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VOTE ON ROAD BONDS

Citizens of Fort Mill Township to Determine \$75,000 Issue.

A special meeting of the board of commissioners of York county will be held in York tomorrow to order an election in Fort Mill township upon the proposition which has recently been agitated for the township to issue \$75,000 in 20 year, 6 per cent bonds for road purposes. The board is expected to order the election for the first week in June and if the bond issue is voted it is thought that work upon the roads will begin in August.

Tuesday W. B. Meacham, Sr., carried to York a number of petitions bearing the signatures of freehold voters of Fort Mill township requesting the county board to order an election submitting to the voters the question of the township issuing road bonds. Careful comparison of the names on the petitions with the tax books showed that 11 more freehold voters of the township than were necessary to insure the election had signed the petitions.

Plans of the proponents of the bond issue include the improvement of the road between Fort Mill and Catawba river bridge, the road through the upper section of the township to the North Carolina line and several other roads. The York county legislative delegation has agreed to appropriate \$20,000 for road improvement in Fort Mill township, the board of county commissioners has set aside \$10,000 for the work and federal aid in the sum of \$10,000 is promised by the State highway commission. With the proposed \$75,000 in township bonds the Fort Mill township highway commission, to be selected by the York delegation, would have at its disposal \$115,000 for road improvement in Fort Mill township.

Would Tighten Prohibition Law.

As the first step of the fight in Congress to tighten up the Volstead prohibition enforcement law a bill designed to prohibit the sale of beer to the sick on a doctor's prescription was introduced in the house Monday by Mr. Volstead. The measure would not prohibit the use of wine for medicinal purposes, but would make more specific and stringent the regulations on the subject.

Declaring there was no real necessity for beer as a medicine, Mr. Volstead announced that his bill, described as supplemental to the national prohibition act, was put forward at this time to meet the situation created by the opinion of former Attorney General Palmer that beer and wine, under the Volstead act, could be prescribed for the ailing.

Negroes Win Ross Will Case.

F. S. Crane, one of the substantial citizens of the Marvin section of Union county, who does much of his business in Fort Mill, was in town Monday. A few days ago Mr. Crane returned to his home following a two weeks' stay in Monroe, N. C., as a witness in the Ross will case, which the jury that day disposed of by returning a verdict against the relatives of Miss Maggie Ross who were contesting her will, in which she bequeathed the major part of a valuable estate to two negroes. For many years Mr. Crane was a neighbor of Miss Ross' and at the hearing of the case he testified that, in his opinion, she was entirely competent to make the will. Mr. Crane says that Bob Houston, one of the negro beneficiaries under the will, the other being Houston's daughter, is humble and deferential to white people and that he has never given any trouble in the community.

Many Attend Funeral.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 people from all parts of York county Sunday afternoon attended the funeral in York of Private Meech Stewart, Company I, 118th infantry, 30th division, who lost his life in France on October 8, 1918. The funeral, under the auspices of Meech Stewart post, American Legion, was held simultaneously with that of his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Jane Stewart, who died in Charlotte last Wednesday.

WILL ELECT TEACHERS.

Fort Mill School Board to Hold Meeting This Evening.

A meeting of the board of trustees of the Fort Mill graded school is to be held this evening at which some of the teachers for the 1921-22 session will be elected. Not all of the members of the present corps of teachers have applied for reelection, but it is understood that most of them are willing to serve the school another year. Among the number who have not applied for reelection, according to a member of the board, is Bruce H. Stribling, superintendent of the school for the last year. It is not thought that a successor to Mr. Stribling will be elected at the meeting this evening, although there are a number of applications in the hands of the board for the position. The board is understood to have decided that it will not elect a superintendent without having had a personal interview with him. It also is understood that the board has about decided to abolish the teaching of agriculture in the school during the 1921-22 session.

Smith-Craven Marriage.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mills was a scene of loveliness last Wednesday afternoon, April 20, when their niece, Miss Frances Josephine Smith, became the bride of Avery C. Craven of Charlotte, N. C. The officiating minister was the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. O. T. Culp and Mrs. W. B. Ardrey, who introduced them to the receiving line. Just before the ceremony an instrumental duet was rendered by Miss Louise Young and Cecil Workman on the piano, after which Miss Arthur Mae Young sang "At Dawning."

To the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" the bridal party entered. First came the ring bearer, little Frances Mae Smith, carrying the ring in the heart of a calla lily. She was followed by the dame of honor, Mrs. J. M. Martin, sister of the bride; next came the bride, who met the bridegroom as he came from the rear hall with his best man, W. M. Jarrell. The bride was beautiful in her dress of white duchess satin, trimmed with princess lace. She carried a shower of bride roses and valley lilies.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Craven left by motor for Charlotte to catch a train for points north. On their return they will be at home in Charlotte.

