

# OLD FORT NEWS

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THE BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

## EDITORIAL

If there is anything Old Fort appreciates it is publicity of the right kind, and so we welcome an opportunity to join hands and work with our new neighbors across the mountain. We congratulate them, not only on their fine paper which seems to be meeting a real need, but also for their judgment in the choice of location for their home and work. The Black Mountain News can in remedying a need spoken of by the late Martin Cobb on one of his trips through this section.

Old Fort's natural advantages which include a peculiar protection from wind and storms, along with water of which it is said, "you drink, and you'll always return to an unexcelled climate, have always been a source of local pride. Transportation facilities by rail and bus, are advantages equal to

BY MRS. D. R. ROUGHTON  
a town many times this size.

Industrially, we are just beginning to turn in our sleep after a period of inactivity along this line, which has meant that our men and women, and girls, mostly, have been forced to seek employment away from home. With the coming of new industries slated for Old Fort, this situation will change.

Forward looking business men of the town are getting ready for the change. An automobile dealer from Charlotte, stopping recently declared that no automobile place in Charlotte compared with the new building nearing completion by Rockett Motors.

Across the street, the Fort, a \$20,000.00 theatre, is under construction. Crystal cafe has been treated to a \$2500.00 decorating job. Practically every business house intown is undergoing some physical improvement.

## OLD FORT HIGH SCHOOL

The officers of the different classes of the Old Fort High School are as follows:

**Eleventh Grade:**

President, James Faw; Vice-president, Eugene Vess; Secretary and treasurer, David Silver.

**Tenth Grade:**

President, Doris Creasman; Vice-president, Irma Pyatt; Secretary, Robert Hensley.

**Ninth Grade—First division** Miss Grant's room; President, Virginia Crisawn; Vice-President, Carrol Lavinder; Secretary and treasurer Margaret Thompson.

**Ninth Grade—Miss Smith's room;** President, Millie Walker, Vice president, Paul Burnette; Secretary and Treasurer, Dewey Lawing.

We are proud of these officers and know they will do all they can to promote the well being of our school.

We are also publishing a school paper, "The Blue and Gold," which comes out every six weeks. The staff is as follows:

Editor-in-chief, Chief, Lora Vess; Associate editor, Eugene Vess; Assistant editor, Kermit Silver; Circulation manager, James Faw; assistant circulation manager, Paul Tilson; Class editor, Charles Marston; Art editor, Edith Davis; Sports editor, David Silver; Library editor, Rebecca Bailey; Student Council reporter, Lorena Burnette; P. T. A. reporter, Duane Allison; Clubs reporter, Lovine Stevens; Poetry Editors, Frances Hogan, Betty Bryant; Feature editors, Maxine Davis, Kathryn Davis; Humor editor, Lynn Neal; Class reporters, Lillian Wilson, Faye Grindstaff, Millie Walker, Lenora Williams; Typists, Katherine Pyatt, Christine White, Edith Davis, Jewel Thompson and Maxine Moore.

The staff is capable and the first edition was a huge success.

Our clubs and their officers are as follows:

**Beta Club:**

President, Katherine Pyatt; Vice-president, Rebecca Bailey; Secretary, Lorena Burnette, Treasurer Albert (Bud) Hogan.

**Dramatics Club:**

President, Irma Pyatt; Secretary and treasurer, Elenora Williams.

**Student Council:**

President, Lorena Burnette; Secretary and treasurer, Iris Young.

The members of our Student Council are as follows:

Lorena Burnette, James Faw, David Silver, Eugene Vess, Lynn Neal, Iris Young, Doris Harmon, Elenora Williams, Betty Jane Smith, Ralph Harris, and J. R. McSature.

We have an athletic and hom economics club in the making.

Lora Vess

Our school is one of twenty participating in a short radio program each evening at 5:30 p. m. over W. W. N. C. We will be on next Tuesday October 30th.

The annual Halloween Committee sponsored by the P. T. A. will be held in the school Gymnasium Tuesday evening beginning 6 p. m. October 30th.

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There was a prayer meeting at the Swannanoa Missionary Baptist Church last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be another meeting Wednesday, and the public is invited to attend.

