

# Old Fort News

## Society

### MISS NINA DAVIS WEDS DAVID SILER

Miss Nina Maxine Davis and David Hunt Siler of Old Fort were married at the parsonage of the Old Fort Baptist church on Sunday, May 18, at nine o'clock. Dr. H. A. Walden, pastor of the church, officiated. The ceremony was witnessed by members of both families and a few intimate friends.

The bride, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geter M. Davis of Old Fort, was dressed in a suit of blue with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Silver of Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Silver were graduated from Old Fort High school on Thursday evening of last week.

After wedding trip they will make their home with the groom's parents for the present.

## Strawberries Moved By Air

RALEIGH, May 21—Prices are remaining fairly steady on North Carolina strawberry markets, according to a report compiled by J. A. Winfield, collaborator of the Federal-State Market News Service, who also reports that daily shipments by air to northern markets have become an established factor this season.

Winfield said that one to two planes leave daily from Washington, each carrying from 150 to 175 crates of berries from the markets at Wallace and Chadbourne. Principal destinations were listed as Providence, R. I., Albany and Syracuse, N. Y. The air shipments are of top grade berries, Winfield added.

### BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY

The Daily Vacation Bible school will begin at the Old Fort Baptist church on Monday, May 26 and continue through Friday.

Mrs. Austin Harris will serve as principal of the school which will begin at nine each morning, closing at twelve.

Mrs. Harris will be assisted by twelve other workers. All children of the town are invited to attend.

### OLD FORT WMU WILL OBSERVE "FAMILY NIGHT"

The organizations of the W. M. U. of the Old Fort Baptist church will observe each third Wednesday evening as Family Night at the church. These services were resumed, beginning last Wednesday evening, according to announcement by the pastor, Dr. H. A. Walden.

## OLD FORT PERSONALS

—George McConnell, president of Maryland Engineering Company of Pikesville, Maryland, has returned to his home after spending a week in Old Fort with his brother Fred McConnell who is manager of Southern Industries here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Jordan of Winston-Salem are spending several weeks at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Jordan at Old Fort.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Gibbs and son, Don, have returned to Old Fort after a ten days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gates Valine at Dixon, Kentucky.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parnelle have returned to their home at Fayetteville after a week's visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wilson at Old Fort.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon of Statesboro, Georgia will arrive on Wednesday for a visit at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Macon at Old Fort.

—Mr. and Mrs. Vann Hughes and daughters, Mary Vann and Nancy, of Old Fort are spending this week on a vacation trip through Florida.

—The Rev. H. Q. Huss and Mrs. Huss and their son, Charles, will leave on Tuesday for a visit with relatives at Durham. They expect to return the latter part of the week.

—Mrs. L. N. Saunders of Charlotte is spending two weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Sabom at Old Fort.

### 'STRAUSS' BARN DANCES

MUNICH, Germany. — Frank Zavazal and his orchestra, specialists in Strauss waltzes and Bavarian classical music, were thrown for a loss when GI patrons of the Burgerbraukeller Club here demanded a barn dance. American Red Cross girls rushed to the rescue, whistled some tunes and offered technical advice to Frank and his boys. Now German musicians play their way lustily through "Pop Goes the Weasel" and "Turkey in the Straw" while GI's promenade and do-si-do.

### Bible

"How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed because they have no pasture! Yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. Oh Lord, to Thee will I cry for the fire hath devoured the pasture of the wilderness and the flame hath burnt all the trees of the field." Book of Joel.

A Toast to North Carolina  
"Here's to the land of the Long-leaf Pine  
The summer land where the sun doth shine  
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great  
Here's to our land, the Old North State."

## Profits Fallacy

By GEORGE S. BENSON  
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Searcy, Arkansas



THE PROFIT incentive is widely misunderstood and maligned. Many folks talk about profits as though they were injurious. These folks indulge in side-glances, as if profits were a vicious imposition upon the people. Profits, to some who are misled or misinformed, have assumed a negative sound. The fallacy is that industry arrives at selling prices by piling onto production costs as much profit as the traffic will bear. This is not the way profits are calculated.

