

The Foothills View

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Remembering The Ties Of Land, Family

About 60 Hughes, Blantons and assorted other kinfolks gathered Sunday afternoon at Boiling Springs Baptist Church for their annual reunion, held each June.

The sumptuous Sunday dinner and the sharing of new insights and old tales followed several days of work around the countryside by a cemetery clean-up crew, who used a bush hog, mattocks, hoes and scythes to reclaim the scattered family burial grounds from brush and scrub.

Several new graves were found at the old Hughes-Blanton cemetery behind Cleveland Memorial Park—new of course only to the finders, for the sleepers under the blackberry thickets have been there since the early 19th century. More were cleaned off in an overgrown field behind the Carl Weaver home on Skinner Road. Also resting on that tract was a king-sized blacksnake, which died after it was acciden-

tally run over by Jeff Hughes, on the tractor.

The crew also worked at the Durham-Jolley cemetery, on Riverside Road. All these sites are now cleaned up for descendants to visit. And many did, on Sunday afternoon.

Jack Blanton, a well-known local historian from Gaffney, told the assembly that a survey of Cleveland County cemeteries can now be obtained from Dr. Bobby Moss at Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C. 29340, for \$20 postpaid.

Also, Bea Blanton Ramey put out the word that the second volume of the Cleveland County Heritage Book is now in the works. Many local families were not represented in the first book, and their histories are being solicited.

"If you never did a family history, start running right now," said Jack Hughes of Kings Mountain, who presided over the reunion. "You get



D.C. Hughes and Ann Lancaster read a newly-cleared tombstone at one of the family cemeteries, this one off Skinner Road.

Retired Personnel Hold Meeting

The Cleveland County Chapter North Carolina Retired School Personnel had a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at the Elks Club. Myers Hambricht, president, presided. The invocation was given by Rev. Dwight Costner who also gave the devotional thoughts on Philippians 4:6-8 which he read and asked the members to think on these thoughts.

It was reported J.W. Pharr, a member, was in the hospital and also that Miss Ezra Bridges had surgery on Monday. C.C. Padgett was welcomed back after his recent illness.

The following who are retiring this year from schools in the Shelby, Kings Mountain, and

G-W Professor Moves To Principalship

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday named Dr. J. Allen Queen as principal of North Elementary School to succeed C.A. Allison, who is retiring at the end of September.

Dr. Queen is presently Chairman of the Department of Education and Director of Teacher Education at Gardner-Webb College where he served as Assistant Professor 1978-79 and then Associate Professor 1979 to the present.

He received his Doctorate from the University of Virginia with a major in Curriculum and Minor in Elementary Education. He received his Masters Degree in Education with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Science from Western Carolina University. He also received his B.S. from Western Carolina.

Dr. Queen was graduate assistant and assistant instructor at the University of Virginia from 1975-1978.

Earlier he served as elementary teacher in the Haywood, North Carolina, School System and as teacher in the Western Carolina University Summer Program for Gifted Children.

In the summer of 1983 Dr. Queen served in Saudi Arabia as Curriculum Consultant with the Arabian American Oil Company for the "Saudi Technical Development Program."

Dr. Queen is a native of Lincoln County. His wife Patsy Short Queen is a Nurse Educator, on the staff of Gardner-Webb College.

The Queens will be making their home in the Kings Mountain area as soon as suitable housing can be located.



NEW PLANT REPLACES SPRING PLANTING

Bulldozers are clearing the site of the Chase Brass and Copper Plant, which will be built on this site on Old Boiling Springs Road. Contracts for the factory, which will make narrow metal stripping for electrical components, are now in the bidding stage, and construction on the building will begin in September. The plant will cover 142,000 square feet on its ground floor and occupy a 30 acre tract near the U.S. 74 intersection. It is scheduled to begin operating in late 1985.