## OLD FORT CHAPTER U. D. OF C.

Old Fort chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy met on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. S. F. Mauney. The following officers for the coming year were elected: president, Mrs. D. T. Roughton; vice president, Mrs. W. S. Burgin; Secretary, Mrs. Ed Lonon; treasurer, Mrs. S. F. Mauney; historian, Mrs. George Sandlin; registrar, Miss Gerturde Dula; recorder of crosses, Mrs. Chas. T. Stepe; chaplain, Mrs. B. Y. Allison.

## Birth Announcement:

Mr. and Mrs. David Biddix of Old Fort have announced the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise, at the Marian General hospital on Thursday, October 11th.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS THEME FOR P. T. A.

OLD FORT, N. C., "Building For Fitness" was the theme discussed at a meeting of the Old Fort P. T. A. which was held Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the school auditorium. Miss Edith Margaret Grant, home economic teacher, spoke on "Nutrition" "Health for Democracy's Children" was the subject of Mrs. W. Howard LeFevre's talk. Mrs. Fred Bradley is program chairman.

## OLD FORT P. T. A.

The Old Fort PTA met on Thursday evening at the school library. Mrs. W. C. Macon, president, presided and gave highlights of district meeting held recently in Morganton.

Featuring the business of the program was the report on the membership drive which is being held this month. Up to date, Mrs. Lola Lonon, chairman of membership, reported a fifty per cent increase. In a room contest held by the school, Mrs. T. R. Kanipe's seventh grade, with one hundred percent membership, was declared winner, as a reward the grade will receive half holiday which will be spent on the school grounds.

Mrs. T. R. Kanipe, finance chairman, announced plans and date for fall festival which will be held on Tuesday evening October 30th.

Miss Edith Margaret Grant, home economics teacher, spoke on "Nutrition". "Health for Democracy's children" was the subject of Mrs. W. H. LeFevre's talk.

## NEW PARSONAGE Progressing Rapidly

The work on the new brick parsonage now being built on the site near the Methodist Church is progressing rapidly. The old parsonage will be converted into a recreation center for the church as soon as the new one is completed.

## BUILDING PROGRAM FOR OLD FORT METHODIST CHURCH

The Old Fort Methodist Church has a \$15000.00 building and improvement program underway, which all adds up to the fact that Old Fort is entering into an era of which we hope will be a three way prosperity.

## NEW CAFE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Crystal Cafe just opened up a few days ago for business. The new cafe is located on South Main Street and is owned and operated by Mrs. George Bryson.

The kitchen of this cafe is clean, the food is well seasoned and whole some.

Often times we hear the remarks, "home cooked food" the food here IS cooked like you would cook it at home and you really feel like you have had something to eat after eating a meal there.

The inside of the building has really undergone a face lifting by the appearance of the place.

The place is to have a "tile effect" floor, which will be put down by an Asheville firm, in the next few days.

We congratulate you, Mrs. Bryson on such a nice place to eat.

## NEW THEATRE FOR OLD FORT

Another Enterprising that says Old Fort is growing.

A new Theatre Building is being erected on the Main Highway in Old Fort.

Mr. W. C. Macon, owner and manager of the theatre now operating in the city, is the owner of the new theatre also. He has been in Old Fort for 5 years in the show business, and has been in the show business 12 years, elsewhere.

He came from Statesboro, Ga., to Old Fort a little over 5 years ago.

His new theatre is being constructed of cinder blocks and is approximately 40 ft. by 110 ft. and has a seating capacity of 500.

It will be heated by conditioned air which will be washed and filtered. This will serve also as a cooking unit in the hot summer days.

Mr. Macon says that he gets pictures from every motion picture industry in Hollywood and intends to run the best pictures available at all times.

He intends to keep the old theatre going on Friday and Saturday nights in addition to the new theatre.

