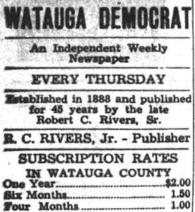
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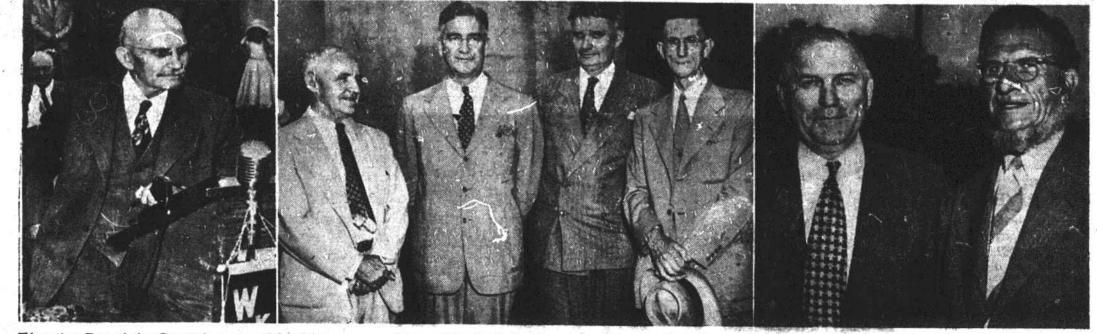
## THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1949.

## THE CELEBRATION

The county has taken appropri-ate note of its one hundredth birthday in a week-long celebra-tion, depicting the progress of the century-old subdivision of the State, and the town has been crowded with visitors from all sections, who joined in the mer-riment, listened to the oratory, and marveled at the historical pageantry. pageantry. It has been a great occasion,

and as Director Harris gets down to the cold figures, he thinks maybe the big venture will pay itself out of the red—he doesn't yet know for a certainty—since all the bills are not in, but had the weather given us a break, there would no doubt have been a con-siderable surplus

would no doubt have been a con-siderable surplus. However, when the books are closed on the celebration, should there be a deficit, we feel that we should make up the loss uncom-plainingly, since the advertising value of the centennial is far beyond dollars and cents reckon-ing, and more has been done in a few weeks to promote the a few weeks to promote the town, county, and their possibilities, than could have been done through routine methods in many through routine methods in many decades. Daily the centennial crowds included newspaper men far and wide. . . never have we known of so much publicity be-ing accorded an event, which was so nearly local in character, and not with a million dollars could such an effective promotional job have been done. Hundreds of columns of type matter, scores of pictures, editorial matter without end. . so much the Democrat cannot undertake the job of re-printing the comments. . . have been published and gone out to hundreds and hundreds of thous-ands of readers throughout the nation. The publicizing of the celebration continues, and those who have worked so diligently in carrying on the different phases of the celebration, should take a porticular neide in having thus of the celebration, should take a particular pride in having thus contributed to the further promo-tion of the welfare of the town,



Education Day of the County's centennial celebration attracted a number of State officials and leaders to Boone to honor Appalachian State Teachers college and its president, Dr. B. B. Dougherty. Dr. Dougherty responds to the tributes paid him by

Senator Frank P. Graham and others. on the left. Center, Senator Graham, State Treasurer Brandon P. Hodges, D. Hiden Ramsey, of Asheville, vice chairman of the State Board of Education, 'and President W. E. Bird of Western Carolina Teachers

College, Cullowhee. At right is former Governor R. Gregg Cherry with Stanley A. Harris of Boone, director of the celebration.

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-(Photos courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times)



Above pictures show activities during Watauga County Centennial celebration. The cut at the left shows a group of women marching in the Tussday atternoon parade. They are dressed in bon-

nets and hoop dresses typical of the dress of 1849. Queen of the Centennial Mickey McGuire is shown on the night she was crowned the leading lady, of the celebration. Beardless culpits are shown as they awaited trial in the Kangaroo Court. Policeman Edwin C. Greene is shown guarding, left to right, Ralph Mast, Jack Edmisten, Charlie Byrd and Lawson Greer.

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the county, and the people. Stanley A. Harris, centennial director, should be singled out for especial commendation for for especial commendation for the marvelous job he has done in the promotion of the county's big bjrthday party. He has lab-ored diligently and effectively, and the event was organized un-der his leadership in the most thorough-going manner. His ser-vices in this regard are of incal-culable public worth. Mr. Rowland of the John B. Rogers Co., wrought wonders in the production of the historical pageant, "Echoes of the Blue Ridge," which has been widely acclaimed. People from "all over" have commented favorably on the

acclaimed. People from "all over have commented favorably on the production. The actual partici-pants in the pageantry should have the thanks of the communi-ty, likewise, for carrying on night after night, solely for the pur-pose of contributing to the suc-cess of the occasion

cess of the occasion. Visiting speakers, committee chairmen, business men general-ly, who gave liberally of their time and money, and all the folks of the county, who aided, should feel pride in their accomplish-ment

ment. The crowds have gone away, the curtain has gone down on the centennial scene, but generafrom the publicity which has been accorded our country. We shall be forever grateful to all those who contributed in any way to the remarkable promo-tion.

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money back. BOONE DRUG CO. The REXALL Store

Residents of Watauga County'are shown as they began the celebration of Watauga County's 100th birthday. Top left, a photo of parade participants as they marched along King street to officially open the celebration last Tuesday. Right, a group of youngsters from nearby Camp Yonahlossee ride

in a covered wagon. Bottom photos, left: Cecil Miller, Mrs. Nell Linney and B. W. Stallings, of Boone, who were participants in the historical spectacle, "Echoes of the Blue Ridge." Center, Mrs. Louise DeLima and Kent Brown who were cast as Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boone, and their hound

dogs. Right. Lt. Governor H. Pat Taylor, speaking during Governor's Day festivities, shortly before the presentation of the pageant, with Watt Gragg and Wade E. Brown, seated behind him. -(Photo courtesy Asheville Citizen-Times)