

New Goodrich Store Opened Last Saturday

The new Goodrich store opened in Old Fort last Saturday. Harold Dysart, who, with his wife will operate the new store.

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the public says, Mr. Dysart. Mr. Dysart is a world war II veteran and was recently discharged from the service. We, the News welcome the new store to Old Fort.

Last Two Schools In Marion Close For Season

Marion high school and West Marion elementary school closed June 19, according to H. F. Beam, superintendent of city schools of Marion. All other schools in the city system have already closed.

Commencement exercises began with the baccalaureate sermon last Sunday night, when Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Marion, delivered the sermon.

Graduate exercises were held Tuesday evening with Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion gave the literary address.

Due to the reorganization which was necessary when the twelfth grade was added to the high schools of North Carolina, only pupils who were taking special courses will make up the graduating class. Consequently, only four seniors will be eligible for graduation at the close of this school term.

Lithium is the lightest of all solid elements.

The first rowing race held in the United States was in 1811.

Peppermint is a herbaceous perennial plant.

OLD FORT NEWS

LOCALS

BY Mrs. D. T. ROUGHTON

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bradley of Old Fort spent the week end at Newberry and Columbia where they were called on account of the illness of Mrs. Bradley's brother at the hospital in Columbia.

Mrs. L. N. Saunders has returned to her home at Charlotte after a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sallie Sabom in Old Fort.

The Rev. B. F. Livingstone who was called to the pastorate of the Old Fort Presbyterian church several weeks ago has moved his residence here.

Mrs. Livingstone, their daughter Rachel and son, Ben, arrived last week. The family is occupying the Presbyterian manse.

Ashby Robinson of Old Fort is spending this week in Birmingham on a business trip.

Col. D. W. Adams has returned of his home at Old Fort after spending the past several months in Texas. Col. Adams owns oil properties in and near Texarkana, Texas.

Mr. W. D. Nichols of Old Fort, is confined in the Duke Hospital at Durham, N. C. where he had a very serious operation on last Monday. At the latest report, the operation appeared to be successful.

Mrs. Mary Ewell of Halwood, Va., arrived on Friday for a visit at the home of her sister and brother-in-law Dr. and Mrs. D. McIntosh at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon of Old Fort had as their house guests, for the opening of Mr. Macon's new theatre, on Tuesday their brother, H. H. Macon of Statesboro, Ga., another brother Arthur Macon, his wife and two daughters, of Atlanta; Mrs. J. E. Forbes and son, Arthur of Statesboro. They expect to arrive in Old Fort on Sunday.

Complementing her husband, Colonel Edson Duncan Raff who is spending a twenty-day leave with his family at Old Fort, Mrs. Raff will entertain at a six o'clock dinner party on Sunday evening at her home here. Included in Mrs. Raff's hospitality will be Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yancey of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Roughton and Mrs. Madeline Taylor of Old Fort and Mrs. J. S. Styles of Asheville and Marion.

Mr and Mrs. Thomas Grimes arrived Monday to be guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon for the opening of the new theatre in Old Fort last Tuesday.

Mrs. George Morrison of Old Fort attended the wedding of Betty Knowles and Buddy Regans at the Chapel of the University of South Carolina. Miss Sandy Morrison, Mrs. Morrison's daughter, who is a student at the University was a bridesmaid. This is the first wedding to be held on the campus of the University.

Miss Sandy Morrison, who was in Old Fort this week, visiting her mother is going to a camp in Maine where she will be a swimming and tennis instructor for the summer.

R. J. Metcalf, owner and operator of the Old Fort Feed Store, was confined to his home this week due to a bad case of poison oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Grant and

children, Jerry and Judy, have returned to Newport News, Va after a visit with relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. Viola G. Nesbit will compliment her niece, Jeanne Grant who is spending several weeks in Old Fort, with a party on Tuesday afternoon. The affair will be in celebration of the eleventh birthday of the honoree. LaRue and Naomi White, Mary Ann Early, Margaret E. Burgin, Charles Hendley and Gayden Jr. Swann have been invited to share in the courtesy. Mrs. Lester McCauley will assist the hostess.

