

Aunt Maggie, Age 94, Rode Like A Queen In Best Yet Wagon Train Over Choga

By Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens

HAYESVILLE - After a heave and a ho, a grinding of brakes, and a chorus of "Whoa-aaa-a" the Wagon Train came to Clay County.

It gave me an opportunity to get a first hand view of all the "goings on." I went to the camp the first night the train was in Clay. It was in the Tusquize section, with everything as orderly as a family picnic. A rain had fallen about an hour before I got there. The fog was heavy on all sides.

There was a clop, clop of the horses hoofs as they were being taken to water. Some riders were still saddle happy, winding in and out of the crowd.

Jim Armstrong, bar-be-cue chef, was turning chickens

over a long pit. During the rain sheets of plastic and rain coats had been held by Jim and others while they took a real soaker. There was an aroma of coffee from the huge pots, simmering over the camp fires. Home Demonstration Club ladies and church groups were on hand with all the home baked "goodies" to feed the crowd.

Cowboy hats, tight legged britches and boots was the fashion of the train.

For about a quarter of a mile along the road, tents were pitched, and horses tied for the night. Several thousand people were milling around. There was a long steady stream of cars on the road filled with people watching the camp.

I was informed that the wagons and main part of the

train was about a half mile farther back. I wanted to see the entire camp, so I headed "up country." I passed a group after group camped along the roadside. In a large open field, I found the Wagon Train lined in a big circle. This was a real thriller. Some had camp fires going near their wagons. Coffee was brewing, and I actually saw beans being served from the open fire in tin plates.

A large group had gathered near one wagon. By squeezing through I saw the men shoeing a horse that had thrown a shoe coming down the mountain. A young lad held a flash light, while another sat on the ground, and removed a horn from his foot with a pin knife.

As I walked around the circle, I watched the glow from

the camp fires. A whipperwill started "whipping." The setting was so real I half expected to hear the cry of the Shoshone from the hills.

By the time I finished my trek, the string band was in full swing. Square dancers filled the road. This was interrupted by the sheriff occasionally, to let the traffic through. Everyone was in a holiday mood.

The Wagon Train traveled about 9 miles to reach Hayesville July 3. Approximately five to six thousand people had gathered in town by 1:00 p. m. to welcome the group. Boys climbed to the roofs of buildings. As they called, "Here they come," the excitement that ran through the crowd was like an electric current.

Capt. Frank Swan, Wagon Master, and Clifton Penland carried the flags on their steeds in grand fashion as they led the parade. It was a sight that will be long remembered. Wagons and horsemen moving at a steady pace, with everyone "diked" out in their best riding "habits."

The train circled the square. Among the unusual riders was "Aunt Maggie" Moore, age 94, riding with the dignity of a queen. The train moved to the school grounds to make camp for the night.

Ladies of the V. F. W. Auxiliary and Jim Armstrong had food prepared for the crowd. They were assisted by members of the V. F. W. in serving.

By night fall, approximately 6,000 people were in town.

Two square dancers got underway at the school ground, with ball room dancing in the gymnasium. Another big square dance was held in town. The Sheriff, deputy and highway patrolman milled through the crowd, keeping everything in orderly fashion.

The music of the string band could be heard for miles. Time was turned back and frontier days were relived again as old and young alike "swung their partner" in the traditional style.

The Wagon Train moved out at dawn, July 4. As quietness settled over Clay, many were already hoping the train will return next year. The people on the Wagon Train and the spectators shared a common opinion - "THIS WAS THE BEST WAGON TRAIN YET."

Local Cancer Patients May Suffer Due To Lack Of Local Funds

SPECIAL TO SCOUT

MURPHY - The executive board of the Cherokee County Chapter of the American Cancer Society met Monday evening, July 8, at the Power Board Building.

After the financial report was given it was found that the local chapter was badly in need of additional funds for needy local cancer patients.

The local funds have been exhausted due to the increased number of local cancer patients found in this area.

An appeal is being made to the general public and contributions for this cause will be accepted through August 31. Support of this appeal could mean the difference between life and death of a local cancer patient.

All regular and memorial contributions may be sent to Mrs. Fannie B. Pulliam, Andrews, N. C., treasurer, or to Mrs. Holland McSwain or Sam L. Davidson, Murphy, co-chairmen of the campaign drive.

Presbyterians To Observe Communion

MURPHY - Mid-summer Communion will be observed at morning worship next Sunday, July 14, at Murphy Presbyterian Church.

