

# OLD FORT NEWS

## Old Fort Store

A furniture store handling new and used furniture, including pianos, has been opened for business in the building on Main street formerly occupied by Hughes Cash Store. Britt Hogan, veteran of World War II, is in charge of the business.

## Death Claims Mrs. Myra Hoilman of Mitchell Co

Funeral services for Mrs. Myra Hoilman, 70, who died at her son's home in Mitchell County, Thursday, March 14, 1946, following a long illness, were held Sunday afternoon, March 16, in Bandana Baptist Church, Bandana, N. C.

She is a native of Mitchell County and had many friends there and in surrounding regions.

She is survived by her husband, James Hoilman of Bandana and seven children: Mrs. C. H. Hoppes of Marion; Mrs. C. W. White of Old Fort, Clarence Hoilman and Mrs. Jesse Johnson of Bandana; C. D. Hoilman of Tacoma, Washington; Sgt. Clyde Hoilman of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. E. B. Phillips of Gastonia, N. C., eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Quinn's Funeral Home of Spruce Pine was in charge of arrangements.

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## Old Time Fiddler's And Musician's Convention Saturday, March 30th

It was announced in Marion and McDowell County that on Saturday, March 30, The Marion State Guard will sponsor an amateur contest between fiddlers and other amateur musicians.

The contest will start with the opening of the Community building doors at 8 o'clock, that night and will last until midnight.

As soon as the judging of the contest is over "an old fashioned square dance" will be in progress until 12 o'clock.

It was announced that \$25.00 cash will be the first prize, many other prizes will be given, such as Nylon hose, bags of sugar, butter and many other prizes both for those who enter the contest and others too.

A good time is planned and promised all who attend. Some who have already registered for the musical contest are: Bob Carter, The Redden Brothers, Jack and Mack, The Howell Brothers, C. Curtis, Curley Taylor, Hicks Burnette, a good tap dancer and several others.

The program committee asks that you plan now to be there for a "time of your life."

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## New Stopwatch To Aid Hunters

Counter Chronograph To Provide Data On Bullets Speed.

A super-stopwatch that clocks action at a hundred-thousandth of one second has been put to work to help sportsmen become better hunters and target shots.

The device, which uses electronic vacuum tubes similar to those in a radio, is called a counter chronograph, and is an adaptation of one of the intricate tools developed by nuclear physicists to count atomic disintegration in atom-smashing experiments. Its peacetime role of providing simultaneous checks on the velocity and accuracy of rifle bullets was announced March 25 in the magazine Sports Afield. In describing accuracy tests conducted here by the Western Cartridge company. More accurate ammunition for sportsmen is expected to result.

Heart of the apparatus is a pair of photoelectric tubes fixed a measured distance apart. Their sensitive surfaces are exposed to sunlight or artificial illumination. As a bullet passes over the first one it blocks light from the tube for an instant and starts the counting device. The counter stops as soon as the bullet interrupts the light striking the second tube. The interval of time is registered immediately by other lights on the counter's front panel.

The panel lights tally up the number of electronic impulses emitted by the counter in the interval that the bullet took to pass between the photoelectric tubes. Each electronic impulse lasts one hundred-thousandth of a second, a job far beyond the capabilities of any electrical or mechanical counter.

A bulls-eye target at the end of the test chamber records the accuracy of the bullet and the combination of the two tests enables determination of the effect of velocity upon accuracy. Previously separate bullets were needed for the two tests.

The device was first used by the war department during the war to test ammunition. It also can be used to time watch rates, camera shutters, as an echo depth timer, and for other purposes requiring split-second checking too rapid for mechanical counters.

## Old Fort Singing

The Rev. Floyd Wilson, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist church at Mt. Hebron, near Old Fort, has announced Sunday, March 31st, as a day of special singing at his church. Singers from adjoining counties have been invited and are expected to attend. Basket lunches will be spread on the grounds at the dinner hour.

## READ THE AD\$ Along With the News



RED CROSS POSTER COMES TO LIFE . . . Pfc. Campbell Gordon Pyle, Lancaster, Calif., the wheel chair patient in the Red Cross 1946 poster, and Peggy Neel, Red Cross hospital worker, examine the winning poster, a photograph made of them at New Caledonia during the war. Peggy Neel is resting at her home in Searcy, Ark., and Private Pyle has re-enlisted in the army.

## Marion Program For Orchestra Being Planned

The North Carolina Symphony orchestra will be presented in two concerts in Marion April 8, according to Albert Hewitt, Jr., McDowell County chairman of the Symphony Society's membership campaign.

