

# The Foothills View

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## Best Of Histories

"It's the best title to a chapter I've ever read," said one editor after opening the book.

The book is *The Heritage of Cleveland County* and the chapter is Ann Corn's happily titled family history, "Granny Jones and Some Who Came After."

Her chapter is among the 1000 family sketches collected from area people over a year's time by the Cleveland County Historical Association and published last month in the 682-page *History*. The sketches are written by family members themselves, and their collection into one volume saves the stories which, the Association notes, "might be lost with the passing of older citizens."

The Association was correct in identifying the passing of history with the passing of older people. Such an identification is a reminder that although books are made by historians, history is made by people. And what is the history of everyman but the story of "Granny Jones and some who came after"?

From time to time the *View* will share with its readers from among the family reminiscences printed in the *History*. Below is the story of the Conrad Hughes family, written by their son, Jack Hughes of Kings Mountain. Conrad Hughes was a grandson of Andrew Jackson Hughes, a Confederate veteran and Boiling Springs native. The Hughes family graveyard is located in Boiling Springs, and Jack Hughes last year organized a family reunion at the family graveyard and at Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Here are his memories of his father and mother, Conrad and Eva Hughes:

We were mostly Cleveland County born. Cleveland County bred and as we die, we are mostly Cleveland County dead.

The Hughes ancestors have been mostly Baptist, farmers, carpenters, blacksmiths and livestock breeders. Hunting, fishing and baseball were the big pastimes and hobbies.

Conrad Hughes believed you had to have the best male line in all his farm animals to improve his breeder stock and he practiced this in his cattle, hogs and dogs, in which he took great pride.

### Mules Part of Daily Life

He bought his first registered Hereford bull in the early 1930s. About the same time, he bought a registered Poland China boar hog and offered him for service in the community.

He had many fox dogs with names like Judge, Boston, Ruben, Sadie, Sweep, Hannah, etc. Our horse, 'Nett', had many colts. Kate and Jane, our mules, grew up with us and were part of our daily life, and



Conrad and Eva Dunlap Hughes on their wedding day, March 15, 1914

so were Star, Pet, and Otha, our cows. 'The lambs and colts were the boys' to feed and keep, but when it came selling time, they were Dad's horse and sheep.'

My mother seemed to grow up with us. She never seemed old. We enjoyed playing tricks on her. One trick we liked to play on her was after killing a snake, bring the snake and put the head under the door step, leaving the remainder of the snake where she could see it. We would hide and watch. When she came to the door and saw it, she would say, 'Shoot a monkey!' — her favorite saying. (If she knew any four letter words she did not use them.)

She would run and get the little 410 double barrel, hammer gun and shoot the snake into pieces. Then we would all laugh and she would say 'I'm going to get you boogers!'

If unexpected company showed up, out came the double barrel gun again — and look out roosters — she had chicken and samplings a-plenty for all.

### Nursing a child and churning milk

When we worked, Mom worked. When we played, she played with us, if she could find time. She was a happy-busy soul, and her hand went out to help anyone in need.

I have seen her nurse a child while churning milk, with a dasher in a stone jar and reading her Sunday School lesson at the same time, to get ready for services at Antioch Baptist Church, where we went most of our lives.

I do not know where she got the strength. She would be up when we went to bed and be up when we got up. She would ride anything with her children, from a motorcycle to a cable car up Stone Mountain, or chair lifts, or boats, or snow sleds, etc.

This is only a brief summary of the very happy childhood we enjoyed, shared with you by 'one-ninth' of their children

— S. Jack Hughes

## From Main Street To Merry Street



Townpeople put on their holiday clothes — including the stout gentleman in the red suit, above — during Christmas parade Monday. Mrs. Maggie Beason rode as marshal

## Honeycutt Secures Award

Reese Honeycutt, formerly of Boiling Springs and the son of Mrs. Johnnie M. Ware, has been awarded the Commissioner's Citation by the Social Security Commissioner. John A. Svahn. The Citation, the highest award given by the Social Security Administration, was presented for outstanding performance of official duties.

