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A NEWSPAPER OF GREAT HISTORICAL INTEREST

Thadius Bradley is the owner of a newspaper, handed down through his family, which is of particular interest to note at this time, since the sheet was devoted principally to the accounts of the death and burial of Gen. George Washington, whose death took place a few weeks before the printing of this paper.

The four page published at Kingston, (Ulster Co.), on January 4th, 1800, was known as "Ulster County Gazette" and published by Samuel Freer and son. A large part of the paper is heavily bordered in black in token of the passing of the great statesman and President.

Another valuable and interesting newspaper in Mr. Bradley's possession is a copy of The World, published in New York April 30th, 1889, and is a copy of the last edition of the Centennial Extra, the occasion being the one hundredth birthday of the constitutional government of the United States of America.

This paper has broad bands of red and blue against the white, symbolic of the National colors, and it contains interesting accounts of the nation's jubilee anniversary. The following verses are selected from Whittier's poem "The Vow of Washington," which was his tribute to the centennial occasion, and published in this edition.

The Vow of Washington
"The sword was sheathed; in April's sun

Lay green the fields by Freedom won;
And several sections, weary of debates,

Joined hands at last and were United States.

Oh, city sitting by the sea!
How proud the day that dawned on thee;

When the new era, long desired, began
And in its need the hour had found the man!

How felt the land in every part
The strong throb of a nation's heart
As its great leader gave with reverent awe

His pledge to Union, Liberty and Law!
That pledge the heavens above him heard

That vow the sleep of centuries stirred;
In world-wide wonder listening peoples bent,
Their gaze on Freedom's great experiment."

M'DOWELL CLUB ORGANIZED AT THE ASHEVILLE NORMAL
McDowell county girls attending the Asheville Normal have organized a club which will be called the McDowell County Club, with Miss Betha Plymale faculty advisor. The members of the club enjoyed a Valentine party Monday evening, Feb. 10th, given in Pease House parlor. After an hour of wholesome fun, lemonade, cakes and heart candy were served.

Those present were Misses Mae Moss, Helen Hammit and Faye Dixon, of Marion; Cumile Biddix, Sallie and Nora Padgett, of Pleasant Gardens; Arwyn Steppe, Nelle Allison, Clara McKoy, Athlean and Florine Williams, of Old Fort; Helen Bright, of Glen Alpine (member by request).

STILLS DESTROYED
On Jan. 8th and 17th two blockade stills were destroyed on Curtis Creek east of Old Fort. Three thousand gallons of beer and 10 gallons of whiskey were destroyed at these stills by the deputies, C. L. Tate and Taylor Green. On Feb. 5th a still with four barrels of beer was destroyed on Garrett's Creek by C. L. Tate and Horace Burgin. Feb. 11th a still on Hill Creek and 10 barrels of beer was destroyed.

Charley Gurley was arrested recently for having five pints of whiskey in his possession.

The Dorcas Bible Class of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. Ben Allison on Wednesday afternoon. Plans were suggested in regards to the meetings, and it was decided that a chapter in the Bible would be studied and discussed at each meeting. The class will meet with Mrs. Lennie Kanipe in March.

ORIGINAL LAND GRANT OF 1784 DONATED TO D. A. R. MUSEUM AT WASHINGTON

Mr. John A. Lowery of Old Fort has presented to the Daughters of the American Revolution an old Land Grant of 1784 for their museum in Washington, D. C.

An article in regard to this land grant was published in a Winston-Salem paper last October and attracted the attention of a member of the D. A. R. who wrote Mr. Lowery in regard to donating the land grant to the organization for their museum.

The Winston-Salem paper gives the following description of the grant:

"John A. Lowery, of Old Fort, a former resident of this section, has been spending several days here visiting relatives. Mr. Lowery has in his possession the original papers whereby his grandfather's sister became the owner of 300 acres of land in the eastern section of Forsyth, near Kernersville. The grant was issued in November, 1784, by Alexander Martin, whose offices were located in New Bern, and the papers show his title to be 'Esquire, Our Governor, Capt. General and Commander in Chief.'

"The writing on the ancient paper is easily read. The paper grants to Isabel Lowery, '300 acres on the headwaters of Haw River' and described as 'beginning at a post oak at the Guilford county boundary line, running 47½ chains to a black jack, south 43½ chains to a post oak, thence south 22¾ chains to a Moravian line; thence east with said line 40 chains to the Guilford line; 12 chains 75 lengths to the beginning, and containing her plantation.' For this 300 acres Isabel Lowery paid 50 shillings for each 100 acres, or \$18.75 for the 300 acres. Attached to the papers is a pencil sketch of the plot, showing the boundary lines, and the name of the surveyor, Charles McAnally, and the two chain carriers, Joseph Platt and W. H. Phillips. Also attached to the document by a piece of tape is the official seal of North Carolina, this seal being in beeswax with a linen covering each side.

