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MISS GERTRUDE DULA,
Editor and Business Manager.

WORK

God give to me the sight to see,
Give wisdom clear that understands
The fine, high-hearted dignity
Of work I do with my two hands
No matter what the task may be,
I'll not complain or ever shirk,
But strive in all sincerity
To love my helpful work.
While I am young, help me to know
That work is good and effort fine.
They make my soul and body grow,
So I will take true pride in mine.
Teach me to love my work today,
And even look for things to do
That shall help others on their way.
Thus working, Lord, I work with
You.

— Selected.

J. A. DALTON AND T. Y. LYTLE TALK OF PINONEER DAYS

The unveiling of the Indian arrowhead marker at Old Fort on July 27th recalls to the mind of many of the older generation of Old Fort citizens, traditions which are very interesting at this particular time.

Mr. James A. Dalton, who is Old Fort's oldest citizen, in speaking of the old Indian fort, said: "It has been a long time since the Indians were here, but the large rocks that were used in the stockade which surrounded the fort were not removed until after Captain George Thomasson, who purchased the land from Colonel Davidson, cleared the land for planting."

Mr. Dalton, who has always lived in and near Old Fort, celebrated his 90th birthday April 24. The small house which stands near the bank of the creek, on the site where it is believed the old Fort stood, was built, Mr. Dalton said, by him when he moved to Old Fort from Crooked Creek, and the lumber from the old Davidson barn which stood near this site, was used in building this house.

Mr. Dalton said he could remember when the white settlers decided to move the Indians farther west and the men who were to be sent on this mission were selected by lining up all the men of draft age in a row and counting four, the fourth man to stay at home to protect the families, while the other three went to help drive the Indians farther west. Although a small boy at this time, Mr. Dalton said he could remember waiting anxiously while the men were selected in this way. As it happened his father was one of the fourth men, so did not have to go.

Mr. Dalton said that he had never heard of a battle being fought around this fort, which was built for the protection of the white settlers in case of a raid by Indians from across the Blue Ridge, that being the boundary between the white and red men. General Rutherford, who was in command of the guard that protected this western frontier, camped in this fort when patrolling this part of the border. In his reports to the Committee of Safety at Salisbury he describes some of his activities.

Mr. Tom Young Lytle, a well known Confederate soldier, tells an interesting story of the experiences of an early pioneer, Jack Lytle, who lived in the Fort and helped protect the settlers in this community. This story also describes the strategy of the Indians.

As the story goes, the Indians had been stealing across the top of the Blue Ridge and hiding behind a log or tree; would imitate the call of a wild turkey gobbler, and in that way decoy the white men near enough to kill them. Suspecting that it was an Indian on this day, Jack Lytle made his way up the side of a nearby hill and hid behind a large rock, placing his hat on the barrel of his gun. He raised it into view. The hat was pierced with an arrow by the Indian, who thinking he had killed the white man stepped out from behind the tree and was shot by Jack Lytle.

While tradition is a more or less uncertain record handed down from one generation to another by word of mouth, and sometimes difficult to verify, it is sometimes a large part of the history of a people who were busy clearing dense forests for homes and farming lands.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Turner of Ridgecrest spent Sunday in Old Fort.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Padgett are quite ill at their home east of Old Fort.

Miss Lucy Finch, daughter of Mr. Lonnie Finch, is attending the Kinston training school at Kinston, N. C. Hubert Kanipe of Duke University, Durham, has returned to his home here to spend the summer vacation.

Luther Grant of Marion visited relatives in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Brady Silver spent Monday in Asheville.

Mrs. Maggie Long and little son, Gene, of Marion, were the guests of Mrs. W. C. Early on Sunday.

Mrs. Max Lail of Asheville was in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bright of Swannanoa was in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Reid of Black Mountain were visitors in Old Fort during the week.

Otis Grant spent Friday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allison and family spent Friday in Connelly Springs.

