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Masons Install New Officers At Old Fort

Installation of officers and administering of the third degree to W. Howard Le Fevre of Old Fort and Ernest Dysart of Pleasant Gardens staged by the Low Twelve club of Asheville lodge, Saturday evening at the Masonic hall in Old Fort.

Twenty visitors, which included besides the degree team, seven Masons from Black Mountain, and three from Moore General hospital, were present.

At 7 o'clock a supper was served to the Masons by members of the Old Fort Eastern Star at the community building. J. Murray Mackey was re-installed as worshipful master of the Old Fort lodge; Sidney F. Mauney was installed as secretary, and W. W. LeFevre as treasurer.

Soil Conservation

Farm woodland owners can turn ice-damaged trees into cash and reduce or prevent spread of disease and insects if they salvage the broken pine and hardwood trees during the next few weeks, said L. B. Hairr of the Soil Conservation Service.

"From reports on what I have seen, farm woodlands were extensively damaged by the ice storm," Mr. Hairr said. "But there is a wonderful market for sawlogs, pulpwood, and fuelwood now, and profitable use can be made of farm labor in removing these damaged trees."

"If fallen trees and trees which broke netops are not removed as soon as possible they are likely to be badly damaged by rot, and the loss of that timber may be complete. Some insect infestation also is possible if the trees are not removed."

Mr. Hairr, who is assigned to help farmers in the Catawba Soil Conservation District to develop and establish complete farm conservation plans including a woodland management program, also said there would be danger of the spread of rot and insects from uncut broken trees to timber not hurt by the ice storm.

The conservationist reported that many farm woodlands in the soil conservation district needed a thinning to improve the stand and to increase the yield.

"While the farm woods are being worked to save the damaged trees, it would be a good time to mark and cut at the same time, other trees which should be removed to improve the stand," he explained.

Davis—Crisp

Miss Sybil Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis of Marion, and Sgt. Kelly A. Crisp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Crisp of R. F. D. No. 2, Marion, were married at the home of the bride's parents on December 30.

The Rev. Millard Hall, of Rutherfordton, uncle of the bride, officiated, using the ring ceremony.

The bride entered with her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a dress of winter white wool with black accessories.

Sgt. Crisp recently returned to the States after serving 13 months overseas. After a furlough, he will return to Fort Bragg for reassignment.

Mrs. Crisp attended the Marion high school. She will make her home with her parents in Marion while her husband is serving in the armed forces.

Mrs. Annie Morgan Dies At Fayetteville Home

News has been received in Old Fort of the recent death of Mrs. Annie Morgan of Fayetteville. Mrs. Morgan was a sister of Mrs. Janie F. Reid, until recently, a resident of Old Fort, is well known in Old Fort where she spent many summers.

Cleaning Plant

H. R. Fender opened a new dry cleaning establishment at Marion last week to be known as "City Dry Cleaners." The business is located in the new, concrete block building on State street, which was recently erected by J. H. L. Miller at an approximate cost of \$4,000.

LOCALS

Mrs. George Sandlin who underwent an operation at Duke Hospital last week, has returned to her home, Hemlock Hill, Old Fort, where she is convalescing satisfactorily.

The Rev. H. O. Huss has announced his topic sermon for Sunday services at the Old Fort Methodist Church. At the 11 a.m. service Mr. Huss will speak on "A Man of Shame." At 7:30 p.m. his subject will be "I Sat Where They Sat."

W. C. Macon has returned to Old Fort after a several days' visit with relatives at Statesboro, Georgia. He was accompanied on the trip by his daughter, Barbara Jean and his young son, Tom.

Mrs. Samuel Brush is spending several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson in Old Fort. Her husband, Sgt. Brush is at Camp Jackson awaiting re-assignment. For the past three years they have been stationed at Camp Wheeler where Sgt. Brush has served as dental technician.

C. A. CALLOWAY BREAKS HIS ARM

C. A. Callaway, a telegraph operator at the Southern Depot, fell last week from a step at his home and broke his arm. Now look here, Callaway after walking through the ice and snow of recent date safely—and then wait until the slick weather is gone, you have to do a trick like that. Well, anyway the Black Mountain News wishes you a speedy recovery and watch all loose boards from now on, they are like rake handles, they get the best of you.

OLD FORT CAFE CHANGES OWNERS

Marvin McIntyre, of Old Fort, recently bought the Old Fort Cafe. He is enjoying a good business as was plain to see, with a house full at luncheon hour last Friday. Marvin was recently discharged from the service and is a member of the Veterans Club of Old Fort. Go in and enjoy a big plate of French fries and steak—cooked good enough to melt in your mouth—Eh Marvin

Lions Club In Old Fort?

Why not? There are plenty of good business men in Old Fort that could have a Lions Club. And one point in Lionism is the working together for the benefit of the community in which they reside.

