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FUNERAL FOR MRS. J. M. BLANKENSHIP

Funeral services for Mrs. J. M. Blankenship, who died in Asheville Saturday, were held at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Ballard, of Leicester Road, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Blankenship was stricken by heart disease in the Southern Railroad station at Asheville while on her way to visit relatives at that place. She was taken to the Aston Park Hospital where she died.

The Rev. J. B. Grice, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Asheville, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Blankenship is survived by her husband and four children, John, of Asheville, Nelly, James and Robert, all of Old Fort. She leaves also five sisters, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Mrs. J. E. Anders, Mrs. Leland Brown, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, and Miss Eva Ballard, and four brothers, H. A. Ballard, C. C. Ballard, L. G. Ballard and S. T. Ballard.

Pall bearers were members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Nieces of the deceased served as flower girls. Interment was made in Greenhill Cemetery at Asheville.

A. L. BEACH, CONFEDERATE VETERAN, PASSES AWAY

The funeral services for A. L. Beach, aged 81, who died at the home of his son, Eugene Beach, in Charlotte, on Monday, were held on Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the Presbyterian church in Old Fort.

The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Hansel, with Rev. J. C. Story, of Marion, and Rev. J. L. McBride assisting.

Mr. Beach was married in 1881 to Margaret Carothers, and is survived by eight children; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie Lehman and Mrs. Z. F. Lackey of Old Fort, and Mrs. C. E. Keever of Johnson City; five sons, Eugene Beach of Charlotte, T. M. Beach of Hickory, Baxter Beach of Louisiana, John Beach, and J. A. Beach of Charlotte.

Interment was made in the Old Fort cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. H. C. FISHER ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Fisher delightfully entertained on Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harris, who have recently returned to Old Fort after a wedding trip to Washington, D. C.

A miscellaneous shower was given the bride, and a package of very large proportions with many wrappings and securely tied was presented to the groom; also anticipating his birthday on Friday a large cake with candles centered the table which was beautifully decorated for this enjoyable social event. A delicious salad course was served by the hostess to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Early, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Early, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Ingle, Mrs. W. W. LeFevre, Mrs. I. L. Caplan, Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe and Mr. and Mrs. Jud Barnard of Asheville.

LADIES AID SOCIETY TO GIVE A BENEFIT PLAY

The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church, South, will give a benefit play entitled "Form Folks" at the high school auditorium.

Attractive posters advertising the play are being made and will be placed at advantageous places in the town. The Ladies Aid invites the public to watch for these attractive heralds.

MILLARD F. HENSLEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Over one hundred relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hensley on Sunday to celebrate his 63 birthday—a basket dinner was served on the lawn at noon. Attending this enjoyable affair were friends from Asheville, Spindale, Marion and Sugar Hill.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Chas. Jenkins entertained a group of 12 small girls on Monday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Betty Jeanne, who celebrated her third birthday. Ice cream and cake was served by the hostess to this happy group.

REVIVAL AT OAKDALE

A series of meetings are being held at Oakdale church by the pastor, Rev. M. E. Hansel, assisted by Rev. J. L. McBride, a former pastor of the Presbyterian church in Old Fort. Every one is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

S. B. Smithy, Jr., son of Prof. and Mrs. S. B. Smithy, was rendered unconscious Friday afternoon when he fell from the barn in the rear of their Main street residence, to the ground. Injuries sustained in the fall were, fortunately, not of a serious nature, the boy suffering from severe shock and bruises on the right side of his body.

Alfred Tyson, of Black Mountain, was a Sunday visitor in Old Fort.

Miss Louise Griffin of Pine Tops, S. C., returned home on Monday after spending several days in twon as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harvey Rockett.

J. L. Nichols of Marion was a visitor in town on Friday.

Mrs. J. O. McDaniel had the misfortune to break her wrist Saturday afternoon when she caught her heel in the doorstep and fell several feet.

Mrs. A. C. Tate, who has been ill at her home on Catawba avenue, is improved.

Miss Mary Edwards of Wilson will be the guest of Miss Gertrude Dula on Friday en route to Spruce Pine.

I. H. Green of Asheville was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Willie Grant of Marion visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Connolly of Spruce Pine have moved to Old Fort and will take charge of the Carolina Store.

Mrs. Clifford Nesbitt returned on Wednesday from Lilesville after spending several days with relatives at that place.

Prof. G. B. Strickland and daughter, Elizabeth, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Miller at their home east of Old Fort. They will be joined later by Mrs. Strickland, who is in New York State at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walker of Greensboro arrived in town recently to spend the next few weeks at their summer home, Hokey Pokey.

J. L. Taylor of Spartanburg, S. C., was a visitor in Old Fort last Thursday.

Mrs. F. G. Wilson of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Long and four children spent Saturday in Balsam.

Mrs. J. A. Swann spent Sunday afternoon in Biltmore with relatives F. G. Piaster of Asheville was in Old Fort Saturday.

Miss Virginia Vess spent last week in Asheville with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Laughridge visited relatives in Nebo Sunday.

Miss Sadie Burgin spent Friday in Asheville.

Mrs. W. A. Robinson and daughter, Mary Rice, spent Thursday in Asheville.

Miss Estelle Lavender is spending two weeks in Columbus, N. C., with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Morgan and son, Roland, of Forest City, were the guests of Mrs. A. C. Kanipe Sunday.

Charles Bright of Marion was in Old Fort Friday.

