

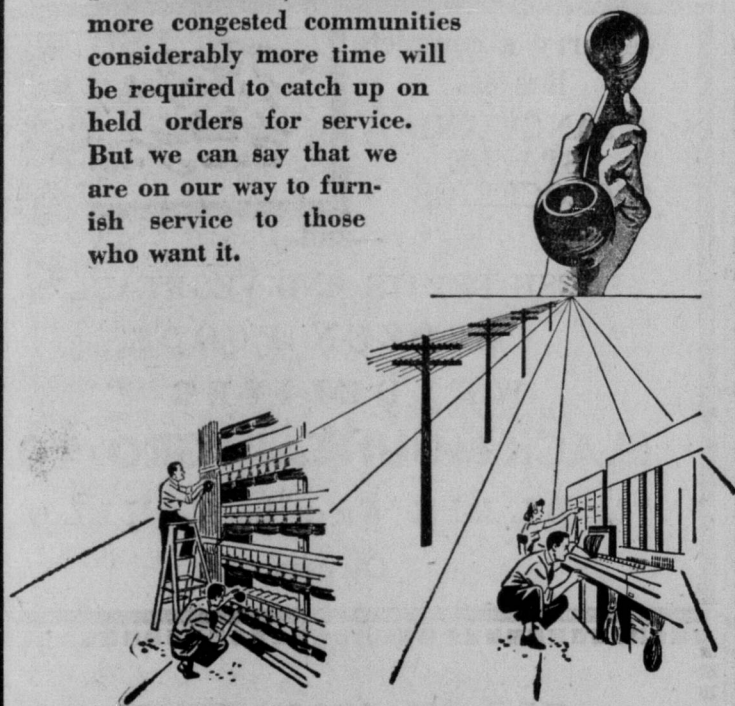
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OLD FORT NEWS

Johnson N. Nesbit Dies In Asheville Hospital

Johnson N. Nesbit, 63, of Old Fort, died in an Asheville hospital about 3 p.m. Sunday following a long illness.

He was a member of the Old Fort Methodist church, of the Joppa Masonic lodge, and of Lodge No. 175, Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Margaret Halford Nesbit; seven sons, Clifford R., of Oak Ridge, Col. Earl Nesbit, of Mitchell Field, New York, Carlyle, of Newport News, Va., William, of the Merchant Marine, Hubert, of Houston, Tex., Max, of Old Fort, and Joe Nesbit, of the Navy, now stationed at Pensacola, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Arlo Bates, of Dickson, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles Krisel, of Beaver, Pa.; and three sisters, Mrs. Annie Hughes and Mrs. Charles F. Noblitt, both of Old Fort, and Mrs. J. M. Cockran, of Hilton Village, Va.

Conservation News

By L. B. Hair.

J. G. Burgin of Marion, R. 4, planted two acres of alfalfa last spring. Seventy-five days from the date it was seeded, the alfalfa was thirty inches high, and Mr. Burgin had this alfalfa mowed for hay three times during the year.

Mr. Burgin says that by feeding his cow on alfalfa hay this winter she has given as much milk as she did last summer while she was going in the pasture. He also says he has found alfalfa to be good to feed to hens where the eggs are to be used for hatchling.

Mr. Burgin, in preparing the field for alfalfa prior to the seeding, applied several loads of manure, two tons of lime, 300 pounds of phosphate, 30 pounds of borax, and 700 pounds of high grade fertilizer per acre. He planted approximately 30 pounds of alfalfa seed per acre on a good seed bed.

Several McDowell farmers including Joe Sawn, Paul Lackey, J. G. Burgin and M. V. Snypes and others are making preparations to seed alfalfa on their farms this spring.

Plant Potatoes In March

Irish potatoes are a standby in almost every garden and should be planted during March when the soil is dry enough to work. Irish Cobbler is a dependable variety for early yield and is a good potato, but it is not the highest yielding. Green Mountain is mid season and a quality potato that many planters like. Then comes a later variety known as Sequoia, a heavy yielding kind that is now being planted by many growers.

All varieties do best where the soil is rich, moist, but well drained. Potatoes should be cut with one or two eyes, but as near two ounce pieces as you can get them.

Heavy application of a good fertilizer will give best yields. This should be well mixed with the soil so that the potato does not come in direct contact with raw fertilizer. If it can be applied a week or ten days before planting it is better.

Garden

No family with land, back lot or field should fail to plant a garden while the food and labor situation is as it is now. Rhubarb, asparagus, English peas, mustard, spinach, beets, lettuce, and turnips may be planted in the foothill counties early in March, but in counties of higher elevation it is better to wait until late this month or early April.

Seven McDowell Men Join Regular Army

Seven McDowell county men have enlisted for service in the regular army, according to the local recruiting office.

The men are: Hugh B. Elliott, Marion; Robert Gilland, Old Fort; Charles K. Kanipe, West Marion; John W. Laughridge, Marion; Harold W. Ledford, Marion; James D. Finley, Marion, and James C. Hicks, Marion.

Daughter Born

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris of Old Fort have announced the birth of a daughter, Johnnie Mae, on Thursday, March 1st, at Marion General Hospital.

TVA Dams Are Not Providing Protection

Asheville (N. C.) Citizen-Times February 17, 1946

The January floods brought home to Chattanooga the unpleasant truth that the TVA dams are not providing complete and unflinching protection against the high waters which come at infrequent intervals and which are capable of working vast destruction. They gave a rude awakening to the citizens who had been unwisely imagining that Chattanooga was now flood-proof.