"Mr. Lowery states that his grandfather lived to be 101 years old and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The property remained in the possession of the Lowery family until a few years ago."

Mr. Lowery has received the following letter from Mrs. Samuel Jackson Kramer, Curator General N.S., D. A. R., of Washington, D. C., thanking him for the gift.

"My dear Mr. Lowery: Mrs. Puller brought us yesterday the interesting and valuable gift that you have made to our museum, the original Land Grant, 1784. We very much appreciate your generosity in giving it up to us, and I thank you, not only in my own name but in that of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution."

FUNERAL OF J. A. TREXLER HELD IN SALISBURY
I. L. Caplan and sons, Ike and Marley, attended the funeral services of J. A. Trexler of Salisbury on Thursday. Mr. Trexler, who is an uncle of Mr. Caplan, died on Feb. 10th in West Palm Beach, Fla. He was a former resident of Old Fort and had a host of friends at this place who were greatly shocked at his sudden death while visiting in that city.

Mr. Trexler is survived by his widow and eight children, five sons and three daughters: Bruce D. Trexler, of Greenville, S. C.; Floyd Trexler, of Danville, Va.; Clarence Trexler, of China Grove, N. C.; Carum Trexler, of Spencer; Edwin Trexler, of Salisbury; Mrs. Josephine Allen, of Danville, Va.; Mrs. Tillie Jones, of Salisbury, and Miss Pauline Trexler, of Salisbury.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by the Rev. Ryan of the Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Lingle of Lutheran Church of Salisbury. Interment was made in the Chestnut Hill cemetery.

MRS. NOLAN ENTERTAINS
Mrs. A. V. Nolan entertained the Sewing Club of Old Fort at her home in Marion last Wednesday afternoon. After an hour of enjoyable work a delightful salad course was served by the hostess. Those attending were Mrs. H. C. Marley, Mrs. W. W. LeFevre, Mrs. G. W. Ledbetter, Mrs. S. B. Smithey, Mrs. I. L. Caplan, Mrs. Henry Fisher, Mrs. Flemming Snipes, Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. D. A. Silver, and Mrs. Will Rowe.

Frank Allen of Asheville visited relatives in Old Fort Sunday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Steppe of Black Mountain were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mrs. W. S. Burgin had as dinner guests on Sunday Carl Kerlee and family of Black Mountain.

Mrs. W. Long of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Geneva Early had as her guest last Sunday Miss Mabel Underwood of Asheville.

Miss Katherine Finch spent Sunday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lail of Asheville were in Old Fort Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Lackey, who is ill in an Asheville hospital, is improving rapidly.

Roy McDaniel of Elk Park spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burgin of Graham spent the week-end with relatives here.

J. B. McKinley of Gaffney, S. C., was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

Clyde Miller, Sr., who has been in Florida several weeks, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Padgett visited relatives in Old Fort last Sunday.

Miss Blanche Brinkley of Geln Alpine spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. T. L. Fuller.

Henry Fisher made a business trip to Marion Tuesday.

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

Mrs. W. H. Bradley, who has been ill with flu and pneumonia, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Robie Harding is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jordan, in Asheville.

Mrs. Geo. Hyams, who has been ill with a severe cold the past two weeks, is greatly improved.

Amos Crippen has returned to Old Fort after spending two weeks in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nichols were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stone and son Sammie spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. R. Crawford has returned home after spending a week in Spartanburg as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wyche.

Mrs. J. M. Charles had as her guest on last Monday Mrs. Edna Gage Morrow of Marshall.

Attending the Eastern Star meeting last Monday evening were Mrs. P. D. Mangum, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Melton, Mrs. Chas. Barnes, Mrs. Essie B. Kincaid and Mrs. W. F. Grant, all of Marion.

I. H. Greene of Asheville was a visitor in Old Fort on Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre spent Thursday at Beaver Lake, the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. P. Ball.

Mrs. D. W. Adams and children were visitors in Marion Saturday.

Dr. J. B. Johnson and F. M. Bradley attended the Bankers Convention which was held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville on Wednesday evening.

The Woman's Club will celebrate Washington's Birthday on Saturday night, Feb. 22, with a colonial party at the club rooms.

Mrs. Katie Lee Justice and daughter, Katherine, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Fisher.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris visited relatives near Spartanburg on last Sunday, Mrs. Harris remaining for a week's visit before returning to Old Fort.