Sales prices on the tags are the prime consideration. In a free competitive market, the price tag is not marked according to preconceived notions of what the profit ought to be. The consumer is king in a free market; the price tag is slave to the demands of a price conscious buying public. This is one game in which the consumer takes the sweepstakes.

Competition YOU AND I manufacture radios. We meet squarely in the market, where mine is priced at \$100 and yours at \$75. If the quality is the same, I must either lower my selling price to compete or give to the customer one-third greater value than you do. The lower the price and the more quality included the better off each of us will be—saleswise. Competition thus regulates the selling price regardless of my costs.

The cycle is just that simple. To keep factories running, the goal of our industries is to make a better product available to a larger number of people through

mass production and lower selling costs. After deducting costs from the customer's price the result may or may not be a profit. When the margin is uncomfortably close, the next logical step will be toward more efficient production.

Consumer EFFICIENCY of operation means to industry the ability to keep down costs of making and selling a product. The object is a favorable position on the open market. This means that factories must be busy constantly taking up the unemployed, supplying products at lower cost to an ever increasing buying public.

Winner of this game is the buying public. Because of the profit incentive and free competition, the public reaps huge dividends in the form of better merchandise at fair prices. To the average citizen of socialistic and totalitarian countries, where I have observed that these things are never duplicated, these simple facts seem an unattainable dream. What American would wish to exchange this system for methods that have never succeeded half so well?

Profit is no parasite feeding on our economic system. Profit is the life blood of the industrial and business enterprises responsible for the highest level of civilization the world has known. Freedom to compete against skill and efficiency by using better skill and more efficiency means a progressive civilization — not a static economy that either withers away or makes spoilage for the spoilers.

## Rail oddities

**TIME TABLE**  
**TRAIN SCHEDULES**

PRIOR TO 1883 HUNDREDS OF CITIES ACROSS THE U.S. WENT BY DIFFERENT "LOCAL" TIMES. THE 4-ZONE SYSTEM OF STANDARD TIME WAS DEVELOPED AND SPONSORED BY THE RAILROADS, AND WAS ADOPTED BY ALL OF THEM AT THE SAME MOMENT — NOON ON NOV. 18, 1883.

RAILROADS CARRIED MORE GRAIN AND GRAIN PRODUCTS DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS THIS YEAR THAN IN ANY CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN HISTORY.

FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS THE ANNUAL RETURN ON THEIR NET INVESTMENT AVERAGED.....31%

IN 1946 IT WAS.....21%

6%? 8%? 10%?

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## Conservation News

By L. B. HAIR

"My farm is producing four times more corn and small grain per acre now than it was ten years ago. In this field, which is just west of my house ten years ago I raised ten bushels of corn per acre. Last year we harvested sixty bushels per acre, an increase of six to one," says M. L. Ledford of Monford Cove Community. Mr. Ledford attributes the increase of his farm to the fact that he has been and is still rotating his crops and turns under a crop of lespedeza or soybeans at regular intervals in this rotation. He not only finds that this increases the yields, but that it makes the soil loose or spongy like; therefore, making it more easy to work and less subject to washing. Mr. Ledford states that he has found that we must feed the soil if the soil is to feed us, as it should.

Jack Ledford of Marion, Route 2, with assistance of the Soil Conservation Service personnel, recently relocated a farm road in the field back of his home. Jack states that by changing the road it gives it a more desirable grade, and too, the road ditch will serve as a terrace in that portion of the field.

### State.

"Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree."  
—Joyce Kilmer.

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## NATURE STUDY

### May Skies

"Stars are the poetry of heaven as flowers are the poetry of earth." "He counteth the number of the stars. He calleth them all by their names." (Ps. 47:4).

