

# OLD FORT NEWS

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THE BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS

## JOHN W. McINTOSH SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Dr. D. M. McIntosh left Old Fort on Sunday for Richmond where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, John W. McIntosh who died of a heart attack on Saturday at his home in Birmingham.

He will be buried at the family plot at Richmond, Va. Deceased whose death was announced over the radio from Atlanta, was a manufacturer and philanthropist of Atlanta and Birmingham, Ala. Miss Carolyn McIntosh of Washington, D. C., will join her father at Richmond to attend the funeral of her uncle.

## Ebenezer Methodist Name New Officers

Old Fort Circuit.—A list of officers named to serve the Ebenezer Methodist Church during the coming year have been announced by the Rev. L. C. Stevens, pastor. They are: Stewards—Fred Moody, Hardy Eller, A. V. Setzer, J. W. Moffitt, Pink Williams, Vernon Bradley; trustees—J. A. Walker, D. E. Lonon, A. V. Setzer.

Sunday School Superintendent (temporary)—Mrs. D. E. Lonon; assistant, Mrs. William Tysdale; superintendent children's division, Mrs. Homer Proctor; superintendent youth division, Mrs. William Tysdale; president, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thelma Allison; Adult counselor and teacher of Intermediates, Jewel Williams; superintendent adult division, E. A. Hilton.

Required committees—The Crusade for Christ, chairman, Mrs. Lola Lonon; Golden Cross offering, Crena Allison; church board of education, mainly officers and teachers of Sunday School; church building committee, D. E. Lonon, P. C. Williams, Vernon Bradley, Hardy Eller, Ed Allison, William Tysdale, church building finance, J. F. Moody, L. J. Allison, Vernon Bradley, A. V. Setzer, Paul Allison, E. A. Hilton.

Others—Secretary-treasurer of Sunday School, Paul Allison; pianist, Sarah Ellen Proctor.

Plans are underway to build a new brick church in Ebenezer community.

J. C. Stevens.

## New City Cafe Open

Mrs. B. Y. Allison owner of the cafe had intended to build the new building for a sewing business but many old customers followed her to the new building for something to eat.

Mrs. Allison changed her mind and put in a new cafe. While goods were stored at her home she sold quite a lot and decided to put in the fixtures and go to work again.

The building is new and is quite small for a cafe, and Mrs. Allison intends to build an addition of the same size and making a dining room for more business.

Many people that work out of town come there late for something to eat. She is planning to serve breakfast which has been omitted from the menu in the past. A very fine personality has Mrs. Allison.

## OUR SERVICE BOYS

Ralph Gibbs, Elec. Mate 3-c USN., has received his honorable discharge after two years service. One and half years was spent on Saipan and Guam, sub-tender duty. He has returned to his home and family at Old Fort.

Harold Vess, T-Sgt. U. S. Army Air Forces, enroute from Fort Myers, Fla. to Maxwell Field, stopped in Old Fort for a visit of several days with his mother, Mrs. Roy Cline. He was accompanied by his wife and small daughter.

Sydney Smith, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, is spending a 40-day furlough with his parents who have moved recently from Old Fort to Glenwood, N. C. Sydney is trumpeter with the Navy band on U. S. S. Arkansas and has recently returned from the South Pacific.

## Receives Sad News

Mrs. L. H. Marceau of Old Fort received a message on Saturday that her sister, Mrs. Lew Mayer of Chicago had died suddenly at her home there. Mrs. Mayer will be buried at the family plot in Niles, Ohio, on Monday.

## Chief J. G. Woodard Appreciates Old Fort

J. G. Woodard, Chief of Police of Old Fort, appreciates the people of Old Fort and the prospects of the city's growth in the very near future so much that he has refused



CHIEF WOODARD

a much better job at higher pay. People of Old Fort, we feel, should know this, even if he is too modest to say so.

There is much demand for a man of Mr. Woodard's ability as an enforcement officer. His past experience has rendered him many thrilling, as well as dangerous encounters.