The architect for the new theatre is Ronald Green of Asheville. The contractor is Mr. Southworth of Weaverville. Mr. Southworth was building inspector for 4 years on the Manhattan project at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## HIT AND RUN DRIVER Damages Drug Store

The large plate glass on the Main street side of Bradley Drug company was completely smashed when it was hit by a passing car around 10:30 Monday night. The car which has not been apprehended, ran off the street, on to the sidewalk, damaging the sidewalk considerably. The store was closed at the time, but the owner, Mr. I. L. Caplan, was notified at once. The damage which will be repaired immediately, was covered by insurance.

## OLD FORT LOOSES SOFTBALL GAME TO PLEASANT GARDENS

The two Old Fort softball team lost to Pleasant Gardens on the Pleasant Gardens Diamond, the boys lost 5-11 and the girls losing 10-14.

The boys game was a regular seven inning affair with the Old Fort boys holding the P. G. boys down until the last of the game when Pittman knocked a home run and set the game to going.

The girls game was filled with excitement, two extra innings were played to brake the tie of eight and eight at the end of the fifth inning.

No one had set a high score as every helped to make the game an exciting and interesting one.

This was the last game Old Fort has in softball this year, Old Fort has a record of winning this season more games than lost.

New Caledonia, one of the richest nickel bearing countries in the world, produced 231,650 tons of the metal during 1944. This was a 20,900 ton increase over 1943.

## Former Old Fort High School Student Kills Self

Miss Thelma Estle Hall 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Hall, of the Broad River section, died at her home yesterday morning as the result of a gunshot wound in the chest, according to investigating officers.

Officers said that Mrs. Laranis Hall Stroud, sister of the girl, told them that Miss Hall came into the bedroom about 8 o'clock yesterday morning and got a sheet of paper and a pencil. A few minutes later, she said, Thelma came back into the room and told her that breakfast was ready. She then walked out on to the porch, Mrs. Stroud said, and a shot was heard. When members of the family reached the girl she was dead.

A note was found, written by Miss Hall, to "whom it may concern" saying that she wanted no one to be sorry, that she was fully aware of what she was doing, officers stated.

The gun used was a .22 calibre rifle, officers said.

Miss Hall and her sister had been employed at the Clinton Engineering works at Oak Ridge, Tenn., from the time the plant was opened until recently. Officers said members of the family told them that Miss Hall had been brooding for some time. She was a graduate of Old Fort High School, and a member of Stone Mountain Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Stone Mountain church with the Rev. Franklin Justice and the Rev. L. G. Redding officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Miss Hall is survived by the parents; the sister, and two brothers, Poland, of Asheville, and Hoover, at home.

## J. C. WOODARD

J. G. Woodard, chief who for the last nine months has been the sole police protection of Old Fort

Mr. Woodard has been with the law enforcement bodies for the past 17 years.

Some citizens look upon a law enforcement officer as just another man on the city personnel.

It is well to stop and think of the various things that a policeman has to do. Had you ever thought of it this way?

He sees that Johnny gets across the streets when he goes to school, he guards the unescorted children many times when they go to the store for mother, he teaches children not fight, to get along with each other, and preaches "safety."

He acts as a regular daily information bureau for the whole town and tourists as well.

Many times a policeman gets small pay for the hard day's work he does and even at that, he goes home night, sometimes late, and ponders over his days work and wonders how he can make himself more proficient for the next day.

## BOO! Was His Name

The best original Halloween Story written in Mrs. Lawing's third grade at Old Fort, is written by Kimball Miller, age 8. Here is his story.

## HALLOWEEN STORY

Halloween's a scary time. Witches on brooms, ghosts, and goblins scare people. Children go to parties.

People dress like ghosts to scare you.

There was a spook named "Boo" Every spook called him Boo because he always said "Boo!!" One Halloween, Boo, was walking down the hall. Just then something said "Boo!!" Boo, jumped and then he saw it was his friends. Boo and his friends scared people and had a good time that Halloween.

—Kimball Miller

Cuba is the largest island of the West Indies.

Perfumes buried with King Tut 3,300 years ago still contained some fragrance when his tomb was opened.

## THE OLD FORT OF TOMORROW

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! Each citizen of Old Fort has the all American right to free speech.