James Brown, press

officer for the Social Security Administration in Washington, said, "Mr. Honeycutt has done an outstanding job and has excellent working relations with the people in Kentucky, where he is district manager with headquarters in Bowling Green." He and his family reside in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Mr. Honeycutt is a graduate of Boiling Springs High School, Gardner-Webb Jr. College, Western Carolina University, and Appalachian State University where he received his Master's Degree. He is married to the former Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Eugenia Elliott of Polkville. They are the parents of five daughters and have a grandson and a granddaughter.

## Union Carbide Layoffs Stay Southward

A Union Carbide executive said Tuesday that orders for that company's Shelby plant are expected to continue "reasonably strong," and that workers here should remain unaffected by Union Carbide's layoffs in South Carolina.

Indefinite layoffs of 80 workers were announced Friday by Union Carbide at its Simpsonville, S.C., plant, located outside of Greenville. The layoff, the third at the plant in six months, reduces the work force there to 1700, just over half of the plant's full employment of 2500.

Both the Simpsonville plant and the Shelby plant manufacture ceramic capacitors, a device widely used in circuitry.

"The Shelby plant manufactures

capacitors for a variety of markets, including the military," said David Maguire, vice-president of the electronics division of Union Carbide at Greenville. "Incoming orders should remain reasonably strong there and we should be okay."

Maguire attributed the South Carolina layoffs to orderstocked inventories. Maguire's division of Union Carbide at Greenville is headquarters for the Shelby plant.

Union Carbide began operations at its Shelby plant in August, 1981.

Layoffs of 69 hourly employees were announced Sept. 10 of this year, reducing the labor force to under 400. Full employment at the Shelby plant numbers about 800 workers.

## Carson, Dobbins Funerals Tuesday

A neighbor he is survived by his remembered Kenneth wife, Mary Lee Dixon Dobbins' hands as Dobbins; a son, Melvin Dobbins; two daughters, Mrs. Diane Buchanan and Mrs. Sybil Beason; a sister, Mrs. Lois Greene; and three grandchildren.

Services were also held Tuesday for Samuel James Carson, 52, a retired farmer who died at his home Friday. Burial was at Brooks Chapel United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lela Hunt Carson and two brothers, J. W. Carson and Gene Carson.



**Reading Is Fun!** Just ask Carla Cash, Ykeisha Surratt, Philishia Chambers, and Lorenza Moses, who participated in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program at Lattimore school. Over 345 children picked out a book of their own to read and to keep at the school Friday.

## Putting Holly In Your Holiday

Since the time of the Druids, people in England have been decking the halls and making jolly with holly.

They have made tea from the plant as well as ointments for smallpox and tonics for kidney disease. The holly branch, a symbol of friendship, makes a fine English walking stick, and it has been used by English chimney sweeps in cleaning that nation's flues.

The Chinese put holly leaves in salad and lead cattle around with holly rings through their noses. In the United States, the third nation where holly grows in abundance, the great bulk of the species

and their varieties are found between Virginia and Florida.

All holly trees are members of the Quifoliaceae family, and the genus name is Ilex.

There are fewer than 25 species of native American hollies, but we are learning to use most of them in landscaping our gardens. There are deciduous hollies like the possum haw and the winterberry, and evergreens like the American holly (Ilex opaca), which has spiny leaves and heavily fruited boughs.

Driving along country roads, a nurseryman with a good eye will spot here and there a tree slightly different than the others.



This holly tree provides a Christmas red to the front yard of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bridges of Boiling Springs.

Genetic diversity is there of hollies. The named varieties, however, are regulated by a strict plant patent law, and all of their names must

be registered with the Department of Agriculture.

Hollies are used in landscaping for hedges, windbreaks, screens and foundation plantings, as well as for specimen plantings. They give height to a landscape when planted at the corners of properties.

It is critically important to give the tree space, for at maturity it may reach 50 feet, depending on the species. Hollies should be pruned in winter, and the sprigs are grand for decking the halls.

The early colonists all but stripped them from the coastal forest because hollies were extensively used for barter overseas.

Holly trees are either male or female. Since only the female hollies bear fruit, gardeners must remember to plant a male for every few females.

The holly is a tough, sturdy ornamental, relatively free of pests and diseases, and easily treated when ailing. The tree enjoys full or filtered sun and likes moist soil with good drainage. When the soil is clayey, the tree appreciates the addition of sand and gypsum.

Hollies need yearly mulching, lots of compost, and a feeding in March. They are best planted in early spring. During the first two years, they need weekly watering.

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