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## THE OLD FORT NEWS

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## J. S. BRADLEY IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

**Prominent McDowell Man Dies After Lingering Illness — Funeral Tuesday.**

Mr. John S. Bradley, 73 years old, died at his home here Sunday, after a long illness.

Formerly engaged in the mercantile business here and president of the Old Fort bank, he was one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of the town. He was a Mason, a member of the Old Fort school board for 12 years; chairman of the county school board, and a member of the Baptist church.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church. The Masonic lodge here had charge of the services at the grave. The Old Fort schools attended in a body.

He is survived by his widow, three sons, Fred M. and Thaddeus, both of Old Fort, and Carl E., of St. Louis; and four brothers, Nealey, of Old Fort, Logan and George, both of Indianapolis, and Grayson, of Guthrie, Okla. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. George Lee, of Asheville.

## MAN WHO DROVE FIRST LOCOMOTIVE ACROSS BLUE RIDGE IS DEAD

W. P. Terrell, the man who drove the first railroad locomotive across the Blue Ridge mountains and into Asheville, was found dead in his bed here Monday morning.

Mr. Terrell, who was 74 years old, had been suffering from heart trouble for the past several weeks. He lived alone and a neighbor remained with him until 10 o'clock Sunday night and offered to spend the night, but Mr. Terrell insisted this was unnecessary. He was believed to have become ill shortly after the neighbor left, as he had not removed his clothing.

When the railroad was under construction by the state, the line was built up to the long Swannanoa tunnel, and while this tunnel was under construction, the Asheville end, from near the top of the mountain to Biltmore, was built.

To facilitate work on the Asheville end of the line, a small locomotive was hauled by oxen over a "corduroy" road—a road floored with logs—across the mountain to the west end of what is now the Swannanoa tunnel and was used on the west side in construction work.

But it was Mr. Terrell who drove the first locomotive through the tunnel and on to Asheville.

Mr. Terrell was also the first Master of Masons at the Old Fort lodge and was one of the first deacons of the Old Fort Baptist church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Maud Kaufman, of Philadelphia, Mrs. Carrie Bach of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Ethel Eisenspatt of Los Angeles, and two sons, Frank of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Melvin Terrell, who resides in West Virginia.

## SCOUTS ENJOY PICNIC

The local troupe of Boy Scouts, organized some time ago, enjoyed an outing to Catawba Falls Saturday chaperoned by Mr. J. E. Long, a member of the sponsoring committee. The boys were under the command of Charles Fisher, assistant Scout Master. The officials of the Boy Scouts are as follows: Scout Master, I. L. Caplan; Assistant Masters, Charlie Fisher and C. M. Jenkins; sponsoring committee, W. W. LeFevre, chairman; J. E. Long, S. B. Smithy, G. P. Bistine and S. L. Noblett. A great deal of interest is being taken by both boys and parents in this movement and it is hoped that this interest will continue. The boys are planning on several more outings during the summer.

Those attending the B. Y. P. U. convention at East Marion Baptist church were Miss Josephine Linley, Miss Pauline Linley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeter Morgan, Mrs. B. Y. Allison, and George Linley.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Noblitt, Mrs. Paul Allison, and Miss Estelle Lavender were visitors in Asheville on Tuesday.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Lizzie Crawford is visiting friends in Asheville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lytle of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Wilson of Marion spent Saturday in Old Fort.

Misses Bula and Millie Kanipe and Carrie Saunders spent Saturday in Asheville.

Guy Stepe of Marion visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stepp, in Old Fort Sunday.

Ed Allison visited Mills Melton at the Mission Hospital in Asheville Sunday.

Mrs. S. Whitmire and Miss Olive Whitmire of Biltmore spent Sunday with Mrs. E. Epley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ragle left on Saturday for a week's stay in New York City. Mrs. Ragle, on her return will stop in Franklin, Ga., for an extended visit to relatives.

Mrs. Louise Nesbitt, who is visiting her aunt in Black Mountain, was in Old Fort Saturday.

Miss Robbie Noblitt of Gastonia is the house guest of Miss Pauline Noblitt.

Albert Noblitt and Francis Sabom spent Thursday in Asheville.

Floyd Kelly, who has been working in Indiana, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Etta Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Early are spending the week-end in Marion.

Miss Sadie Burgin spent Thursday in Asheville.

