

OVER 200 ATTEND HOLDEN REUNION

Four Generations Meet At Family Reunion

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Annual Gathering Is Held at J. J. Gentry Place Near Landrum

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The Holden family reunion—one of the most largely attended in the two Carolinas—which has been observed for over twenty years, was attended last Sunday by more than two hundred persons at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Becknell, located at the foot of Bird Mountain, near Landrum, on the old J. J. Gentry place.

Approximately fifty families were represented at the 1940 reunion, but in past years more than five hundred persons have been counted at these reunions. A long picnic table set in the cool shade of the mountainous country, was piled high with sumptuous food, providing more than enough for those attending. Before meal time K. B. Belcher, of Gaffney, a brother of R. D. Belcher, of Spartanburg, welcomed the families and friends, after which the Rev. Archie Ellis, pastor of the First Baptist church of Landrum offered the blessing.

Four generations were represented at the reunion, held in honor of the families of the late George Washington Holden, father of Elisha Daniel and Henry Robert Montgomery Holden, who was born on March 29, 1823, in Transylvania county, North Carolina, near Dunsrock, and who died on May



Represented here are four generations of the Holden family. They are, left to right, bottom row, Grover Holden of Spartanburg, Mrs. A. K. Becknell, Mack Holden, and Mrs. Lloyd Becknell and daughter. Top row: Mrs. Geraldine Wilson of Spartanburg, holding her son, James; H. R. Holden, Mrs. Jasper Hall, Elisha D. Holden and S. D. Holden and son, C. R., of Inman.

mother was Harriet Elizabeth Holden. Mr. Belcher has two children, Horace Dean Belcher, who married Ersie Evellyn Hensley, and Ruby Helen, who was married to Justice Gilbert Crowell.

But perhaps the two most outstanding members of the Holden family present at this recent reunion, were "Uncles" Elisha Daniel Holden, 82, who lives near Inman, route 2, in Spartanburg county, and Henry Robert Montgomery Holden, 77, of Hendersonville, N. C. The families of their children and grandchildren are scattered

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county, North Carolina, near **Dunnrock**, and who died on **May 6, 1908** at the age of 85. He was the father of ten children, and his father, **Matthew Holden**, also had ten children, all of which were born in North Carolina—five in **Buncombe county** and five in **Transylvania county**.

George Washington Holden was the grandfather of **Robert Dee Belcher**, well known Spartan, whose wife was **Mary Conrad Wilkie Holden**. Mr. Belcher, who resides at **423 North Church street**, is the son of **Enoch Cantrell Belcher**, whose

Holden, 77, of Hendersonville, N. C. The families of their children and grandchildren are scattered throughout the two Carolinas.

Elisha Holden is the father of nine children, five of whom are living. He has thirty-five grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. His life has been devoted to farming "and making good men and women of my children." He is proud of the fact that his father served throughout the War Between the States without being wounded.

"I helped to elect **Wade Hampton** governor of South Carolina," he proudly told the writer, "and I have always voted the Democratic ticket up until a few years ago." Inquiry as to why he suspended his voting privilege brought this humorous reply: "When they started to installing those pig-pens (election booths) for me to vote in, I quit. I have never been ashamed for anyone to see me vote or know who I voted for." He stated that the last president he had voted for was **Woodrow Wilson**. "And I voted for **Goite Blease** the first time he ran for governor and have voted for him every time he ran for office except the last," he said defiantly. Asked about the present occupant of the White House, he said: "Certainly I am for **Roosevelt** and I believe he should be reelected. I never believed in swapping horses in mid-stream, especially in such times as the present. I believe that if it is humanly possible to do so that he will keep this country out of war. And listen, son, he has done more for the working man than any president to my knowledge."

Up until a year or so ago "Uncle" **Elisha** shaved with the razor that belonged to his father—well over 100 years old—but he recently gave it to his son, who now uses it occasionally.

Henry Robert Montgomery Holden, also a planter, and who resides near **Hendersonville, N. C.**, was the subject of much conversation. Both of the brothers are unusually active for their ages, and get about by

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**Answers To Picture-Puzzle
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1. A "Gent's Fancy Night Shirt, with elegant embroidery—red or blue" . . . we never suspected **Grandpa** of this!

2. Bet you're wrong here—it's a "Satin Sickle — hand painted, with plush handle" . . . and it probably looked right nice hanging in the 'front parlor'!

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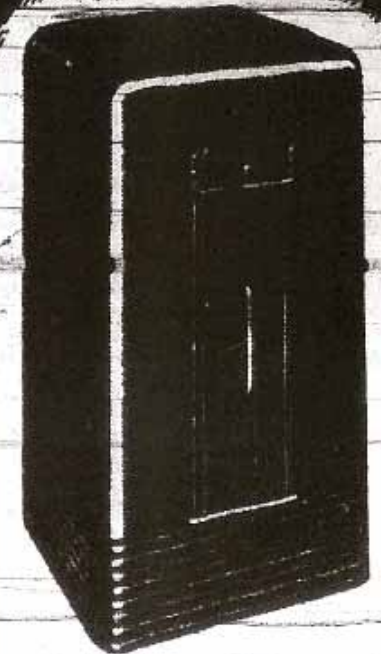
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3. Yes, it's a "Mustache and Goatee" . . . for those gents who couldn't wait to grow 'em! Note: For a few cents more, you could buy a ventilated mustache!

4. This isn't a Hollywood Horror make-up . . . It's a "Chinchilla Mask Cap"! The front part dropped over the face to keep out the wintry breeze . . . those were the good old days!

5. Looks like a Blimp in the making—but it's only an "Indestructible Bustle" . . . did Grandma ever sit down?

6. This isn't a shaving mug! No Sir! It's a "Genuine Imported China Mustache Cup" . . . hand-painted 'n everything!

en, also a planter, and who resides near Hendersonville, N. C., was the subject of much conversation. Both of the brothers are unusually active for their ages, and get about by themselves very well. "Uncle" Henry is the father of four children—three boys and one daughter—all of whom are living. He has sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Two of his boys were in the first World War, and he is hopeful that they will not have to fight in another war "unless the Germans try to come over here, and in that case, we ought to give them h—l."

The Holden reunions are eagerly looked forward to each year by the various families. One year they are held in South Carolina, and the next in North Carolina, and they are always largely attended.

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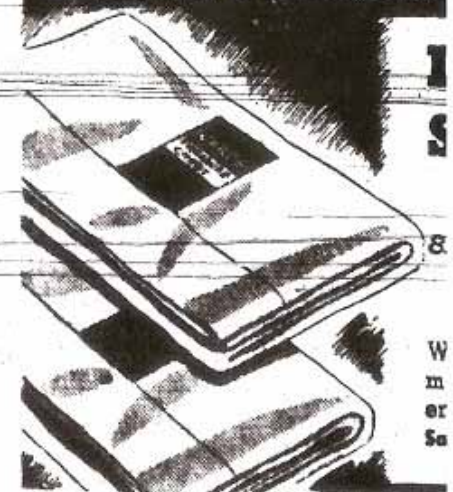
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