Lets look into the future of Old Fort. As we get down to "brass tacks," we see new industries dotting the city everywhere these industries come to our city, because the leaders of the city have offered them inducement to build there; they have inducement to offer in the way of well managed government, facilities, an up and coming Chamber of Commerce that are ready to co-operate that makes factory owners proud to be a part of the community which promotes the welfare of each and every man, woman and child in the whole community for miles around. When you see John, the factory worker going to work with his "dinner pail", he is happy contented because he knows that he will have the necessary means of providing for his family, buying the necessary things in life, educating his children and feels that he is an important factor in helping to mold the community into a beautiful place to live. He is happy, and "like draws like", he makes his fellowman happy also.

Lets go home with John after he gets his pay.

Well Mary I've been working a month now and I have drawn a good wage, we have paid several bills and I feel like we are getting ahead, we have a little more money this week than usual, and I feel like we can pay a little on our old grocery account at Brown's Grocery, he has been very nice to us and feel like, this extra money belongs to him."

This is what new industry does to a city, while all men may not do as John did, down in their hearts they know that to live in a community this is the honest thing to do, and eventually they will do it.

Now in the near future, there is the landing field for light planes to stop over for a visit as thousands of light planes will be the future mode of travel for many air-minded people. "The Old Fort Garage" and filling station." It only takes a small spot to make an air strip for landing, some one is going to see this soon and get into a large paying business this may sound fantastic nevertheless these are sound facts.

New homes for the new workers, new business buildings possibly a boulevard around the city near the mountains edge. These are not dreams they, are possible, and with every one working to this goal, it can be realized. Old Fort has the "makings".

Good citizens and leaders that can accomplish these very ideals.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer will be observed by the women of the Old Fort Methodist church on Sunday, October 26th. The program which has been arranged by the spiritual life committee, will be held in the church auditorium beginning at 1:30 P. M. All members of the Dor-class and Wesleyan Service Guild and any interested persons are invited to attend. A special Week of Prayer offering will be taken during the afternoon.

At the regular meeting of the Dorcas Class of the Methodist Church held on Wednesday afternoon at the church, the following officers for the new year were elected: president, Mrs. D. F. Arney; vice-president, Mrs. D. T. Roughton; secretary, Mrs. Grayson Bailey, treasurer, Mrs. Joe Moody. Excerpts from the Moving Finger of the World Outlook were by Mrs. Roughton. The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Lackey.

The Woman's Auxilliary of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. Don Gosorn on Friday evening. Mrs. Burroughs Miller, acting presided. Devotional was given by Mrs. Carey Hansel. The annual Home Mission program was presented. Following the meeting a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed.

Salt is used today for money in most of the Ethiopian empire, and a chunk the size of an egg will buy a chicken.

## MAYOR H. J. ROCKETT

Major J. Rockett of Old Fort says that within the next few years, he expects to see Old Fort grow rapidly.

He sees this ahead and feels like he is making no idle assertion when he says it.

He is serving his second term as mayor and is partly responsible for new industries coming into Old Fort. He says that where industry is concerned he intends to encourage all of it he can. He served two terms as alderman of the city before he was elected mayor.

Mr. Rockett knows that in the very near future, new cars will be back and he intends to handle the Chrysler and Plymouth cars again as he did prior to the war.

He has a new building under construction and will be finished in a very short time.

The building is of brick construction and the roof is supported by steel girders which extends the entire breath of the building.

The new construction is 100 ft. by 187½ ft. and really is going to be an asset to the community.

Plenty of credit should be given a man like Mr. Rockett, who places his heart and soul in his community as he has most assuredly done in the past.

The personnel of the town Board are Mr. H. J. Rockett, Mayor, P. H. Mashburn, chairman of the Board, Mrs. Ruby Swann, Clerk.

The Aldermen are: W. W. LeFevre, P. H. Mashburn, W. R. Griffin, W. C. Macon, and G. S. Crawford.

## OLD FORT CHURCH OFFICERS BEGIN DUTIES FOR YEAR

A dedication and intallator service was held at the Methodist Church here Sunday morning.

The Rev. H. O. Huss, pastor, was in charge.

