

Many Months Of Work Made Clay Centennial A Success

"Rome wasn't built in a day" a familiar quotation we have all heard, neither was the big Centennial Celebration held Saturday planned in a day; but was the result of many months planning and hard work. Back about Feb. 20th a group of Clay citizens met in the Agriculture room and elected William T. Groves "Jack" as Chairman, Alvin Penland, Sec., and the following committees: Howard Walker to select badges, hats and other Centennial apparel, Board of Trustees: Wallace Crawford, Don Weaver, J. W. Stanley; Guy Wheeler and A. L. Penland, program committee; Max Waldroup and Robert E. Anderson communications and community organization and community floats, other float committees were: Rufus G. Vick, Todd Phillips and Bobby Tiger; wagon horses and buggies: Wayne Phillips and Johnny Moore; Historical Committee members were: Guy Padgett, A. L. Penland, and J. Walter Moore; Ladies wearing apparel and rules: Mrs. Wiley McGlamery, Mrs. Ruel White and Mrs. Esther Curtis; Finance Chm., Tom Day; Decorations and Sound-Edwin Lidseem; Jim Armstrong - Food; Publicity Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens Chm., Mrs. Quentin Moore, J. Guy Padgett and Robert Anderson; Highway Safety com. Neal R. Kitchens, Sheriff and Don Moran Patrol; C. L. Smith Centennial Sheriff and jailer; Hoover Anderson Centennial Chief Police. Above are the original committees and as time went on many others have been added.

Jack Groves assumed the biggest responsibility when he accepted the job as Chairman. He held the committee meetings each week on Monday night beginning in February; and this means there were about 22 meetings where plans were made. These weekly meetings usually lasted until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. each week and started at 8:00. Every thing concerning this Centennial was brought before all the committees and worked out in detail. Jack being a man of fine character, good sound judgement and knack for leadership listened to all problems and helped iron out the whole thing. He deserves much credit for an outstanding piece of work. As in all organizations the secretary and treasurer is the one who does the pencil work. A more capable man than Alvin Penland could not have been found in Clay County. Alvin wrote hundreds of letters and cards concerning the Centennial Celebration, kept up the minute of the weekly meetings, wrote checks to pay bills and numerous other things that go into a job like this.

The Historical Committee did a splendid job in digging all the information up for the "History of Clay County" It took week and weeks of research and work. Clay County can be proud of this booklet. The Float Committee worked with people through out the County and the result was witnessed Saturday when the grand parade went through. Nothing has ever been seen in Clay County that equalled this outstanding sight. Hats off to an excellent piece of work.

The realization that the Centennial Celebration would cost quite a lot of money was evident from the first committee meeting. This is the job of the finance committee. Every angle had to be carefully studied and planned in accordance. The big job was to plan things not to make money; but on a break even basis to try to meet the cost of the whole thing. Haven't had a complete report from this committee as to the final outcome of finances; but this committee came through with top planning and did a fine job. The ladies wearing apparel

Former Residents Of Clay County Are Wed

Washington, D. C. - Miss Thelma Irene Nix, daughter of Mr. J. W. Nix of Brass-town, and the late Mrs. Nix, became the bride of Vernon James Kitchens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kitchens, of Hayesville, Saturday, June 17.

The wedding was held in the Church of Reformation and the Rev. Paul Seltzer heard the vows.

Mr. Frank Penland of Washington, D.C. and formerly of Hayesville, served as best man.

Miss Jean Walker of Washington was maid-of-honor.

Mrs. Kitchens wore a white dress and had a corsage of orchids.

A reception was held in the presidential room of the Congressional Hotel following the ceremony.

Mr. Kitchens is the owner of the Atlas Realty Co. which he has operated for several years.

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Clay County's Oldest Living Native Attends Centennial

Shown left to right, Rep. Roy Taylor, Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine, Thomas Jefferson Bristol, who will be 99 in October, and Senator Frank Forsyth. Mr. Bristol just recently received a 75 year Masonic Award. It is believed that this award is the only one that has ever been given. (Scout Photo)

and rules committee made the laws that were easy to follow for all the ladies. All Clay County women are grateful to this committee.