Miss Janie Parker of Asheville was the guest of Miss Marie Sabom on Wednesday.

Miss Dorcas Williams, former music teacher of the Old Fort high school, was in Old Fort Thursday.

Mrs. Don Grant spent Tuesday in Asheville.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins have as their house guest Mrs. F. S. Jenkins of Easley, S. C.

Dr. and Mrs. U. B. Sutherland and small son, of Easley, S. C., visited Dr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins on Sunday.

Miss Elaine Mashburn, who is in training at the Aston Park Hospital in Asheville, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Effie Mashburn.

Capt. and Mrs. H. W. Mason, of Spartanburg, S. C., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Westermann on Saturday and Sunday. Capt. and Mrs. Mason were enroute to Kansas where they will visit relatives for the next two months.

Luther Grant of Marion was a visitor to Old Fort on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silvers, Miss Edith Nichols and Walter Nichols of Marion visited friends here Sunday.

Mrs. H. D. Milton of Black Mountain, who was formerly Miss Maude Gilbert of this place, was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday. Accompanying Mrs. Milton was her daughter, Miss Mildred Hemphill, who graduated with highest honors from the Black Mountain school this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beam of Marion visited friends in Old Fort last week. Mr. Beam was formerly sheriff of Rutherford county.

Rev. M. E. Hansel and daughter Elizabeth were in Asheville Friday. Mrs. Georgia Grant spent the week-end in Marion with Mrs. L. D. Greene.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church gave a social and surprise shower for their Superintendent, Miss Mary Will Greene, at the manse Thursday evening. Miss Greene will leave June 1 to take nurse's training at the Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Miss Audrey Gosorn and Mrs. Georgia Grant were in Asheville on Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Tomlin and daughter Claudia, who have been visiting Mrs. S. F. Mauney, left Tuesday for their home in Harmony.

Raymond and Carl Padgett of Charlotte spent the week-end with relatives here.

Miss May Campbell was in Asheville Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Nichols, Mary Sue Young, Misses Elizabeth and Annie White and Mrs. Nannie Justice were in Asheville Tuesday.

Dr. F. H. McMillan will leave on Thursday for Washington, D. C., where he will spend several days with his sister.

David Taylor, who has been attending Mars Hill College, has arrived to spend the summer with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allison have moved to the Newton house on Nichols street.

Lee Lavender of Columbus visited relatives in Old Fort last week.

Miss Brady Silver has been visiting her sister in Hendersonville.

Misses Stella Sherrill and Virginia Vess were in Marion Monday.

Clyde Miller left last week on a business trip to Wisconsin, where he will spend the next few weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Hansel, of Flora McDonald College, has arrived to spend the summer with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hansel.

Col. D.W. Adams and J.H. Greene spent several days of the past week at Mile High, near Pinnacle.

Miss Lenore Keatley has as her house guests this week her mother, Mrs. Lila B. Keatley, her sister, Mrs. Dorothy K. Evans, her nephew, Master Haimar Denny Evans, her aunt, Mrs. Lina Burlin, and Mr. Wilmer Hasson, of Maryland.

## Evidently Chinese Boy Has No Use for 'Phone

Telephone service in Shanghai, with the subscribers talking half a dozen languages and the operators all Chinese, has been the target of complaint.

The latest voice raised is that of a Chinese youth, the operator of a private switchboard in a foreign firm. He stated, in that peculiar phraseology known only to his kind, as follows:

"For long time now this telephone no good and everybody fight me. This not my fault. I proper boy, but telephone make everybody angry and everybody fight everybody else. Pretty soon all Shanghai fight and telephone fault. This no proper. My Sunday school say must love everybody. How can I love everybody when everybody fight me because telephone no work. I think house boy job more better. But every house have telephone and everybody fight me again. How I get away from telephone? I work in shop, have telephone; I go to school, have telephone; everybody have telephone, so fashion everybody fight. More proper I think have telephone all finish. May be you have friend who no have telephone and wanchee house boy, you tell me, I go. No more telephone, I very happy."

