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## THE OLD FORT SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The commencement exercises of the Old Fort High School which were held in the school auditorium last week brought to a close a successful school year under the able direction of Prof. S. B. Smitley. These exercises were attended by large and appreciative audiences each evening.

On the first evening Miss Edith R. Grady presented her class in a musical recital which proved very enjoyable. The opening number of the recital, in the form of a chorus, showed quite an improvement in the vocal music, several students displaying noticeable talent along this line. The winning of first honors in the county commencement by these boys and girls was of particular interest and gratification to the Old Fort school patrons.

Rev. Blackwell of Mars Hill delivered a very able baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning which was given before the graduating class and a host of friends. The quartette rendered by Prof. S. B. Smitley and three high school boys, Woodrow Harris, Merrill Kanipe and Guy Grant, added to this occasion. Prof. Smitley is due many thanks by the townspeople for the time and interest he has given to training these boys, who have helped many times during the year in both church and civic affairs.

On Thursday evening the graduating class, which was composed of 22 members, received their diplomas. At this time a very inspiring address was delivered to this worthy class. Friday evening was the final night of this commencement season, and at this time the annual school play was presented.

This year "Daddy Long Legs," under the very efficient supervision of Mrs. George Sandlin, was given. This was an unusually good presentation for a high school and some excellent dramatic ability was shown in several of the characters.

## LAST RITES HELD FOR W. P. TERRELL

The funeral services for W. P. Terrell, who died suddenly Sunday night, May 25, were held at the Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Several states and counties were represented in the large crowd of relatives and friends who filled the church to pay their respects to one of Old Fort's oldest citizens.

Capt. W. P. Terrell was a Southern railway engineer when the track extended only as far west as Old Fort. Capt. Terrell helped to build the first Baptist church built in Old Fort and was one of its charter members, superintendent for many years.

The Masonic members of Old Fort Joppa lodge attended the funeral services and did honor to their first master Mason. Assisting the pastor, the Rev. C. L. Taylor, was the Rev. Mr. Hunt, a former pastor and close friend of Capt. Terrell.

Interment was made in the Old Fort cemetery, the members of the Old Fort Joppa lodge having charge of the services at the grave.

## BARBER SHOPS CONSOLIDATE

The equipment of the barber shop on South Main street, near the depot, has been moved to the City Barber Shop on Main street, which has been enlarged and improved to accommodate the extra barbers and their regular customers. Mr. Zeb L. Lackey, proprietor, assures the patrons that the same prompt service can be expected at the Main street shop.

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre was hostess to the Needlecraft Club on Thursday. Those attending were Mrs. H. C. Fisher, Mrs. S. B. Smitley, Mrs. G. W. Ledbetter, Mrs. H. C. Marley, Mrs. I. L. Caplan. Out of town members were Mrs. J. L. Nichols, Mrs. D. A. Silvers, Mrs. John Hogan, Mrs. D. A. Ricks and Miss Edith Nichols, of Marion. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Edith LeFevre.

Mrs. Lila B. Keatley, Mrs. Dorothy K. Evans, Mrs. Ed Berlin, Harmar Evans and Wilmer Hasson left Sunday for their home in Havre de Grace, Md., after a week's visit to Miss Lenore R. Keatley.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Mary White of Asheville visited her sister, Mrs. Geo. Hyams, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Bill Gibbs of Marion spent last Saturday with relatives in Old Fort.

Mr. J. L. Laughridge of Marion was in Old Fort Wednesday.

Mrs. O. D. Haynes spent last Wednesday in Asheville.

Misses Arwyn Steppe and Nelle Allison, of Asheville Normal School, have returned to their home for the summer vacation.

Misses Eunice Wilkinson and Betty Crawford, of Mitchel College, Statesville, N. C., have returned to their homes here for the summer vacation.

Miss Anne Bridges of Forest City is the house guest of Miss Millie Kanipe this week.

F. B. Terrell and Melvine Terrell were visitors in Marion last Thursday.

H. F. Sabom left Thursday for Pittsburgh, Pa.

L. Whisnant made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

Mrs. Watkins of Marion was in Old Fort Wednesday.

Miss Sadie Burgin spent Monday in Asheville.

Miss Emma Allison, who has been teaching in Jennings, S. C., has returned home to spend the summer vacation.

Mrs. Hessie Steppe was in Asheville Tuesday.

Ed. Allison was in Asheville Thursday.

Mrs. Long, of Arden, is visiting her son, J. E. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship of Canton attended the graduation exercises of the Old Fort High School Thursday night.

Miss Janie Parker of Asheville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonie Parker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hyams, of Asheville attended the school commencement at Old Fort Thursday night.

Misses Mamie and Christine White of Asheville visited relatives in Old Fort last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kelly have returned to Old Fort after spending several weeks in Murphy.

Mrs. Hart Taylor returned to Old Fort the past week after a two months stay in Dover, Tenn., where Mr. Taylor is engaged in road construction work.