The Chattanooga News-Free Press which can not be reasonably suspected of an inveterate prejudice against TVA and its works described the January flood as "destructive." It declared that "hundreds of fine factory sites" were inundated. In fact, eight locations which had been previously offered to the Veterans Administration as affording a desirable site for a hospital had to be eliminated because of the high waters that covered them.

The Tennessee Valley Authority dams are minimizing the flood menace for Chattanooga and other communities. This much must be conceded by even the worst of foes of the TVA. But this is the most that can be claimed for them in the way of flood control. They can not hold in check the high waters which come occasionally. They serve to reduce the flood menace, not to remove it altogether.

Sooner or later, Western North Carolina must have effective flood control. Bitter experience has already emphasized for us many times how costly uncontrolled high waters can be. The industrial development of this region is being hampered by the fact that many of our most suitable industrial sites can not be used because they are now subject to overflow. But when we get around to adopting flood control measures, we should see to it that they are designed to do the job of taming high waters. When flood control is combined with navigation improvement and power development it necessarily sacrifices much of its effectiveness.

Marion High Band Gives Concert Tonight

The Marion High School band, one of the best in this part of the state will be presented tonight in the school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock, according to Miss Mabel Beach, director.

The North Carolina state music contests will be resumed this year after being cancelled for the past four years and many of the numbers to be featured on this program were prepared for the contest to be held in Greensboro, April 23-26.

Several of the soloists will present selections which have been prepared for the state contest and a highlight of the program will be a cornet trio. The Glee Club will also present several numbers.

Buncombe Native Taken By Death At Seattle

Mrs. W. E. Teague of Old Fort has received word of the death of her brother, Robert (Bob) L. Williams who died February 25 from a heart attack, at his home in Seattle, Wash. Besides Mrs. Teague, he is survived by his widow, a son and daughter, three grandchildren who live in Seattle, also a brother of Springfield, Oregon.

He was the son of J. T. and Lou Pettit Williams and was reared in the Candler section of Buncombe County. Forty years ago he went west and has made his home at Vancouver, British Columbia, and in later years, at Seattle.

J. E. Thompson Leases Bryson Cafe, Old Fort

J. E. Thompson of Morganton, has leased the Crystal Cafe on South Main St. in Old Fort, formerly operated by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bryson. The building which is owned by Dr. D. M. McIntosh was redecorated several months ago, and new equipment installed. The new owner who has taken a three-year lease on the building, has purchased the equipment from Mr. and Mrs. Bryson. Mr. Thompson is having a new tile floor laid.

Oteen Hospital Funds May Be Available Soon

Congressman Zebulon Weaver, in Asheville recently because of illness of his brother, A. E. Weaver of 102 Merrimon avenue, said that funds are expected to be available soon for continuing the expansion program at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Oteen.

New clinical facilities, dining room facilities, a new recreation building and theatre, and other units are included in the general expansion program which is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, Mr. Weaver said.

As a result of the pressure of war necessity the capacity of the hospital was increased from 839 to 1,269 beds, but it was not possible for the other facilities to be expanded in proportion at that time.

Part of the new program is designed to bring the other units in line with the enlarged capacity of the hospital.

Although the institution was working under severe handicaps of overload because of the war pressure rating from the Veterans' organizations which made a critical survey of its operations.

Mr. Weaver explained that a bill containing part of the appropriation for the expansion is pending before the senate, having already passed the lower house.

Old Fort Eastern Star Met On Monday Evening

At a meeting of the Old Fort Order of Eastern Star held on Monday evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Mrs. W. W. LeFevre, Worthy Matron; Mr. W. W. LeFevre, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Robert Hervey, Associate Patron; John Melton, Associate Patron; Mrs. Lois McDaniel, Conductress; Mrs. Raymond Burgin, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Foidell Hensley, Secretary; Mrs. Katherine Rhinehardt, Treasurer.

Mrs. Daphne Mackey, retiring Worthy Matron, has received notice of her commission as grand representative in North Carolina, for the state of Pennsylvania, her native state. According to announcement, public installation of incoming officers will be held the later part of March.

NEWS FROM THE MOUNTAIN FOLKS

By Mrs. Boyd Elliott.

A nice bunch of children were reported at Stone Mountain Sunday School Sunday. Brother Reddings, from near Old Fort, led the services. The children are promised an Easter egg hunt.

Roy Elliott, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Elliott, is home on a visit, he has been in the U. S. Navy. Also his twin sister, Mrs. Floy Elliott Moore and her husband, George Moore, from Black Mountain, are visiting in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hall spent the week-end with Mr. Hall's brother, B. L. Hall, near Old Fort.

Some of the Mountain folks are getting ready to farm, making gardens, some working in their flowers. Mrs. Cordie Davis and Mrs. Bessie Elliott are working hard with their flowers—that is their hobby.

Mr. Bob Daugherty, our mail man is really a lot of help to the mountain folks, bringing in seeds and plan's nearly every day, and always willing to help with our orders and advice.

Old Fort Woman's Club

The Old Fort Woman's club met on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Russell Griffin. Mrs. Joe Giles served as joint hostess. Annual election of officers resulted as follows: president, Mrs. G. K. Miller; v-pres., Mrs. W. S. Burgin; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. W. C. Macon; secretary, Mrs. Russell Griffin; treasurer, Mrs. S. F. Mauney.

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Keep your bank about 30 degrees—keep it constant during the turn.

Keep the nose of your plane at a position on the horizon that will prevent loss of altitude.

Keep all the movements smooth and well-coordinated. You'll soon discover the deep satisfaction that comes with smooth maneuvering and good coordination.

SNOWS IN PARIS

The greatest snowstorm in Paris history ended March 3 with 15 3-4 inches on the ground. It had been falling three days.

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