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HOME

Alone by the Schuylkill a wanderer
rov'd,
And bright were its flowery banks
to his eye;
But far, very far were the friends
he lov'd,
And he gaz'd on its flowery banks
with a sigh!
O nature! though blessed and bright
are thy rays,
O'er the brow of creation enchant-
ingly thrown,
Yet faint are they all to the luster
that plays
In a smile from the heart that is
dearly our own!

—Moore.

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES

North Carolina has been very backward in the matter of libraries but the past year is declared by the Library Commission of the State to have been one of exceptional encouragement. There are now thirty North Carolina libraries which are in part tax supported and forty-one others which are maintained under the auspices of clubs, organizations and associations. These seventy-four libraries serve, it is estimated, nearly a million people. Very few of the libraries throughout the state have anything like the number of books they should have. That at Charlotte, with 62,633 volumes, is the best equipped. Eight libraries have more than 10,000 volumes, those at Goldsboro, Durham, Asheville, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh and Wilmington. The Asheville library is listed as having 25,883 volumes. Most all of the North Carolina libraries are lacking in a great many books and pamphlets having to do with Southern history, North Carolina and Western North Carolina. These volumes could readily have been secured if the money had been available to pay for them. Prof. Hamilton and others are working to make the collection of Southern material at the University library at Chapel Hill as important and valuable as any in the country. That would be an achievement of great potential service.

WEEK-END PARTY

A crowd of boys and girls from Old Fort, Black Mountain and Biltmore enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. James of Asheville at Camp Allison at a week-end party. Those enjoying the party were Alberta Padgett, Bonnie Ruth Melton, and Helen Padgett of Black Mountain; Margaret Roberts, Helen Harris, Bessie Morgan, Helen Greene and Marie Samms of Biltmore. "Capt." Chas. Fisher, "Pilot" Kanipe, Maurice Flemming, "Bebe" Maaney, "Hawkshaw" Rock, "Samp." Grant, "Bud" Hennessee, and "Ossie" Tate of Old Fort.

An enjoyable time was enjoyed by all.

MEETING OF THE B. Y. P. U.

The Junior B. Y. P. U. met with Mrs. Ben Allison on Friday evening for a social meeting. A Bible contest and games were enjoyed by the nineteen members present. During the evening hot chocolate and cakes were served. These social meetings are given by the leaders of the B. Y. P. U., and add much to the interest of the work, also attracting new and absent members to the society.

MRS. LACKEY ENTERTAINS

The Liberes Sewing Society met at the home of Mrs. J. L. Lackey on Friday afternoon. The meeting was both a business and social affair. Plans for the coming year were decided on at this meeting. Charter members are Mrs. A. C. Tate, Mrs. B. Y. Allison, Mrs. Charles Stepp, Mrs. Walden, Mrs. Paul Allison, Mrs. J. L. Lackey, Mrs. Millard Hensley and Mrs. Edgar Hensley.

Mr. Francis Maaney entertained a few friends at his home Friday evening. Dancing was enjoyed by the guests and delicious refreshments were served during the evening. The following enjoyed "Bebe's" hospitality: Mary Will Greene, Louise Laughridge, Nancy Miller, Merrill Kanipe, Charles Fisher, and Maurice Fleming.

Paul Allison has been appointed Asheville Times representative for Marion, and took charge of the route at that place Sunday morning.

MRS FINCH CELEBRATES HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. James Finch celebrated her 90th birthday Thursday when her children, relatives and friends gathered at her hospitable home to do honor to the occasion.

Despite her advanced age she is interested in her friends, their problems and successes. She remembers Old Fort when it was a mere village, and the Indians were here; when the only means of transportation was by ox carts and covered wagons; when electricity was unknown and the best lighting facilities were tall candles and pine torches.

Mrs. Finch was born in 1840, in Cleveland county, near Shelby, during the administration of President Martin Van Buren. She remembers and has lived through five wars: Civil, Mexican, Indian, Spanish American and World Wars.

