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OLD FORT NEWS

OLD FORT LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jere W. Swofford of California have been visiting the former's brother, Mr. Harry Swofford and his family, at Old Fort for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Kanipe are spending several days visiting relatives at Roxboro, N. C.

Mrs. Lessie Swann has returned to her home at Old Fort after a visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strickland in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silver and young daughter, Brenda, have returned to Old Fort after spending two weeks with Mrs. Silver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stevens at Swannanoa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grant have returned to their home at Greensboro after a visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Grant at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Vann Hughes arrived on Thursday from Ft. Bragg where they have been, following the former's arrival there several days ago. Mr. Hughes who has just returned from overseas where he spent the past eighteen months, has received his discharge and will resume his civilian duties as manager of Hughes Grocery at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Early have arrived in Old Fort to make their home. Mr. Early who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Early, has recently received his discharge after five years' military service.

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John E. Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Nichols, returned to his home at Old Fort this week after 35 months service, 29 of which was spent overseas. He and his wife, who was the former Miss Othell Camp of Old Fort, will make their home here.

Senior boys and girls of the Methodist Church school at Old Fort met on Friday night in the recreation rooms of the church for a social. Games and refreshments were enjoyed. Gloria Macon, Louise Stevens and Dan Noblitt and Eugene Suttles were in charge of the program. Mrs. D. T. Roughton, teacher of the class, and Rev. H. O. Huss, pastor, were also present.

REOPENING OF McDOWELL SCHOOLS AGAIN DELAYED

Reopening of McDowell county schools was again postponed this week, according to announcement by County Superintendent N. F. Steppe. No definite date has been set for the reopening.

The schools of the county system closed Dec. 13, a week ahead of the scheduled closing for Christmas holidays, because of the poor conditions of rural roads and a number of cases of illness. They have not opened since.

Wednesday of last week had been set as a tentative date for the reopening, but postponement was necessary because weather conditions have prevented improvement of the roads.

Clothing Drive Made In McDowell County

C. A. Harris, McDowell county chairman of the victory clothing drive, planned a house to house canvass last Saturday to collect old clothing for war torn countries.

Harris said anyone who wishes to contribute clothing should phone Wayne Suttle, collection chairman, at phone 114. Trucks will then be sent to the door for collection.

The quota for McDowell county is one garment per person.

Conservation News

By L. B. Hairr.

Several McDowell County farmers including W. G. Burgin, H. B. Croom, G. C. Tabor and E. D. Melton of Old Fort, R. 1, and E. J. Burgin of Marion, R. 4, are improving their pastures.

These farmers say it takes preparation to have good pastures and now is the time to begin. They are taking out the brush in the pasture, cutting post, and stringing new wire where a fence is needed. If the pasture has not been limed recently, then any day that the weather permits is a good time to spread lime on the pasture.

It has been said that pastures afford one of the most effective and economical means of holding and enriching the soil, provided they are managed properly.

Terrace lines were surveyed out last week on Miss Mary G. Burgin's farm, in cooperation with the Catawba Soil Conservation District.

E. B. Garrett, State Conservationist from Raleigh and J. D. Miller, District Conservationist from Newton recently visited the McDowell work unit of the Catawba district.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET AT MARION TUESDAY NIGHT

Sunday School workers of the 31 churches in the Blue Ridge Baptist Association met in the First Baptist Church of Marion Tuesday night for an associational Sunday School planning and inspirational meeting. This is one of 925 such meetings scheduled for the same night in 20 states by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

All pastors, Sunday School superintendents and workers were invited and many were present.

The Rev. R. L. Smith, general associational Sunday School superintendent, presided. He was assisted by several speakers from various churches in the association.

Others taking part on the program included Miss Sadie Anderson, associational pianist, Jimmie Lawing, associational song leader, W. V. Nix, the Rev. Hogan H. Justice, A. A. Slagle, the Rev. D. C. Wesson, the Rev. Gordon Wilson, W. R. Chambers, the Rev. Edward R. Roustio, and the Rev. Paul T. Brock.

Sugar For Liquor

Where does all the sugar go? Certainly not to the individual who gets five pounds every four months, hardly enough to taste in his coffee and never a grain for the housewife to use in a pie.

Much of it seems to go to the illegal liquor makers. A one-man still in Davidson county, a small affair, was found surrounded with sugar sacks which indicated he had obtained somewhere 1,000 pounds of sugar.

He didn't get it with sugar coupons, five pounds every four months. He got it from some black market, and those in charge of the nation's sugar might crack down on the black market instead of trying to placate the public with a little sack of the sweet stuff three times a year.

