

Old Fort News Letter

Mrs. Hensley is 82.
Mrs. Ellis Williams was hostess on Sunday, April 22 at a birthday dinner for Mrs. W. S. Hensley who celebrated her 82nd birthday anniversary that day. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hensley, Mrs. A. C. Tate, Mrs. W. S. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Marlowe and Mrs. C. V. Smith and daughter, Abigail of Tallahassee, Fla.

Police Chief Ill.
Old Fort's Police Chief Bill



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 1955

Cash balance as shown on last report	\$30,143.68
Total assessments collected	8,279.00
Membership fees collected	35.75
Interest earned on time deposits and bonds	698.00
Total amount to be accounted for	\$39,156.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage	\$0.00
Printing	57.06
Collection commissions	747.57
Salaries and office expense	900.00
Agents commissions	35.75
Taxes	203.60
Premium on Secy. bond	65.11
Total expense	\$1,915.09
Death Benefits Paid	\$4,750.00
Total disbursements	\$6,665.09

ASSETS

Cash and U. S. Govt. Bonds	\$32,317.34
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LIABILITIES

Advance Assessments on hand	1,019.10
Surplus	31,298.24
Total	\$32,317.34

Verify that the above information is true and correct to the personal knowledge of the undersigned.

Ray R. Harrison, Secy.-Treas.

Autrey has been quite ill at his home here. He was reported to have contracted pneumonia from having become wet and chilled at the scene of a wreck on New 70 highway last Sunday night. An automobile was found overturned with the radio going, and articles of feminine apparel scattered about, but no one near it.

Officers spent several hours searching the area, part of which was wooded before they were informed that two young women occupants of the vehicle had been taken by a passing motorist to Black Mountain, where they lived.

Sam Moore of Montford Cove has been substituting for Chief Autrey as city policeman.

Opereita To Be Given
The public is invited to attend an opereita entitled "The Farmer In The Dell" Friday evening, April 27, at 7:30 in the Old Fort school auditorium. Members of the elementary department through the 4th grade will take part.

The district conference of the Methodist church held on last Wednesday was attended by several members from Old Fort. The Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Kennedy, the Rev. Kelly C. Brendle, pastor of the Old Fort Methodist church immediately after the morning services. The bride wore a light gray suit with white accessories, and an orchid corsage.

After the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip to Washington, D. C. Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Old Fort High school and Pack Square Beauty school. She has been employed at Ivy's Dept. store in Asheville for a year.

Mr. Davis, a graduate of Old Fort High school, is employed by Capitol Airlines, and has been working in Washington, D. C., but is being transferred to Atlanta, Ga., where they will make their home.

Mrs. Williams Elected.
Mrs. Walter Williams was elected vice-chairman of the McDowell County Red Cross chapter at its annual meeting. Members of the board from Old Fort now serving are Harry Cosgrove of United Knitting Mills, B. G. Byron of Old Fort Finishing Co., and Mrs. Kimball Miller. Mr. Byron was reading at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carver have purchased and moved into the attractive new home recently constructed and owned by Gibbs Construction company in the West Fort subdivision of town.

Mrs. C. V. Smith, the former Miss Edith Tate, and daughter, Abigail of Tallahassee, Fla., were visitors here for several days last week at the home of Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. G. C. Tate, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hensley.

Mrs. W. S. Burgin and Mrs. Mae Turner accompanied Jack Marston and Grant Hunt to Washington, D. C., for several days' visit. The two ladies will be guests of the Charles Turner family while there.

Mrs. H. M. Champion, Mrs. Bess Nash, and Miss Jean Nash of Rutherfordton were Sunday guests of the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sherrill have had as recent guests Mrs. Eugene Sherrill and son Jeffery of Atlantic, and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Ward of Vero Beach, Fla.

Mrs. D. W. Adams, Sr., who has been a patient at Memorial Mission hospital in Asheville has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Harry Clontz was also a patient at Memorial Mission. She returned to her home, RFD No. 1, Old Fort, on Sunday.