C. P. Kerlee of Black Mountain was in Old Fort last week.

Miss Davie Mae Arney was a visitor in Asheville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jordan of Asheville visited relatives in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid McCurry of Marion were visitors in Old Fort on Sunday.

E. W. Grant of Spruce Pine spent the week-end in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgin were visitors in Asheville last Thursday.

Mrs. Whitmire and Miss Olive Whitmire of Biltmore spent July 4th with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Epply.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Padgett of Marion spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Miss Hilda Berry of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her cousin, Lucy Allison.

Mrs. T. M. Chaney and two daughters, Mary Morris and Virginia, of Baltimore, Md., are the guests of Mrs. Sue Sandlin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stump and family spent Friday in Waynesville.

Mrs. Delia Grant of Canton spent Sunday in Old Fort with relatives.

Mrs. Dock Greene left Wednesday for several days visit to friends in Bakersville.

Mrs. Jane Baker of Bakersville is visiting Mrs. D. Greene this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poteat of Bakersville spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mrs. R. B. Butt of Marion was in Old Fort Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Noblitt and family visited relatives in Gastonia last Friday.

Miss Ethel Butt of Bakersville was in Old Fort Tuesday.

Mrs. Earle Wrenn of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Burgin.

Mrs. E. J. Burgin, Pauline Gosorn and Alice Laughridge spent last Tuesday in Asheville.

Mrs. Geo. Moore is spending several days in Johnson City with her parents.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Umberger and family motored to Marion Friday.

Mrs. Marion Nesbitt and family of Gastonia are the guests of the Noblitt family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rockett of Narrows, Va., are visiting relatives and friends in Old Fort this week.

Mrs. W. H. Hawkins and Robert Hawkins of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass and family of Gastonia spent the week-end with their cousin, Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

Col. D. W. Adams and daughter, Mary Virginia, entertained a few of their friends with a house party at their camp, "Mile Hi," the past week-end.

Miss Evelyn Branhan of Raleigh and Miss Aleane Alston of Durham were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Marie Sabom is spending several days in Erwin, Tenn., as the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Earley and the Misses Alfords.

Miss Emma Allison, who has been visiting friends in Knoxville, Tenn., and Narrows, Va., accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rockett to Old Fort on Saturday.

Rev. J. C. Umberger, Misses Eunice Wilkinson, Katherine Finch, Margaret Weaver, Arwyn Stepp and Elva Noblitt attended one day session of the Epworth League conference at Lake Junaluska last week.

D. T. Roughton and John Turner Roughton have returned to Columbia, S. C., after spending a few days in Old Fort. Mrs. Roughton and daughter, Frances, are spending the summer in Old Fort.

NAME WANTED FOR MINIATURE GOLF COURSE

The Miniature Golf Course attracted a large crowd last Saturday night. Six large arc lights gave the golf course an attractive and festive appearance. The owners of this new attraction announced the opening of the course on Monday afternoon, and Master Marley, and Ike Caplan, Jr., gave away coupons which entitled the holders to a free game on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. Names for this golf course are being submitted, and the winner will be announced in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann and Miss Gertrude Dula had as their guests on Sunday and Monday their aunt, Mrs. Hattie Cline, who was formerly Miss Hattie McKee, and their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Cline, of Dublin, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cline returned to their home in Texas on Tuesday. Mrs. Hattie Cline will remain in North Carolina for several weeks to attend the Dula family reunion which will be held during August, and will visit her sister, Mrs. Tom Gash, who lives near Hendersonville.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. Garland Bryson and family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD FORT GROUP OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

M. E. Hansel, Minister

Old Fort

Sabbath School ----- 10 a. m.

Junior Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

Young People of the Church 7:15 p. m.

Public worship ----- 8 p. m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 8 p. m.

Siloam

Sabbath School ----- 10 a. m.

Public Worship with Communion of Lord's Supper --- 11 a. m.

Oakdale

Sabbath School ----- 10 a. m.