Mrs. Craven was born and reared in Fort Mill and has here many friends who were greatly interested in her marriage. Recently she has made her home in Charlotte. Mr. Craven is connected with the auditing department of the Belk Bros. chain of stores and is a young man of splendid traits of character.

The presents received by the young couple were numerous and handsome.

Killing Off the Buffaloes.

Much has been heard of late about the destruction of all the buffaloes on Antelope island, Utah. There seems no immediate danger of this happening. Bills have been introduced in Congress as well as in the Legislature of Utah urging federal or State action, looking toward buying up the island and buffaloes. Up to this time only five old and savage bulls have been destroyed on Antelope island, and it is said to be doubtful whether there has been any real purpose to destroy the herd. Furthermore, the buffalo is not so rare an animal as many think. There are approximately 8,000 in the United States and Canada in good condition and breeding as freely as so many cattle. In Canada they are multiplying so rapidly that the government finds it difficult to dispose of the surplus.

The Fort Mill Lumber company several days ago was awarded the contract for the erection of a summer house for C. L. Cobb of Rock Hill which is now going up near the county river bridge.

T. M. Hughes of Lancaster was a visitor in Fort Mill Saturday.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

W. Banks Dove to Deliver Address in Fort Mill.

W. Banks Dove, secretary of state for South Carolina, has accepted the invitation of Florence Thornwell chapter, U. D. C., and Fort Mill Memorial association to deliver the Confederate Memorial day address in Fort Mill on Tuesday, May 10, in the auditorium of the high school building, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Besides the address of Mr. Dove, there will be patriotic songs by the school children, at the conclusion of which all will march to New Unity cemetery to decorate the graves of the 40-odd Confederate soldiers and the World war veterans buried there. In connection with the observance of the day, both the Daughters of the Confederacy and the members of the memorial association express the hope that the merchants of Fort Mill will close their stores for an hour during the exercises and that a sufficient number of automobiles will be loaned to convey the enfeebled veterans from the school building to the cemetery.

The Fort Mill Memorial association, of which Mrs. Harriet Mack has been president since its organization many years ago, is one of the oldest patriotic societies of the kind in the State, if not in the South, antedating by several years the Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1890 the Confederate monument in Fort Mill was unveiled under the auspices of the association, which did much toward securing the funds with which to erect the monument. The organization has been held together during all the years of its existence largely through the influence of Mrs. Mack, who has shown unflinching interest in the welfare of the Confederate veterans and in inculcating in the rising generation of the community reverence for the ideals for which the South struggled so heroically against great odds in the '60s.

Florence Thornwell chapter, U. D. C., named in honor of the wife of the late Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., for many years pastor of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church, like the older woman's patriotic organization of the community, has a history of service for the "Lost Cause" in which its members, the Confederate veterans of the community and many others feel a sense of pride. Mrs. Alex Barber is the present regent of the chapter.

DEATH OF MRS. J. P. BILLUE.

Fort Mill Woman Passes Away at Charlotte Hospital.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Billue, wife of J. P. Billue of Fort Mill, died at a Charlotte hospital last Friday evening, following a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Billue was in her 73d year, having been born in the Pleasant Valley section of Lancaster county on July 18, 1847. On August 8, 1871, as Miss Ann Clawson, she was married to Mr. Billue and to them eight children were born, of whom the following survive: Mrs. Heywood Merritt, Mrs. W. W. Stevens and Mrs. M. L. Williford of Rock Hill, Mrs. M. B. Blackmon of Fort Mill and Mrs. B. S. Broom of North Charlotte, N. C. Mrs. Billue also is survived by her husband, one brother, J. B. Clawson, and one sister, Mrs. J. L. Kimbrell of Fort Mill.

Mrs. Billue was a member of the Methodist church of Fort Mill for 31 years and had many friends in this community, in which her whole life was spent. The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home by her pastor, the Rev. W. R. Bouknight, and interment followed in New Unity cemetery.

Mendel Smith to Speak.

The S. D. Barron chapter, U. D. C., of Rock Hill has announced that former Judge Mendel L. Smith of Camden has accepted an invitation to deliver the memorial address at Ebenezer on Memorial day, May 10. According to the Rock Hill Evening Herald, Judge Smith is one of the ablest orators in the State and the news that he is to deliver the memorial address at Ebenezer will be received with interest throughout the county.

PROMISE OF FORTUNE.