Mrs. I. V. Beasley is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Sandlin, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sweeney spent the week-end with homefolks in Old Fort.

Harrison Hansel and Miss Pauline Winters and Betty Crawford spent Saturday afternoon at Lake James.

Miss Margaret Rock and Miss Dorothy Spencer, of La Grange College, are visiting their cousin, Miss Betty Crawford.

Miss Gertrude Dula, who suffered a sprained ankle last week, is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hawkins and Robert Hawkins, of Marion, visited Miss Gertrude Dula on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee, of Asheville, visited relatives in Old Fort last week.

Mrs. Maude Kaughmann returned to her home in Philadelphia last Saturday.

Mrs. S. F. Mauney is visiting relatives in Gastonia.

Miss Mary Mauney, of Salisbury, is spending some time at the Mauney House.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rowe, Gladys Rowe and Miss Edith R. Grady were visitors in Asheville on Saturday.

Miss Gladys Warren left Saturday for her home in Raleigh.

Miss Una Plott is visiting friends and relatives in Asheville for a while before leaving for an extended trip north.

Miss Margaret Maness is spending her vacation at her home in Biscoe.

Misses Nan Brasington and Margaret Lytle are spending their vacation at their homes in West Asheville and Biltmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nichols, Misses Billy Spencer, Iby Finley and Florence Thomas were visitors in Old Fort Tuesday.

Miss Pauline Winters of Garman, Va., is visiting Miss Betty Crawford and Miss Eunice Wilkinson.

Miss Pauline Winters, Miss Catherine Finch, Miss Margaret Rock, Maurice Fleming, Merrill Kanipe and Charles Fisher attended the ball game in Asheville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gibson and son, of Burnsville, and Mrs. W. M. Goodson of Asheville, were guests of Mrs. H. A. Westermann and Miss Gertrude Dula last Saturday.

## PRIZES ARE OFFERED BY U. D. C. FOR BEST ESSAYS

Valuable prizes for the best essays on subjects relating to the cause of the soldiers of the South during the Civil War, are offered by individuals, or units of the North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Rules of the contest are that all reports and essays must be in the hands of Mrs. W. S. Bernard, of Chapel Hill, not later than September 1, 1930, and that essays are to be typewritten with fictitious signature. The real name and address of the chapter and address of the writer must be in a sealed envelope on the outside of which must be put a fictitious name and title of essay.

The prize offers are announced by Mrs. Bernard. They are as follows:

### Essay Prizes

1—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "Cavalry Leaders of the Confederacy," offered by General Albert Cox, of Raleigh, in memory of his father, General William Ruffin Cox.

2—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "Mosby's Rangers," offered by the James B. Gordon chapter, of Winston-Salem, in memory of Mr. Henry L. Riggins.

3—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "Matthew Fontaine Maury," offered by Mrs. D. A. Garrison, of Gastonia, in honor of her father, Mr. D. B. Coltrane, of Concord, N. C.

4—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "The Value of Fort Fisher to the Confederacy," offered by Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, of Wilmington.

5—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "The Confederate Cabinet," offered by Mrs. S. H. Isler, of Greensboro, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Eugenia C. Watlington.

6—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "The Type of Soldier North Carolina sent to the War Between the States," offered by the Sixth District U. D. C.

7—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "The Last Days of the Confederacy in North Carolina," offered by Mrs. H. A. Crenshaw, of Salisbury, in memory of her father, Judge Joseph J. Davis.

8—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "Reconstruction in Western North Carolina," offered by Mrs. J. G. Stickleather, of Asheville, in honor of her father, Captain W. E. Weaver.

9—Ten dollars in gold for the best essay on "The South's Efforts to Avoid the War of the Sixties, as Evidenced by her Compromises and Peace Conferences," offered by Mr. Murphy, of Salisbury, in memory of General A. H. Boyden.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of a certain decree issued from the Superior Court of McDowell County, N. C., in the case of the First National Bank of Marion, N. C., vs. L. W. Elias, J. Lee Lavender, O. W. Robertson, Stanley Robertson, Mrs. L. J. Robertson, and A. W. Lanning, appointing the undersigned as commissioner, and authorizing them to sell at public auction the lands hereinafter described, the undersigned commissioner will, on the ninth day of June, 1930, at twelve o'clock M., at the courthouse door in Marion, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands:

Lying and being in Crooked Creek Township, McDowell County, N. C., containing 300 acres more or less, and being more fully described in a Mortgage Deed from L. W. Elias to J. Lee Lavender, O. W. Robertson and others, dated April 1, 1926, and recorded in Book 35 page 143, McDowell County Mortgage Records, to which reference is here made.

The terms of the sale will be cash and subject to confirmation by the court.

This 7th day of May, 1930.

ROBERT W. PROCTOR,  
C. C. LISENBEE,

Commissioners.

## SERVICE BY PUBLICATION—NOTICE

North Carolina, McDowell County.

In the Superior Court.

Mary Louise Davis, Plaintiff,

vs.