The Decoration Committee turned out a real piece of art. This required the know-how and was an endless task. The setting was perfect for the celebration and required much effort. This committee also was in charge of the sounds and had the loud speakers arranged so that the sound was perfect no matter what part of town you were in.

The Centennial law worked from the beginning arresting the violators and provided a lot of fun as well as collecting the fines that helped to pay for the celebration. Good Job! Well Done!

The Board of Trustees were constantly on hand working, planning, and keeping things going at a fine pace. Another group that did a splendid job.

The Safety Committee deserves a lot of credit for bringing the whole thing through, dances, Saturday, get together and the "big Day" with not one single person injured. It meant staying in the job and good traffic management.

Some of the later committees formed after the original ones that did an outstanding job in each category were: Antiques, Fashion Show, Beard Contest, Beauty Contest, Fire Works, History Book Sales Committee, Centennial Balls, Square Dances, Talent Show, and various others.

Saturday about lunch time brought out some of the finest Barbecue Chicken and other food that could have been prepared by any food committee. The "Big Chef" with a lot of good help really did Clay County a fine job, in feeding the tremendous crowd.

All these committees and Chairmen were the keys to the celebration; but with out the wonderful cooperation of the citizens of Clay County they would have been helpless in bringing the whole thing to a climax. This Centennial Celebration has meant neighbors working together, churches, communities, clubs, groups of all types, individuals and cooperation of the County as a whole. This has been an achievement that Clay County can be proud of, it is the result of every one working together and that no individual nor small group of individuals could have accomplished alone. The Centennial Chatter a part of the publicity committee has been read and enjoyed by everyone since the celebration started.

"Well folks, Neal and I went up in the cove and planted a garden about the time this Centennial Celebration was in the making, along about the last of February, so we will get back up there this week, and see if it ever came up. See you around again at the next Centennial."

Your Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens.

New Clay County Methodist Ministers To Be Honored

A pot luck supper will be held Friday, July 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Hinton Memorial Life Center, in honor of the three new Methodist ministers in Clay County. The ministers are: The Rev. Ralph Jacks, First Methodist Church; the Rev. Clates Pope, Shooting Creek Charge; the Rev. C. W. Faulkner, Hayesville Charge. Other special guest who will be attending the occasion are: The new Waynesville District Supt. the Rev. Mark Tuttle, of Waynesville, Dr. Horace McSwain, Executive Sec. of the Conference Board of Missions, of Statesville, and Dr. James W. Sells, Executive Sec. of the South Eastern Jurisdiction, of Atlanta, Ga.



Moffitt And Moore Wed In Centennial Wedding

Miss Minnette Lee Moffitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Charles Moffitt, became the bride of Andrew Eugene Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moore, in a Centennial wedding Saturday, July 1, 5:00 p.m., in the Truett Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jack C. Thomas and the Rev. Billy Fox heard the vows.

Wedding selections were presented by the Rev. Jack C. Thomas at the piano, and Mrs. Jack C. Thomas, soloist, also a Centennial song by the first and second grade children, students of Miss Moffitts at the Elf School.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The wedding gown was designed by the bride and her mother and made by her mother. It was embroidered Swiss organza, with mutton leg sleeves, a fitted midriff with a high neckline and a bouffant skirt. Her veil of illusion was attached to a miniature Swiss organza bonnet. She carried a white bible topped with white roses.

Mrs. Crandall Moffitt, sister-in-law of the bride was matron of honor. Her dress was yellow organza with mutton leg sleeves, fitted bodice and bouffant skirt. Her head dress was a short veil attached to a miniature bonnet, and she carried a nosegay of yellow roses.

Misses Linda Stamey, Kathy Pitts, Sybil Hogsed, Karen Melton and Janie Cochran were flower girls. They wore pastel dresses with matching bonnets.

