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TO AID FARMERS.

Southern and Western Senators Unite for Legislation.

A Washington dispatch says that Southern and Western senators interested primarily in agriculture perfected an organization at a formal session Tuesday night. They will stand together in the interest of the farmer, irrespective of the frequent intrusions of party politics.

The conference determined to make it a matter of law rather than discretion on the part of governors of the federal reserve board that the farmer should have the right of discounting his paper for 12 months, the entire planting season, rather than six months, as the law provides, and the maximum rate of interest to be charged by federal reserve banks should be set by law.

A subcommittee was appointed, with Senator Smith of South Carolina as chairman to prepare an amendment to the federal reserve act embodying the foregoing.

The conference also agreed to make a study of the railroad situation and take immediate steps for the alleviation of the burden caused by exorbitant freight rates.

It was the understanding of the conferees that in all matters the senate could be controlled by the Southern and Western members.

As to the rate of interest to be charged by the federal reserve banks, the conferees did not agree.

Many Loan Applications.

With the federal land banks again functioning, the Fort Mill National Farm Loan association, organized in May, 1917, has resumed operations, and applications for loans aggregating about \$55,000 have recently been received and passed upon by the board of directors. A government appraiser is expected to reach Fort Mill in a few days to appraise the lands on which mortgages are to be given to secure loans. The association has about \$60,000 outstanding loans, with all interest and amortization payments due paid in full.

Shipping Many Cars.

The Anderson Motor company announces that shipments were made the past month of more than 100 cars and that orders are in hand for about 200 cars to be shipped this month, says the Rock Hill Evening Herald. The company expects to get these cars out during the month. This is a rate of manufacture which, if maintained, will bring the business of the Anderson company back to normal, or about the point of production which had been reached when the business depression hit the country last year.

To Be Married This Evening.

Miss Bleeker Moore of Fort Mill and Foy Sadler of Rock Hill are to be married this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kimbrell in Fort Mill. The officiating minister is to be the Rev. W. R. Banknight, of whose church Miss Moore is a member.

Dr. J. W. H. Dyches, pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church, and the Rev. J. R. Smith, pastor of Flint Hill church, left Wednesday morning for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the 66th annual session of the Southern Baptist convention, which meets in that city today. Dr. Dyches and Mr. Smith go under "orders" of their respective churches, with all expenses incident to the trip paid. The Rev. G. C. Epps is another attendant upon the convention from this section.

The Fort Mill Lumber company Wednesday was awarded the contract for the erection of a \$7,500 residence for Capt. B. J. White in Rock Hill. It is understood that work is to be begun on the residence in a few weeks.

Insurance Commissioner McMahon has sent out to the towns entitled to the same a rebate of 1 per cent on the premiums paid to fire insurance companies in South Carolina. York county towns get rebates as follows: Yorkville, \$1,000; Fort Mill, \$139.20; Rock Hill, \$1,000.

HONOR SOUTH'S DEAD.

Confederate Memorial Exercises Held in Fort Mill.

There was a general observance of Confederate Memorial day in Fort Mill Tuesday afternoon, when all the business houses on Main street were closed for the exercises held in the graded school auditorium, at which W. Banks Dove, secretary of state for South Carolina, was the principal speaker. Mr. Dove's address was inspiring. He told interestingly of the causes which led up to the conflict between the States and urged the boys and girls present to bear in mind always the principles for which the South took up arms.

Following the address of Mr. Dove, the Rev. J. W. H. Dyches, Th. D., pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church, paid a fine tribute to the heroes of the '60s and passing on to the World war he also paid a like tribute to the heroes of 1917-18.

There were a number of songs and recitations, the former by the high school glee club and the latter by Misses Anna Wolfe, Virginia Barber, Inez Wolfe and Martha Dyches. Following the exercises in the auditorium, a procession was formed, led by the Fort Mill troop of Boy Scouts and the Fort Mill camp of Confederate veterans, which moved to New Unity cemetery, where the graves of the Confederate dead and those of a number of Fort Mill boys who lost their lives in the World war were decorated. An escort from the Tom Hall Guards was present at the ceremonies, which were concluded with the firing of a salute and the sounding of taps.

The memorial exercises were under the auspices of the Fort Mill Memorial association and the Florence Thornewell chapter, U. D. C.

Observes Days Jointly.

Mother's day and Decision day were observed together in the Fort Mill Baptist Sunday school last Sunday. Each pupil and visitor was met at the door by a committee consisting of Miss Marie Mauney, Miss Lillie Bailes and Miss Edith Parks and was given a flower, white or red carnation or rose, white if the mother was dead, red if living. After the roll of classes had been called, Dr. Dyches, the pastor, made an appropriate talk on "Mother—What She Meant to Us, and What We Owe to Her," and followed with an earnest appeal to the unsaved to make the decision for Christ. Seventeen responded to the invitation, 13 of the number applying for church membership. This was the result of careful and prayerful preparation on the part of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school and the follow-up work of the pastor.

