

KING STREET BY ROB RIVERS

WHEN DISASTER STRUCK ALONG THE STREET



This old photograph gives a view of King Street, taken February 28, 1902, after a disastrous flood swept down the mountain streams. In the right foreground is shown the original Democrat building, almost on the exact site of the present newspaper office, while further along is the Bryan House, and the Blair Hotel. At the left is the J. D. Councill residence on the site of the present postoffice.

FOURTH OF JULY celebrants flee to the mountains as torrid weather continues in the lowlands, and mingle with those who came specifically to attend the centennial celebration...

WILLIAM G. TODD, the oldest man living in this immediate vicinity, who was born in Boone, and who has a keen memory of incidents in the community for near 80 years, answers a few questions of ours on the street the other day...

'Echoes of the Blue Ridge' Cast

- The cast for "Echoes of the Blue Ridge" is listed as follows: Queen of the Centennial, Mickey McGuire. Miss Columbia—Barbara Jones. Belle of Colonial Days—Dorothy Norris.

ON MONDAY we did a lot of handshaking with friends and a c u a i n t a n c e s about the town, and found quite a few who could greet one cordially. Of course we wouldn't expect to run across the suave handshake of Frank Payne...

ONE OF THE OLD LANDMARKS of the town is the huge sugar maple tree which stands in front of the old Democrat office, and under whose boughs a lot of folks gather when the sun is at meridian in the summer time...

UP ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN is another tree, which provides a monument for a man yet living... the big aspen, 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...

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. B. B. Dougherty on the completion of fifty years of educational service...

Celebration Throngs Honor Local Leader

BLOWING ROCK STREET DANCE, PARADE FIRST GALA EVENT

Fourth of July Events at Blowing Rock Mark Start of Centennial Observation, Parade from Boone Hampered by Rain; Tuesday Sees Boone Jammed.

Watauga county's centennial celebration started in Blowing Rock Monday evening with a street dance, as the culmination of a gala Fourth of July round of entertainment at the resort town, and despite the afternoon rain, a large crowd jammed the streets to witness the centennial parade from Boone.

Tuesday afternoon the streets of Boone were jammed with vehicles and pedestrians as the main centennial program got under way with a colorful parade, starting at 2:30, depicting historical events connected with the growth of the town and county.

This evening (Tuesday) at press time, Miss Mickey McGuire is being crowned queen of the centennial, and 89-year-old Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills will be honored as pioneer, when the first staging of the historical pageant "Echoes of the Blue Ridge" will take place on college field. The performances include 500 characters, and will continue each night during the week.

FIRST MAYOR



W. L. Bryan, Esq., Boone's first Mayor, as he looked thirty or more years ago. The photograph was taken from Arthur's History, toward the writing of which Mr. Bryan contributed a large share.

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

Watauga County's centennial celebration will see its biggest day thus far today (Thursday) as many state leaders join in celebrating the semicentennial of Appalachian State Teachers College and honoring its founders, B. B. Dougherty and the late D. D. Dougherty.

The program, as announced, includes 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 4:45 p. m. a band concert and at 7:00 a program on public education, with the speaker list including Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Leroy Martin, former executive secretary of State School Commission, and N. C. Senator B. C. Brock of Davie County.

Plans For Air Show Complete

Mr. H. C. Sisk, Jr., manager of the Morganton-Lenoir airport has announced plans for the air show here Sunday July 10, have been completed.

According to Mr. Sisk a number of exceptionally fine acts are on the program and the large attendance expected will be privileged to witness one of the finest air shows ever seen in this section of the State.

Grady Cole, prominent radio commentator, has been invited to attend and is expected to be flown from Charlotte to Boone, if he accepts the invitation.

It is said that likely before another season the air strip here can be lengthened another thousand feet, so that larger planes may be accommodated, and that arrangements may be made for flight training and charter trips.

Youth Day Parade To Form on Water Street

In connection with the Youth Day program on Friday it is specifically pointed out that the parade will form on Water street and start at 2:30. The exercises are to be held at the college field as set forth in another story today.

Homecoming Day

Hon. Carroll Reese, former national chairman of the Republican committee, and former congress member from Tennessee will make the principal address at Homecoming Day Wednesday, while the highest spot of the week's festivities will be Thursday when Dr. B. B. Dougherty will be honored for his fifty-years service to the cause of public education in this community.

Shulls Mills Woman and Husband Killed by Train

Mrs. Laura Jane Church Sluder, 16 years old, resident of Shulls Mills, and her husband, Lloyd Ray Sluder, were killed Saturday, when they were trapped on a trestle at Kermit, W. Va., by a fast freight train of the Norfolk & Western Railway.

The body of Mrs. Sluder was returned home, and funeral was held Tuesday at 2 o'clock from the Foscoe Christian Church by Rev. David Rose of Milligan College, Tenn., and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery. Rites for the husband were held home in Kermit, where his family resides.

100 YEAR OLD COSTUMES SEEN ON CENTENNIAL CELEBRANTS

If the original owners of some old loom house where the looms of the costumes that are to be of Mrs. Finley Mast are still seen in Boone this week could stand the Centennial in person, mastercraftsman in the art of present residents might be mingling with a number of the founders of Watauga County. One such costume is the homespun, hand-made suit that is in the hands of Mayor Gordon Winkler.

Among the other costumes to be seen this week will be an alpaca suit worn by Mrs. Herbert Adams; this suit was worn by Mr. Adams' great grandmother in 1860. Mrs. Lewis Norris of Reese will wear a dress that belonged to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Norah Norris, who wore it at the turn of the century. With this tury old relics, was kept in the

Elizabethon Band To Play Here on Friday

The 100-piece Elizabethon, Tenn. High School band, which has been widely acclaimed as one of the finest musical aggregations in this section of the country, will participate in the celebration here Friday, it is learned from H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who extended the invitation.

Town Folks Asked To Leave Cars at Home

Motorists of the town of Boone are being asked by the Centennial safety committee and the Boone police department to leave their cars at home during the rush of the centennial, unless absolutely necessary to have them out. The suggestion is made in order to enable visitors to the town to have every advantage in parking, and to relieve the congestion as much as possible in the business district.

"ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE" CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE CREATION OF WATAUGA COUNTY (1849 - 1949) SEMICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE (1899 - 1949) EDUCATION DAY, JULY 7 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