Mr. Woodard has a good word for everyone and a smile as well. It would not be wise to underestimate his ability to uphold the law.

## NEW BANK BUILDING FOR NORTHWESTERN

The Northwestern Bank is highly interested in the growth and development of the town of Old Fort. Just recently this institution purchased a lot on Main Street next to the New Theatre site and across the street from Rocket Motors, on which there will probably be a new bank building erected in the near future. This office is one of the several branches of The Northwestern Bank located in North Wilkesboro, N. C., with resources well over 23 million dollars. Depositors at this office have the protection of the full resources of the entire organization. At the present time this office is only open 3 hours a day, from nine a.m. until noon, however the public is given complete banking services in these three hours. They encourage everyone to take advantage of these banking services offered them, including long term home and farm loans as well as other types of loans.

## FRED K. HUNTER DIED SUNDAY NIGHT

MARION—Fred K. Hunter, 58, prominent citizen of the Glenwood section of McDowell County, died Sunday night following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at Glenwood Methodist Church. The Rev. H. W. Bell and the Rev. James Brown will officiate.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Stella Rebeca Holland Hunter; five daughters, Mrs. Carl McCurry of Marion, Mrs. Ben McLaughlin of Orange, N. J., Mrs. Raymond Michael of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Edwin Cranford of Rockaway, N. J., and Mrs. Herbert Williams of Whitakers; three sons, Woodrow and Parks Hunter of Marion, and Roy Hunter of the U. S. Army in Japan; nine grandchildren; two brothers, George Hunter of Norfolk, Va., and Charles Hunter of Charleston, S. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Holland of Marion, R.F.D. No. 2, and Mrs. Lillian Justice of High Point.

## OLD FORT GARAGE NEARS COMPLETION

Mr. Rockett is getting along very rapidly with the new building and is looking forward to a very rapidly with the new building and is looking forward to a very successful future.

Many dealers from other cities, 10 times the size of Old Fort envy the beautiful show room that will be in the new building.

## ANOTHER NEW BUILDING TO BE ERECTED SOON

S. F. Mauney, secretary of Old Fort Lodge Number 401 F. & A. M., in an interview this week stated that construction of the new Masonic Hall would start in the near future.

The Masons have owned their lot for some time and had planned to build sooner, but materials were not available.

The building will be constructed of brick and will be a two story building with Lodge Hall above and a store room below.

The Eastern Star of Old Fort will meet in the hall also. The lot they intend building on is 37½ feet wide and is located next to the City Hall.

Mr. J. M. Mackey is Worshipful Master of Old Fort Lodge. "Gold is where you find it." Many good deeds that benefit a community are conceived and realized between the walls of a Masonic Hall.

## Old Fort Eastern Star

The Old Fort Eastern Star, No. 1175, meet every first and third Monday night of each month.

Mrs. J. M. Mackey is Worthy Matron and Mr. J. M. Mackey is Worthy Patron.

The Eastern Star of Old Fort is one organization that really has an up-and-coming membership of "action." They really get things done. While there are only 40 members, they do the work of many more.

They are planning on promoting a get-together to aid in foreign relief as many other organizations are doing at present.

It was learned this week that they intend to promote every effort possible in the building of the new Temple.

The lessons taught by this organization are never to be forgotten.

## Old Fort Feed Store Moves To Larger Quarters

The Old Fort Feed and Fertilizer Co. are moving their store to larger quarters. They are moving to the Westerman building where they will have more room to add to their stock. Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Lytle carry a very nice line of feeds and also a large line of paints.

They intend to make many improvements in the new store and carry a much larger line of feeds.

## J. E. WILLIAMS Home On Furlough

James E. Williams, of Marion, N. C., is home for a 30 day furlough and is spending part of his time, with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams of Old Fort.

James was injured in Okinawa and was sent back to the States.

He has been overseas and in the South Pacific for about a year.

