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# OLD FORT NEWS

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Lowry—Ehart

Miss Ruth M. Lowry, daughter of Mr. Andrew Lowry of Old Fort, became the bride of Henry J. Ehart, son of Mrs. John D. Baker of Washington, D. C., on Sunday evening, January 6th, at six thirty o'clock, at the Old Fort Methodist Church.

The Rev. H. O. Huss, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. L. F. Stevens, officiated. Tall baskets of white gladioli flanked the altar which was decorated with greenery and lighted candles.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Sidney Bryson and Mrs. Grady McCauley both of Old Fort, sang, "I Love Thee," by Grieg, and "I Love You Truly" by Bond, accompanied by Mrs. D. T. Roughton, pianist. During the ceremony McDowell's "To a Wild Rose" was played. The traditional wedding marches were used as processional and recessional.

The bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a white wedding gown of satin and marquisette. The fitted bodice with a sweetheart neck-line was buttoned down the back. Long sleeves ended in points on the hands. The finger-tip veil of bridal illusion was attached to a halo of pearlized orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of

white gardenias and fern.

Miss Vernie Lowry was her sister's maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a floor length dress of perieinkle blue marquisette and carried a bouquet of pink snapdragons and pink carnations.

Edward Lloyd Lowry, brother of the bride, served as best man. The bride is a graduate of Old Fort high school. For the past eighteen months she has been employed in Washington, D. C.

The groom who is a native of Kansas, and a graduate of Leavenworth high school, has recently received his discharge from the Armed Forces after 33 months service, most of which was spent in Africa and Italy. He is now employed by the government in Washington where the couple will make their home, after a brief honeymoon at Pinehurst, N. C.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. John D. Baker, of Washington, D. C., mother and step-father of the groom, their two children, Carroll and John, Baker, Jr., Mrs. Mary Propst and daughter, Miss Dolie Propst of Black Mountain, aunt and cousin of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Little Switzerland, N. C.

### Florice Camp Is Married To A. N. Johnson

Mrs. Allie Camp of Old Fort has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Florice Camp, to Arthur N. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Johnson of Kingston, New York.

The marriage was solemnized on Friday, December 28, at 3 o'clock at the Old Fort Baptist Church. The Rev. W. C. Wesson officiated.

The vows were taken in front of the altar which was decorated with evergreens. For the processional Mrs. I. L. Caplan, organist, played the bridal chorus from Wagner's "Lohengrin," and for the recessional she played Mendelssohn's wedding march from "Midsummer Night's Dream."

The bride entered with her uncle, J. L. Lackey of Old Fort, who gave her away. She wore a dressmaker suit of rose colored wool

with black accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of white carnations and hyacinths.

Miss Bertha Mae Pyron of Leaksville, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a suit of gold wool with brown accessories.

William Porter of Old Fort, brother-in-law of the bride, served as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for New York where they will visit the bridegroom's parents for two weeks, after which the bridegroom will return to his army duties with the quartermaster corps at Newport News, Va. Mrs. Johnson will be with her mother at Old Fort until her husband is discharged from service. They expect to make their home at Kinston, New York.

### Conservation News

By L. B. Hairr.

McDowell County farmers are successfully growing lespedeza. It has proved satisfactory for hay, for grazing, for profit through the sale of seed, and as a soil and water conserving crop.

E. L. Christy, a cooperator of the Catawba soil conservation district of near Dysortsville, says that due to the high water and bad weather he lost a lot of his lespedeza seed this fall, but he harvested several hundred pounds of seed from the field across the road from his house. He says the lespedeza seed will sell for as much or more than if he had planted this land in corn and sold it at the market price. A good stand of lespedeza on the land will practically eliminate erosion. Crops following lespedeza should be fertilized liberally with phosphate and potash for best results.

### Entertained Guests

Miss Betty Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Young of Old Fort, entertained several guests with a watch party at her home Monday evening, December 31, 1945.

Games were played and delicious refreshments were served.

The guests included: Misses Doris Creasman, Irma Lee Pyatt, Lora Vess, Elenora and Lenora Williams, Angaline Burnette, Billie Henry and Messrs. Thurman Padgam, Bo Kelly, Bill Guthrie, Charles Marston, Charles Cordell, Eston Morris, Buster Byrd, Max Calloway, Tommy Grant, Robert Hensly, Jack Harmon, Dan Early, Earl Banks, Clyde Creasman, Walter Melton and Clarence Padgett.

Everyone had a nice time and "thanks" to you Betty for the party.

### Old Fort Methodist Church Shows Film

In spite of weather conditions, the film "King of Kings" was shown to a fair-sized audience on Wednesday evening of last week at the Methodist Church. Mr. S. R. Cross, of Marion, brought his movie machine and Mr. Atkins, from Marion, operated the projection. The film was shown in connection with the Christmas program of the Methodist church school.

An old fashioned Christmas tree, with Santa Claus and gifts for all, featured the Sunday evening service at the Old Fort Methodist church. Carols were sung by the church choir. The service began at seven-thirty o'clock. Rev. H. O. Huss is pastor of the church. T. R. Kanipe is church school superintendent.

### Miss Ruth Stirewalt Dies In California

News has reached Old Fort of the death in California on last Saturday of Miss Ruth Stirewalt, sister of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Marston and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stirewalt all of Old Fort. The body will be brought to Old Fort for burial and is expected to reach here by the latter part of the week.