L. L. Woodford made a business trip to Asheville Wednesday.

Miss Rebecca Morris of Asheville was the guest of Miss Selma Finch Sunday.

Holland Ross and Mrs. Lizzie Ross, of Marion, were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Charlotte Davis of Black Mountain is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. G. Lavender.

Mrs. W. L. Grant was in Asheville Friday.

Mrs. T. L. Fuller and two children LeRoy Bates and Arlo Bates are spending a week in Dickson, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hoppis and daughter, Reba Mae, are spending some time in Knoxville, Tenn., with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills Melton visited relatives in Marion Thursday.

Mrs. Davis Bright of Marion spent Friday in Old Fort with relatives.

Mrs. Chaney Dover and little son, Ralph, of Alcoa, Tenn., returned to their home this week after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Old Fort and Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Silvers and family were visitors in Marion Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Lipe had as her guest for the week-end, Miss Jenkins of Asheville.

Mrs. C. W. Graybeal and niece, Jimmie Cowan, were guests of Mrs. Bart Scherry in Asheville, Friday.

Miss Helen Nesbitt was in Asheville on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Thompson and three children, of Akron, Ohio, arrived in Old Fort Sunday to spend two weeks with relatives.

Miss Audrey Gosorn, who has been spending several months in Akron, Ohio, with relatives, returned to her home here Sunday.

Miss Natalie Eppley and Bob Macclerfresh of Asheville spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Mrs. Sam Murphy and three daughters of Richmond, Va., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hensley.

Highway No. 10 west of Old Fort was opened for motor travel on Tuesday.

Mrs. Rufus Booser is working as Western Union Telegraph operator in Marion this week.

Dr. Harry Ditmore is expected to visit his sister, Mrs. Sandlin, in Old Fort this summer and will travel by airplane.

Mrs. J. M. Mashburn was a visitor in Asheville on Friday.

Miss Hazel Beach, of Charlotte, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hensley, this week.

Miss Margaret Hansel, who has a position with the Lees McRea School at Banners Elk, is spending a month's vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Hansel.

The Old Fort Department Store moved their stock of goods out of Nichols store building on Monday.

Mrs. Bessie Allison and daughter, Betty, were visitors in Old Fort on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dale of Washington, D. C., returned home Tuesday after spending several days as the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. J. M. Ray, of Old Fort, and sister, Mrs. Bessie Allison, of Asheville.

Mrs. D. A. Rix and small daughter of Biscoe are spending a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swann.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomasson of Akron, Ohio, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gosorn.

Mrs. M. H. Grant is spending several weeks with her son in Asheville.

COKESBURY TRAINING SCHOOL

A Cokesbury School will be conducted at the Old Fort Methodist Church, beginning Sunday, July 19, and continuing through July 24th. The object is to train Sunday School workers, and the subject will be "Religious Education in the Small Church."

This course will be given by Mr. Wilson, student in Duke School of Religion. Other denominations are cordially invited to attend this school.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. W. F. Nichols, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to the undersigned, R. F. D. Route No. 1, Old Fort, N. C., on or before the 16th day of July, 1932, or this notice will be plead in bar thereof. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of July, 1931.

W. C. NICHOLS, Administrator of Mrs. W. F. Nichols, deceased.

THE GOVERNMENT SELLS A TOWN FOR \$250,000.00

Charleston, W. Va., July 8.—The war-time town of Nitro, W. Va., built by the government for approximately \$70,000,000, was sold at public auction today to the Nitro Industrial corporation for \$250,000.

Thirty factory buildings, erected for the manufacture of explosives, their equipment, nearly 1,000 acres of land and 432 residences were sold.

The property was owned by the Charleston Industrial corporation, which purchased the war-time city from the government in 1921 for \$8,000,000. A foreclosure action resulted in Federal Judge George W. McClintic ordering the holdings sold to satisfy a government lien of \$950,448.

The Nitro Industrial corporation was formed by a group of Charleston lawyers and engineers. They said they intended to put the property up for re-sale.

"Now tell the jury, lady," instructed the lawyer, "just where the prisoner was milking the cow."

The young lady, a trifle embarrassed, smiled sweetly and replied, "Why I think it was just a little back of the center."

A book, before 1450, was a priceless thing, hand written, illustrated in gold and colors.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF OLD FORT

at Old Fort, North Carolina, to The Commissioner of Banks, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1931.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$111,654.42
Overdrafts	374.46
North Carolina Bonds	5,000.00
Banking House	2,100.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,250.00
Cash in Vault and Accounts Due from Approved Depository Banks	30,014.54
Due from Banks (Not Approved Depositories)	112.40
Cash Items (Items Held Over 24 Hours)	23.60
Other Real Estate	11,211.12
Total	\$162,740.54
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$ 24,500.00
Surplus Fund	8,720.00
Undivided Profits (Net Amount)	498.25
Other Deposits Subject to Check	53,118.70
Deposits Due State of North Carolina and Any Official Thereof:	
Secured	\$14,351.30
Unsecured	266.24
Demand Certificates of Deposit (Due in Less Than 30 Days)	60,861.12
Cashiers Checks Outstanding	424.93
Total	\$162,740.54

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, County of McDowell, ss

F. M. Bradley, Cashier, P. H. Mashburn, Director, and J. B. Johnson, Director of the Bank of Old Fort, each personally appeared before me this day, and, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of July, 1931.

H. R. EARLY, Notary Public.

(Seal) F. M. BRADLEY, Cashier
P. H. MASHBURN, Director
J. B. JOHNSON, Director

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