The moon each month as it moves around the sky, passes through the same constellations of the Zodiac, that "band" through which the sun, moon and planets move. The "ecliptic", or imaginary line representing the place where the plane of the earth's orbit would intersect the sky if it were an actual sphere, as it appears to be, runs through this "band" (Zodiac with 12 constellations), which is 7 degrees on each side. The sun is always on the "ecliptic" line, and the moon and planets close to it.

Saturn, about twice as bright as Mars, is our most distant naked-eye planet. It is now high in the southwest in Cancer, the Crab, one of the least conspicuous of the constellations of the zodiac-path of the sun, moon and planets.

On June 21, about 2,000 years ago, the sun was in the constellation of Cancer. As the sun shifts its position in declination very slowly at this point in the orbit, causing the length of day and time of sunrise and sunset to change little for two or three weeks, the slow crawling backward motion of a crab was said to typify the slow motion of the sun when in this position, and its change of direction backward toward the equator.

The spectacular winter constellations are in the southwest. Sirius, the dog-star, in Canes Major (Big Dog) is still the most brilliant star. Orion, the War-

rior, with bright Betelgeuse and Rigel, is farther west. Taurus (the Bull) with his ruddy eye (Aldebaran), is directly west. Auriga (the Charioteer) is to the right of Taurus with Capella its brightest star. In the southeast is Virgo (Virgin) with Spica, its brilliant star. A large equal-sided (equilateral) triangle is formed by Spica (white), Arcturus (orange-colored), in Bootes, the Herdsmen (or Bear Driver), in the east early in the evening, and Denebola at the end of the tail of Leo (Lion). Regulus is in the handle of the Sickle, the head of Leo.

The constellations of the zodiac slip all the way round in about 26,000 years, because of the "precession" of the equinoxes, or the slow movement of the skies. When the constellations were named, thousands of years ago, the sun passed the stars in Leo in June. The sun at that time being at its highest for the year, in the mind of the ancient observers there seemed to be a connection between the ferocious lion and the intense heat almost ferocity, of the sun. "The Lion flames. There the Sun's course runs hottest. Empty of grain the arid fields appear

When first the Sun into the Lion enters."

Aratus, Greek Poet, 2nd Century, B.C.

The Egyptians used the figure of the head of a lion on the gates of the irrigation canals of the Nile. (Our modern fountains have streams of water pouring from the lions jaws, doubtless originating for the same idea.) As the sun passed through Leo the latter part of July, the Nile overflowed. To escape the intense heat the lions from the desert prowled through the Nile valley.

Jupiter, eight times brighter than Saturn, is southeast, in Libra (the Scales). Draco (Dragon), long and snaky, winds like a coil

of silver cord around the Little Dipper or Ursa Minor (Little Bear), and between it and the Big Dipper, or Ursa Major (Big Bear), swinging high in the northeast. A very brilliant star, Vega, in Lyra (Lyre) is in the northeast. In the northwest, Perseus (Champion) holds by her snaky hair the head of Medusa, represented by a very famous eclipsing variable star, Algol, which fades in brilliance every 2 days, 21 hours, as a darker companion passes in front, and partially eclipses it. Algol, called the "Winking Demon" because it grows dim, brightens, and in a few hours is again as bright as before.

"One star differeth from another star in glory." (1 Cor. 15:51).

### SOCIAL SECURITY FOR VETS

Are you employed in a mill, factory, office, store, bank, garage, hotel, beauty parlor, or in any capacity in industry or business? If so your employment is covered by the Social Security Act and you need a Social Security account number card. Have you applied

and received your card? Have you given your number to your present employer?

You may ask, "What's the meaning of a Social Security number and why is it so important that I be shown to my employer?" The answer is that it is something to identify your insurance account—something to keep your account from getting mixed up with someone else's of the same name. And it's of the greatest importance to you to keep your account straight because the benefits you or your family will get depend on the wages recorded in your account.

If you are a worker, you are building insurance protection and should TELL YOUR FAMILY.

1. That you have a Social Security card, and where it is;

2. That in case of your death they should write to the Social Security Administration, 203 Flatiron Building, Asheville, N. C.

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