Church-goers who have made perfect attendance records are also to be recognized at the service.

The annual congregational and church school picnic will be held at 6:30 Wednesday night, July 17 at the Campbell Folk School.

The Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

Do you think possibly the people of Murphy might be interested in promoting a "Wagon Train" project for the sole purpose of emphasizing need for completion of 1.2 miles of road (US 64), Murphy South that has been under construction for past three years?

Think it over! J. N. Hill, Jr., D. D. S. Murphy, N. C.

Rock Swap Shop This Week-end Over In Gorge

MURPHY - The third Rock Swap Shop this year will be held by the Tri-State Rockhound Club of Brassstown at the Gorgama Park in the Nantahala Gorge, U. S. Hwy. 19, this Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14.

The park is located midway between Bryson City and Andrews.

Weather

DATE	H	L	PERC.
July 4	85	53	0.00
5	83	53	0.00
6	84	51	0.00
7	84	62	0.80
8	85	63	0.20
9	82	59	0.00
10	77	46	0.00

Forecast: Thursday and Friday, fair; Saturday and Sunday, scattered cloudiness with widely scattered afternoon thunder showers.

Here and There-Shoal Creek, Warne, Clay County, Caine Creek, Marble, Suit

Shoal Creek

BY Beulah Slaughter

Homecoming at Swanson Baptist Church on Shoal Creek Road will be Sunday, July 14. Morning service will be at eleven o'clock and dinner at twelve. Noon. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas and family of Ducktown, Tenn., and Mrs. Wm. Johnson spent Friday with Mrs. James Allen, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen and family came from Ohio for a visit on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woods and daughter, Lina, arrived Saturday from Ooletwah, Tenn. Miss Lina is spending the week here. She directed the singing at Shoal Creek Church on Sunday morning.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pender Brendle over the past week were Mr. and Mrs. John Altenhoff of Phoenix, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. Junior Price, Mr. and Mrs. Concord, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brendle and family of Concord, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brendle and family of Cleveland, Tenn., Mrs. Ora Worrall and son and son's family, and Mr. Dewitt McDaniel, Kingsport, South Carolina.

Mrs. Ruby Ledford Watkins, Hollywood, Fla., is visiting Mrs. James Allen.

Mrs. Emma Quinn spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Suit and family spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Suit.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Dills, Maryville, Tenn. spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Kemery Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook, Smyrna, Ga., were week-end visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brown and family, Gastonia, N. C., also Mr. Harley Kilpatrick of Gastonia, spent Saturday with the Burl Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Toothman of Akron, Ohio, were on their way home from Mexico and stopped for a visit with Mrs. Wm. Johnson.

Mrs. Charles Drayle, Akron Ohio is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Johnson, while Mr. Drayle is in Anchorage, Alaska, where his brother, Lt. Col. Art Drayle, is being retired from the Air Force and is going into the house trailer business in Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick and family of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent the week-end with Mr. Lydia Ledford.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burger of Ducktown, Tenn., their daughter, Joanne, of New York and son Leland, and family of Chicago, Ill. were visitors last week of Mrs. N. R. Montgomery.

Mr. Lakes Montgomery went to the hospital in Sylva, N. C. on Sunday for a check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haw-



Aunt Maggie, 94, Rides In Lead Buggy.



1963 Wagon Train Enters Hayesville.



Sheriff Neal Kitchens and Unidentified Horseman With the Wagon Train Camp in the Background.

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Jr., Regina and Terry, of Pineville, West Va., visited the Paul Vaughnt family this past week-end.

A large group of relatives attended the birthday dinner in honor of Vaughn Rogers in Toccoa, Ga., last Sunday. Those from Clay County present were Mr. and Mrs. Noel Smart and family of the Ledfords Chapel community and Mrs. Lizzie Kitchens.

A 4th of July picnic was enjoyed at the C. K. Miller home on Pounding Mill Rd. by the Millers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell T. Davis and daughters, Arlene and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce LeNeave and nephew, Al Powell, Terry Miller and Roy Yancey.

Roy Yancey, schoolmate of Terry Miller in St. Petersburg has been a guest at the Miller home for the past three weeks.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClure during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Enloe of Canton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McClure and Steven of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Earl McClure and family, Mr. and Mrs. Neal McClure and family of Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Rondel Ledford and daughter of Hayes-

Ledford and daughter of Hayesville and Mrs. Hershel Underwood of Hiwassee, Ga.