"The Cavalier of Tennessee", an interesting historical novel, will be found on the shelves of the Old Fort Public Library. Miss Mary Will Greene, assistant librarian, states that 67 books were loaned on Saturday, Feb. 1st, and 71 on Feb. 8th. The library is open on Saturday afternoons.

Old Fort friends of Mrs. Janie Reid were much concerned over a report of an automobile accident in which Mrs. Reid was injured, but seriously. She sustained several minor cuts on the head for which she received treatment at the Greensboro Hospital, which was nearest the place where the automobile went off the embankment into the water.

Special services were held at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the men of Old Fort. The song service was conducted by Mr. Seth Perkins, Y. M. C. A. leader of Asheville. The address was delivered by Mr. N. F. Casper, superintendent of the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, who is an active layman of the Presbyterian Church.

MRS. MILLER ENTERTAINS

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller and Mrs. Nancy Kimball delightfully entertained a number of guests on Saturday evening with a Valentine party. The living room was attractively decorated with a red and white color scheme, conformity of design being carried out in the heart-shaped sandwiches and cakes which were a part of the delicious salad course served at the end of an evening of varied entertainment. Several readings were given by Miss Nancy Miller, following which instrumental numbers were offered by the Misses Elizabeth and Edna Lipe playing first and second violin, accompanied by their mother at the piano, and vocal selections by Miss E. Rowe Grady and Miss Lenore Keatley. Tables for bridge and hearts were arranged for the latter part of the evening's entertainment.

The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Lipe and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ben LeFevre and daughter, Miss Mary Burgin, Miss Katherine Finch, Miss Edith Rowe Grady, Miss Gertrude Dula, Miss Lenore Keatley, Miss Nancy Miller, Robert Wilkinson, Clyde Miller, Jr., and G. Kimball Miller.

OLD FORT CHAPTER EASTERN STAR HOLDS SPECIAL MEET

On last Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Old Fort Chapter of the Eastern Star held a special meeting in the Masonic Hall, with 23 members and seven visitors present.

At this meeting Mrs. Edna Gage Morrow, district Deputy Grand Matron of the 12th District, paid the Chapter her official visit for the year.

Visitors were present from Asheville, Swannanoa, Biltmore, Black Mountain and Marion chapters. Everyone pronounced this as one of the best meetings ever held in the chapter room. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by the refreshment committee.

OLD FORT, SILOAM, OAKDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

M. E. Hansel, Minister.

Old Fort: Sunday School 10 a. m. Children's worship services 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor Society 6:15 p. m. Public worship with sermon by the pastor, 7 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:30 p. m.

Siloom: Sunday School 2 p. m., public worship 3 p. m.

Oakdale: Sunday School 2 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

E. D. Rix of Edgefield, S. C., spent the week-end with his family in Old Fort.

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LAND FOR SALE

Whereas under date of October 6th, 1925, J. M. Mashburn and wife, Effie S. Mashburn, executed and delivered to J. L. Nichols, Trustee, for the Bank of Old Fort, a certain Deed of Trust securing an indebtedness of \$3,000 due eight months after date, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Book 28 page 278 McDowell County Mortgage Deed Records, and whereas there has been default in the payment of said indebtedness at maturity:

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Deed of Trust, the undersigned will, at the courthouse door in Marion, McDowell County, N. C., on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1930, at twelve o'clock noon, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the following described piece parcel and tract of land, lying and being in McDowell County, N. C.:

2nd Tract: Being lots No. 7 and 8 in Block "K" in the Town of Old Fort, N. C., bounded on the north by Main Street, on the E. by Spring Street, on the S. by Railroad Street, and on the W. by the lands of the late G. B. Thomasson: Beginning on a stake on Main Street, a corner between Thomasson and Jones, and runs S. 30 E. 153 feet to a stake on Railroad Street, thence N. 75 E.

DOES COST OF TRANSPORTATION INFLUENCE YOUR CHOICE OF A CAR?

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112 feet and 3 inches with Railroad Street to a stake on Spring Street; thence with Spring Street N. 32 W. 191 feet to a stake on Main Street, thence with Main Street S. 59 W. 101 feet and 6 inches to the beginning, and being fully described in a deed from G. A. Thomasson to Mrs. G. C. Jones, recorded in Book 28 page 306 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of McDowell County.

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

This 29th day of January, 1930.
J. L. NICHOLS, Trustee.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF JOHN LAIL
Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of John Lail, convicted at the June 1929 term of Superior Court of McDowell County for the crime of assault with deadly weapon and sentenced to two years on the roads. All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This Feb. 12, 1930.
MRS. JOHN LAIL.

You will need The Progress this campaign year. Send in your subscription now.