The junior brides maids were: Misses Angie Kitchens, Dwayne Ledford, Annette Ledford, Burnette Ledford, Glenda Ledford, Connie Burch, Diane Eller and Darlene Nelson. They were dressed in pastel dresses and bonnets to match and carried nosegays of daisies.

Other attendants in Centennial attire were: Danny Moss, Ray Nichols, Max Moss, Junior Trull, Jerry Nichols, Noel Ashe, Leon Maney, David Ledford, Johnny Burch, Mike Callhan, Charles Blankenship, Roger Dale Ledford, Ben Spurr, Jackie Enloe, Robert Martin, Max Evans, Ricky Lanning and Michael Hall.

Andrew Moore, father of the bridegroom served as best man. The ushers were: Crandall Moffitt, brother of the bride, Jerald Phillips, Frank Moore Jr., and Carl Moore all of Hayesville.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the social hall of the church. Mrs. James Padgett of Asheville, Mrs. Edgar Moore of Canton, Ohio, Mrs. Clyde Beck of Panama Canal, Mrs. Bill Maney of Adanta, Ga. and Mrs. Lester Berrong of Hayesville assisted in serving. Mrs. Chuck Reece

Hayesville Personal Mention

The daughters of the late Mrs. Carrie Johnston, and their families, spent last week at their former home here. They are Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Roberts of Douglas, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coggins of Athens, Georgia, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bowman of Chattanooga, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Starnes of Raleigh, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McGlamery of Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hadden and family left last week for a tour of the New England states.

Mr. Thad Roper of Nantahala, is visiting his brother, Mr. Ed Roper, in West Hayesville.

Mrs. Evelyn Blau of Asheville, spent the week-end with Mrs. Wallace Crawford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wal-

Murphy Band Adds To Clay Centennial Parade

by Mrs. Neal Kitchens

Didn't the Murphy Band, under the direction of Mr. Ed Reynolds, give the Clay County Centennial Celebration a fine start Saturday. This was followed by the awards and the distinguished guests being recognized.

Mr. L. Y. Ballentine, who is familiar with Clay's problems summed up the progress well in his speech.

The lunch hour was a chance to catch up with visiting old friends and trying to recognize people who had not been together for years while every one feasted on the barbecue chicken and other good food.

Wasn't the parade grand? Didn't know Clay County could come up with so many beautiful floats and so many different ideas.

One float that was simply breath taking was the Queens Float and her attendants. Miss Judy Tipton was queen. She was attended by: Miss Judy Smart and Miss Fredia Dean Morgan as Marshalls, Miss Lucretia Ann Street, Judy Phillips, Gloria Bristol, Shirley Ford, Elizabeth Garrison and Mary Day were the other attendants.

After the parade the Centennial Wedding of Minnette Moffitt and Eugene Moore was held in the Truett Church. For those who attended this, it is a wedding that will never be forgotten and the story will be handed down from one generation to another for years to come.

The Centennial Ball and square dances finished the big celebration and they were all well attended.

All heard many express their version of the success or importance of the occasion. Mrs. Carl Killian, wife of Dr. Carl Killian of Western Carolina College, said "Carl never wears his teeth except for very special occasions and he has had them in since early morning." According to this it was a grand occasion.

Rev. Claude Young Honored As Rural Minister

Rev. Hugh Claude Young, Jr., pastor of Hayesville First Methodist Church, Clay County, N. C. has been named North Carolina Rural Minister of the Year.

The award, co-sponsored by The Progressive Farmer magazine and Emory University School of Theology, will be announced in the July issue of the Progressive Farmer. North Carolina Council of Churches assisted in the selection of the North Carolina Rural Minister.

Ministers from 12 other states are similarly recognized for outstanding contributions to rural life and religion in the South. An announcement banquet for the ministers is to be held at Emory tonight (July 12). Mr. Young plans this summer to take up a new pastorate-Sedge Garden Methodist Church, Forsyth County.

Mr. Young is director of the Group Ministry in Clay County which has been responsible for developing Christian Leadership and strengthening church programs throughout the county.