Old Fort has the makings of enough public spirited men to form as good a club as there is in the District.

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Old Fort Cleaners Installs New Machinery

New machinery has been installed at the Old Fort Cleaners that is the envy of cleaners much larger than they.

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Old Fort OES Initiation

Initiation ceremonies were held by the Old Fort Order of Eastern Star at the Masonic hall on Monday evening, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. The candidates were Mrs. Callie Connor of Morganton, Mrs. Hall Bell of Marion and Mary Jane Mackey of Old Fort, matron of the Old Fort chapter.

Mrs. Daphne Mackey, worthy presided.

Leaves Hospital

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Lionism is an active and efficient vehicle for united civic effort and enterprise.

Major Sidney Mauney Leaves For His Home

Major Sidney F. Mauney, Jr., after a ten days visit with his parents at Old Fort, left this week for his home at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Major Mauney returned on November 6th to the states after three years' service overseas in European and Pacific theaters of war.

Before the completion of his officers training course at Ft. Benning he was ordered to England to help establish and manage four Quartermaster Petroleum Inspection laboratories, also the operation of the United Kingdom Base laboratory. At Nancy, France and later, in the Philippines and Japan he was in charge of the administration of petroleum and fuel at Quartermaster depots. (71st). He was awarded six service ribbons and two bronze stars.

whom in civilian life he is associated as general superintendent of gasoline and engineering department, has offered him his former position in Tulsa, or a similar one in Montana where the Carter Oil Company is developing new wells, or the Dutch East Indies. He will make his decision upon his return to Tulsa.

PLEASE NOTICE! Citizens of Old Fort

The Black Mountain News has appointed Little "Billy" Souther as salesman for the News and we would appreciate it if you would buy The News directly from him.

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JIM CORNELIUS, Editor Black Mtn. News.

LAND BUYING BOOM IS SEEN

The farm-buying boom, which has been worrying economists these past few months, is reflected in current mail at the advertising division. From 100 to 150 letters per day are being received by the division from persons living outside North Carolina and wanting to buy a farm. Most of them are from people living in cold-weather states, notably the upper middle west, Pennsylvania, New England, and a majority of them want small acreage. Quite a few believe that there are vast acreages of cheap waste land upon which they can settle.

The division is sending them agricultural literature and accompanying it with the sobering and realistic booklet issued by State College Extension service entitled "How to Select a Farm in North Carolina."

A list of the more serious prospects also is being distributed to chambers of commerce and others so that local follow-up may be expedited.

OLD FORT MASONS PUT ON 3RD DEGREE

Joppa Lodge 401 A. F. & A. M. of Old Fort, put on the Master Mason degree January 11.

Asheville Special Degree team of Mt. Vernon Lodge put the work on and that means a whole lot, because the boys know their business.

The Eastern Star of Old Fort served refreshments and boy what refreshments; they know their business too.

Fletcher Grange

The January meeting of the Fletcher Grange was held at the high school Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. During the business session new members were initiated.

The program featured singing by the Cari Cunningham quartette and a talk by the Rev. Fred R. Popplin of Hendersonville.

Lionism is a helpmate to every worthy community endeavor.

Workers Should Ask For S. S. When 65

Buncombe County workers who have reached age 65 and have not yet filed claim for benefits under the Social Security Act should write or call at the Social Security Board field office in Asheville, regardless of whether they continue of work.

According to D. W. Lambert, manager of the field office in Asheville, workers should now file their claims upon reaching age 65 in order to protect themselves from loss of benefits due to failure to file claim on time; to give protection against possible reductions in average monthly wages, and to pay a monthly benefit to the workers who is ill and does not earn enough wages to be disqualified.

Such workers who live outside Asheville may contact a representative on regular visits to towns in Western North Carolina by mailing a post card to the office in Asheville. The office will then notify the writer the exact place, date and hour of the next visit to the nearest town.

"There are two times for action in Social Security," Mr. Lambert said. "One is when the worker reaches 65 and the other is in case of his death. These facts, with the account number of the worker and

other information, should be reported to the Asheville office at once."

Employers are required to give their employees a statement of wages paid at least once a year or when the employee leaves the employer.

Beacon Tumbles Before Dayton Rubber, 65 to 52

Led by McDonald and Rogers, Dayton Rubber company trimmed Beacon Manufacturing, 65 to 52, at Swannanoa Saturday night in a W.N.C. league game.

Rogers shot 16 points and McDonald made 14.

The lineup: Beacon (52) Dayton (65) F—Hardin (6) Arlington (9) F—Burgess (10) McDonald (14) C½ Suttles (8) Brown (10) G—Rainwater Greene (4) G—Davidson (2) Sumner (2) Subs: Beacon—Patterson 11, Straehla 6, Patton 3, Rudeen 6, Vaillancourt, Dayton, Rector 10, Ewing, Rogers 16.

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