Welcome home James, take good care of yourself and let us hear from you.

## BILL EARLY GOES BACK INTO BUSINESS

When Bill went away to the service, he sold out his business to his partner. Came the day for Bill to return home after his service for Uncle Sam, and his former partner sells him back his half of the business.

This is what you can call "team work." Bill had it in the army and when he gets home, he found it here also.

See you next week Bill.

## Britton—Denton

Miss Bessie Britton of Point Lookout, was married recently to Mr. Don Denton of Asheville, N. C.

Miss Britton went home on a visit to see her mother and while there she entered upon the long road of matrimony. Good luck to the Dentons. It's a fine road to take—"It's a long lane that has no turn."

## Old Fort Revival

Beginning Tuesday, Nov. 6, a series of revival meetings will be held at Wesleyan Methodist Church at Mt. Hebron near Old Fort Evangelist J. C. Reynolds of Troy, will preach. The Rev. F. M. Wilson is the pastor in charge.

## A BIG FRUIT STORE IN A LITTLE TOWN

One of the finest and largest fruit stores in the state is located in Old Fort.

Mr. L. M. Swanson is owner of the Ideal Fruit Store in Old Fort, and is not boasting when he says, that it is the largest in the state.

He has only been operating this store for a little more than three months and is enjoying a business from many of the surrounding towns as well as a good business in Old Fort.

The fruit, as anyone can see, is select and of many varieties.

He has spared no expense in making his fruit store an up-to-date store. He says that he has a little worry sometimes in people handling his fruit, as it damages it, but the sight of so much beautiful fruit makes a person feel like that they would like to hug a whole basket of apples.

## MERCHANTS ASSN. IN OLD FORT, N. C.

Why not? While everything else in Old Fort is progressing it would be the right time to get organized into one band or system where each and every merchant would benefit by it.

After all, who is entitled to a square deal any more than the merchant, who works harder to please the public than he? The merchants in Old Fort put in long hours and you might say work on a percentage basis, and that sometimes is small enough.

While this suggestion is from one or two merchants, it is food for thought.

## NEW BEAUTY PARLOR COMING TO OLD FORT

One of the most up-to-date beauty parlors will soon be coming to town.

Mr. L. M. Swanson who has owned a beauty parlor in Marion for the past 14 years is going to start a new Betty Jean Beauty Parlor in Old Fort in the near future.

The new business will be located in the Sanders Building and will be modern in every respect, all modern equipment and operators who know the last word in beautifying milady.

The prices will be so that every lady can go to the Beauty Parlor for her hair do and not have to worry about being over-charged.

## Well-Known Old Fort Negro Passes Away

Funeral services for Walter Deal, Negro citizen of Old Fort, who died at his home here Friday morning following a stroke of paralysis, were held at the Negro Methodist Church Sunday at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was at the Old Fort cemetery for Negro people.

The deceased who came to Old Fort 41 years ago from Franklin is survived by his wife, Ella Deal; two brothers; two sisters; and his father, who last week celebrated his 100th birthday at his home at Franklin.

## ANTHONY CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY

A. E. Wiles Construction Co., has the new building of Dr. Anthony under way and is making some fine headway.

Mr. Wiles has been in the construction business for several years and knows all the "ins and out" of building.

This building is sure going to be an asset to the community. Doc is going to have a nice building and it is being built on a nice wide street.

The new Home of the News will be on Broadway also and possible will be started in the near future.

## BAPTIST CHURCH SINGING SCHOOL CONCLUDED

The singing school which has been in progress for the past ten days at the Old Fort Baptist Church, was concluded on Wednesday evening with a program in which all members of the school participated. Enrollment of the school was 73 with an average attendance of 60. The school was directed by J. Rector Robbins of Harris, N. C.

Have You Subscribed For the News?

