

Swannanoa News

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"THE COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE"

Arts and Crafts
Arts and Crafts department of the Woman's club will meet Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the community building. Mrs. Robert Corne will be the hostess.

Minister's Letter Home
Many viewpoints as well as conclusions can be reached from a box of very old letters belonging to a family who settled Weaverville, relative of the people who lived here many years ago. An opinion is immediately confronted with the sincerity in their belief in God. Without doubt they were far more religious than people, generally speaking, are today. The letters following were written to Elizabeth Weaver, by a brother, S. Weaver, who was a minister, while he was attending a conference, and to his mother, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, whose ancestry was of the Wimer Siler's of Franklin.

Addressed to Elizabeth Weaver, French Broad, Buncombe, N. C. Parisburg, Oct. 8, 1938

Dear sister,
Having received your kind letter which you seem to complain of negligence. I must confess my fault and do better. Therefore I will try to write a few lines in order to keep up the much desired correspondence. I am sorry to hear of your dull camp meeting, but I can only wish that you had had as good an one as we had last week at which 48 joined, and some 30 or 30 profess to have obtained the pearl place. The one we had a few weeks before was not quite so good, I find that a great deal depends on the member ship in order to a good camp meeting. At first we had a tolerable number of preachers, but the people liked and visited, acted and drank, it did not pray much but appeared to act as though they meant preacher bless us. But the preacher could not, and the lord would not because they would not pray, consequently we had but dull times, but at our next we had not any preachers but they appeared to know where their great strength lay and they obtained help and were abundantly blessed.

I would be as glad to see you all as you could be to see me perhaps at it is uncertain when we shall be gratified with meeting each other. If I should remain in this part of the conference perhaps I may not come home until I go to my c. t. and make some arrangements so that I can stay longer than if I could if I were to come directly from conference but if I could go to that end I may come immediately from conference. I must say a word to mother before I close therefore I must close the present epistle by saying that I remain Your affectionate brother J. S. Weaver.

Dear Mother,
With gratitude I read a communication from you. I am glad to hear that you are all well and doing pretty. I learn that papa has bought a mule and wants more and Jesse has sold his part in the store and bought uncle Christleys place. I am glad to hear of my friends doing well while I can emphatically say, "no foot of land I possess, no cottage in the wilderness."

A poor way faring man. I gladly wander to and fro till I my portion gain. You tell me that you are making a suit of janes for me I must come home sometime this fall anyhow if I can and get my coat and see you all. I have received my quarterage this year and spent a good deal of it and must necessarily spend more, but I shall have enough perhaps to hear my expenses conference and home again and that is sufficient. Having food and raiment a body ought to be contented. I am well and happy and hoping these lines may find you all well and I will close subscribing myself to be Your affectionate son, J. S. Weaver, P. S. Give my love to all the family and inquiring friends.

2) A song ballad by J. S. Weaver—Nov. 19, 1839—Reems Creek.
Hall sovereign grace that first began
The scheme to rescue fallen man
Hall matchless free eternal grace
Which gave my soul a hiding place.
Against the God that rules on high
I fought with hands uplifted high
Despised the offers of his grace
To proud to seek a hiding place.
Enwrap in dark egyptian night
And fond of darkness more than light
Madly I ran the sinful race
Treasure without a hiding place.
But lo the eternal council ran
Almighty love arrest the man

I felt the arrows of distress
And found I had no hiding place.
But lo! a heavenly voice I heard
And mercy for my soul appeared
She led me on a heavenly pace
This mountain is no hiding place.
Vindictive justice stood in view
To Zions fiery mountain I flee—
Stern justice cried with frowning face
This mountain is no hiding place.
Should seven fold reels of thunder rool
And shake the globe from pole to pole
No thunder bolts could daunt my face
For Jesus is my hiding place.
A few more rolling suns at most
Will land my soul on canaans coast
There I will sing a song of grace
Safe in my glorious hiding place.

W. S. C. S.
Mrs. C. W. Bates, who is now living at Weaverville, attended the October meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and presented an interesting program on "Volcanoes in Southeast Asia." The theme of the 1956-57 programs is "The Islands Await His Word," and Mrs. Bates explained the background for the study and gave those present an idea of what to expect in the year's programs.

The invitation from the W.S.C.S. of the Bethel Methodist church to attend their program for the "week of prayer and self-denial" on October 29 was accepted.

The society also voted to again meet on the first Tuesday of each month. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday evening, Nov. 6. Mrs. William T. Rathford, the wife of the new minister, was cordially welcomed as a new member.

Mrs. J. M. Powlas and Mrs. Lynn Gill, hostesses, served a delicious salad course. Others present besides those already mentioned were Mrs. J. V. Brigman, Mrs. Ted Smith, Mrs. Mildred Scott, Mrs. W. G. Harrison, Mrs. Elmer DeBrull, Mrs. Whit Gibson, Mrs. George Johnston, Mrs. Louise Warlick, Mrs. Elmer Griffin, Mrs. Nell Bass, Mrs. C. H. Farr, and Mrs. Ernest Holbert. Dr. C. W. Bates was present for the social hour.

Free Will Baptist
Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary
An enjoyable program was given at the Free Will Baptist church for the Josephine Mumpower Auxiliary, with Mrs. T. A. Pittman, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. R. L. Ballard taking part, following an introduction by Mrs. Frances Foster. The hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung previous to prayer, led by Mrs. Florence Smith, with the scripture given by Mrs. Ann Wilson.

Those attending were Mrs. Frances Foster, Mrs. Perry Buckner, Mrs. Cline Messer, Mrs. Ruby Nichols, Mrs. Lena Ray, Mrs. Melvin Biggs, Mrs. T. A. Pittman, Mrs. A. L. Wilson, Mrs. L. B. Buchanan, Mrs. Howard Gardner, Mrs. R. L. Ballard, Sr., Mrs. Ann Wilson, Mrs. Ann Wilson, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. Mary Nichols, Mrs. Austin Andrews, Mrs. Doris Nichols, Mrs. Ernest Ray, Mrs. R. L. Ballard, Jr.

Presbyterian Women
During the meeting of the Presbyterian women Monday, Oct. 8, the nominating committee presented names to serve in offices vacated this year. Beginning work in January officers will serve in the following capacity: vice-president, Mrs. John Brown; treasurer, Mrs. Bramon McInturf; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Porter; church extension, Mrs. Hubert Clapp; annuities and relief, Mrs. T. J. Hunter; stewardship, Mrs. G. B. Talbot.

Mrs. W. A. Ward was hostess with Mrs. John Brown assisting, and Mrs. Eugene Loven presiding. Prayer and scripture by Mrs. Loven brought the meeting to order. Mrs. A. B. Whit, chairman of church extension, asked for prayer in church extension, and for the collection to be made which will go, in part, to establish a Presbyterian church at Cullowhee.

Announcement concerning a Bible study with a covered dish supper, Monday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McMurray, Sr. at which time a special speaker will be on hand.

Mrs. Carrie Porter, Mrs. Frank Davidson, and Mrs. Eugene Loven will serve on a committee to plan the monthly men's suppers for the coming year.

The program, "Leading Other Families Into The Church Services and Activities," was interesting and informative.

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