As director of the Ministry he was a leader in obtaining and building the \$100,000 Hinton Memorial Rural Life Center for Christian education and training. The 4 1/2-acre site and a rough unfinished lodge were donated to the Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Moore, and \$33,000 to begin the building fund was donated by the wife of late Harold H. Hinton, original owner and developer of the land.

Mr. Young is director of rural church and Town and Country Church Work for Waynesville District. He organized Clay County Ministerial Association and is a leader in Clay County Industrial Council, which has raised \$45,000 for construction of a building to house a dress factory.

Mr. Young's wife, Betty Jean, is church choir director. The Youngs have two children.

Clay County Sheriff Thanks Citizens, Patrol

Neal R. Kitchens, Sheriff of Clay County, says "I am indeed grateful to the Highway Patrol, the Wild Life Protectors and the many Clay County Citizens who helped with the traffic during the big Centennial Celebration, Saturday, and also to the public for the wonderful cooperation with all the men on duty. In all my years as Sheriff, I have never seen a finer example of cooperation than we had here. I hope to express my appreciation to each individual in person who worked so faithfully Saturday to make our County a safe place. It meant long hours of standing on duty for so many men; but as a result there wasn't a single injury no traffic jams and every thing moved along without any trouble. The work performed by our many citizens was equal to trained officers, and I am proud to have men in our county who helped so willingly and did such a good job!"



SENIOR CITIZENS, Curtis Ledford, Burt Ledford, John Martin, Ed Crawford, Homer Burch and Everett Garrison.



SENIOR CITIZENS, "Aunt Iowa" Patterson, "Granny" Vaught, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Ledford.



SENIOR CITIZENS, Homer Burch, Tom Herbert, Andy Parker, Ben Phillips and Mr. Martin.



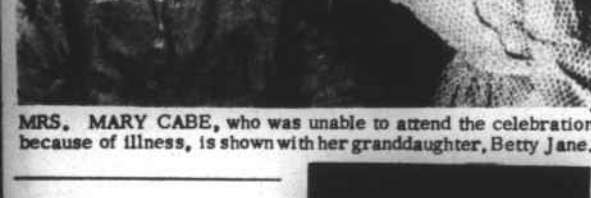
SENIOR CITIZENS, Ben Brown, Ed Herbert, Bud Cherry, John Swanson and Fred Palmer.



SENIOR CITIZENS, "Aunt" Ellie Crawford, B. Kitchens and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rogers.



MRS. MARY CABE, who was unable to attend the celebration because of illness, is shown with her granddaughter, Betty Jane.



Mrs. Bruce Ledford Honored At Shower

Mrs. Bruce Ledford of Hiwassee, was honoree at a bridal shower last Thursday evening in the social hall of the First Methodist Church. Hostesses were Misses Martha Plemmons, Marcia Thurman and Betsy Bradshaw. Mrs. Ledford is the former Miss Abigail Johnston of Hayesville.

A color scheme of pink and green was carried throughout the event in the decorations and refreshments, consisting of bride's punch, individual cakes, nuts and mints. The bride was presented a corsage of carnations by the hostesses. Games were enjoyed during the evening and many lovely gifts were presented to the honoree.

Classmates of the bride that were present were Misses Janeelle Armstrong, Jeanette Dills, Ellen McCray, Patricia Cox, Sarah Cabe, Elvinia Elliott, Roberta Johnston,

Cecilia Anderson, Virginia Ann Chastain, Pat Hogsed, Judy Penland and Judy Tipton.

Also attending was Mrs. Cora Johnston, mother of the bride, Mrs. Guy Ledford of Hiwassee, mother of the groom, Mrs. Josephine Thurman, Mrs. Pansy Bradshaw and Mrs. Myrtle Plemmons.

ALVIN PENLAND, Secretary and Treasurer of the Centennial Committee, worked very hard for the celebration.



MRS. QUENTIN MOORE wrote the Centennial Chatter every week.

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