Mrs. Jim McClure of Lick Log and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Enloe visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Maney at Needmore Saturday. Mr. Maney has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hollifield of Winston Salem spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Prater and Mrs. May Hollifield and other relatives.

Mrs. Ernestine Burch of Canton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Padgett last week. Other visitors at the Padgett home were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thomas and daughter, Joy and Miss Elaine Holmes of Dunedin, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Padgett and family of Kingsport, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Burch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. David Burch, all of Hayesville, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kelly and family of Greenville, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker and family of Long View, Wash., Roel Smart, and Gwendolyn Smart, enjoyed a family picnic at the Neal Kitchens' picnic area last Sunday.

Roy Foster, Jr., S. N., USN, has returned to San Diego, Calif., after a two week leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Foster. He will be stationed in the Philippines.

Morris Davis has been seriously ill in a Hiwassee hospital for several days.

Mrs. Lizzie Kitchens spent last week-end with Mr. and

Mrs. Vaughn Rogers and other relatives in Toccoa, Ga.

Mrs. Richard Tolbert and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry White and their son, Tony, all of McClean, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Moore at Tusquize this week. Other visitors in the Moore home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nelson of Awuone, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Hayes of Fla., and Mrs. Cora Watkins of Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolan and daughter of Franklin visited Mrs. Clarence Smith on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown and the Zed Brackens family enjoyed a picnic at Fires Creek on July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin.

SFC and Mrs. Bud Brown of Hickory, N. C., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brackens of Orville, Ohio, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Brackens.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooke have moved into their new home. Their visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. Garland McGaha of Bristol, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore of Manchester, Tenn., and Mrs. W. R. Ledford and Mary Jo.

Mrs. Alma Moore returned to Manchester, Tenn., with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moore on Sunday to spend some time.

Miss Sandra Cook of Manchester, Tenn., visited Mrs. Hobert Patterson and Wade on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jake McGaha of Elf has been ill at Hiwassee hospital for a few days.

Mrs. James Ledford, Tommy and Becky, have moved to their new home in Hayesville. They bought the house formerly owned by Mrs. Eva Swanson where Mrs. Justine Rozier and family lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Jones have returned to their home in Akron, Ohio, after a week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burch and children of Rabun Gap, Ga., camped at Lake Chatuge last week. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Street, Mrs. Bobby Burch, and Pamela, Mr. and Mrs. Neal R. Kitchens, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Waldroup, Anthony and Joe and Mrs. Harry Jarrett joined the campers for a 4th of July picnic.

Mr. Alvin Young and Mrs. Mary Forrister of Blairsville, Ga., and Mr. Franklin Young of Charlotte, N. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crisp on July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Crawford of Marietta, Ga., and son Clark, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones. Clark remained for a week visit with the Jones family.

Caine Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Doc) Little and family were visited over the week - end (June 29-30) by Mrs. Little's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Grant and daughter Bobbie of Traveler's Rest, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ledford, Jr., arrived Monday, July 1st for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledford and son, Ronnie.

Miss Brenda Stewart left Sunday, June 30, with her sister, Katherine of Atlanta, Ga. to seek employment there.

Little Miss Brenda Millsaps enjoyed a Saturday afternoon visit July 29 with her aunt, Barbara Crisp. Pretty Brenda was picked up late in the afternoon by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Millsaps.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix McClure and family of Marietta, Ga. visited Sunday, June 30 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McClure.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Crisp of Marble stayed for a visit Saturday, June 29 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crisp.

We're sorry that Chico Rhinaudo, Kathy Thompson, Glenda Little, and Susie Loudermilk were unable to attend 4-H Club Friday, June 28. Come to the next one, you all.

Barbara Lee Crisp enjoyed her Sunday afternoon, June 30 visit with Suzi Carder, despite the down-pour of rain.

Mr. John Donley, Mr. Jimmy Crisp and the Rev. Silver Gaddis enjoyed a fox hunt Wednesday night, July 3, in the Happy Top section near Culberson.

A swim in Cane Creek was enjoyed July 4 by Harry Little Bruce Little, Julius Crisp, Jerrel Crisp, Charles Henson, Barbara Lee Crisp, Diana Little, and Sherrill Little.

Skiing was enjoyed in Cane Creek Sunday, July 7, by Hubert Pickelsimer, Dean Wilcox, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Winchester.

