#### THE WAYNESVILLE MOUNTAINEER MONDAY, JULY 16, 1956 SECOND SECTION

## 350 Attended Revival Of Medford-Cooper Reunion Held In Clyde On Sunday

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The Medford reunion (which was discontinued several years ago) was again held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Medford at Clyde. It was reorganized in April of this year by Mr. and Mrs. Medford and Wayne Cooper of West Asheville as the Medford-Cooper reunion.

The registration showed over 300 persons, and an estimated 350 were in attendance.

The states of Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, Virginia; Pennsvlvania, South Carolina, Texas were represented as well as a number of counties in North Carolina, Families in attendance, which are related to the Medfords, were: Byers, Robinson, Liner, Chambers, s. McCracken, Rogers. Tate. er, and Kinsland, Mr. Mull. Cooper sided at the reunion. Talks were given by Judge W

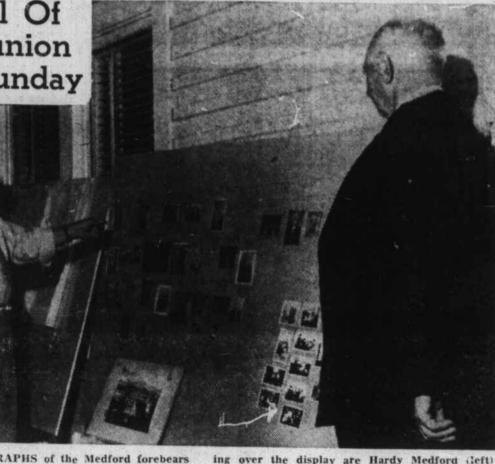
D. Fulbright of Cleveland, Tenn. W. G. Byers of Clyde, and W. C. Medford of Waynesville. Two or three others who had been scheduled to speak were not present. The genealogy charts or "family

trees" prepared by Amos Medford an interesting feature as were the many old pictures of the "clan." displayed on a large board.

Among those in attendance from other states were:

D. Tate of Lakeland, Fla.; Mf. and gram began, Mrs. Bruce Francis of Hamilton, Medford. Aunt Ida Mullis, and shops. Ohio; Lenoir Burress of Macon, Charlie Liner. Ga.; Mrs. Wade Mitchell of Chattanooga, and Mrs. C. R. Evans of Gaffney, S. C.

A downpour of rain interrupted again next year about the same ing power survey. as lunch was being enjoyed on the time during the summer.



held.

OLD PHOTOGRAPHS of the Medford forebears and past Medford reunions were on display at the Medford-Cooper reunion at Clyde Sunday, Look-

## on the Medford line, Fulbrights, Payroll Gains Match Rise In Local Business Activity

(Special to the Mountaineer) Significant business gains were high rate of employment, ex-

Bill Cothran of Pasadena, Texas: Charlie Medford, Mrs. Lavonia scale buying in the local retail This is brought out in a copy-

righted study of business in the Tentative arrangements have nation's cities and counties, released in Sales Management's new buy-The high tempo of activity in

and convenience. Electric refriger- States, ators, washing machines, better homes, fancier cars and the many other items that were once pure- ity, as compared with its full capaluxury have become musts for city, is shown in the survey by a more people. The ability to spend more

> tain soft spots in the local economy. produce .0169 per cent of the na- per cent. to \$41.049.000 last year.

and Amos Medford, at whose home the event was

previous year.

(Mountaineer photo)

Haywood County is seen in the amount of retail business recorded.