## NEW PLYMOUTH TO BE ON DISPLAY SOON

Mayor Rockett has been promised one new four door Plymouth sedan for display soon. As well as being Mayor of Old Fort, Mr. Rockett has a pretty big job on his



MAYOR H. J. ROCKETT

hands in completing the new building, which is to house the new Chrysler and Plymouth cars. A beautiful show room is nearing completion, with its streamlined background that reaches out and says "Howdy."

Nothing is being spared to make this building a credit to any city. Expert mechanics will be with the Rockett Co. to attend to all motor trouble and adjustments necessary to the remaining cars that are sick and almost ready to die.

The new cars, we understand, are durable as well as beautiful, and will give even better service than the cars of the past.

Mr. Rockett is inviting the public to come in and see for them selves the new Plymouth soon to be on display.

## EARN YOUR DOLLAR FIRST—MOTTO OF THE BLACK MTN. NEWS

The Black Mountain News in printing the Old Fort News, means "Old Fort News for Old Fort People."

We haven't solicited an ad in Old Fort. We first want Old Fort people to know that we are interested in them personally and we are taking this means in writing the news of the community, not from the dollar and cents standpoint, until we have proven to you that we are willing to earn our money before we are paid. The three ads that are in this sections were handed to us to print.

We know that today there will be over five hundred people read these ads in Old Fort alone.

These advertisements will be read from Oteen, N. C. to Pleasant Gardens, N. C. in the valley as well as in Florida, South Carolina, Kentucky, California, Vermont, Indiana, Ohio, and Texas.

When we have built up the Old Fort News with news, we will appreciate your ads.

We would like to make it plain, here, that if Old Fort doesn't get recognition and publicity it will be because you don't send us your news. We will publish it regardless of how small or how large your articles may be. We want to hear from every section in and around Old Fort.

When eight pages will not hold the news and ads, then we will print 10 pages.

We want to build up a separate paper for Old Fort and as you know we are making every effort to do so.

Please give us a lift with your news items. Send us social news, club activities, school news, lodge news, industrial news, church news and we will let every one know that Old Fort is progressing.

Old Fort, right now, is on the verge of a "let-go," this is the opportune time to get behind the wheel and give it a good start.

You can get the state and national news in the larger papers such as the Asheville Citizen-Times and the county papers, the McDowell News and Progress, BUT we want to give you Old Fort news for Old Fort people.

Now will you send in the news? Can you believe in us as much as we believe in you?—The Editor.

BE SURE TO READ THE ADS

## VETERANS CLUB OF OLD FORT ACTIVE

The Veterans Club of Old Fort organized on October 25 by a group of 25 members, has one of the most promising outlooks of any club to be organized lately.

The purpose of the club is to organize into one group, veterans of World War II and extend a welcome to the boys returning from overseas and take in any member honorably discharged from any branch of the service.

The boys are a fine bunch of young fellows getting together for to bring about good fellowship throughout the community.

They intend to see that the city and community have entertainment; clean entertainment, where they can keep their young folks at home, instead of seeking entertainment away from home.

These young men are the future leaders of our community, and if given a chance will be real leaders to be proud of.

They have ambitions to see the "Old Home Town" get ahead, and are exerting their efforts to that end.

The club is really in motion and results are going to be seen in the very near future. Let's look over the list of officers of the club: Howard LeFevre, president; Johnny Robinson, vice-president; Bill Early, secretary; Sidney Brson, treasurer.

The finance committee: Ashley Robinson, chairman; Bill Hensley and Raymond Burgin.

The Public Affairs Committee: Joe Tate, chairman; Lester Calloway and Bobby Morris.

The Entertainment Committee: J. C. Silvers, chairman; Homer Ricketts, Straley Burgin and Russell Brown.

The club has their stated meeting, the third Thursday in each month at 8 o'clock p.m. until Oct. 31, then they will meet at 7:30 p.m.

It would be well for all of us to give these young fellows encouragement for the efforts these boys are putting forth to make the community a better place in which to live.