At the age of six years she remembers when the troops returned from the Mexican War. She well remembers the hardships of the Civil War when carding, spinning and weaving was the principal industry of the people; and their limited means of produce was hauled from Charleston, Columbia and York, which was their nearest market. She also relates her experience when Sherman's army made the disastrous raid through the South, leaving the country devastated. At the time of the surrender of General Lee she was living two miles from Old Fort. Mrs. Finch has been in excellent health, considering her advanced age, up to two years ago; since that time she has been suffering from rheumatism. She attributes her long life and good health to regular habits, out-of-doors exercise and the climate of Old Fort. She was formerly Miss Martha London of Cleveland county before her marriage to Mr. James Finch in 1860, near Marion. She is the mother of eight children, four of whom are living, Messrs. J. W. and A. B. Finch of Old Fort; Mesdames J. T. Morris of Asheville, and G. M. Keeter of Waynesville. She has 12 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

At the age of 14 years she joined the Methodist Church and her unusual life history has been one of Christian service, and places her in a unique position among the women of today. Her husband died in 1905. She was the recipient of many nice presents on her 90th birthday.

CHECK FLASHERS VISIT OLD FORT DURING WEEK

Two men who gave their names as John Robert Ellis and James Alvin Ellis, of Statesville, spent the past week in Old Fort. While here they cashed several forged checks amounting to approximately one hundred dollars, before making a hasty exit on Saturday evening. The Messrs. Ellis claimed to be interested in leasing a building site somewhere in the vicinity of the town on which they were to erect a combined lunch room and store for automobile accessories. During the week they had investigated various properties and "business men" and had made tentative arrangements for the leasing of a site west of Old Fort. The forged checks were made on J. M. Charles and cashed at the stores of Noblett, Bryson-Snyder and Harris. Mr. Uless Walker, a merchant of Old Fort, becoming suspicious of the behavior of these men, made inquiries which led to the discovery that the checks were forged on the same evening they were cashed. Soon after cashing these forged checks, the men took the eight o'clock bus for Asheville. The bus driver stated that they left the bus on Biltmore avenue, near the Normal School. Deputy Sheriffs Greene and C. L. Tate, accompanied by C. Noblett and J. R. Harris, left Old Fort Sunday morning in search of them, but returned Sunday afternoon without any clue as to the whereabouts of the check flashers.

A distinguishing mark of the elder man was his heavily tattooed hands. On his left hand the predominating design was a girl's face, and on his right, the outstanding figure of a bird. The younger man could be identified only by the flock of freckles that adorned his otherwise guileless face.

Members of the "Sun Beams" enjoyed an interesting meeting on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church. Nineteen members were present. Mrs. B. Y. Allison, the leader, finds the enthusiasm of this missionary class very inspiring.

William White of Salem, Va., was a visitor in Old Fort Monday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Geo. Hyams was called to Bryson City Wednesday on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Tom Sandlin.

Mrs. Fred Farnsworth of New York, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Farnsworth, at her home on Curtis Creek, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Allison and family have moved to the Jack Fortune house, which they have recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rowe and daughter, Gladys, are at home to their friends at the Strickland house on Catawba avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins left Monday for Mullens, S. C., to visit the father of Mrs. Jenkins, who is quite ill.

The hurried departure of the Messrs. Ellis caused quite a lot of excitement and discussion in Old Fort, their going being quite a loss to the community?

Miss Nancy Miller, of the Montreat Normal, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller.

Mrs. W. H. Payne of Ellenboro was a visitor at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Wilkinson, the past week. Miss Lenore Keatley has returned to Old Fort after spending a month in Havre de Grace, Md., and is at home to her friends at the home of Miss Gertrude Dula.

Mrs. F. P. Sweeney left Friday for Johnson City, where Mr. Sweeney has accepted a position with the C. C. & O. Railroad.

Frank Wilkinson, who has been working for the D. T. & I. Railroad in Michigan, returned last week and has resumed his work as telegraph operator at Old Fort, and is supplying for Mrs. F. P. Sweeney during her visit in Johnson City.

Miss Nan Brasington and Margaret Lytle spent the week-end at their home in Biltmore.

Amos Crippen, superintendent of the Union Tanning Co., left the first of the week for Daytona, Fla., where he will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rockett and their guest, Miss Louise Griffin, spent Wednesday evening in Asheville.

J. C. Cole of Asheville was in Old Fort Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaney Dover and small son have returned to their home in Maryville, Tenn., after spending some time in Marion and Old Fort. They were accompanied home by Miss Ruth Hoppes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grant of Forest City were the guests of their aunt, Mrs. M. G. Turner, Sunday.

Luther Grant of Marion was in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Laura Curtis of East Flat Rock spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss Louise Laughridge, a student of Greensboro College, is at home on account of sickness.