### BEGIN LISTING TAXES

The listing of taxes for Old Fort and Old Fort township began this week. Taxpayers are required to list for taxation for the year 1945 all real estate, personal property and other property owned the first of the year, according to Mrs. Mary Burgin county tax collector. Old Fort office for listing which is in charge of Mr. E. F. Burgin, is located in the Bradley building on the second floor.

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## LOCALS

Mrs. George Sandlin of Old Fort is a patient at Duke Hospital at Durham, having undergone a major operation on Friday. Her condition is reported as satisfactory. Mrs. Beverly Millaway, Jr., of Winston-Salem and Old Fort accompanied her mother to Durham. Mr. Sandlin, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fullerton are also in Durham.

Captain Jack Vess who has spent a two months' furlough at his home in Old Fort, left Monday for Fort Bragg and Washington where he will be reassigned for duty.

I. L. Caplan, Jr., radar specialist, arrived in Old Fort on Thursday after twenty seven months service in U. S. Army. Twenty months were spent in the South Pacific. Mr. Caplan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan of Old Fort.

Wesleyan Service Guild will meet on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. T. R. Kanipe. Miss Sallie Finley will be joint hostess.

The program will have as its central theme, "Peace Through His Cross." Pledge for the coming year will be made. Mrs. Maude Stepp is pledge chairman.

The Youth Fellowship group of the Methodist Church will entertain with a social which will be held in the recreation rooms of the church on Friday evening beginning at 7:00 o'clock. Rebecca Bailey, Louise Stevens, Dan Noblitt and Eugene Suttles are in charge of the program.

Mrs. Fred Hendley who has been absent from duty at the local postoffice for several weeks on account of illness, is back at her post. Rev. R. L. Smith substituted during her absence.

Several car loads of material have been shipped to Old Fort within the past ten days, in preparation for work on rayon plant to be constructed here as soon as materials are available. Drains are being completed on the property. Railroad sidings have been built. Arrangements are being made for housing of workers.

Old Fort Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will meet in regular session on Monday evening, January 7 at the Masonic Hall. Rehearsal for initiation program to be held on Monday evening, January 14, when three candidates will be admitted to the order, will be included on the regular program. Mrs. Daphne Mackey is Worthy Matron of the Old Fort Chapter.

Hal M. White suffered a stroke at his home in Old Fort several days ago. His condition is reported as serious and unimproved. He is an employee of the Beacon Manufacturing Company at Swannanoa and has lived at Old Fort for 25 years.

### NEW GROCERY OPENS IN OLD FORT

Russell R. Brown, an Old Fort boy, has opened a store in the J. B. Haynes building and is ready for business.

It is a nice little clean grocery, newly painted and arranged nicely. Mr. Brown invites you to come and see him and would appreciate a part of your business.

The News extends a welcome as well as best wishes for your success.

### Woman Is Located : In Answer To Request

Mrs. S. L. Stone, whom police officers have been attempting to contact because her sister is critically ill in Bakersville, Calif., was located last week at Old Fort.

Her sister, Mrs. Ruth Stirewalt, is in Kern hospital in Bakersville. The hospital telegraphed the Asheville police department for aid in locating Mrs. Stone.

### To Plug In A Cord: One Thousand Bucks

It was a Government investigator who turned this one up: In the use of a welding machine, a licensed maintenance electrician had to be hired to plug the cord into an outlet. Because union rules provided that a maintenance electrician must stay on the job until its completion, it cost \$1,000 just to plug the cord in.

The skill required, according to the report, was "the same as that required to plug in a toaster on a breakfast table."

### Mrs. Harry Setzer Visited In Old Fort

Mrs. Harry Setzer of Washington spent the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Rhinehardt, at Old Fort. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Rachel Harris, of Florence, Ala., who was also a guest of the Rhinehardts.

### Opening Of Old Fort School Again Delayed

Opening of school in Old Fort, which was to have been Monday, has been postponed on account of the condition of the country roads over which school buses transport students.

### Caplan Back In U. S. After Pacific Duty

I. L. Caplan, Jr., radar specialist, arrived in Old Fort last Thursday after 27 months' service in the army. The son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan of Old Fort, he was on duty in the South Pacific for 20 months.

### Vess In Washington For Reassignment

Captain Jack Vess, who spent a 60-day leave at his home in Old Fort, left last week for Washington, D. C., where he will be reassigned for further duty.

### Paul Allison Leaves

Paul Allison, after spending his leave with his parents at Old Fort, left for Philadelphia Saturday. He will be there for a short time and says he doesn't know where from there. Let us hear from you Paul.

### Old Fort Society Meets

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Old Fort Methodist Church met Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. W. E. Teague, president, presided.

### RETURNS TO WORK

Mrs. Fred Hendley of Old Fort, has been absent from duty at the local postoffice for several weeks on account of illness, is back at her post. The Rev. R. L. Smith substituted during her absence.

### Pasture

It takes preparation to have a good pasture, and now is the time to take out bushes around the pasture, build terraces to prevent washing, cut posts, and string new wire to keep cattle out of your crops. Any day that the weather permits is a good time to spread lime on all pasture that has not been limed within the past three years.

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