

## Methodists To Hold Four Missionary Institutes

Announcement has been made of plans for four Missionary Institutes to be held for Methodist Churches in the Waynesville District.

The Rev. James H. H. Berckman, a veteran of 35 years of missionary service, will be the speaker on each occasion.

The first meeting will be held in the Sylva Methodist Church Sunday at 2:30 p.m. A second will be at Central Methodist Church in Canton, Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Other institutes are set for Central Methodist Church, Murphy, Monday at 6:30 p.m. and the Franklin Methodist Church, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The last two will be preceded by supper.

Mr. Berckman began his missionary work in China, mostly in Shanghai and Changchow. In Shanghai he was a teacher in the Hong Kong Night School while studying the language, and later was pastor of the noted Allen Memorial Church of that city.

In 1927 Mr. Berckman became pastor of the Carriger Memorial Church in Changchow and in 1933-34 was in charge of Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai.

When war was declared between Japan and the United States he was one of the Methodist missionaries placed in a concentration camp — and was among those repatriated on the "Gripsholm" in 1943.

Returning to China at the end of hostilities in 1945, Mr. Berckman remained there until 1950 when he was again evacuated. He has been in Malaya since 1951 as field treasurer for the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions.

Other leaders taking part in the institutes will be the Rev. Frank Smathers, district superintendent; the Rev. Earl H. Brendall of Waynesville, district missionary secretary; and the Rev. Horace R. McSwain, conference missionary

## Lions Club Plans Light Bulb Sale

The Waynesville Lions Club will stage their annual light bulb sale from 5 until 8 p.m. this Thursday, it has been announced by Roy Reed, sales chairman.

The Lions members will sell packages of 10 bulbs for \$2 each. Profits from the sale will be used to finance Lions Club projects.

## District Nurses' Meet Slated At Asheville

District 1 of the North Carolina State Nurses Association will meet Wednesday, November 14 at 4 p.m. at the Buncombe County courthouse in Asheville, it has been announced.

The program will consist of reports of the State Convention held in Raleigh October 23-26.

## Boosters Club To Hear Dr. Matthews Of Canton

Dr. Hugh A. Matthews of Canton will be the speaker at a regular meeting of the Hazelwood Boosters Club Thursday, November 8, at 7 p.m.

New officers will be elected and Lawrence Davis, president, will preside.

secretary of Western North Carolina.

Members of Methodist churches in the district are invited to attend the institute which is most convenient. A special invitation is extended to chairmen and members of the commission on missions, the chairmen of commissions on finance, chairmen and members to the official boards, and church school superintendents and teachers.



FHA OFFICERS at Crabtree-Iron Duff School this term are (from left) Mary Sue McCracken, president; Hilda Rector, vice president; Peggy Ferguson, secretary; June Smith, reporter; Jeanette Smith, program chairman; Ruth Gillett, program committeeman; Beverly Chambers, and Betty Sue James, song leaders; and Freda Hill, historian. (Mountaineer Photo).

## Upper Crabtree News Items Are Reported

By PAT MESSER  
Community Reporter

Billy Best, student at Brevard College, spent the weekend with his parents.

Mrs. Hugh Smith has returned from the hospital and is convalescing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kilby of Waynesville and Mrs. Roy Clarke and children, Earl and Neal, visited Fields of the Woods, near Murphy last weekend.

Mrs. Richie Erwin of California has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richie Justice. She is the former Miss Bonnie Sue Justice.

Miss Patricia Ann Messer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Messer was elected queen of the Upper Crabtree Community Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Bradshaw had as guests on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Dan Plemmons of Asheville and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McClure and children, Lynn and Karen, of Waynesville.

Miss Pat Messer entertained at a "lucky party" Saturday night at

her home. The guests made old-fashioned molasses candy.

Smith's eleven children and other relatives and friends were present.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Smith on Sunday. All of the

Theaters in Germany in 1955 presented 1,900 plays and 656 concerts to audiences of 17 million.

## Balsam Grove - Beech Gap Road Surveys Completed

Announcement was made at the meeting of the N. C. Park Commission held in Asheville recently by Harry Buchanan, highway commissioner for the 14th district, that engineering work on the Balsam Grove to Beech Gap road had been completed, and that the contract would be let before January 1st.

An additional \$135,000 will be provided by the National Forest Service as matching funds on this road, according to statement made by Don Morris, supervisor of Pisgah National Forest, who stated that his department was giving first priority to the road, as it would provide additional fire protection for a vast area in the Court House and Tennessee Bald sections.

Also of interest to this county was decision of the Park Commission to ask Governor Luther Hodges for a direct grant for the Pisgah motor road paving from Wagon Road Gap, to Cut Throat Gap, where the paving starts down the mountain to Candler.

Supt. Sam Weems of the Blue Ridge Parkway, asked that effort be made to secure black top on this improved seven-mile stretch in order that another access could be made to the section of Parkway already completed and being used in Transylvania county.

Supt. Weems said that he hoped to let contract on a section of the Parkway from Sandy Flats on N.C. 191 to top of the mountain during the next year, but that the seven miles from the top of the ridge to Wagon Road would not be built for several years.

Supervisor Don Morris of the National Forests, said that "control" survey of the proposed Yellowstone Falls lake had been completed, and that the "plane table" work would be complete this week. Effort is being made by the Park commission, the C&D board and the Forest Service to build this 90-acre lake on Yellowstone. The proposed lake will cover 90 acres and plans are to stock it with Golden trout, as the high elevation will provide cold water necessary to propagation of the trout species.

## Grisly Relic Removed

LANSING, Mich. (AP)—A man's ring carved from the shin bone of a Confederate soldier has been removed from a museum display in the state Capitol. Officials decided the grisly relic did not have a proper place among the exhibits viewed yearly by thousands of school children and other visitors.

## Crawford Serving Aboard USS Tutuila

James D. Crawford, USN, whose wife, Minnie, lives at 123 North Hill St., Waynesville, is now serving aboard the USS Tutuila, a repair ship of the service force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, which was recently adjudged the outstanding vessel in her competitive group for the fiscal year of 1956.

Crawford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Crawford, Route 2, Collinsville, Va.

## Wheels Of Progress

LOVINGTON, N. M. (AP)—The Sheriff's office here has marked this case "closed."

It stated when a youthful voice called and reported the theft of his bicycle. It ended a few minutes later when the same boy called and reported the bicycle had been found.

"My mother rode it to a neighbor's house," the voice said.

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