

# OLD FORT NEWS

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**Carnival Is Success**  
In spite of a murky drizzly evening, the 1956 PTA Halloween Carnival has been pronounced a successful success by all who attended.

The dinner served in the school cafeteria was delicious. So many people attended that the turkey gave out, but everyone looked content. Mrs. Maxine Silver, school nutrition and lunch room manager, and her assistants, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Setzer, Mrs. Hogan, Mrs. Yes, and Mrs. Robinson did a magnificent job of serving the meals with efficiency and dispatch. Thad Bryson and Gene Lytle helped in the kitchen. Miss Barbara Martin saw that the diners were seated and that the tables were kept clear. Mrs. Kermit Marston, Miss Millie Kanipe, and Mrs. Irma Curtis presided at the dessert table and sold delicious pie and cake. Ralph Gibbs delivered dinners to ticket holders who were unable to attend.

Mrs. J. T. Baker, Jr., Mrs. R. V. McDaniel, Mrs. Clifford Johnson, and Mrs. Roy Early were jokingly called the "hot dog and hamburger committee." They did a rushing business.

Much credit should go to Donald Anderson and the agriculture boys who constructed the booths in the gym, and to Mrs. Louise Hanley and the home economics girls who decorated them so attractively.

Mrs. Midge Hogan spent hours bundling up the best workers she could find. She also made the "Pocket Lady" a skirt from cloth donated by Old Fort Finishing company. Mrs. Joe Nesbitt was the lady who willingly let her pocket be picked for a ticket.

Ticket girls at the main booth were Mrs. Joe Tate, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Rose Richardson, Mrs. George Grindstaff, Mrs. Buddy Dan Noblitt acted as announcer in the gym and called the square dances. Music was furnished for dancing by Buford Reece, Clifford Johnson, and Grady Lavendar. Those who did such a wonderful job in the booths were: Mrs. Jack Allen, Robert Wilson, Mrs. Garb Stutz, Mr. Trull, Britt Hogan, George Early, Mrs. Ralph Nodine,

Mr. and Mrs. Paul English, Dr. Snyder, Kimball Miller, Mrs. Paul Simmons, Thurman Padgham, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindley, Mrs. Jewell Church, and Home Ec. girls; Mrs. Terry Thorpe.

Everette Richardson, Brooks Lytle, Hobart Willis, Vernon McBurn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Washburn, Mrs. Everett Richardson dispensed cold drinks. Harry Cosgrove and Ab. Shiflett scraped ice and sold cones of fruit flavored ice to the happy kids.

Mrs. Bula Nichols was responsible for the many attractive posters advertising the carnival. Mrs. Wilfred McCauley had the responsible job of ticket distribution.

She is too modest to take the credit, but Mrs. Buford Reece, chairman of the budget and finance committee of the PTA, bore the burden of the master plan for the entire carnival. It was she who saw that the efforts of all were co-ordinated. Members of her committee who assisted her ably were school superintendent P. W. Greer, Clarence Chrisawn, W. B. Early, PTA president, and Van Hughes, membership chairman.

The stage show in the auditorium has been saved for special mention at the last. It was a production in itself. Mrs. Lenore Padgham, in her usual competent manner, rounded up talent that would have done credit to a much larger community.

PTA President Bill Early made a very amiable and sparkling master of ceremonies. He gave a brief speech of welcome and conducted the crowning of the Halloween king, queen, prince and princesses. They were Joe Litaker, king; Norma Calloway, queen; Locke Kelly, prince; Pat Evans, princess. Mrs. Helen Shiflett deserves credit for the smoothness of the coronation ceremony, and for their costumes.

Following the coronation and costume judging by Miss Earline Keaton a program of local talent which was as varied as it was just plain good. The "Starlight Trio" composed of three of our most beautiful young women, Shirley White, Alene Gibbs and Johnnie Gibbs, dressed in evening gowns, sang three numbers. Helen Cosgrove and Emmetta Shirewalt did graceful ballet numbers, the Ebenezer quartet sang a hymn, and one good number after another was presented. Paul English, faculty member, brought the other three members of the Liberty quartet from Spruce Pine, and they sang several spirituals which were greatly enjoyed. Margaret Hensley had the joint jumping with a boogie number on the piano. The "Melodiers" Lenor White, Lenore Padgham, and Doris Guthrie, dressed in trim jeans and checked

shirts, sang several favorite songs in their usual charming manner. They were accompanied by Buford Reece, Clifford Johnson, and Grady Lavendar, who made it sound even better.

The girls all shrieked appropriately when "Elvis Presley" (or son of Margaret Henley) sang at his feet taking it all in. As "Elvis" finished his lament, a fascinating girl (?) leaped over the footlights, and flung herself at him.

