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BON MARCHE'S FORTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Bon Marche will entertain its oldest patrons at a banquet on Thursday evening, July thirtieth, in honor of its Forty-second Anniversary.

Forty-two years ago Bon Marche was founded on the corner of Eagle street and what was then Main street, later re-named Biltmore avenue. The store prospered and grew. The store helped to create some of the commercial prosperity of Asheville and Western North Carolina, and, in turn, the good will of the whole western section of the state helped Bon Marche.

In honor of the Forty-first Anniversary last year, Bon Marche gave a banquet at which over one hundred of the customers of the store in 1889, 1890, and 1891 were guests. It was quite a gala event with reminiscences and tales of old days being the order of the day.

This year marks the Forty-second Anniversary of the Bon Marche and, at the request of many friends and patrons, Asheville's largest department store will again celebrate with a banquet given for the old customers. The banquet will be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, on Thursday evening, July thirtieth, at seven o'clock.

The guests will be those who traded at the Bon Marche during the first three years of its existence, 1889, 1890, and 1891; and will include many of the older people of Asheville and Western North Carolina. All men and women who were customers at that time are urged to call at the store and register or write a note. Invitations will be issued later.

17 DEATHS OCCUR IN HEAT RIDDEN SECTION

Los Angeles, July 25.—Seventeen persons were dead from heat today as the southwestern corner of the United States sizzled in temperatures ranging from 90 to 118 degrees.

The hottest spot in the United States, apparently, was Needles, Calif., with 114 degrees.

Eight deaths were reported from Phoenix and nine in the Imperial valley. Five of the Imperial valley deaths occurred in Brawley, where a sun-beaten expanse recorded 108 degrees today with a maximum of 118 degrees yesterday.

THE DESTRUCTIVE RAT

Of all the pests which infest the world, the rat is undeniably one of the worst. So great has the menace of rats become that an international association for their extermination has been organized.

Not only do rats destroy millions of dollars worth of farm products every year, but they are a menace to health through the fleas which infest them and spread diseases of various kinds, such as bubonic plague, trichinosis, and hydrophobia.

It is said that one couple of gray rats will produce 800 to 900 offspring in a year, as the young become adults in four months. If all were able to find food and shelter it can readily be seen that they would ultimately overrun a community.

The program recommended for combating rats includes the building of rat-proof structures, the cutting off of their food supply and the poisoning of those which survive other preventive measures.

One tree will make a million matches, but a lighted match can destroy a million trees.

It costs more than \$96,000,000 a year to operate the Chicago public schools.

Renew Your Health by Purification

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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.

LOCAL TANNERY NOT TO BE REBUILT IN NEAR FUTURE

The news that the Catawba Tannery will not be rebuilt at Old Fort in the near future was a blow to the hopes of the town's optimistic citizens. This information was received by Mr. G. S. Bistline, superintendent of the Old Fort plant, the past week. Mr. Norton of Ridgeway, Pa., tannery official, who was in Old Fort in the interest of rebuilding the plant, returned north on Friday after receiving the final decision in regard to the immediate plans for the Catawba Tannery. While this does not mean that the plant is definitely abandoned, it does mean that the plant will not be rebuilt until business conditions improve. Many plants have been closed down by the United States Leather Company during the depression, and one of these will, no doubt, be opened to finish the leather which was to have been shipped to this plant in August.

This decision will probably mean the exodus of many families from Old Fort, some of whom will be transferred to other plants while others will seek employment in new fields.

A letter from the tannery officials in New York was received acknowledging the communications from various citizens petitioning a favorable decision in regard to rebuilding the local tannery, and also expressing appreciation for the fine spirit of co-operation which has always marked the business relationship between the citizens of this community and the local plant.

The Catawba Tannery, which was destroyed by fire several weeks ago, was one of the largest and best equipped plants of the United States Leather Co., and was insured for \$250,000.00.

BENEFIT PLAY

The play, "Farm Folks," to be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church will be presented Friday evening, July 31, at the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Col. D. W. Adams and his cousin, Judge Tom Bowie, spent several days this week in Moorehead City.

Mrs. Cooper, who was formerly Miss Louise Porter, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Porter.

Mrs. Don Young of Asheville visited friends in Old Fort Friday.

Mr. Norton, of Ridgeway, Pa., a tannery official, left on Friday after spending some time in town on business.

Miss Hazel Swann was a visitor in Asheville Wednesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Glass and daughters, Ethel and Myrtle, of Gastonia, arrived Friday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

Misses Lucy, Jimmie and Mary Cowan, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Graybeal, have returned to their respective homes.

Mrs. Reuben Cannon and brother, Garnet White, of Kansas City, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. White.

Mrs. George Grant of Hendersonville is visiting relatives and friends in Old Fort.

Mrs. D. F. Short, of Lynchburg, and her daughter, Mrs. Homer Walker, were the guests of Mrs. Uless Walker last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tate and daughter, of Atlanta, arrived Friday to spend a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Tate.

Miss Janie McSwain arrived last week from Greensboro and will spend the rest of the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Janie Reid.

Miss Nell Porter, who has been visiting relatives in Cumberland Gap, Tenn., for the past two weeks, has returned to her home near Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann were visitors in Marion last Saturday.

Johnson Nesbitt and Brooks Haynes enjoyed a fishing trip at Cashiers Valley Wednesday afternoon.

J. A. Lowrey spent last week in Asheville.

Miss Trula Collis of Spruce Pine visited friends here Sunday.

Clarence Mason and son, Emmett, of Nebo, were visitors in Old Fort Monday.

Mrs. Durham and daughter, Gertrude, of Fountain City, Tenn., will spend a month in Old Fort with relatives and friends.

Miss Anne Bridges is spending the week end in Old Fort with Misses Millie and Bula Kanipe.

