

It was not long until other men followed the Davidson trail west. Sam's twin brother, Major William Davidson, and a man named Alexander led the way. The western march was on. Old Fort was no longer the last post west of the Blue Ridge. The Blue Ridge was no longer a barrier.

A permanent settlement was begun on the Swannanoa River—in the middle of a long, curving lap that still is as lush and beautiful a valley as you will find in any mountain country. On one hillside, visible from the heart of Swannanoa land, there is a headstone that reads:



Here lies  
**SAMUEL DAVIDSON**  
 First white settler in  
 Western North Carolina  
 Killed here by Cherokees  
 1784

**SHORT COURSE OFFERED AT  
 J. C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL**

"Community Living" is the subject of a short course at the John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, North Carolina, February 1st through the 5th, 1956. "How To Work With Groups of People in a Community" will be the emphasis this year. Agencies and organizations cooperating with the folk school in this short course include the following: Churches, schools, community clubs. The Council of Southern Mountains, and the Extensive Services of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee. The cost is \$25.00 for food, lodging, and tuition.



**MOUNTAIN FOLK FESTIVAL**

The twenty-first annual Mountain Folk Festival will be held at Berea College, April 5--8, 1956. This festival is held to encourage the use and preservation of folk material, and to unite with interested people in non-competitive recreation. Write Frank Smith for details.