There were other fine performers on the program who made it was.

Mrs. Charles Stirewalt sold tickets for the show. Ace Creamman and Cecil Gilkey sold PTA memberships.

**Junior Woman's Club**  
The Old Fort Junior Woman's club held its monthly meeting at the Eastern Star hall Monday night, Oct. 22. Mrs. Harry Cosgrove, president, presented the budget for the new year. Some of the items included were \$54.00 for lunches for three underprivileged children at Old Fort school; \$30.00 for prizes for parties at the Veteran's hospital, and \$25 to help Arrowhead Booster club to help pay for lighting the football field. Donations are also planned to the Children's Home society, the Carswell Training school, and the Ten Penny Art fund.

Mrs. Gerald Snyder, chairman of the ways and means committee, discussed plans for the birthday calendar and for outfitting a doll to be given away in December.

New yearbooks were distributed by Mrs. Thurman Padgham. Mrs. Randy Hogan reported on the success of the Teen Canteen project. Plans for a Christmas party at the Veteran's hospital were discussed.

Mrs. Gerald Snyder presented a filmstrip on the importance of voting in the coming November election.

Mrs. Everette Knupp, chairman of the Clothing Closet, announced plans to conduct a drive to collect clothing for underprivileged children at Old Fort school. Anyone having clothing that will fit children in grades 1-6 is asked to contact either Mrs. Knupp or Mrs. A. C. Hogan and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

**Installs Officers**  
The Old Fort Chapter of the American Business clubs held its installation banquet Tuesday evening, Oct. 23 at the Lake Tahoma Steak House. Members, their wives, and invited guests were present.

John D. Pruitt, 2nd district governor, installed the officers for the new year. They are: L. Caplan, Jr., pres.; Clifford G. Jones, vice-pres.; and Dan Early, secretary.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Pruitt of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cagle of Asheville; Mr. Cagle is a past national president; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nichols of Old Fort. After a delicious dinner served smorgasboard style and the installation of officers, dancing was enjoyed by the group.

**Post Office News**  
Postmaster W. B. Early has announced that the service windows at the Old Fort post office will close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Nov. 3. The office also closes at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Just before Christmas the windows will remain open to handle the holiday mail.

**Greer Named Chairman**  
Canvassing for contributions and pledges to the annual McDowell County United Fund has begun. The drive covers 20 health, welfare, and charity enterprises.

Penn Hunter, former Old Fort resident, is campaign chairman. P. W. Greer is fund chairman for Old Fort.

**Mrs. Swann Hostess**  
Mrs. Lessie Swann was hostess to the Old Fort Home Demonstration club Thursday afternoon at her home.

Fourteen members attended. After a business and social hour the hostess served refreshments of Japanese fruit cake, salad, and coffee.

**Birthdays Honored**  
Mrs. Lessie Swann honored her son Carl on his birthday anniversary a week ago with a dinner at her home in Old Fort. Guests were Mrs. Swann's daughter, Mrs. Dillon Ricks, Mrs. Port Leabetter, and daughter Kay, Miss Susannie Ricks, Jimmy Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Gaden Swann, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swann of Hot Springs.

This past Sunday, Carl invited his mother to Hot Springs for a birthday dinner in her honor. Her children and grandchildren made the trip with her.

Miss Mary Anne Early spent the week-end at Chapel Hill. She attended the Wake Forest-Carolina game.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allison and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Allison drove on the Parkway to the Virginia state line.

Nancy Hughes of Campbell college spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Hughes. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Teague took her back to school on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hill of Asheville were Saturday and Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Naomi Quinn.

Miss Jeanne Silver daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Silver, has gone to Atlanta, Ga., where she has accepted a position. Miss Silver has recently been employed as a cashier at the Old Fort Super Market.

Little Billy Snyder has been confined to his bed with pneumonia for several days.

Ralph McCauley and his brother Grady McCauley and Mr. mother, Mrs. John White and Mr. White.

H. J. Rockett is able to come down to his place of business, Rockett Motors, each day now.

Mr. and Mrs. George Flinn and children were week-end visitors in Greensboro where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Flintom's parents.

Miss Salley Finley who has been a patient at a hospital in Asheville has been at home for a few weeks and is feeling much better.

Mrs. Gaden Swann has returned from Macon, Ga., where she visited her mother, Mrs. Helton, who is ill.

**Births**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Pilkey, Old Fort RFD No. 1, a daughter, October 21 at Marion General hospital.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hannah, RFD No. 1, Oct. 19 at Marion General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ray have a son born at the hospital Oct. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nail also have a son born Oct. 16 at the hospital.

