

### Old Timer Tells Of 1st Oldsmobile

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 13.—Governor George W. Black, of Michigan, R. M. Olds, founder of the Olds Motor Works and W. S. Knudsen, president of General Motors Corporation, were honored guests Friday night, Dec. 29, at the largest and most unusual birthday banquet ever held in Michigan's capitol, at Lansing. The affair was planned to pay signal honor to Charlie Blades, oldest Oldsmobile employe, in fact the oldest employe in the automobile industry in years of service, on his 80th birthday.

C. L. McCuen, general manager of Oldsmobile, was host at the party and invited 300 veteran Oldsmobile employes, each one present was able to boast of a service record of 20 years or more with the company. President Knudsen was the guest speaker of the evening and paid high tribute to Blades for his long and interesting association with Oldsmobile. A. H. Brandel, a fellow worker of Blades' and himself with a record of 31 years with Oldsmobile, was spokesman for the old-timers and cited incidents of his early association with Blades. Local and out-of-town newsmen were also among the special guests.

"Mr. Blades, known to hundreds as Charlie, has become one of the legendary figures of the industry," said McCuen who presided. "Not only is he the oldest auto worker in point of service in the United States, but as a blacksmith he hammered out the front axle for the first commercially successful automobile produced in America, the 1897 Oldsmobile. Now 80 years of age, Charlie long ago abandoned such strenuous duties as swinging a blacksmith's hammer. He is employed today as an information clerk in the tool division at Oldsmobile."

Blades was born in West Walton, County of Norfolk, England, December 30, 1859, and came to this country with his parents when five years old. They settled on a farm at Pettysville, some 12 miles south of Howell, Michigan, and Charles, eldest of 12 children, of whom seven are still living, helped till the soil, attending schools whenever he could be spared by his father.

At 16 he went West "to see the country," and found a job helping the United States surveyors lay out the lines for a transcontinental railway.

Returning to Michigan, he served three years as blacksmith's apprentice under William Peters of Pettysville.

"I started at \$50 a year and board," Charlie said. "Besides, I had to do all the chores. The second year I got \$75, and the third \$100—in gold. It wasn't against the law to own gold then, and that \$100 looked like a lot of money."

He then moved to Lansing, to work as a full-fledged blacksmith in Clark's Carriage Works, where he helped build R. E. Olds' first automobile, which is now in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. He still has the hammer with which he fashioned the axles of that car 42 years ago.

For some years he constituted the entire "axle department" of the Olds Motor Works.

"I first set up my forge in the Power House," he said. "It was

### Original Cost Of 'Four Daughters' Back in New Film Sequel, 'Four Wives'

right between the boilers and it got so hot that I moved it to a tent outdoors. When the tent blew away for the second time, I moved it indoors again. At one time or another, I guess I've had my shop in almost every building in this plant."

Blades looked out the window of his office in Building 40 as he spoke.

"A lot of buildings today," he reflected, "But I can remember when there wasn't one in sight and I shot rabbits around here in the hazel-nut brush that covered the countryside."

### Mountain Lions Beat Statesville

#### Local High School Quint In Good Game To Win Friday 21 to 13

North Wilkesboro high school's Mountain Lions entered the winning column Friday night by a decisive 21 to 13 victory over a fast Statesville basketball team.

Coach Jack Massey used nine players in the contest with every one showing good form despite the fact that the game was not on the home court. Steelman led in scoring with seven points.

The next game will be played at Stony Point Tuesday night and the Lions will try to avenge a defeat suffered last week at the hands of the Stony Point team.

Lineups and individual scores of the games Friday night follow:

North Wilkesboro	Statesville
Steelman—7	Huffman—3
Kenerly—2	Harris
Robinet—4	Murdock
Dancy	Brown—5
Church	Walters—3
Crook—2	Keller—1
Halgwood—4	Mayhew—1
Campbell	Johnson
Craven—2	

### MRS. N. D. SCHILL TAKEN BY DEATH

Sister Of Mrs. Eshelman and T. G. McLaughlin Dies In Charlotte

Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin Schiff, of Statesville, died in a Charlotte hospital at noon Sunday after an illness of two years. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the J. M. Harry funeral home. Rev. J. H. Pressley, pastor of First A. R. P. church of Statesville, officiated, and burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Schiff was the daughter of the late J. B. McLaughlin and Margaret Gillespie McLaughlin of Charlotte. She was born October 10, 1902, and was married to Norman Davidson Schiff July 9, 1937. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Miss Catherine Schiff; three brothers, S. B. McLaughlin and J. B. McLaughlin of Charlotte and Thomas C. McLaughlin of North Wilkesboro; also two sisters, Miss Catherine McLaughlin of Charlotte and Mrs. P. W. Eshelman of North Wilkesboro.

