

4th of July



On July 4, 1930, a barbeque and celebration for the opening of Lake Toccoa and the completion of the hydro-electric operation were scheduled in Blue Ridge. Dignitaries came by train and the town was decked out for the auspicious occasion. The picture, looking west, with the depot, (not shown) out of camera range on the right, shows the Fannin County Bank building and some residences of the downtown area. Each Friday and Saturday, the train poured out about 80-90 passengers who came to Blue Ridge to partake of shopping, or to drink the purported medicinal mineral springs water located just outside city proper or to visit the M.P. Willingham School for Girls. An 8-year-old, Robert Taylor, spent many weekends going car to car to offer 10-cent shoeshine services.