Henry Ragle, well known citizen of Western N. C., has been ill at his home at Ragle hotel in Old Fort.

R. L. Laughridge who has been receiving treatment at a hospital in Columbia, S. C., for the past two months is back at his home on Spring street, and at his shoe repair shop on Main st.

The substitute policeman in town has the pennies plunking in the parking meters. He seems to materialize out of the "no-where" shortly after the delinquent parker has left his car.

The ceremony at the Tate-El- liott wedding was recorded on tape. Little Abigail Smith, cousin of the groom, eluded her mother and walked up the aisle saying in a firm voice which registered clearly "I'm going up here and watch the man light the candles."

Abigail was captured before she got very far, but her spontaneous remark adds charm to the taped record.

One citizen of our town sports a pink complexion when he is reminded that he was cited for a traffic violation recently—the very same one for which he had given his son a stern lecture a few weeks previously.

Quite a few employees of Old Fort Finishing company have been laid off from work. It is reported that the curtailment was necessary while the company connected, at least in part, to the finishing of cotton material.

NOTE, CORRECTION
An item in last week's issue of the News should have read: "The premiere of 'Prairie Boy' a symphonic poem by Edwin M. Hoffman will be given next season by 'Town and Gown' Symphony, Sioux Falls, So. Dak."

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MRS. CRAWFORD GIVEN SPECIAL CPAL AWARD

Mrs. Clara L. Crawford, chair of the Community Safety Program, has been awarded a special citation from the Carolina Power and Light company in Raleigh which reads as follows: "Special Citation awarded to Clara L. Crawford for outstanding contribution to the program designed to make Black Mountain Carolina's Finest."

Mrs. Crawford was chairman of the Community Safety Program in Black Mountain and this program was adopted by the town as a Carolina Power and Light company's Annual Report for 1955, a beautifully illustrated slick magazine, a picture of the original Black Mountain Safety Council meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Woodcock, is used.

The picture was made by the public relations of Shell Oil company when Black Mountain placed third in the Carol Lane Safety contest.

Mrs. Crawford received special letters of commendation from Mrs. Vivian Bushong, director of the Carolina Power and Light company in Raleigh.

SHOPE CREEK

By Mrs. Thelma Buckner Rt. 2 - Asheville, N. C.

The W.M.S. of Berea Baptist church met at the church on Wednesday night, April 18 for the regular monthly meeting. The program from the Royal Service magazine was a very interesting one on "Direct Evangelism." Mrs. H. C. Creasman was in charge of the program and also gave the devotional. Others taking part were Mrs. Henry Ingle Mrs. J. Carter, Mrs. Bertha Nichols, Mrs. A. D. Smith, and Mrs. Albert Gilliam.

Mrs. E. V. Crist Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Crist Jr., and sons, Jim and Teddy of Groveport, motored along the Parkway Sunday afternoon, going through Waynesville along Wagon Road Gap to Pisgah, returning via Hendersonville and Brevard. All enjoyed the changing scenery and the beauty of the blooming fruit trees along the way.

James Fuller made a trip to Bryson City on Friday and erected a monument to his father's grave. Mrs. Clyde Whitaker entered St. Joseph's hospital Monday evening for surgery. We hope for her a complete and speedy recovery. She is the former Miss Elizabeth Ingle.

I boarded with her folks during my employment at Beacon Mfg Co. I shall ever esteem their wonderful hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingle Jr. attended a surprise birthday party on Friday night, April 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Crist, Jr. honoring Mr. Crist's mother. She received several nice gifts. A lovely birthday cake was cut and served with coffee.

We regret to learn of the misfortune of Mrs. Frank Porter of Boise, Idaho. She is in the hospital with a broken hip. She is a former resident of Shope Creek and is widely known here.