A. L. Crane of Fort Mill Invents Crosstie and Rail-fastener.

The promise of a fortune is held out for Adam L. Crane of Fort Mill for the invention of a cement crosstie and rail-fastener on which he was granted a patent by the United States patent office on April 5. Mr. Crane a day or two ago received from a New York firm the outright offer of \$75,000 for the patent rights to his invention, along with an optional offer of an annual royalty of \$25,000 for the right to manufacture and sell the invention for the next 17 years, during the life of the patent, the optional offer including a proffered cash payment of \$25,000. Mr. Crane is confident the railroads of the country will welcome the opportunity to adopt the use of his cement crosstie and rail-fastener to displace the wooden tie and rail spike. He has received propositions to begin the manufacture in Fort Mill of his invention and has under consideration the advisability of forming a stock company for that purpose. Mr. Crane is negotiating with his attorney in Washington to have the crosstie and rail-fastener patented in Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Canada.

In the letters patent granted Mr. Crane by the United States patent office the following description of the cement crosstie and rail-fastener appears:

"The main purpose of the present invention is to provide a cement or concrete tie, wherein the rails are cushioned, thereby eliminating a rigid support for the rails.

"In order to cushion the rails the tie includes wooden insert blocks which are removably dovetailed in the tie, and are supported upon a steel, iron or other metal plate, so as to prevent the wooden insert blocks from contacting direct with the cement, and tending to more or less crush it.

"Owing to the insert wooden blocks being removable when worn, and owing to the body of the tie being cement, the tie is very durable, and will last substantially indefinitely, for when the blocks are worn they may be easily replaced with new ones.

"Furthermore, the tie of this character is very simple and can be easily constructed for a relatively low cost and sold at a reasonable profit.

"As a further purpose the invention aims to provide fastening means for the rails, in combination with means connecting the fastening means, in order to prevent the rails from spreading."

Opposed to Immigration.

Congressman W. F. Stevenson has sent to The Times the following statement in regard to the report sent out from Washington a few days ago by the Associated Press in connection with his position on the immigration bill:

"The Associated press sent out a report that Mr. Stevenson was one of the leaders in opposition to the bill to restrict immigration. This is a mistake, as he is one of its warmest supporters. On general debate he made a speech assailing the attorney general for allowing Debs to come unattended from the Atlanta penitentiary to Washington to confer about a pardon, contrary to all law and precedent. The reporter of the Associated Press evidently mistook this to mean that he was against the immigration bill. Mr. Stevenson's remarks in this instance were confined to the Debs incident and no attempt was made to state his position on the immigration bill, as he has always been in favor of the bill, both in the last Congress and the present one."

Replacing old telephone poles with new ones is an expensive undertaking, according to S. L. Meacham, owner of the Fort Mill telephone exchange. Recently Mr. Meacham ordered a shipment of creosoted poles from Savannah. Laid down on the streets where they are to be set up, the poles cost him \$14 each, with an additional \$1.50 for digging the hole and setting the pole in place.

BAPTIST BODY TO MEET.

Sunday School Workers Assemble in Rock Hill Next Week.

The 13th annual session of the York Baptist Sunday school convention will be held with Park Baptist church, Reek Hill, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 3 and 4. The opening meeting will begin Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, with devotional exercises led by the president, the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, Th. D., of Fort Mill. Every Sunday school in the York association is entitled to representation in the body.

J. L. Corzine, superintendent of rural Sunday school work, and Miss Elizabeth Nuckols, superintendent of elementary work, both of Columbia, will be present and deliver addresses at the meeting.

The officers of the convention are as follows: Dr. J. W. H. Dyches, president; the Rev. B. H. Waugh and W. A. McAfee, vice presidents; W. G. Reynolds, secretary and treasurer. Executive committee: W. A. McAfee, W. C. Reynolds, the Rev. J. R. Smith, the Rev. C. E. Thomas, the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches. Departmental superintendents: Teacher training, Miss Esther Meacham; organized classes, the Rev. J. D. Croft; home department, Mrs. J. T. Garrison; grading, the Rev. F. A. Liles; cradle roll, Miss Lula Smith.

ANCIENT CITY LOCATED.

Mexican Government Uncovers Buried Temples and Streets.

A city which at the height of its power some 4,000 years ago boasted a population of more than 100,000 is being uncovered at San Juan de Teotihuacan, Mexico. The Mexican government has appropriated funds for the work of excavation, which is in charge of a director of the department of agriculture. The government hopes to make the spot one of the show places of Mexico.

Dominating the area are two huge pyramids, one to the sun and one to the moon, which for centuries have defied the efforts of historians to trace their origin. The pyramid to the sun measures 761 by 721 at the base and is 216 feet high. The other is slightly smaller, and each is apparently made of solid rock, with no interior rooms as in the case of the Egyptian pyramids.