Mr. Harley Mann, the blind merchant, has recently moved back into our neighborhood. Welcome back, Harley.

Noticed Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cole enjoying the cool air after the rain July 7 by reclining on their porch and watching traffic.

Charles Henson seems to be working hard lately in the service station section of Western Carolina Truck Stop. Charles, say those gnats, bugs, and mosquitoes keep a fellow busy?

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Mr. and Mrs. Bud Crisp and children, Jack, Don, Judy, and Phyllis, celebrated the 4th

with a picnic at the Beech Creek section.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Millsaps and daughter, Brenda, visited Mrs. Millsaps' grandmother, Mrs. Mary Forrister of Blairsville, Ga., Sunday.

Rev. Carl Cable filled his regular appointment on July 7 at Mt. Liberty Baptist Church. A wonderful sermon was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. P. N. Hensley and daughter, Debroah of Kingston, Tenn., spent several days recently visiting Mrs. Hensley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ladd, Mr. Ladd has been a patient at Providence Hospital at Murphy but is at home now. His many friends will be glad to know this.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett C. Dooley of Anderson, S. C., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Ladd during the Fourth of July holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Ladd and daughters, Leta and Judith, of Knoxville, Tenn., have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ladd.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter West of Robbinsville and Mrs. Harley West spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barnett.

Randy Barnett and Bill Myers, Jr. R. A. spent last week at Truett Camp near Hayesville. On Wednesday, Jimmy Foust, counselor for R. A.'s took the boys swimming and on Thursday they enjoyed the Wagon Train parade at Hayesville.

We are sorry to report that Ed English has been in a local hospital for several days, and hope he will be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Sudderth went to Cherokee Saturday, then over the Blue Ridge Parkway into Brevard and Asheville. While in Asheville they visited the recreation park and other points of interest.

St. William's Catholic Church Plans Open House

MURPHY - Open house will be held at St. Williams Catholic Church in Murphy Friday, July 19, between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The tour of the church and the explanation of the different things found in the church will be conducted by the laymen's organization, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Arthur Murray is the president. Assisting Mr. Murray will be Mrs. Murray, Mrs. John Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Joseph, Mrs. Cecil James, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eikhout, Mrs. Harold Jones, Miss Joann Fullwood, Mrs. Valie May Bowman, Miss Kay Bowman, Mr. James Sprung, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Beertema, Mrs. Edward Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lyers, Miss Hazel Cross, Mr. and Mrs. William Wislon, Mrs. Mae Daisey, Mr. Garland Melton, Mrs. Laura Lanza, Mrs. E. S. Dochery and Mrs. Lawson West.

Mrs. Genva Phillips, student nurse at Memorial Hospital, Asheville, recently spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Nellie Phillips.

Mrs. Richard Gates, Becky and Denise of Columbus, Ga., visited grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Best enroute to Columbus, Ohio to visit her mother, Mrs. Lucille Holland, Betty Sue Best and Towana accompanied them to Ohio. While there they spent time with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newton of Summit Station, Ohio. Mrs. Holland and son Jimmy returned to Andrews with them on Tuesday and will remain for a three weeks visit.

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Suit By Mary Stiles

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Daugall and son of California spent the last week of June with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Keenum.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Keenum of Chamberlain, S. D., and children, Roger and Connie, spent two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Will Keenum.

Mrs. Eliese Cole of Gastonia visited her mother here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sosebee and son of Gastonia and Sear Beaver are spending a few days with Mrs. Will Keenum.

Mrs. Faye Radford and daughter of Cleveland spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Will Keenum.

Andrews On Saturday evening July 6 The Class and their families held a picnic at Berkshire Picnic area - Approximately 70 attended.

Twenty-five members attended accompanied by wives and husbands - The mascots Sara Helen Kinsey Davis and Lloyd Derberre were also present.

Michael Gregory, son of Mrs. Jane Gregory and a member of the Sylva Unit of North Carolina Army National Guard was recently promoted to PFC.

Mrs. Merrill Rayburn, son David, Johnson City, Tenn., Danny and Evon Patterson, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Fred Warwick, son Allen, Knoxville were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson.

The Long family held their reunion on Sunday at the Nantahala Power and Light Co. Picnic area Nantahala, N. C. Relatives representing many towns and states were present. The oldest relative attending was John Long, age 89 of Ela.

Miss Carolyn Wyke and Jane Phillips vacationed for a week at Virginia Beach, Va. While there they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hembree.

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