Miss Bula Kanipe spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Miss Thelma Marston of Brevard was a visitor in Old Fort last week.

Miss Goodloe Haney of Nebo spent the week-end with Miss Millie Kanipe.

Mrs. S. Whitmire and daughter, Olive, of Biltmore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Eppley Sunday.

Mrs. Franklin of Morganton was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

T. Burnette of Asheville spent several days last week in Old Fort. Mrs. C. F. Noblitt, who has been ill for several weeks, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Ollie Jamison of Asheville is spending several days in Old Fort. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gilliam of Asheville were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Carrie Saunders spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Merrell Kanipe spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Mrs. E. R. Wren and Miss Sadie Burgin were shoppers in Asheville Monday.

Mrs. Calk Kelly is spending a week with her parents in Charlotte. Clyde Miller accompanied Amos Crippen to Daytona Beach, Fla., on Monday.

Geo. W. Bryson of Bryson-Snyder Co., was called to Stowe, Ohio, Monday on account of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Bryson.

Mrs. Annie Graham left last week for Miami, Fla., to spend several months.

Prof. S. B. Smithey has been ill with tonsillitis this week.

Mrs. Alma Jordan, who has been ill, is much improved.

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NOTICE OF RE-SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Whereas under date of April 25, 1923, Grady T. Nichols and wife executed and delivered to F. M. Bradley, Trustee for the Old Fort Building & Loan Association, a certain Deed of Trust securing an indebtedness of \$1000, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 31 page 2 of McDowell County Mortgage Deed Records,—payment of which Deed of Trust was assumed by Fred T. Wilson who purchased said property from the said Grady T. Nichols, and

Whereas, after notice as provided by law, and under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned Trustee sold same at public auction, when and where J. E. Melton became the last and highest bidder therefor in the sum of \$1600, and

Whereas the said bid of J. E. Melton having been raised within the time allowed by law, the Trustee will resell the following described property to the highest bidder for cash at the courthouse door in Marion, McDowell County, N. C., on Friday, February 7th, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness:

Beginning on a stake on the border of the Central Highway 75 feet east of M. L. Grant's and W. H. Bradley's line and runs north 2 1/2 degrees west 397 feet to a stake on M. L. Grant's and W. H. Bradley's line; then with said line 70 feet to a branch; then with the said branch to the Central Highway, then with the edge of the central highway to the beginning, the same being 75 feet fronting on the Central Highway, and extending back equal width 379 feet. Lying and being west of the town of Old Fort in Old Fort Township. And being the same land sold by Grady Nichols to Fred G. Wilson by deed recorded in Book — page — McDowell County Deed Records.

Said sale will be for cash, and subject to confirmation by the Court This 21st day of January, 1930.

F. M. BRADLEY, Trustee.

LAND FOR SALE

Whereas, under date of December 12th, 1923, J. M. Mashburn and wife, Effie Mashburn, executed and delivered to the Bank of Old Fort, a Deed of Trust securing an indebtedness of \$700 due one year after date, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 30 page 165 McDowell County Deed Records, and whereas there was default in the payment of said indebtedness at maturity:

Now therefore the undersigned will, on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 1930, at twelve o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Marion, McDowell County, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the following described piece, parcel and lot of land lying and being in Old Fort Township, McDowell County, N. C., bounded and described as follows:

Being a certain house and lot in Old Fort, N. C., on the east side of Spring Street, adjoining Stirwall, J. W. Graham heirs and R. F. Hughes heirs and known as the J.A. Bird lot, fronting 63 feet by 183 feet deep.

Said sale will be for cash and subject to confirmation by the court.

This 16th day of January, 1930.
BANK OF OLD FORT,
Mortgagee.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

North Carolina, McDowell County. In the Superior Court.

HOBART MANUFACTURING CO., a corporation

—vs.—
MARY VAN WAGNER.

The defendant, Mary Van Wagner, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County, N. C., for the purpose of recovering certain personal property, to-wit: One Model K-415 Hobart Electric Dough Mixer; One 20 qt. Hobart Dough Hook; which property was conveyed by chattel mortgage by the defendant to the plaintiff, which mortgage is registered in Book 30 page 109 McDowell County Chattel Mortgage Records; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the undersigned Clerk of Superior Court of McDowell County at his office in the courthouse in Marion, McDowell County, N. C., on the 21st day of March, 1930, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 27th day of January, 1930.
J. L. LAUGHRIDGE,
Clerk Superior Court.

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