10:00 a. m.-Open House at the College

10:30 a. m.-Band parade and concert

Appalachian, Mooresville, Winston-Salem

11:00 a.m.-Celebrating the founding of Appalachian State Teachers College and honoring Dr. B. B. Dougherty Song—"America the Beautiful"

Audience Prayer Rev. Watt Cooper Introduction of presiding officer ...... Stanley A. Harris Hon. L. Y. Ballentine, Commissioner of Agriculture, presiding Addresses:

Dr. Frank P. Graham .... United States Senator Hon. Clyde R. Hoey . United States Senator Solo-"Old Spinning Wheel" ..... Hoyt Safrit Addresses:

Hon. Johnson J. Hayes ... ... Judge United States Court Hon. D. Hiden Ramsey .... . Editor Asheville Citizens-Times .... "When You and I Were Young, Maggie" Quartette ...

Rachel Ann Vance, Leonard Eury, Porter Krupke,

and Rogers Whitener

... Hon. R. L. Doughton, United States Congressman Address Music directed by Mrs. Virginia W. Linney

2:30 p. m.-Reunion of Alumni and Friends of Appalachian State **Teachers** College

Registration

Presiding, Dr. Lloyd D. Hobbs, Alumni President

Band concert, interpretative dancing by Physical Education Department, singing.

Praver ... Dr. Walter Stanbury Five minute talks:

Prof. Herbert W. Wey, "High School Teacher Training"; Prof. John T. Howell, "Elementary Teacher Training"; Prof. Chappel Wilson, "The Graduate School"; Dean J. D. Rankin, "The Building Program"; Coach E. C. Duggins, "Football Prospects." Recognition of classes

7:00 p. m.-Public Education

Band concert (6:45 p. m.) Presiding, Dr. Daniel J. Whitener Praver Dr. W. G. Bond Addresses

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Hon. Leroy Martin, former Executive Secretary of State School Commission

Hon. B. C. Brock, North Carolina State Senator

8:15 p. m .-- Grand Pageant showing the histories of Watauga County and Appalachian State Teachers College

## Husband Killed by Irain bring to town antique farmequip-mant as well as other farming tools.

Mrs. Laura Jane Church Slu-said to have been traveling 60 der, 16 years old, resident of miles an hour on the down-Shulls Mills, and her husband, grade, and it was believed its Lloyd Ray Sluder, were killed last Saturday, when they were were thrown clear of the tracks trapped on a trestle at Kermit, and died within a few minutes. W. Va., by a fast freight train of the Norfolk & Western Railway, returned home, and funeral was Mr. and Mrs. Sluder were held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from married in February, and Mrs. the Foscoe Christian Church by Sluder had, lived with her par-Rev. David Rose of Milligan Col-ents while her husband was in lege, Tenn., and interment was the army. He had a three day in the neighborhood cemetery, sailing for Japan. They were sides. staying at the home of his par-ents, it is understood, and had started out for a walk along the tracks, when the fatal accident brothers: Robert, of Boone; Cecil, occurred. The freight, which had Richard, Paul and Jimmie of

occurred. The freight, which had Richard, Paul and Jimmie of just emerged from a tunnel, was Shulls Mills.

**100 YEAR OLD COSTUMES SEEN** 

Play Here on Friday

The 100-piece Elizabethtori, Tenn., High School band, which has been widely acclaimed as one of the finest musical aggrea-

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