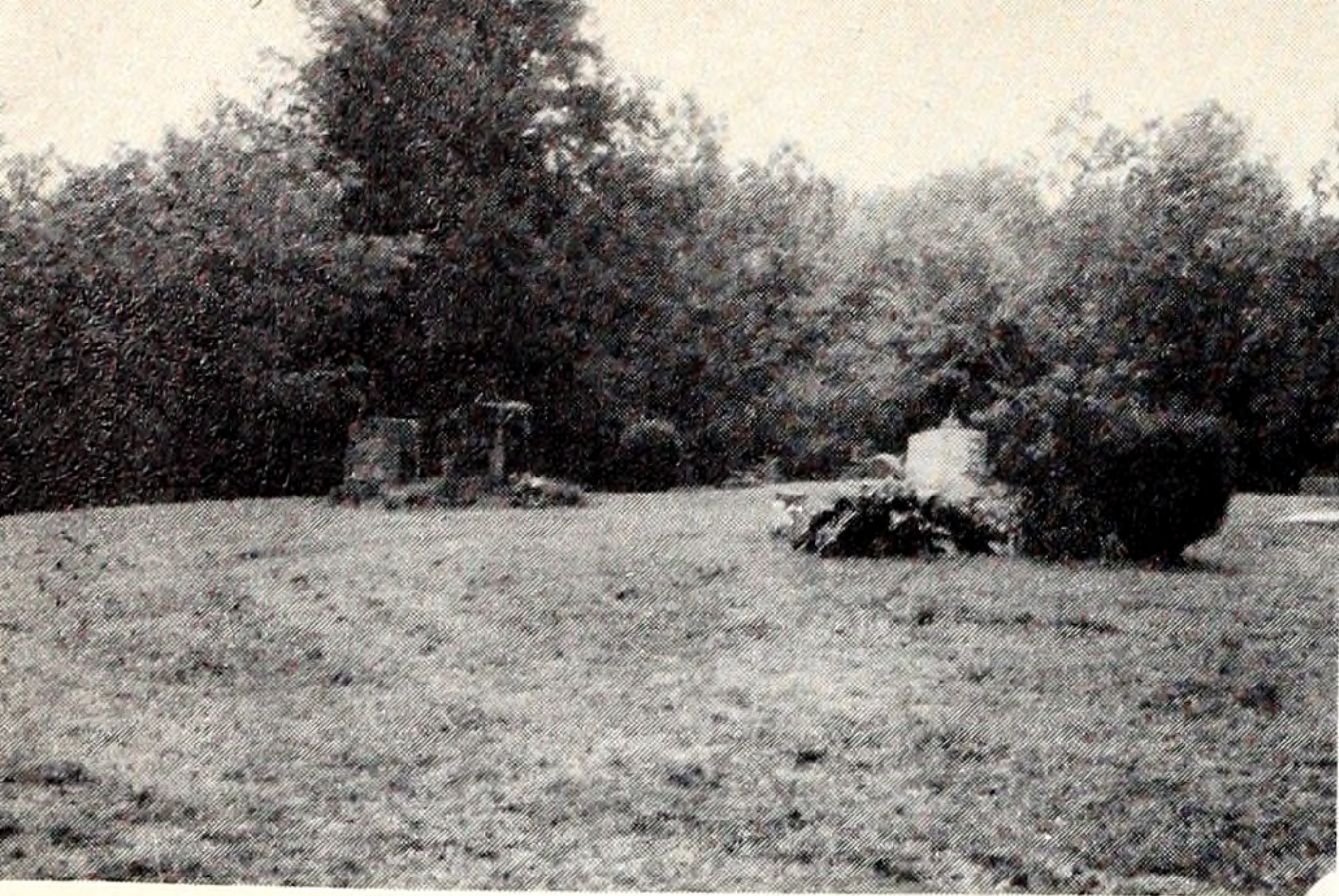




The well-marked graves of Col. Alley and his family are still much visited in this quiet mountain cemetery.

large gray beard. He was a good talker and loved company. When visitors arrived he would be sitting by the fireplace smoking and Mrs. Alley would be sitting opposite him, also smoking a cob pipe.

They always smoked home-grown tobacco and kept a supply of tobacco leaves hanging from a hook on the mantel. The Colonel's pipe and his stories always seemed to fit in together. The pipe seemed to go out at a critical time, just when he was telling a story and he had to stop and refill it before going on with his story.