Carl Cecil Davis, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of McDowell County for the purpose of securing a divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the second Monday in September, 1930, at the court house of said county in Marion, N. C., 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 23 day of May, 1930.

J. L. LAUGHRIDGE,  
Clerk of the Superior Court.



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## NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES—NO. 1247

Take notice that under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of McDowell County, N. C., entered in a civil action entitled Lee W. Williams vs. Matilda Greenlee heirs, said action having been instituted for the collection of taxes due McDowell County for the year 1927 by the defendants, the undersigned having been appointed as Commissioner to sell said land for the purpose of satisfying judgment rendered in this case, will, on Monday the 23rd day of June, 1930, at ten o'clock, a. m., at the courthouse door, Marion, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands. Listed for taxation in the years 1927, 1926, in Old Fort Township in the name of Matilda Greenlee heirs as 52 acres and bounded and described as follows: Beginning on a black gum on the spar of a ridge, the beginning corner of the Grant, and runs N 34 poles crossing the creek to a stake; then E 14 poles with the meanders of the creek to a stake; then S 55 E 60 poles up the creek to a white oak at the point of ridge; then E 12 poles; then N 85 E 20 poles with the top of said ridge; then N 55 E 30 poles; then E 60 poles crossing the ridge crossing, same course 7 poles to a pine on the E boundary of said tract; then S. 60 poles to a black oak, SE corner of said 100 acres on the E edge of said ridge road; then W 100 poles to a spanish oak and white oak; then N 40 W 100 poles crossing the creek three times to a pine; then S 60 W 20 poles to the beginning.

The terms of the sale are cash and subject to confirmation by the court. This 12th day of May, 1930.

ROBERT W. PROCTOR,  
Commissioner.

Shop with home merchants.

## Keep Your Money in the Bank

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## THE BANK OF OLD FORT

OLD FORT, N. C.

J. S. BRADLEY, Pres.

F. M. BRADLEY, Cashier

P. H. MASHBURN, Vice-Pres.

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Trustee, acting under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from D. R. Stepp to the undersigned Trustee for W. P. Decker, dated March 20, 1928, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for McDowell County in Book 34 on page 184, to which reference is hereby made, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative, the undersigned trustee will on Monday, June 30, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon at the Courthouse door in the City of Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina, offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County of McDowell, State of North Carolina, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

to a stone; thence S. 2 deg. W. 90.0 feet to a stone; thence with the Burgin heirs' line S. 87 deg. E. 3116.0 feet to a stone; thence No. 1 deg. 40' E. 2318.0 feet to a Spanish Oak, second corner of Gunter's Survey; thence S. 77 deg. 15' W. 188.0 feet to a stake; thence S. 86 deg. 15' W. 129.0 feet to a stake; thence S. 60 deg. 15' W. 174.0 feet to the place of Beginning.

Both tracts containing together 1200 acres be the same more or less. Said sale to be subject to taxes. This the 29th day of May, 1930.

A. HALL JOHNSTON, Trustee.

## LAND FOR SALE

Take notice, that whereas, under date of May 25th, 1929, H. O. Smith and wife, Stella Lewis Smith, executed and delivered to J. W. Winborne, Trustee, for the Home Building Association, a certain deed of trust, which deed of trust secured an indebtedness of \$3000, and is recorded in Book 45 page 2, McDowell County Mortgage Deed Records, and whereas there has been default in the payment of said indebtedness as in said deed of trust provided:

Now therefore, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned will, on Monday, the seventh day of July, 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, the following described land:

That house and lot purchased by H. O. Smith and wife, from O. H. Bumgardner, deed for which is recorded in Book 57 page 579 McDowell County Deed Records, and also being described in a deed from O. H. Bumgardner to H. O. Smith and wife, dated the 11th day of March, 1925, and recorded in Book 66 page 330 McDowell County Deed Records, to which deeds reference is here made for more specific description, and being that house and lot where the parties of the first part now live, bounded on the East by Logan St., on the South by lot of W. M. Goodson, on the West by the Graded School St., and on the North by L. J. P. Cutler, excepting and reserving, however, from the foregoing that lot of land conveyed by H. O. Smith and wife to Paul N. Smith and wife, of even date herewith, described as follows:

Beginning at a stake, now Paul Smith's SW corner on the old Academy lot line which is now the E. line of the Academy St., and which stake is S. 26 E. 96 feet from the old black oak corner, now down, which stood on South line of Fort St., and runs N. 64 E. 60 feet paralleling Fort St., to a stake; thence N. 26 W. 30 feet to a stake; thence N. 26 E. 68 1/2 feet to a stake in Goodson's 1/2 line; thence with same S. 64 W. 90 feet to the old Academy line; thence N. 25 W. 38 1/2 feet to the beginning.

(Bearings are based on the original town plat bearings.)

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

This 3rd day of June, 1930.

J. W. WINBORNE, Trustee.

Home Bldg. Association.

## 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.

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