

Old Fort News Letter

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Mrs. Williams Is Honored.
The family of Mrs. Nora Williams honored the occasion of her 76th birthday which will fall on the 4th of July with a picnic dinner on Sunday near Dyraville. Her two sons, Clarence of Old Fort, and Melvin of Nebo and their families were present. Those attending from Old Fort were Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ramsey and children, Susan, Mike and Nancy; and Mr. and Mrs. George Grindstaff and children, Richard and Ray. Rev. and Mrs. James Allred of Lawndale also attended. Mrs. Allred was the former Evelyn Williams.
It's Gertrude's Move!
Playing Chinese checkers with Gertrude is quite an experience. She can hardly wait for her turn to move the marbles, and sometimes doesn't. She's as nervous as a cat—in fact, she is a cat. She belongs to 12 year old David Reynolds, and when he gets out the Chinese checker board for a game with anyone, Gertrude is ready to play, too. She watches the board intently, and when David moves a marble, she moves one by pawing it from one hole to another. Maybe she doesn't play the game according to the rules—just any old hole will do—but it's the spirit of the thing.
Gertrude is just a tabby cat (but not an ordinary one) that David raised from a kitten, but she has personality and charm and can play a mean game of checkers and money couldn't buy her from David.

"The Gleaners' Picnic."
Inclement weather caused the "Gleaners' Sunday School class of the Baptist church to hold their picnic in the recreation rooms of the church on last Wednesday evening. They had planned to have it at the roadside picnic grounds. The affair was well attended, and was enjoyed in spite of its having been held indoors.
Mrs. Mary Louise Hughes is teacher and Mrs. Ruby Swann is president of the group.
Decoration Day.
Decoration Day was held on Sunday at the cemetery on Curtis Creek, and people came from all over Western North Carolina to honor their dead and decorate the graves. It was also a time of reunion with kinsmen and friends. Families whose members had not seen each other for a year, and perhaps longer met again.
Those attending reported the graves were beautifully decorated, and that a large group was present.
Garden Club Entertains Spouses.
Members of the "Hoe and Hope

Garden Club" again entertained their husbands with one of their sumptuous dinners. This time steak was featured on the menu. The dinner was held on Wednesday evening at the Masonic hall.
The Rev. Lloyd Camp and Mrs. Camp of Kentucky are conducting a revival this week at the Moffitt Hill Baptist church. The Rev. Camp is the son of Mrs. Allie Camp of Old Fort.
North Carolina Minerals Museum. Everyone interested in minerals should make a trip to the new North Carolina Minerals Museum in Mitchell county. It was dedicated recently by Governor Hodges and presented by him for the State to the National Park Service.
The building is magnificently constructed of gray sandstone from the Grandfather's Mountain. At first glance, it might be mistaken for a fine country home. The grounds are landscaped so that they blend into the surrounding mountains, and the drives and parking lots are paved and curbed.
Near the front entrance of the museum is a monument constructed of blocks of the same sandstone which bears a bronze plaque telling of the American troops way to engage the British at what was to become the famous battle of Kings Mountain.
Inside the building, arranged in glass cases around the walls of the large exhibition room are mineral specimens and examples of products that are made from them. The minerals came from all over the State, but most of them are from the Spruce Pine area.
Ladies, especially, will appreciate the display of exquisite gem stones, cut, and in their natural state, mounted and unmounted. There are emeralds, rubies, zircons, hiddenite, sapphires, garnets, turquoise, amethysts and other semi-precious stones. A most attractive bracelet catches the eye. It is fashioned from ovals of spar of delicate colors, highly polished and set in silver. One huge cut quartz crystal weighs 77 carats.
There will be more minerals exhibited as the collection grows. Collectors have donated some of their most choice specimens, but a lot of them are "permanently loaned" because their owners could not bring themselves to sell them, nor bear to part with them. The ladies' and men's lounges are modern and well appointed with every convenience, and the doors open upon the outside of the building on a covered porch. Drinking fountains of pure mountain water are conveniently located on the grounds.
It has been suggested that it would be a real service to people of WNC and the state at large, if a competent geologist with a knowledge of chemistry to make quantitative and qualitative analysis of mineral specimens could be maintained in conjunction with the museum. "Rock hounds" are more numerous than one would imagine, and the hobby is growing by leaps and bounds since strategic materials are in demand. There are over 20 such minerals that have already been located here.

Personals.
Corporal J. B. Manley of Ft. Chaffee, Ark., is visiting friends and relatives in Old Fort. Corporal Manley has been in the army 12 years and expects to stay 8 more to round out 20.
M. G. Turner was a visitor in Charlotte on Monday.
Clifford Hendley is seriously ill at his home here.
M. E. Harding, brother of Mrs. Ardell Devinney of LaGrange, is slowly regaining his health. He has been seriously ill.
Gordon Ricketts has been added to the Old Fort police department.
Mr. and Mrs. Vann Hughes and daughters, Mary Vann and Nancy have returned from Myrtle Beach where they spent several days last week.
Mrs. W. S. Burgin and Mrs. Max Hunt were guests at the home of Mrs. Hunt's sister, Mrs. Bill Young in Hendersonville on Friday.
Friends of Mrs. R. E. Cloy are glad to see her in town again. She recently underwent major surgery at an Asheville hospital.
Miss Jo Hogan has accepted a position with the Cut Rate Furniture store as bookkeeper.
C. of C. Needs New Members.
The Old Fort Chamber of Commerce is putting on a drive to acquire new members. A recent industrial survey compiled by the Chamber and sent to the Department of Conservation and Development was said by their representatives to be the best one of its kind ever received by the department from a town or city of any size.
The Department asked for several more of the brochures for use in trying to secure new industries for this region.