Billy and Marvin Fuller, young sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Fuller, were taken to the dentist on Saturday, each having a tooth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Vess have 3000 baby chicks. They marketed almost that many fliers last week.

Ronnie and Cathy King spent the week end in Biltmore with Mr. and Mrs. Roy King and sons, David and Tucker.

Brothers and sisters of James Fuller and their families met at his home at Singing Water for a picnic dinner. There were 10 present.

MRS. EDWARD LEDFORD HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mrs. Edward Ledford of Swannanoa was honored with a stork shower in the home of Mrs. Jack Gilbert, Black Mountain, on Wednesday, April 18. A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the flower arrangements and other decorations. During the evening games and contests were enjoyed.

Refreshments were served to the following guests by the hostess, Mrs. Arthur Morehead, Mrs. Barber Penley, Mrs. R. C. McClure Jr., Mrs. Freddie Sawyer, Mrs. Al Wheatley, Mrs. Gene McFalls, Miss Ann Stevenson, Miss Genevieve Slagle, and the honorée.

HOME FROM FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Sawyer have returned from a seven weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Tamm in Coral Gables, Fla. During their stay Mr. Sawyer built a Florida room to the Tamm's home. Easter they all attended the sunrise service in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

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BEE TREE NEWS

By Mrs. C. M. Howie
As everyone knows, we have had some very cold weather for the past week. Seems that we are now having March weather during April. We have had plenty of frost and ice up Longs Branch for this past few days. We also had quite a bit of snow last Monday afternoon.

C. M. Howie and Monroe visited Cousin Alice Walker in McDowell county last Monday afternoon. She has been confined to her bed practically ever since Christmas. Mrs. Jeanette Howie of Longs Branch has been past week. Dr. H. R. Miller came to see her Friday afternoon. She had quite a bit of fever and he told her to stay in bed until the fever abated.

Visiting her this past week were Aunt Ida Morgan and Mrs. Kibby, Mr. and Mrs. Hitt and Diane and Mrs. McNealey, all of Longs Branch. They visited her Sunday and prepared dinner and cared for the baby. Jeanette is better at the time of this writing. This report was very sick all day Sunday but is a little better now.

Tommie Wilson, who has been in the hospital for the past three weeks, is still hospitalized and is in a very serious condition, it is reported.

Mrs. Effie Sawyer, wife of H. E. Sawyers of Old Black Mountain highway, has been very sick for the past two weeks and is in an Asheville hospital.

Miss Margaret Sawyers, student nurse at Mission hospital, and daughter of J. B. Sawyers of Sawyers Dairy, Bee Tree road, was awarded her cap week before last and given a vacation. She visited her sister, Miss Betty Sawyers, at High Point and also her father, J. B. and brothers of Bee Tree road.

Visiting Miss Wynona Howie were Miss Carolyn Adams and Miss Frances Banks of Bee Tree road.

Calvin Pruitt, son of Mrs. Audrey Pruitt of Bee Tree road has

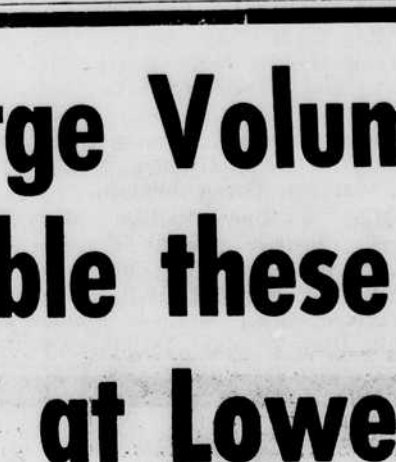
past two weeks. The Rev. Farham and family were dinner guests of the H. G. Morgans Sunday. A revival will start at the Bee Tree Baptist church Monday night, April 23. Everyone is invited to attend.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brooks over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Tove and daughter of Burnsville. They also visited at the Baptist church Sunday night. Other visitors at the church were the Gaddys of West Ashe-

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