He would select part of a leaf from the bunch hanging from the mantel and crush it in the palm of his hands. He would knock out the ashes from his pipe on the hearth and pack the fresh supply of tobacco in its bowl. He would lean over and scoop over in his pipe a red hot coal from the fire. Now, he would lean back in his chair, take a few puffs on his pipe, just to be sure it was lit, and then he would go on with his story. My mother used to tell this story about the Colonel:

A friend who had been in the Northern Army during the Civil War was visiting us. He told of the escape of a Colonel who he was holding as a prisoner in a farm house. Mother arranged for these two former enemies to meet. Colonel Alley explained how he crawled through a window and went to where the string of horses were tied. He explained how he untied one horse, jumped on its back and rode away at a gallop. His visitor said, "That was my horse you were riding." The colonel replied, "Yes and it was a good one."

The Funeral

The funeral of Colonel Alley was an important event for everyone who lived in the Cove.

As a boy of nine, I went with my friends and arrived early at the ceme-

tery where he was to be buried. The grave had been dug and everything was in readiness for the funeral. A friend and I walked on down the road until we met the party bringing the coffin to the cemetery. It was nearly three miles from Colonel Alley's home, where he died, to the cemetery. He, of course, had been dressed by his sons and put in the home made coffin. When we met them, the little party was moving slowly up the road. The coffin was being hauled in an ox wagon, which of

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COUNTIES OF NORTH CAROLINA PUZZLE

By Wilma Ratchford Craig

The name of the county seat is given to identify the county (All 100 of them!).

ACROSS

4. Wentworth
5. Durham
6. Sparta
11. Gatesville
13. Kenansville
14. Newton
17. Jackson
18. Robbinsville
20. Lenoir
21. Tarboro
23. Williamston
26. Greenville
27. Hendersonville
28. Fayetteville
29. Wilkesboro
30. Manteo
32. Danbury
33. Marshall
37. Lumberton
38. Lillington
40. Kinston
42. Southport
43. Elizabethtown
45. Lincolnton
47. Henderson
48. Gastonia
50. Albemarle
51. Murphy
54. Monroe
58. Brevard
59. Currituck Courthouse
61. Warrenton
63. Yanceyville
64. Edenton
66. Trenton
68. Bakersville
70. Jefferson
74. Graham
75. Winston-Salem

78. Mocksville
79. Burgaw
80. (and 38) Wilmington
81. Carthage
83. Lexington
84. Dobson
85. Sylva
87. Roxboro
88. Plymouth
89. Columbia
90. Troy
91. Rockingham

DOWN

1. Louisburg
2. New Bern
3. Oxford
7. Waynesville
8. Asheville
9. Marion
10. Yadkinville
12. Newland
15. Beaufort
16. Hayesville
19. Winton
22. Whiteville
24. Sanford
25. Jacksonville
26. Elizabeth City
27. Swanquarter
31. Asheboro
32. Laurinburg
33. Charlotte
34. Hertford
35. Smithfield
36. Columbus
38. (and 80) Wilmington
39. Statesville
41. Wadesboro
42. Washington
44. Nashville
46. Hillsborough
48. Greensboro
49. Raleigh
50. Clinton
52. Morganton
53. Boone
55. Pittsboro
56. Camden Courthouse
57. Snow Hill
59. Shelby
60. Burnsville
62. Salisbury
65. Bayboro
67. Concord
69. Taylorsville
71. Raeford
72. Goldsboro
73. Windsor
76. Rutherfordton
77. Halifax
81. Franklin
82. Wilson
86. Bryson City

North Carolina County Puzzle

By WILMA RATCHFORD CRAIG

Thanks to Mrs. Craig, of Gastonia, for the first "county crossword" we have ever seen. We think most STATE Magazine readers will enjoy having a go at it: Refer to the list of numbered town names on the page opposite; each of them is the county seat of a North Carolina county, and they include all 100 counties. Identify the county by the town, spelling the county name in the puzzle squares which start with the corresponding number.

For example: for "Raleigh" locate the Down spaces starting with 49, and fill in the four spaces by spelling "Wake." If you can fill in all the spaces without help from a reference, we think you are entitled to brag.

The solution may be found on page 43.