In order to bring the orchestra to Marion, McDowell County raised \$500 several months ago. The 21-piece orchestra is scheduled to give a free concert for school children at the school at 2 p.m. April 8.

The concert for adults will be presented on the same date at 8 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

## Miss Clara M. Robinson Dies In Marion Hospital

Miss Clara Marie Robinson, 22, of Marion, R. F. D. No. 3, died Saturday night in a Marion hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Woodlawn Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. H. H. Justice officiating. Interment was in Hicks Chapel Cemetery.

She is survived by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Robinson, of Marion, R. F. D. No. 3; one sister, Mrs. Eva Pittman, of Marion; and four brothers, Jack, Charles, Glenn, and Jeffrey Robinson, all of Marion.

## Mrs. S. M. Hoffman Funeral Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. S. M. Hoffman, 75, who passed away at her home in Jacksonville, Fla., March 23, was held at the Old Fort Methodist Church Monday at 3 o'clock. The Rev. H. O. Huss, pastor, conducted the services. Interment was at the Old Fort cemetery.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Huber Rector of Jacksonville, Fla., two sons, Joe Hoffman, of Asheville, and Ross Hoffman of Jacksonville, Fla., and two grandchildren.

She came to Old Fort in 1905 with her husband, who was employed by the Union Tanning company until his death in 1925. Twelve years ago, she moved her residence to Jacksonville.

A school kid, whose first love was baseball, was writing the answers to a test in physiology. He wrote:

"Your legs is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base and neither can your sister."

Flash: News Headline—Terrible Accident in Edinburg! Taxi skids into lamp post and kills fourteen passengers.

"I need a holiday," said the cashier. "I'm not looking my best."

"Nonsense," said the boss. "No, it isn't nonsense; the men are beginning to count their change."

## Visions

There's a light that is shining way out yonder, In a land that's so far across the sea, And it makes no difference where I'm called to wander, That bright light is shining there for me.

In the stillness that is just before a battle, When the boys turn their thoughts way back home, I can see that light shining brightly, It will guide me where ever I roam.

There are other lights shining out there also, And too me they mean more than my life, But there's one whose brightness dims the others, It's the one that guides me through this world of strife.

Those bright lights are the visions of my loved ones: Mother's vision being the brightest of them all. I can see her as she prays too God in Heaven, To be with her boys wherever duty calls.

There's a light that is shining way out yonder, In a land that's so far across the sea, And it makes no difference where I called to wander, That bright light is shining there for me.

Written March 11, 1944 by Larry Nelson and dedicated to his mother. Written while serving with armed forces overseas.

## Spring

Again you are welcome sweet spring With your gay colored birds to sing, And the pretty blossoming trees Giving sweet perfume to the breeze.

In spring, the violets we meet Little for-get-me-nots so neat, Trailing arbutus on the hills, And in the garden, golden jonquils.

Spring, the earth forgets its sadness When you come with joy and gladness. Nearer seem the beautiful hills And clearer are the rippling rills.

Refreshing are the spring showers Doing good for pretty flowers. Your sunshine is so warm and bright Seems everything should grow right.

Pleasant days spent beneath blue sky Looking at white clouds drifting by.

Peaceful nights with bright stars and moon, O dear spring, don't leave us too soon. —Lois Dixon.

## C & W MOTOR CO. GROWING FAST

Frank E. Wise and Wm. H. Condrey have been in the garage business now seven months. The reason we know is because they were just starting up when the first issue of the News came out.

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The place is at present undergoing a face lifting with a new coat of paint. Condrey and Wise carry some groceries too in the front part of their building. We wished these boys success when they started in business and we still wish them every success for the future. On page three is their advertisement—look it over.

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## Conservation News

By L. B. HAIRR

Mrs. Mary A. Robinson and G. C. Tabor of Old Fort, and T. W. Stacy of Nebo and other farmers of McDowell, recently spot planted two-year old white pine seedlings in the thin areas of their farm woodlands.

It has been said, "that farm woodland, if allowed to do so, will join other well-managed fields on the farm in helping to hold back destructive floodwaters.

The Catawba soil conservation district recently secured new aerial photographs covering McDowell County. These photographs will be used in connection with the district work program for the county.

E. F. Bugess, soils expert of the Catawba district, last week made a soil survey of each of these farms: Branson Grindstaff, Luther Allison, Tom Elliott, M. B. Patton, B. T. Nichols, E. G. Dyson, L. V. Bradly, Tom Hardy, J. H. Hensley, W. E. Willis, Leroy McIntire, Pink Morgan, and Rufus Lavender. These soil maps will be used as the basis in making recommendations for the different erosion problems on these farms.



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