Some of the uncovered buildings have frescoes now as intact as the day they were placed in position. It is thought that the city was destroyed by one of the nearby mountains erupting and that the lava inundated the city.

Hannibal Used Snake Bombs.

When King Eumenes of Pergamum was about to attack Hannibal at sea, the latter decided that in a fair fight the king would win. The enemy had more ships and more men, and Hannibal and all his men would be at the bottom of the sea if any attempt were made by him to engage the vessels of the king as individual units. Hannibal therefore gave out word that all his ships were to join in an attack on the ship carrying the king, on the theory that without a leader the enemy would soon be demoralized. To find out what ship the king was on he sent a messenger just before the battle with a tablet to the enemy's fleet. The messenger was directed to the ship bearing Eumenes, and all of Hannibal's fleet had merely to watch the little boat to identify the vessel from which the king commanded the fleet.

When the battle began Hannibal's boat rushed to the side of Eumenes' ship and the former's sailors began to hurl great earthenware pots into the king's boat. The defenders of the ship at first laughed at this queer method of warfare, but their laughter soon changed to howls of terror when it was discovered that the pots were filled with poisonous snakes of the most deadly variety. The ship turned and fled for shore, its decks alive with the hissing, gliding snakes. The other ships, also treated to snake bombs, followed suit, and Hannibal was the victor.

J. J. Bailes is in Greenville this week attending federal court as a petit juror.

LAND OF MYSTERY.

Bermuda Islands Britain's Oldest Colonial Possession.

The Bermuda islands, those bits of fairyland in the South Atlantic, only a few hundred miles from South Carolina, have recently celebrated the 300th anniversary of the establishment of representative government and the first sitting of the British empire's most ancient colonial parliament. The celebration of the tercentenary took place at the ancient capital of the islands, old St. George's, and, as then, the gathering was held in the ancient little State house, now the home of a Masonic lodge, which stands on the same site as the first church on the islands.

Bermuda does not mean a single island, for there are about 150 in the group, only the five largest of which are of any importance. The "mainland" is the one on which is located the capital, the city of Hamilton, and there is where the steamers land.

The American who goes to Bermuda will find himself in a foreign country. Aside from Halifax and Gibraltar, it is the most strongly fortified British possession in the world. The forts, the barracks, the Union Jack, the dockyards, spruce soldiers and officers, the English currency and customs, all remind Americans strongly that Uncle Sam has nothing to say about how the affairs of the island shall be conducted.

The early history of Bermuda is closely interwoven with that of the United States. The islands were discovered in 1522 by Juan Bermudas, a Spaniard, and were visited again in 1543 by another Spaniard, Ferdinand Camelo, but all remained uninhabited and forgotten until Sir George Somers, heroic English admiral and colonizer, planted the English flag there in 1609, when he was shipwrecked on the islands on his way to Virginia.

The quaintest of all places in Bermuda is old St. George's, 12 miles distant from Hamilton, and is connected with the mainland by a massive causeway nearly two miles long. St. George's, once the capital of Bermuda, is now a sleepy, romantic and unusual place. It has all the natural beauty of Hamilton, and in addition, has multitudinous attractions of its own. The streets are narrow, there are no sidewalks and one travels in the middle of the roads. The houses are stained and weather-beaten and the type of architecture is Spanish. These quaint old houses, half hidden behind their high stone walls, with their broad stone steps, the narrow doorways, the darkened, shuttered windows, and narrow walks, are suggestive of mystery and romance.

Bermuda is a wonderful place for fishing. There are also lovely sea gardens, where, through a glass-bottomed boat, one may behold the wonders of the life under the water. Bermuda is honeycombed with caves of wondrous beauty.

Will Attend Maneuvers.

While no official announcement has yet been received by the Tom Hall Guards of Fort Mill of the annual maneuvers of the South Carolina National Guard, the understanding is that the maneuvers this year will be held on the Mt. Pleasant rifle range, near Charleston, beginning July 9 and continuing through July 23. A school for officers and non-commissioned officers will be held at Camp Jackson, Columbia, for four days preceding the maneuvers. Two officers and six non-commissioned officers from the Tom Hall Guards will attend the school. The government now allows the same pay for National Guardsmen while on camp or otherwise in the service as that of men of equal rank in the regular army.

Elected Financial Secretary.

At the last meeting of Fort Mill council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Charles E. Bailes was elected financial secretary to succeed A. O. Smith.

Burglars blew the safe in the First City criminal court in New Orleans and escaped with \$500. The court room is on the main floor of police headquarters.