Hints For Homemakers

By Jane Rogers



INDISPENSABLE furnishings in a well-regulated kitchen are accurate scales and measuring utensils; a pair of shears to be used only in the preparation of foods; and, since the success of so many dishes depends upon correct timing, a reliable clock such as one of the new electric kind that plug into the wall and can't go a second off without showing a warning signal.

The use of a small amount of sugar, much as we use salt and pepper, mitigates the harsh taste of many foods without sweetening them. Used in the preparation of meat sauces and gravies, it accentuates the various flavors, binds them into a harmonious whole, and improves the color.

SALE OF LAND UNDER MORTGAGE

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a certain mortgage deed, executed on the 20th day of December 1929, by C. A. Medford and wife, Sadie Medford, which said mortgage deed is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of McDowell County, in Mortgage Book No. 41 on page 144, to secure the payment of a certain sum of money therein named, and default having been made in the payment of the said sum of money at the time specified therein for its payment, to satisfy the same, the undersigned Mortgagee will expose to public sale for cash at the court house door in Marion, North Carolina, on Monday, the fourth day of August, 1930, at 12 o'clock M., all that certain tract of land situate in North Cove township, McDowell County, North Carolina.

Beginning on a white oak in the Martin line and runs north 60 deg. west 40 poles to a pine; thence west 56 poles to a hickory; thence south 50 poles to a stake; thence east 112 poles to a stake in Martin's line; thence north with Martin's line, 25 poles to the beginning; containing 25 acres be the same more or less.

This 1st day of July, 1930.

LONON BROTHERS,
Mortgagees.

THE INDIVIDUAL YET NEEDED BY BUSINESS

By JOHN G. LONSDALE
President American Bankers
Association

SOME seem to think that the day of the individual in business has passed. But they are wrong. While the individual may not attract such outstanding attention as he did in the days of old when institutions were conducted on a smaller scale, he nevertheless is to be found in any large corporation, dominating the situation, giving orders here, co-operating there



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and shouldering the responsibility of keeping a large group of lieutenants, captains and privates working in unison and moving forward under the banner of progress. And all of these are held accountable to the public because the public has entered into a partnership agreement with the corporation through purchase of stock.

Welfare of Workers

Even in the gigantic works that have taken place within the last two years there remains more than ever the necessity for a leader, an aggressive personality, whose duty it is to see that basic principles are not forgotten, that the rights and privileges of the individual workers and the customers they serve are as well provided for as in the smaller business units.

It is gratifying to note that our corporations are giving more and more concern to the welfare of their workers. Numerous welfare organizations have been advanced, opportunities offered for advancement of education and position, hospital service established and insurance and retirement pensions provided.

This general humanitarian movement in reality is the outgrowth of analysis, which has disclosed the need of improving the well-being of our individual workers, realizing at the same time that our institutions will benefit.

PREPAREDNESS IN BUSINESS

By R. S. HECHT,

American Bankers Association.
My observations for many years, both as an employee and as an executive, have convinced me that the reason some men and women go ahead and others do not is that some keep themselves constantly prepared to accept and fulfill larger duties and responsibilities as they offer, and some do not.

Grant, as we must, that there is a certain element of luck in the conditions under which opportunity for promotion comes to different men and women, we nevertheless must also see that it is each individual's own state of preparedness which determines his ability to seize opportunity if and when it comes, and having seized it, to succeed in meeting the greater demands which it inevitably places upon him.

Real advancement never means going ahead to easier tasks, but always to harder ones. Opportunity for advancement is worthless unless in accepting it you are able to carry with you the abilities and qualifications that prepare you to meet the heavier exactions that are an inherent part of opportunity.

It is far better to go into action in the field of enlarged responsibility prepared and qualified, rather than that you and the institution you work for shall be exposed to the hazard of your having to build up to new responsibilities after having assumed them.

The new spirit of all business seeks to prepare its people in advance through education for the higher duties it holds in store for them.

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