## NORTON FURNITURE CO. EXPANDING

The Norton Furniture Co. of Old Fort started not long ago in a very moderate way and has grown into a real nice furniture store.

As Mr. Norton said in an interview the past week that he started with a few pieces of GOOD furniture of popular make and has maintained the policy that if he keeps that kind of home furnishing the people are going to buy at home, because they know good furniture when they see it, and is needless for them to go elsewhere when he sells the same make of furniture at home.

Mr. Norton surely deserves the credit due him for his never ending efforts he has put forth to make his business what it is today. He has had a hard time getting started and gives all the credit to people in the community for his success.

Mr. Norton says that in the future that he intends to expand and have a larger store as well as a larger selection to choose from.

## Heads Alumni Association

Boone, N. C., Oct. 27—Eugene Byrd, teacher in the Black Mountain High School, was elected to head the alumni organization for the coming year at the business session of the alumni of Appalachian State Teacher's College.

Mr. Byrd is permanent president of the class of 1936. While in college he was outstanding in debating and dramatics and graduated with summa cum laude honors.

It is felt that with his leadership that the alumni might do much constructive work in behalf of the school during the coming year.

## Church School Enlarged

The Primary and Beginner's department of the Old Fort Methodist Church School is being enlarged and redecored. Furniture and equipment for this department will be of the latest improved type. Mrs. Charles T. Steppe and Mrs. Maude Steppe are the teachers in charge. Mrs. H. O. Huss is devotional leader.

## LOCALS

Mrs. Beverly Millaway, Jr., and Mrs. Madeleine Taylor left Friday for a week-end visit with the former's parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Millaway, at Winston-Salem.

Robert Wilkinson has returned to Old Fort after a visit with friends at Union and New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jordan will arrive on Monday from Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, from which war activity Mr. Jordan has recently received his honorable discharge, for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crawford will leave this week for their home at Tampa, after spending the past two months in Old Fort and Asheville.

## Hughes Cash Store Owner To Return Soon

Cpl. Van Hughes, the owner of the Hughes Cash Store, is expected to return home next month. He is now in Germany but expects to arrive in the States soon.

Martha Hughes, his sister, has been helping run the store while he has been in the service. Mr. A. B. Lytle has been managing the grocery and meats department.

## Harris Market

The Harris Market has been operating since 1900. For 45 years the Harris family has believed in Old Fort.

Mr. J. R. Harris operated this business until 1925 when R. L. and A. J. Harris, sons of his, took over the business. The brothers handle a fine line of groceries, meats and feeds and are enjoying a good business.

## Bradley Drug Store Front Smashed By Auto

The Bradley Drug Store front was smashed again and broke out the rest of the plate glass windows.

The driver of the car was apprehended. The license of the car was taken and the owner found. Chief of Police Woodard was also implicated in the return of the driver.

The damage was made good by the driver. The windows were covered by insurance.

## Old Fort Dry Cleaners

Mr. Parks Hunter, a veteran of World War II, is the owner of the Old Fort Cleaners. He joined the Navy when he was 17 years old and was in the Navy when the war began.

Mr. Hunter, who lives in Marion, is moving to Old Fort November 1 to be closer to his business.

The cleaning establishment has just received some new machinery this week and will soon be in operation.

Mr. Hunter has been operating the Dixie Cleaners of Marion.

## GRANT MOTOR CO. OF OLD FORT

R. H. Grant, owner and operator of the Grant Motor Co., has been in business for the past nine months has been doing a fine business. Mr. Grant has a line of accessories and does all kinds of auto repair work.

He plans to do quite a lot of improvements in the near future as the business merits.

## Laughridge Shoe Shop

Mr. R. C. Laughridge of Old Fort keeps the citizens in good shoe repair. He has been in the shoe repair. He has been in the shoe a railroad job during a strike at that time. Mrs. Laughridge help carry on the business every day and from the looks of the number of shoes for repair they will be busy for sometime to come.

## To Have Revival

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