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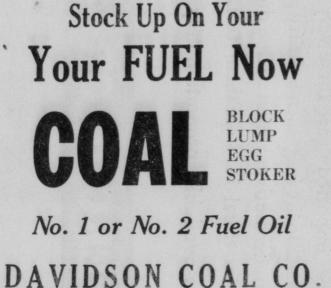
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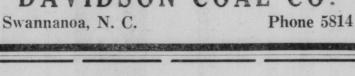
MSGR. DOLAN HERE

of St. Benedict's church in Greens- Gregg Crook, and Mrs. R. W. Kilboro, was in the community last lough of Matthews, N. C. were reweek visiting friends. The Mon- cent guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. signor was pastor of St. Marga- Burnette. ret Mary's church in Swannanoa several years ago.

News Deadline - 4 p. m. Tuesday with relatives

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Killough and children Judy, Billy, and Nancy from Greensboro, N C., Miss Gladys Dean and Gilbert Monsignor Hugh Dolan, pastor Clevern Killough, Mr. and Mrs.



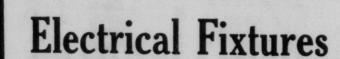


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# Letters To The Editor

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Dear Editor;

I have read the recent articles in your paper concerning the fatal shooting of "Blackie". It is a de--Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avena plorable thing when innocent ani-of Miami, Fla., are visiting here mals have to suffer for no reason other than the heartless feelings of some people. We can very truly call a dog man's best friend, but we often wonder if man can ever be called any sort of a friend to a dog. One can hardly believe such heartless people do live until an experience such as my two small children and myself had not so long ago.

On the first day of July of this summer we were walking on a country road just out of the city limits and had the children's pet dog with us. The dog has been a most unusual watch dog and protector for the children in our neighborhood.

For six years he has guarded them and played with them and shared their joys and sorrows. He is a most valuable dog where children are concerned. But as "Blackie" was not'suspicious of the danger of innocent looking human beings, neither was "Butch"

As we calmly walked by a house a mother insisted that her 14year-old child shoot "Butch" with 22-rifle. When asked why such a deplorable thing was done, she very calmly stated the fact that they intended to kill every dog passing there. So you see we must have some protection for animals if we hope to spare their being killed without reason.

Yes, the bullet did go through his body. He suffered plenty and was given every bit of care we could give him. The children even included him in their prayers. They have a love for Butch that is almost equal to his love for them. He didn't die and they are so happy he is able to play with them again. Yes, the children saw him shot. Saw the holes through him. The blood wasn't easy to look at. But I think his living has kept their faith in people and God more strongly. May there never be another child in our community have such an experience. It isn't good for the child and I honestly hope that that mother never has to hear her child cry and pray for a pet to live as mine did.

Mrs R. W. Franklin

# **Old Fort News**

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Noblitt of Statesville have announced the birth of a son, John Hawkins, on June 18. Dr. Noblitt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Noblitt of Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mauney and children of Tulsa, Okla., arrived on Monday for a visit at the home of Mr. Mauney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Mauney at Old Fort.

VIRGINIA VISITORS

Evelyn, of Portsmouth, Va., were here to spend the week end with here to spend the week end with Mon treat spent the week end with Mon his sister, Mrs. W. H. Lindsey. On treat spent the week end with M Sunday Mr. and Chet Sobol and and Mrs. W. A. Allison and Elain

sons, Tommy and Woody joined S. J. Godfrey and his daughter, the group on a trip to the Sm

-Miss Sadie Brandon from M



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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson and children, Janie and Walter, Jr., have returned to their home at Columbia, S. C., after a visit at the home of Mrs. Janie Reid at Old Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hendley have purchased the T. L. Nichols home on Catawba Avenue in Old Fort and will move to their new residence around the first of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dennis and daughters, Irma Lee and Betty Joyce, have returned to Old Fort after a week's vacation on the east coast of Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell V. Trexler whose wedding was a recent event in Old Fort, have returned from their honeymoon and are occupying one of the Robinson apartments on Mauney avenue.

#### VISIT GARLANDS

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Mrs. Thomas Lay and son, Tommy, of Bartow, Fla., are visiting with their relatives, the Garlands. Mr. Lay will join them in August for a short visit here.

RETURNS TO NEW YORK Dr. R. E. Rabb has returned to N. Y. after spending some time with his brother, Dr. F.K. Rabb.



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