

**Crabtree Community News**

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 Community Reporter

Farming in Crabtree community is still a harassing task as showers continue—some of them reaching high-water marks in parts of this section.

Funeral services, being conducted at the Liberty Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. Russell, assisted by Rev. Howard of Weaverville, will continue Sunday of this week.

A. R. Davis of the Crabtree

Methodist Church is attending the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference this week at Lake Junaluska. Local ministers are acting as ushers and pages. Rev. Davis is a page.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Crabtree Baptist Church has been changed from Wednesday night to Thursday night by the pastor, Rev. Gay Chambers.

The W.M.U. of the Baptist Church met last Saturday at the home of Mrs. F. M. Noland of Fines Creek for a luncheon. In charge of the meeting was Mrs. Carlisle Davis, president. There were 30 present at the meeting, including Sunbeam and G. A. members.

The W.S.C.S. of the Crabtree Meth-



**C. B. SHULENBERGER**, Professor at State College, Raleigh, (left) was the speaker at the Masonic Marker, Tuesday afternoon, when members of the Assembly made their annual trip to the Black Camp Gap site for the services. On the right is **Dr. Charles H. Pugh**, Gastonia, a state Masonic leader, and former speaker at the Marker. (Mountaineer Photo).

**Medford-Cooper Reunion Slated Sunday At Clyde**

A joint Medford-Cooper reunion will be held this Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Medford in the town of Clyde. (The Medford residence is located on old Highway 19-23, the same street on which are located Clyde High School and the Clyde postoffice. The house is several blocks west of the eastern town limits of Clyde on the old highway.)

The descendants of Jonas and Lydia Massey Medford, the Israel Medford line of McDowell and Haywood counties, the Fullbright and Eisenhower lines John and Naomi Massey Limer, William and Polly Banks Warner Cooper are invited to attend as well as the numerous other family connections, either by blood or marriage.

Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cooper of Asheville the old Medford family reunion has been revived once again after many years. Mr. Cooper is a descendant of Jonas Medford through George and Charlotte Medford Cooper. Many of the older persons can well remember the fine old reunions once held at the old Medford Farm resort hotel near Clyde.

Speakers will be William Byers, Senator William Medford, Sam M. Robinson, Grover C. Davis, W. C. Medford and others.

Several charts will be shown, outlining the different family connections, showing the ways in which they are related. Also some old pictures will be on display showing some of the old Medford reunions of long ago and some of the original sponsors.

The Medford and allied families with the various family connections, are believed to be the largest in this section of North Caro-



**SCENE OF THE MEDFORD-COOPER REUNION** Amos Medford on old Highway 19-23 at Clyde. A large crowd is expected and a varied program is planned. (Mountaineer Photo).

**News From The Thickety Area**

Mr. and Mrs. Doice Elkin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Carswell and daughter of Detroit, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Ellen Ford returned to her home in Johnson City Monday after spending a week here with relatives. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ford and Miss Neely Ford who returned in the afternoon.

Mrs. David Burch, Mrs. George

Wright and Miss Ray McDowell honored Miss Nancy Hipps with a miscellaneous shower Saturday night at the home of the former. Several friends attended, and the honoree received a number of lovely gifts.

A-3c Gladys J. Ayers who is stationed at McCord Air Force Base in Washington, is spending her leave with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Buckner and children and Mrs. Jesse Roberts of Wyandotte, Mich., spent last week here visiting their sister, Mrs. Vinson Lowe and family and other relatives.

Mrs. Noel Williamson and daughter, Sylvia, arrived Friday by plane from New Mexico where they had

been visiting her parents, to join Mr. Williamson who has been spending the past two weeks here with relatives.

Mrs. Gaston Rhinehart was hostess for the Good Neighbor Club meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. Jack Chapman, president, was in charge. Reports were heard and projects for the coming month were discussed. A letter of appreciation was read from the Thickety CDP chairman for the electric coffee urn and pitchers given by the club for use at the park.

A social hour and refreshments were enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Fred Haney spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Jack Reeves, in South Carolina.

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odist Church met Monday night in the church dining room with Mrs. L. O. Ferguson as hostess. Mrs. John Kirkpatrick presided and Mrs. Millard Ferguson had the devotional and also the program, which was entitled "Sowing Seeds in Brazil."

Sunday morning the Rev. Z. T. Johnson, president of Asbury College at Wilmore, Ky., who is attending the Jurisdictional Conference, will fill the pulpit at Fincher's Chapel in a charge-wide service. He will also be the dinner guest of Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Davis.

Rev. and Mrs. Grady Burgin of Concord were in our community last week visiting friends.

Mrs. Harry Noland left last week for San Diego, Calif. to join her husband during his 30-day furlough from his U. S. Navy post.

Jack Noland of Newport News, Va., was a guest last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Noland.

Bud Kirkpatrick and Gerald Ferguson spent last week in Greer, S. C., with Bud's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Few.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Seay of Clinton, S. C., were weekend guests of Mr. Seay's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seay.

Homer Snyder of Newport News, was a visitor last week at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and

Mrs. Mate Caldwell.

Robert Hawkins is a surgical patient at Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville.

Mrs. Ida McGee and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGee of Washington, D. C., are spending a vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bradshaw.

Mrs. Susie McKnight arrived home last week from Cincinnati, where she has been for some time.

B. F. Nesbitt left Tuesday with the Crabtree-Iron Duff FFA boys for their annual vacation at White Lake.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holt last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Anderson and grandsons, Charles and Ricky Vajboe of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Safford this week are Mrs. Safford's brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Grove of Rochester, Ind., also their grandson, Bobby Safford of Petersburg, Va.

Willis Crane of Chester, S. C., and a friend, Miss Geneva Porter of Aiken, S. C., were weekend visitors of Mr. Crane's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Cane, a 1956 graduate of Clemson College, sailed Tuesday from Seattle, Wash., for service in the Pacific area.

Mrs. Charles Ferguson, assisted by Miss Barbara Chase of Waynesville, was hostess last Saturday night at a china, crystal, linen, and silver shower honoring Miss Mattie Sue Medford, bride-elect of Paul Smart. Thirty-five guests were present.

Mrs. C. T. Ferguson accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goldring of Peoria, Ill., returned Tuesday from Tampa, Fla., where they visited Mrs. Goldring's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Green.

Kenneth Parks of High Point spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks.

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