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OLD FORT NEWS

Building, Loan Report Is Made At Marion Meet

The McDowell Building and Loan Association has finished a successful year, according to the report of Mrs. A. L. Epley, secretary-treasurer, made to the shareholders at the annual meeting.

At the end of the past year, assets totaled \$577,075.24, and 146 loans were made during the year totaling \$172,650. The association has 859 shareholders, and has 12,470 shares of stock outstanding.

The directors of the association were re-elected as follows: A. S. Bradford, W. R. Chambers, T. H. Henderson, A. F. Hunt, William Trevorton, W. L. Morris, D. M. McIntosh, J. F. Snipes, J. H. Tate, C. A. Workman and Annie L. Epley.

Directors re-elected the following officers: W. L. Chambers, president; J. F. Snipes, vice president; W. R. Chambers, attorney; Mrs. A. L. Epley, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Doris Hill, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Conservation News

By L. B. Hairr.

W. L. Burgin of Old Fort Rt. 1, says a properly constructed pasture fence is much easier maintained than a poorly constructed one.

Mr. Burgin secured locust post and new wire and has built a new fence around his 20 acre pasture this winter. He has also built cross fences, so he can rotate the cattle and hogs as they are needed to help maintain a good sod.

Without increasing the amount of necessary farm labor, more and better pastures provide a means of increasing the production of food and conserving the soil.

Complete soil conservation plans were worked up recently for the farms of J. B. Johnson, Mary Adams Robinson, and Claude Burnett of Old Fort, J. R. Gray and W. Jay Ballew of Nebo; J. E. Baker of Dysortsville, and Joe Swan, Boyd Morgan, Pink Morgan and Earl Mosteller of Nealsville, R. 1.

Kirby—Jay

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith Kirby, Jr., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Patricia Mae Kirby, to Edward Thomas Jay, of New York city on February 22 at the home of the bride's parents in Marion.

The vows were spoken before an improvised altar of greenery, white snapdragons and gladiolus, with white lighted tapers in crystal candelabra.

Dr. Carl McMurray officiated, using the double ring ceremony. The couple entered the living room unattended with only members of the two immediate families present.

The bride was attired in a suit of royal blue gabardine, with black accessories and a small flower hat. Her corsage was of pink roses and valley lillies.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The bridal table was covered with an imported cloth of linen and lace centered with a white wedding cake.

Mrs. Jay received her education at Marion high school, after which she entered training at the Mission hospital in Asheville before transferring through the United States Cadet Nursing Corps to the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Training School of Sibley Memorial hospital in Washington, D. C., graduating with the class of 1945.

Mr. Jay is the son of Mrs. Thomas Anton Jobbagy of New York city. He served two years in the United States navy, receiving his honorable discharge last year.

The couple left for a wedding trip of three weeks in the South, after which they will return to New York city where Mr. Jay is in business.

OLD FORT LOCALS

Sandy Morrison will arrive this week to spend the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Morrison.

D. R. Byrd, who has been on the sick list since Thanksgiving is improving.

Fred Conner of Marion has opened a restaurant and grocery at the Pine Oil Station just out side of Old Fort. The new place will also be a bus station.

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre is spending the week-end at Greensboro visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Padgett and daughters, Gwen and Mimi and son, Ray, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., visited relatives in Old Fort several days last week.

George W. Sandlin returned to his home, Hemlock Hill, Old Fort, on Friday, after spending two weeks at the Aston Park Hospital for treatment to a sprained shoulder.

Miss Margaret Lu Caplan, student at Lenoir-Rhyne, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan at Old Fort. She was accompanied by her class mate, Miss Johnnie Smith of Concord.

The March meeting of the Old Fort P. T. A. will be held this Thursday evening at seven o'clock at the school library. Mrs. W. C. Macon, president, will preside. Mrs. George Lindye will present a "Founders' Day" program.

The Old Fort Woman's Club will meet on Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. Russell Griffin and Mrs. Joe Giles will serve as joint hostesses at the home of Mrs. Griffin. Mrs. H. C. Marley will

present a program on "The American Home." Election of officers will be held.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet on Sunday afternoon at the church at three o'clock. Mrs. A. C. Tate will conduct the devotional period. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Grayson Bailey.

Miss Jeanne Johnson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson of Old Fort, has resigned from her position with the government in Washington, D. C., which post she has held for the past two years, and will remain at her home here for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Preston have come from Washington, D. C. to make their home at Old Fort. Mrs. Preston, who was before her marriage last summer, Miss Eunice Noblitt of Old Fort, has been employed by the Army Intelligence in Washington for the past two years. Mr. Preston, returned last August from the European theater of war, where he took part in six major campaigns having gone over in 1942.

Mr. Preston is a native of Wisconsin and attended the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. Before coming to Old Fort he was connected with the Peoples Drug Company in Washington. He is associated with the Old Fort Drug Company at Old Fort.

SINCLAIR RITES HELD AT MARION

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Carson Sinclair, 90, who died in her sleep Sunday morning in Chapel Hill, was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church in Marion. The Rev. Carl McMurray, pastor, officiated.

A native of Marion, Mrs. Sinclair was the widow of P. J. Sinclair. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Mamie White and her granddaughter, Mrs. Margaret Graves, in Chapel

Hill for the past 15 years.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. White and Mrs. H. C. Wells of Chapel Hill, Mrs. John L. Henderson of Hickory, and Mrs. Henry Kerns of Silver Springs, Md.; four sons, Dr. J. A. Sinclair of Asheville, Dr. P. D. Sinclair of Marion, L. C. Sinclair of Winter Haven, Fla., and M. D. Sinclair of Los Angeles, Calif., and a number of grandchildren.

BENCH SHOW SET BY TRYON CLUB

The first Bench Show of the year of the Tryon Hound and Horse Show will be held Wednesday, April 17, at 10 a.m., it has been announced by Elbert Nanney.

Speakers at the show will include Governor Gregg Cherry, Col. Page, former president of the North Carolina Fox Hunters' association; Charles M. Johnson, president of the North Carolina association; and Charlie West, who will discuss conservation.

The show will be held under national rules and there will be 10 classes, with a trophy to be awarded the first place winner in each class.

N. W. Weldon of Oxford will judge the show.

Welcome The Stranger

When You Come to Church—Do you cultivate an eye to direct the stranger? He is always there. He does not always have the nerve to hunt you up and introduce him-

self. You must not blame him for being backward.

It is your privilege and duty to make at least one stranger glad that he made his way into this house of God.

If each of us would do this much what a reputation our church would have for friendliness.

Let us be brave enough to neglect each other whom we meet so often, while we cultivate the acquaintance of one whom we have never met.

Let us study the art of making the stranger feel at home with us. — Bulletin, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

A Revival Resolution

"I am only one,
But I am one,
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