**Rotary Ladies Night**  
Members of the Old Fort Rotary club honored their "Ladies" with a dinner Thursday, Oct. 25, in the Pine Room at the Lake Tahoma Steak House. A program of entertainment was presented. Bill Ramsey was chairman of arrangements.

**Old Fort Wins Homecoming Game**  
Old Fort High football team won over Hot Springs 40-0 to clinch this school's first homecoming celebration.

Festivities started with a motorcade parade at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The cars containing the Queen and attendants, football team and other students had a fine time driving up one street and down another with horns at full blast.

At half time Miss Ginger Crawford was crowned Old Fort first homecoming Queen by County Supt. Melvin Taylor. After the game an informal reception was given in the lunch room in honor of the Queen and her attendants and the teams. About 150 enjoyed the occasion.

This makes the 3rd win of the season for Old Fort and the last home game. Next Friday Old Fort will play Drexel on their field.

**Melodiers To Entertain**  
The melodiers, well known musical group from Old Fort, will arrange a musical program for the entertainment of the Safety convention of the PTA, Industry which will be held in Shelby on Thursday of this week.

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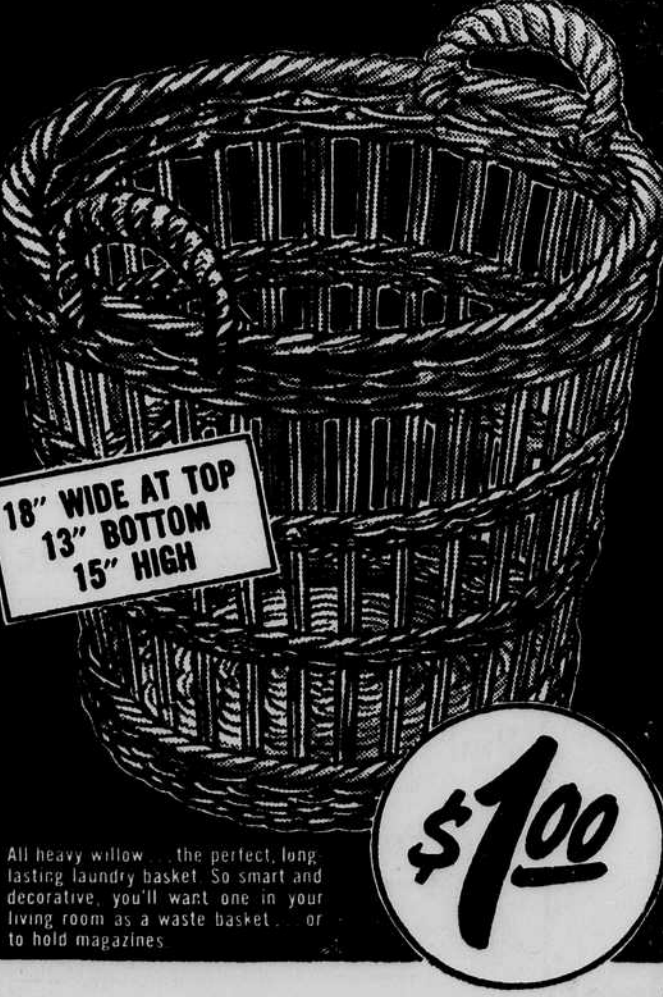
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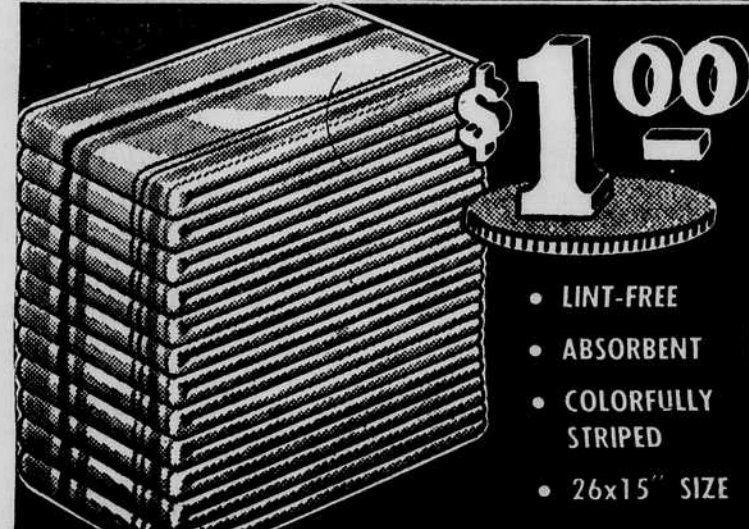
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