The Gleaners class of the Old Fort Baptist Sunday School will entertain with a picnic at the Old Fort park, on Friday evening. Members of the young men's class have been invited to join the group.

Mrs. W. C. Wesson is teacher of the former. I L. Caplan, of the latter

The T. E. L. Class of the Old Fort Baptist church will hold the regular meeting on Friday evening in the basement of the church. Miss Ruth Hughes is leader of the group. Following the meeting Mrs. R. T. Pyatte and Miss Bertha Greene will serve as hostesses for the social hour.

Begging Sunday June 23, A Sunday School Enlargement Campaign will be launched by the Old Fort Baptist church. Meetings in connection with the work will be held each evening in the auditorium of the church at 8 o'clock. An extension worker will come from Raleigh to assist with the campaign.

The Rev. D. C. Wesson is pastor of the church. I L. Caplan is church superintendent.

Old Fort Rotary Received Charter

The Old Fort Rotary club was host on Friday evening, June 14, at a dinner which was served at the community building. Rotarians throughout the district were present.

Presentation of charter to the Old Fort club was made by Stanley E. Black, district governor of Rotary. Albert Hewitt, president of Marion Rotary Club presided over the meeting and acted as master of ceremonies for the banquet...

Dinner was served by members of the Old Fort Order of Eastern Star. Approximately one hundred guests were present.

The address of the evening was made by Hoyt McPherson, editor of the Shelby Star, incoming district governor. Mr. McPherson returned recently from a meeting of Rotary International at Atlantic City the last week of May.

\$6,000 HOUSE PLAN IS COLDLY RECEIVED

Miami architects gave a cold reception Monday to the proposal of Housing Administrator W. Wyatt to channel all building materials into veteran's homes costing \$6,000 or less.

One architect said that building costs here have gone so high that even the cheapest two-bedroom bungalow would cost \$7,000 to \$8,000. A family with two children would need at least \$9,000 to build a home, another estimated.

Paul O'Connor, head of local FHA office, and Eugene Gearing, his priorities expert, agreed with the architects.

Furthermore, O'Connor warned, not only would a house worth \$4,000, for example, before the war probably cost \$12,000 to build now, but within two or three years it might be worth only \$6,000.

Fishing Record Broken In Pisgah Forest Streams

The record number of fish caught last year in Pisgah National forest streams will soon be broken, Ranger W. W. Huber prophesied last week.

Already more than 4,000 fisher-

men have hooked over 18,000 rainbow and brook trout, while for the entire season last year, 5,092 sportsmen caught approximately 23,000 fish.

Graham House To Go Modern

One of the oldest and most substantially built houses in Old Fort, known as the Graham house, is being converted by its present owner, I. L. Caplan, into a modern duplex apartment house. The building is located on a nice lot fronting Spring and Academy Streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley Caplan, son and daughter-in-law of the owner, will occupy one of the apartments. Mr. Caplan a veteran of World War II, is associated with his father in the drug business in Old Fort.

FARM MACHINERY HARD TO OBTAIN DUE TO STRIKES

Due to strikes in the steel mills, in various plants of farm machinery manufacturers, and in the coal mines, the 300,000 farmers of North Carolina have little more machinery than was available to them last fall. It is true that the number of various machines manufactured has increased to some extent, but the big important, labor saving implements used in seeding, tilling, and harvesting are still unavailable in any quantity.

Like the automobile dealers, farm machinery merchants can sell everything they can find—and they have taken orders for delivery for months and months ahead.

When the shooting portion of the war ended last summer, farmers were rather sure that machines could be bought this spring. Due to good farm prices which were in effect all during the war years, they had the money—in cold cash—with which to purchase these machines.