The authorities should crack down, crack up and crack all around the bootlegger and those from whom he gets sugar. The Davidson county moonshiner was only a small potato; the big stills must use it by the half-ton a run. —The Charlotte Observer.

Marion Phone Manager Resigns From Company

Mrs. Edna Smith has announced her resignation as manager of the Marion office of the Carolina Mountain Telephone company, effective February 1.

Mrs. Smith said no one had been named to succeed her in this position and also said she plans to remain in Marion. Mrs. Smith said she had sold her stock in the company.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Theme for Quarter: "A NATION IN THE MAKING"

Lesson for January 27, 1946 "A PEOPLE AT WORSHIP"

Basic Scripture—Exodus 24-40. Devotional Reading—Psalm 84: 1-4, 9-12.

Comments to guide further study by Rev. R. E. McClure, Executive Secretary of Asheville Presbytery, Presbyterian Church, U. S., based on the Uniform Series of International Lessons, Cycle of 1945-1950.

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When people recognize the fact of existing law, they also become conscious of a success or failure to meet the standards of the law. When the law is of God, man's failure is the point of emphasis. Failure to meet the standards of God's law is sin, whether the failure be that of omission or commission.

Man's contentment and happiness is linked with his consciousness of sin. At the same time God's revealed will for man provides for worship, an act that depends upon fellowship with God. Something therefore must counteract sin, for sin cannot exist in God's presence.

The whole Bible is the story of redemption. It is complete in Jesus Christ. It was foreshadowed in the laws and ceremonies of the Old Testament. It was foretold by the prophet. It was experienced by those who exercised the faith in a God of redemption up to the light of their day and the ability of their heart.

The first step in this story of redemption is linked with the consciousness of the presence of God at all times. For the children of Israel this was difficult, particularly with a background of idolatry and Egyptian life. They needed to learn that God is a spirit, not a golden calf.

A careful reading of the basic scripture reveals how God made known His abiding presence through a tabernacle and the symbolic significance of its furnishings and ritual. Both of these latter require a study of Leviticus and the Epistle to the Hebrews for a full appreciation of their meaning.

At this point in the Bible story the Primaries will learn to know

of God's presence through the "Building of a Tent Church." Juniors will be told more fully the reason for the "Tent for Worship." Intermediates and Seniors should go deeper and discover "What Worship Means." Young People and Adults will recognize that there is the vital necessity of "Religion in a Nation's Life."

Worship serves its greatest purpose in keeping the soul alert to the presence of God. "Fast Days of a People," considered next week, deal with the outward forms of worship. Outward forms are meaningless without the basic consciousness of God, His redemptive love and His abiding presence. With these life is worthwhile. Without these the soul is lost.

Double Boom

Travel experts are looking for a boom when the weather becomes open, and that will come. It can't snow and sleet all the time. The tourists will venture out with the robins, going south to meet the birds coming north.

What about the automobiles, the cars which are all dates at least 1941, and only a few of them, and some of them ten years of age, many of them rambling wrecks?

We are a hardy people, an adventurous and a daring people—often foolish, senseless people. Lack of new cars will not deter the travel-hungry people.

Some will not come back or if they do only to be buried. While the travel experts look for a boom, so do the undertakers, and both will probably get what they expect. High octane gas, the open road, a heavy foot on the accelerator, rickety cars—the answer is already known.—Charlotte Observer.

Admitted To Moore General Hospital

Three western North Carolinians have been admitted to Moore General Hospital. They are:

Pfc. Henry V. Webb, son of Mrs. Maggie Webb of RFD No. 2, Waynesville, for treatment of illness while on furlough from Fort Bragg.

Pfc. Warren L. Jones, son of Mrs. Clore Jones of Hendersonville, for treatment of illness. He is stationed with the Army Air Forces ground personnel at Fort Bragg, and became ill while on furlough.

Sgt. Fred J. Styles, son of R. S. Styles of RFD No. 4, Marion. He is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Officers Seek Girl Missing At Henrietta


Sheriff C. C. Moore of Rutherfordton reported that there have been no developments in efforts to locate Doris Jean Jones, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones of Henrietta, who has been missing from her home since January 9th.

Sheriff Moore said the parents received a letter from her the first of the week postmarked Chesnee, S. C., but that a complete check there had failed to reveal her whereabouts.

Sheriff Moore said the girl's mother is seriously ill. The girl had been employed at a Henrietta textile plant prior to her disappearance.

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