Corporal Jack L. Creasman.
Corporal Jack L. Creasman, 19, son of Lloyd W. Creasman, Route 1, Old Fort, recently was graduated from the 25th Infantry Division Non-commissioned Officer Academy in Hawaii.
At the academy he studied administrative procedure, leadership and the latest military techniques. Corporal Creasman, member of Company H of the 25th Division's 27th Regiment, entered

BROAD RIVER

By Mrs. M. M. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. McKaskel and daughter Juanita, Mrs. Jerrald Orel and Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Elliott of Upper Cedar Creek were supper guests of Rev. and Mrs. Millard Hall in Marion last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hall of this section celebrated their golden wedding last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hall received many beautiful and useful gifts and a delicious picnic dinner was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Pressley Ownbey and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gilliam and daughter Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Rector Ledbetter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owenbey and son, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Summey and children, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Dotson and daughter Anne, Miss Francis Marlowe, Mrs. Luther Ledbetter, and Vellie Conner, all of Broad River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson and Mark of Sterling, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huskey and Gale of Mooresboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hendrix of Spartanburg, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Chatman of Spindale, Mrs. T. P. Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Farris of Shelby, Mrs. J. T. Bland of Spindale, Mr. and Mrs. Thad Hudgins and family of Mooresboro, Mrs. U. S. Williams, Mrs. Edna Pope and children, Mrs. Nita King and children of Georgetown, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dalton of Chimney Rock, Misses Winnie Dalton and Ida Hudgins of Cat Cave, Rev. and Mrs. Wade Huntley of Hendersonville, and Mr. and Mrs. Hall's children, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Frady, their daughter, Mrs. Jeanet Wilson and son Randy, Clarence and Mike Conner of Lake Lure, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Freezman and Jo Ann of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hill and children of Black Mountain, Mrs. John Bowman and sons Johnny and Jimmy of Cincinnati, Ohio, Roy and Clinton Hall of the home.

Miss Margie Marlowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marlowe of Flat Creek, and Leonard Plemons, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Plemons of Broad River, were married June 17 in South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Plemons left immediately after their marriage for Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Plemons will be in school.

We had as guests at Stone Mountain Sunday school last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Prince and daughter Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith and son Frederick of Chesnee, S. C. Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Smith are daughters of William Gilbert who was born and reared in this section. Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Smith's mother is Hester (Grant) Gilbert, daughter of the well known late Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Grant of Lower Cedar Creek.

Our son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elliott of East Marion visited us last Sunday afternoon. The revival meeting closed at Stone Mountain last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Ownbey and daughters, Alice and Edna, visited Rev. Mr. Howell of Black Mountain who is a patient in Mission hospital last Sunday afternoon.

M. M. Elliott, who has been in poor health for some years, has been very sick for the last week.

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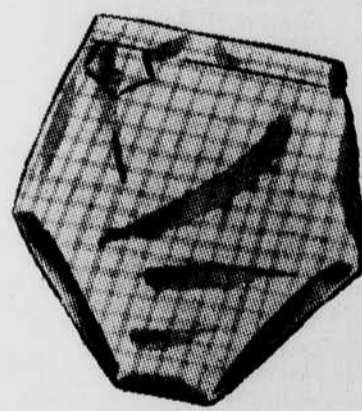
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office and library for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons North Carolina is to be on a 5-acre site near the intersection of U. S. Highways 70 and 15-A North. The amount of the award of the building was made today by Mrs. N. Sherrod, Enfield, chairman of the building committee. The Grand Lodge is contractor Thompson Company, general contractor, Raleigh, is contractor of the work. The amount of the contract was \$250,000.00. The building was designed by Leslie C. Dr. Charles H. Pugh, is Grand Master of Masonry North Carolina, and will be located on Grand Lodge property of the Grand Lodge.

MEAT ROAST GIVEN FOR JERRY STAFFORD

Mrs. Glenn Stafford gave a meat roast last Thursday at the Old Fort picnic grounds in honor of her son Jerry who was celebrating his sixteenth birthday. Those attending were: Carolyn, Linda Honeycutt, Dorma, Carol Stafford, Elaine, Gwendlyn McFee, Diane, Marie Halford, Brenda, Jimmie Morrow, Dannie, Andy Stafford, Ronald, Sonny Slagle, Ashley, Richard Simmons, Jackie, and Mrs. Charles Stafford, Miss Betty Stafford, Mrs. W. E. Harud of Asheville and aunt of the honoree.

FOR SUMMER
Andrew Pickering, who teaches at Muskingum College, Ill., is spending the summer at the home in Last Resort.

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