But then as industry attempted to swing from war to peace, converting swords into plowshares, and enabling American agriculture to produce food for a famine-stricken world, serious strikes occurred in some of the outstanding farm machinery plants.

FIRST SILK HOSE SALE IN PALM BEACH

Many barelegged, others wearing rayon stockings or cotton bobby socks, some 75 negroes lined up last Thursday before the opening of a sale of real silk stockings, the OPA fixed ceiling price of \$3.50, more than double that on nylons.

The sale was understood to be the first of genuine silk hose in this country since early war years.

White customers also appeared, including men buying hose for wives or daughters as well as women shoppers, but the great predominance of the early crowd was negro.

Montgomery Ward, which delayed sale of the shipment for three weeks, pending OPA approval of the price which was received Wednesday, said that regular shipments of the hose are expected from now on, with no change in the price expected.

While some of the negroes walked away without making a purchase when they learned the price, others bought the limit of three pairs, while they were numerous sales of two pairs.

Some thirty minutes after the doors opened those in the initial line had been served, but business continued brisk.

The first bananas to arrive in New York were brought from Cuba in 1804.

THE CURRANT AND GOOSEBERRY ARE INJURIOUS TO PINE

The Currant and Gooseberry Industry must be considered in connection with the preservation of our valuable white pine timber. The white pines are a great national asset, essential to forestry development in this country

White pine blister rust threatens to destroy these forests.

This disease is caused by a destructive fungus of foreign origin introduced here between 1898 and 1910. It must first grow on the leaves of currant or gooseberry bushes before it can attack and kill the pines. The pines in an infested area can be protected from further damage from the rust only by removing all currant and gooseberry bushes from the area. Because of the blister rust, the culture of currant and gooseberries is restricted or prohibited in regions where the eastern and western white pines, sugar pine, and other five-needle (white) pines are important.

Cultivated black currants, sometimes called the European or English black currant (Ribes nigrum L.), are more susceptible to white pine blister rust than any other kind of currant or gooseberry. This species is the most active agent concerned in the long-distance spread and establishment of the disease. That is, cultivated black currant plants become heavily infested at great distances from diseased pines, and because of their extreme susceptibility to the rust they establish centers of infection from which the disease spreads rapidly to other kinds of currants, gooseberries, and white pines.

The United States Department of Agriculture recognizes the cultivated black currant as a distinct menace to the white pine timber supply of the country. It is a menace not only to the thousands of farm owners who grow white pine in their wood lots or in their shelter belts and dooryards but also to all citizens, since all use white pine lumber directly or indirectly. The cultivated black currant is so serious a danger to

the production of white pine timber as to make this currant a public nuisance in all States where white (five-needle) pines grow. The Department is opposed to the growing of this species of currant (Ribes nigrum) and recommends that State authorities, nurserymen, and growers take active steps to accomplish its elimination from white pine regions, because of the great importance of the white pines and the relatively small value of the black currants.

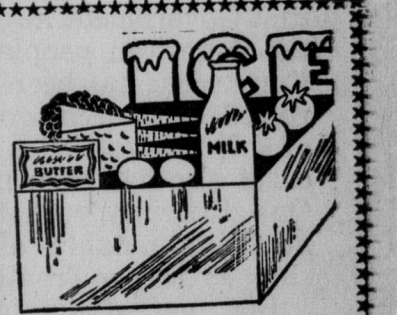
Haynes Adds New Front To Building On Main St.

J. B. Haynes, of Old Fort, who for the past 26 years has been in the evergreen business in Old Fort, recently remodeled his place of business.

A new concrete block front has been added to the structure and is quite an improvement. The office has been made smaller in order to make more room in the packing department. Linoleum has been laid on the office floor and an electric fan installed.

Mr. Haynes started in the evergreen business, mostly with Galax leaves and ferns for funeral wreaths and from cutomers from most every state in the union.

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