## Popular Weather Signs Decried by Forecaster

"There's a lot of pagan superstition about many of the weather signs that people like to believe in," said a weather forecaster recently. "There are a score of rural sayings, especially when winter is coming on, as to how severe it will be. The groundhog is credited with miraculous vision. Such ideas go back for centuries. "Lots of people believe that the position of the new moon is a sure foreteller of weather. The saying is that if the new moon stands upright, the thin crescent in a vertical position, the weather will be dry for the greater part of the coming month. On the other hand, if the new moon reclines on its back, in the shape of a shallow cup, that means a month of rainy weather. "All the pioneers in this country firmly believed that, and out in the country districts you will find many people today who are equally credulous. Unfortunately, the idea has no basis in fact. Weather bureau records, if examined, will completely disprove any such ideas."—New York Sun.

## Cleveland county farmers have sold \$30,706.62 worth of poultry to two firms in Shelby during the four months of January, February, March and April.

To save space in school rooms a blackboard has been invented with leaves that swing outward like the pages of a book.

## PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE Personal Property

Intending to quit house-keeping at the Morris Grant place (better known as the "old Hamp Grant Mill") about 5 miles east of Old Fort, Mrs. Grant will sell at public auction, on

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1930**

everything on the premises, consisting of Household and Kitchen Furniture, Farm and Garden Implements, and other articles too numerous to mention.

**Sale Will Begin at 10 O'clock.**

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Whitson M. Blackwelder, deceased, late of McDowell County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Old Fort, N. C., on or before the 1st day of May, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 29th day of April, 1930.

**MRS. ELLA BLACKWELDER,**  
Administratrix of estate of Whitson M. Blackwelder, deceased.

## THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway, came at evening cold and gray; To a chasm vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim,

The sullen stream had no fear for him. But he turned when safe on the other side

And built a bridge to span the tide. A fellow pilgrim standing near, Said "Old man, you're wasting time building here.

You've crossed the chasm dark and wide, Why build a bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head, "In the path I've come," he said, "There followeth after me today

A fair haired youth who must pass this way; This chasm which has been as naught to me

To this fair youth may a pitfall be He too must cross in the twilight dim Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

—Anonymous.

Jones County farmers have sold 680 head of fat hogs for a net profit of \$11,203.65 so far this year.

## Are You Ready



## When your Children Cry for It

Baby has little upsets at times. All your care cannot prevent them. But you can be prepared. Then you can do what any experienced nurse would do—what most physicians would tell you to do—give a few drops of plain Castoria. No sooner done than Baby is soothed; relief is just a matter of moments. Yet you have eased your child without use of a single doubtful drug; Castoria is vegetable. So it's safe to use as often as an infant has any little pain you cannot pat away. And it's always ready for the crueler ranga of colic, or constipation, or diarrhea, effective, too, for older children. Twenty-five million bottles were bought last year.



## FAMILY DOCTOR LEARNED THIS ABOUT CONSTIPATION



Dr. Caldwell loved people. His years of practice convinced him many were ruining their health by careless selection of laxatives. He determined to write a harmless prescription which would get at the cause of constipation, and correct it.

Today, the prescription he wrote in 1885 is the world's most popular laxative! He prescribed a mixture of herbs and other pure ingredients now known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, in thousands of cases where bad breath, coated tongue, gas, headaches, biliousness and lack of appetite or energy showed the bowels of men, women and children were sluggish. It proved successful in even the most obstinate cases; old folks liked it for it never gripes; children liked its pleasant taste. All drugstores today have Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in bottles.

## We Thank You

We want to take this opportunity to thank our friends in Old Fort and McDowell County for the splendid patronage they have given us during the years we have been with you. We are leaving you but we will always have a kindly feeling for our friends in this section.

## Bryson-Snyder Co.

OLD FORT, N. C.

## Keep Your Money in the Bank

Are you troubled by having your money "burn a hole" in your pocket? That is a common fault of money. If you have your money in the bank, whether it be much or little, it will not burn any holes and it will be there when you need it.

Money carried on the person is a temptation to spending. Money in the bank does not offer this temptation. You may hesitate before writing a check where you would not hesitate to spend it if you had the money with you.

We offer you the advantage of our banking facilities and invite you to open a checking account with us.

## THE BANK OF OLD FORT OLD FORT, N. C.

J. S. BRADLEY, Pres.

F. M. BRADLEY, Cashier

P. H. MASHBURN, Vice-Pres.

## The City Barber Shop

announces the consolidation of the two shops operated in Old Fort. The Main Street Barber Shop has been enlarged and improved. Your favorite barber will be found at this location. Call and see us.

Cleaning and Pressing Club in the rear.

## Z. L. Lackey, Prop.

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