The following church officials teachers, and officers of classes were installed: Church school superintendent, T. R. Kanipe; chair man of stewards, W. S. Burgin; chairman of trustees, C. F. No blitt; chairman of church board of education, Mrs. W. E. Teague; teachers, Men's Bible Class, A. L. Sherrill; Dorcas class, Mrs. W. E. Teague; adult Men's class, H. A. Ragle; seniors, Mrs. D. T. Roughton; young matrons, Mrs. T. R. Kanipe; service Men's class, Harry Swofford intermediate boys, Mrs. Hugh Hensley; intermediate girls, Mrs. John White; primary department, Mrs. Charles O. Huss; home department, Mrs. Annie No-blitt; cradle roll, Mrs. O. Huss.

## DOC GRIFFIN

Dr. Griffin, a business man of Old Fort, is one of the men that is helping to put Old Fort on the map in a big way. Many good suggestions have been made by Mr. Griffin, that has helped to bring new industries to the city.

He is one of the Aldermen in the Town Board and is a man with futuristic ideas that help to build a community.

A few more men like "Doc" (and there are plenty more in Old Fort) could form a chamber of commerce and with their combined efforts could make the small towns around sit up and take notice.

## TEXACO STATION OPENS UP

This station had been closed for sometime, and about a month ago, W. H. Condrey and T. E. Wise decided to form a partnership and open the business.

They are enjoying a good business and are doing some real improvements around the place.

The building is a large one and they have ample room for all kinds of repairs work acetylene welding, and complete overhauling of all kinds of motors.

These boys are working hard to make a go of the business, and deserves consideration.

The new business is known as the C and W Motor Co. Old Fort.

## LOCALS

W. C. Macon Jr., T. M. 3-c is spending a ten day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon at Old Fort. He has been with the U. S. S. Phelps, Destroyer 360, and will go to Atlanta for re-assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graybeal of Old Fort, left for Norfolk where they expected to be located this winter. Mr. Graybeal is connected with the naval base at Norfolk.

Mrs. W. P. Artz and daughter, Miss Claire Artz, left this week for a three weeks motor trip which will include a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Artz at Gatesville, N. C. and also Williamsburg, Va. They are accompanied by Mrs. Janie F. Feid of Burlington, N. C.

Mrs. B. D. Tatum of Greensboro is spending several weeks at her summer home at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams formerly of Asheville have moved their home to Old Fort. Mr. Williams will be connected with Rock-ett Motor company.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Macon of Atlanta, and Mr. Hal Macon of Statesboro, Georgia are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon in Old Fort for several days.

Carl Swann supervisor of Southern railway, has returned to his home at Bristol, Tenn. After a visit of several days with his mother, Mrs. Lessie Swann at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas of Greensboro were week-end visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. LeFevre.

Mr. and Mrs. David D. Biddix have announced the birth of a daughter, Mary Louise at the Marion General hospital on Thursday, October, 11th.

Come On! Bethlehem Section, lets hear from you this next week send in your news items to the Black Mountain News—Box 637, Black Mountain, N. C.

Yes! We should get news items Crooked Creek and Mt. Hebron also. Send "em" in folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silver and daughter, Brenda, have moved their residence from Asheville to Old Fort. They are occupying one of the Roughton cottages on Main Street.

Miss Helen Marceau has returned to her home in New York City after a ten days' visit with her mother, Mrs. L. H. Marceau at Old Fort.

visiting her sons in Cleveland, Mrs. A. C. Tate who has been Ohio and Hartford, Conn., is expected to be home at a early date.

The faculty of the Old Fort High School will attend the county group meeting at North Grove High School Friday afternoon, October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Early and family are now living in the home of Mrs. Cora Kanipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mauney of Asheville spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Mauney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

"Bill" Early who has recently returned from overseas and has received a honorable discharge from service has purchased an interest in the Crawford Esso Station on main street.

John V. and Ashby Robinson recently given honorable discharges from U.S. Navy and Army have resumed their former business John Robinson is the manager of the Mt. Mitchel Oil Co. Ashby owns the Old Fort Telephone System.

Stella Sherrill was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Kelly in Statesville during the week-end.