It added up to a \$27,503,000 year

for the local merchants. This was

What was the direction of the

bigger spending? The extra money

available was used to buy the

things that make for a better stand-

ard of living. People equipped

themselves with more of the mod-

a gain over the \$24,033,000 of the

families, it amounted arithmetical- available. ly to \$4.189 per family compared

was achieved generally. The gain



day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Medford at Clyde. The Medford reunion has not been held for the past several years, but

was resumed this summer by the hosts and Wayne Cooper of Asheville. The event is expected to be held again next year. (Photo for The Mountaineer by Joe Medford)

## **Haywood Farm Land Prices Among Highest In Nation**

ern devices that add to comfort was 3.6 per cent for the United NEW YORK-Mounting business

The ratio of how much is actuwood County in the past few years ally being spent in each commun- has been accompanied by a corresponding rise in payrolls. The 301 local retail establish-

"buying power index". This weight- ments chalked up \$24,238,000 in is ed figure is based on such factors business during the year 1954 made possible by better earnings, as income, sales and population. It compared with \$17,781,000 six The data shows that, despite cer- lists Haywood County as able to years earlier. The increase was 37 erly awaited by the business com-

families in Haywood County came er amount was done last year, rose to \$2.034,000 from \$1,581,000, questions 0149 per cent, it is evident that This represented an increase of 28 Divided by the number of local considerable sales potential is still per cent. The number of employees eity retail sales been affected by was 1 022 in 1954

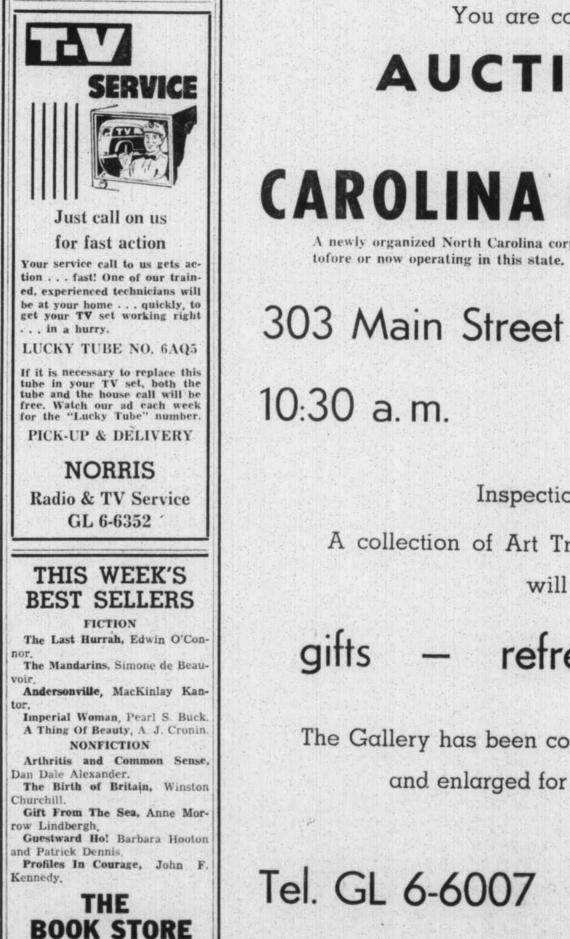
These sidelights on local retail, has the expansion of retail outlets activity in the retail stores in Hay- operations are brought out in the been in line with population Government's 1954 Census by Busi- trends?

ness, just released. It is the first Haywood County's 37 per cent such study made by the Census rise in overall retail business was Bureau since 1948, It covers every better than that accomplished state, county and urban place in throughout the United States genthe country over 2,500, erally, where the increase was 30 The census, which has been eag- per cent.

The big guns of retail activity munity of the country, is expected locally during the year were stores the net disposable income among tion's retail business. Since a small- At the same time their payrolls to contribute answers to many selling food, eating and drinking places, and automotive equipmen One of these is: how have central establishments.

The food store and eating and suburban development? Another (Continued on Page 6)

with \$4,004 in 1954. The improvement, which amounted to 4.6 per cent, was better than



You are cordially invited to attend

as

spacious lawn, but junch boxes Judge Fulbright; Mr. and Mrs. were again opened up after the rain made in Haywood County in the W. P. Johnson of Decatur, Ga.; W. and everybody had finished by past year as its residents, enjoy-P. Fulbright of Americus, Ga.; F. about 1:30 when the regular pro-Mrs. T. C. Hull of Cheswick, Pa.; Oldest persons present were pressed their strength in large-

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