C. P. Kerlee of Black Mountain was in Old Fort Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Gilliam of Asheville were week-end visitors in Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks Hemphill and three children of Marion spent several days this week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Early.

Mrs. R. L. Parker of Marion was in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Boozer spent Sunday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. LeFevre and family visited relatives in Rutherfordton this week.

W. L. Ferguson of East Flat Rock was in Old Fort Saturday.

Miss Janie Parker spent several days last week in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Nolan of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Mooney of Gastonia stopped in Old Fort Sunday enroute to Oteen.

Miss LeRoy Bates of Morganton spent the week-end in Old Fort. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morrison of Dickson, Tenn., are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. T. L. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gosorn left Saturday for an extended visit to relatives in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Georgia Grant spent last week in Old Fort with Miss Audrey Gosorn.

Mrs. Davis Bright and daughter Nora of Marion were visitors in Old Fort Sunday.

Miss Emma Allison returned to her home here Saturday after attending summer school in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss Audrey Gosorn is spending a week in Hendersonville with friends.

Mrs. Ed. Greer of Marion was a visitor in Old Fort Sunday.

John R. Banks of Asheville spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Rayle and small daughter spent the latter part of the week in Greensboro. They were accompanied by Mrs. Rayle's parents.

Robert Wilkinson spent the past week-end in Spencer.

Taylor Green of Hendersonville was in Old Fort on Monday.

J. B. Haynes, J. N. Nesbitt and others spent several days in Cashiers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gosorn left Saturday for Denver, Colo., where they will be the guests of their sons, Clinton and Charles Gosorn, for two months.

Mr. and Mrs. June Epley and Mrs. Lee Jordan of Asheville motored to Great Bend, S. C., on Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Georgia Grant, who has been visiting Miss Audrey Gosorn the past week, returned to Hendersonville on Monday. She was accompanied by Miss Gosorn who will be her house guest for several weeks. Miss Gosorn will visit Mrs. Hubert Rector in Jacksonville, Fla., before returning home.

George Vicks of Chapel Hill visited friends in Old Fort the past week.

Mrs. Fred Yennish and son James of Sarasota, Fla., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Westermann on Tuesday enroute to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Effie Rodgers of Raleigh, State manager of the Woodmen's Circle, is spending several days with Mrs. Chas. Steppe.

Mrs. Bertha Miller and daughter are moving to Nichols avenue this week.

Miss Nelly Allison, who has been attending summer school at the Asheville Normal, returned to Old Fort Monday.

Charles Stepp and sons, Bernard and Lytle, are employed in road construction work on the Fairview road.

Miss Ruth Turner of Concord and Theodore Watkins of Marion visited Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Haynes last week.

L. V. Moffitt, Jr., of Lexington, stopped in Old Fort for a few days enroute from Officers Training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to visit friends.

Miss Della Wall of Shelby was the guest of Miss Emma Allison on Thursday. She was accompanied home by Mrs. B. Y. Allison, who will visit for the next few weeks her sister, Mrs. W. H. Wall.

Miss Katherine Steppe returned to Old Fort Friday after visiting relatives in Marion.

William Barnett and two sons, William and James, spent the week-end at home.

Franz Strickland spent a few hours in town on Wednesday with his father and sister before returning to Lake City, S. C. He was accompanied home by Kimball Miller, who will visit in South Carolina before going to Fort Moultrie, Charleston, where he is enrolled for Reserve Officers training.

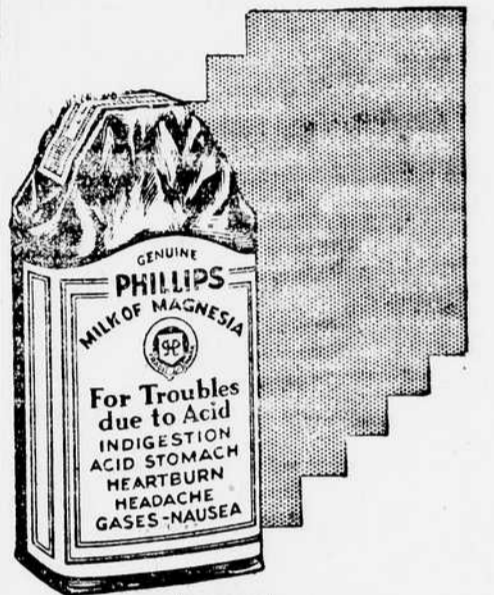
MRS. ALLISON CELEBRATES NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary Allison celebrated her 92nd birthday on Saturday, July 25th, with a birthday dinner, served at 12 o'clock noon to about thirty guests, at her home in New Fort. Mrs. Allison is the town's oldest citizen, and has spent the greater part of her life in Old Fort. The dinner guests were composed of relatives and a few intimate friends.

MISS KANIPE ENTERTAINS

Miss Bula Kanipe delightfully entertained a number of friends at her home Saturday evening, honoring her house guest, Miss Anne Bridges, of Forest City. The crowd enjoying Miss Kanipe's hospitality numbered fifteen. At the close of the evening a delicious ice course was served.

Our breakfast cereals get their name from Ceres, Goddess of Agriculture — Ceres was the Roman name for Mother Earth.



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OLD FORT, N. C.

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Beginning SATURDAY!

Bon Marche's 42nd Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY, the celebration of this great event begins! Friday, Bon Marche will be closed to give our people a much needed rest after weeks of preparation—and too, that you may be served on Saturday by rested, courteous salespeople. We cordially invite your friendly visit, inspection and purchase, selecting from an amazing assortment of brand new wares in all departments—the ultimate in quality at the lowest prices in 16 years!

Shop Asheville's Quality Department Store during this event for the greatest values in 16 years