Pallbearers at the services were James Brady, Robert Lee, Ralph Holmes, N. M. Lewis, George Field, George Tuten, all of Statesville, and John David Hunter of Charlotte. Flower bearers were members of the Book Study club of Statesville and Mrs. Robert Lee, Mrs. W. M. Samle, and Mrs. James Pressley.

### Mrs. Mary Floyd Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary E. Floyd, former resident of Raeford who had been making her home for the past several months with her daughter, Mrs. N. G. Landis, died early Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. Landis in Wilkesboro. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Mrs. Floyd is survived by three children: Mrs. Landis, of Wilkesboro; John E. Floyd, of North Wilkesboro; and William E. Floyd, of Sanford.

Funeral service was held this afternoon, two o'clock at the Raeford Methodist church.

### Reavis Child Dies

Betty Jane Reavis, infant daughter of Roland H. and Sallie Jarvis Reaves, of this city, died early Sunday. The parents and one brother, R. J. Reaves, survive. Funeral and burial service was held today, 11 a. m. at the Baptist cemetery here.

"Disease Germs That Have Learned to Jump." A deadly kind of sleeping sickness that has "grafted" from horses and found out how to attack human beings. Read this interesting and informative feature in The American Weekly Magazine, with next Sunday's Washington Times-Herald, now on sale.

"Four Wives," sequel to last year's "Four Daughters," will have its local debut Thursday and Friday at the New Orpheum Theatre. "Four Wives," in which Priscilla, Rosemary and Lois Lane, and Gale Page play the title roles, features the same cast as "Four Daughters," including John Garfield, who died in the original story. He returns in vision form in the new picture.

Others in the original family portrait who are prominent in "Four Wives" are Jeffrey Lynn, Claude Rains, Mary Robson, Frank McHugh, Dick Foran and Vera Lewis, the gossip "gate-swing" of "Four Daughters."

There's a new and very delightful addition to the family, too. Eddie Albert, the young comedy star of "Brother Rat", plays the young doctor for whom Rosemary Lane successfully sets her wedding bonnet in the film. Rosemary, you will remember, is the only one of the four daughters who didn't "get her man" in the earlier picture. Also added to the cast is Henry O'Neill, in the role of Albert's father.

Still other additions to the family tree are four girl babies. First of these to make her appearance in the film is the year-old child which is adopted by Lola Lane and Frank McHugh in the story. Then Priscilla gives birth to a girl baby, and Lola caps that by having twin girls.

"Four wives" takes up the story of the Lemp family where "Four Daughters" left off. The two oldest daughters are already married, Priscilla, the youngest, widowed in the early film, is about to marry her first love, played by Jeffrey Lynn, when she learns that she's to have a baby by her dead husband. The fourth girl, Rosemary, puts on a matrimonial campaign, as mentioned above, with the help of all her sisters.

Suggested by the Fannie Hurst novel, "Sister Act", the script was written by Maurice Hanline, Philip G. and Julius J. Epstein. Michael Curtiz directed.

### Funeral Services For Mrs. Rumble

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock, at Pleasant Grove Baptist church for Mrs. America Hanes Rumble, widely known lady of this community, who died early Friday morning at the Wilkes Hospital.

Rev. R. R. Crater conducted the funeral services, being assisted by Rev. D. G. Reece, of Jonesville.

Active pall bearers were nephews of Mrs. Rumble, as follows: J. R. Calloway, C. W. Hanes, T. C. Calloway, J. R. Pardue, Tommie Felts, and J. W. Pardue.

An abundance of flowers, beautiful in profusion, and as a fitting tribute of the esteem held for Mrs. Rumble by many friends, were carried by the following: Misses Ola Walsh, Marie Gray, Margaret Calloway, Edith Pardue, Etta Mathis, Mildred Calloway, Thelma Walker, Gay Nell Hanes, Alene Greene, and Annie Vee Walker.

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### Parsonville News Item Is Reported

Although names and apparently much of the detailed information was omitted, the following news item received by The Journal-Patriot through the mail is not wholly without interest:

"Notice to the Journal-Patriot of importance: There was a woman in Jobs Cabin township, it took three men to arrest her; and I don't know how many it would take to arrest a bad man. Please post this item from yours truly. Martin R. Spears at Parsonville, N. C."

### AERIAL WARFARE

Helsinki, Jan. 14.—Fires raged tonight in almost a dozen Finnish cities after soviet air raids which officials described as the heaviest of the war.

Communications were interrupted in many places as bombers roared over in unprecedented numbers.

Several communities near Helsinki sent urgent appeals for fire fighting help.

Cities bombed were the southwest coast port of Hanko, Tammsaari, Riihimaki, Karjaa, Lohja, Lappvik, and a dozen others.

Casualties were believed to be heavy.

Three hundred bombs were reported to have been dropped on Rajamaki, and 150 were said to have rained on Karja. Both cities are in southern Finland.

### INTEREST

Farmers of Harnett county continue to maintain a lively interest in the breeding and raising of work stock on their own farms, says J. B. Gourley, assistant farm agent.

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