L. R. Culp Dead.

Following an illness which had extended over many months, L. R. Culp, formerly of Pineville, who had numerous relatives in the Fort Mill community, died at his home in Columbia Sunday night. Mr. Culp was about 45 years old and had been a resident of Columbia for the last ten years. Several years ago he was married to Miss Ethel Fisher of Pineville, who, with their children, survives him. He was a son of the late John Duncan Culp and was reared in the Pineville section of Mecklenburg county. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery, Columbia, Tuesday afternoon.

Music by Wireless.

Seated in her own home in Monroe, N. C., says The Journal of that town, Mrs. Ervin Stack Sunday evening heard the rendition of a violin solo in Pittsburgh, Pa. over a thousand miles away, through the receiver of a wireless telephone outfit installed by her husband, who is a skilled electrician. Mr. Stack's wonderful instrument has not been completed, but when adjustments are made and the delicate receiver is tuned to other outfits over the country he believes, he will be able to hear distinctly bands playing on ships at sea, distress signals and news events as they are flashed over the country.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Tax collections to date aggregate \$593,847.28, with additional amounts to approximately \$617,000. The 7 per cent penalty attaches to taxes paid between now and next Saturday evening, after which date delinquents will go into execution.

The textile industry is looking up to some extent, according to M. L. Smith, general manager and treasurer of the Hawthorne mills, "We are running on full day time," said Mr. Smith the other day, "although we are doing no night work. I hope we won't do any night work, either. The market appears to be some better. We are having little or no trouble finding sale for our yarns and we have no stock on hand."

Not less than 50 per cent of the cotton of York county has been and is being replanted, and it is probable that before the crop is well on its way the replanting will reach 75 per cent. It is the same story for all parts of the county and from all kinds of land, red, mulatto, sandy and blackjack. Where the cotton was planted during the first two weeks of April it has been doing no good. Some of it broke through the top surface, some of it sprouted and curled up under the surface without breaking through and some of it came up and died. It is the common opinion that the cold weather was the cause. It is recalled that the crop was late in 1911. It was June before cotton generally had come to a stand, but nevertheless there was a large crop that year.

J. N. Gates, a traveling man of Blacksburg, representative of a wholesale grocery firm of that town, paid a fine of \$10 in Magistrate Fred Black's court Saturday morning, following his plea of guilty to a charge of gambling. According to the magistrate the case against Gates arose as the result of an effort made to require him to pay a check issued by him in the sum of \$78. It is alleged that he sat in a game with a number of Yorkville gamblers some weeks ago and lost. He gave one of the gamblers a check for \$78 and this was turned down by the bank on which it was drawn. Gates was notified, but refused to pay. The man to whom the check was given turned it over to the magistrate for collection. It developed that Gates could not be made to pay the check, but pleaded guilty to gambling.

Sidney Friedheim, Joe Rawlinson and H. C. Geiger of Rock Hill, who were seriously injured Sunday evening when a Cadillac automobile in which they were riding with W. L. Still and Dolph Friedheim, also of Rock Hill, crashed into a tree a short distance south of Crowder's Creek station, were reported doing nicely in a Gastonia hospital Tuesday morning where they were taken immediately after the accident. Sidney Friedheim had his right shoulder and left hip broken, Geiger had his left leg broken and Rawlinson suffered four broken ribs, on the left side, one of which punctured his lung. Rawlinson is said to be the most seriously injured of the trio. Still, who was driving the car, and Dolph Friedheim, who was beside him, escaped with comparatively minor injuries. The car, which was totally wrecked, was carried to Rock Hill Monday afternoon on a truck.

Threatening skies that did not materialize but which had the effect of producing an atmosphere pleasant and comfortable prevailed in Rock Hill Friday afternoon while between 6,000 and 7,000 people from all sections of North and South Carolina and from other States saw Winthrop college students, to the number of more than 1,000, review "The Making of South Carolina." The pageant, the most stupendous ever undertaken by a Southern college, was wonderfully directed and even more remarkably executed. There was not the slightest bobble anywhere; there was no hesitancy or indecision manifest by a single one of the vast number of performers; but the college girls conducted themselves like movie actresses of years of experience.

PASSES OVER APPLICATION.

Highway Commission Undecided on Additional Fort Mill Aid.

At a meeting of the State highway commission in Columbia Tuesday, action on the application of the board of county commissioners of York county for an additional \$10,000 federal aid for the public roads of Fort Mill township was deferred. At the regular meeting of the highway commission early in April \$10,000 was set aside for use on the roads of Fort Mill township, but with the prospective issue of \$75,000 in township road bonds the county board hoped to be able to secure \$20,000 for the township instead of the original \$10,000. The application has not been denied and it is yet possible that the highway commission will be able to respond to the request of the county board.

Mrs. Nancy Dunn Downs Dead.

Mrs. Nancy Dunn Downs, mother of Mrs. C. W. Eason of Fort Mill, died Monday at the home of her son, Robert J. Downs, in Pineville. About ten days before her death, Mrs. Downs sustained a fall in which she received injuries that proved fatal. She was 73 years old and was the widow of John T. Downs and the last surviving child of the late Col. James A. Dunn, who represented Mecklenburg county in the State Legislature when Union county was set apart from Mecklenburg and who continued as Union county's representative until his death in 1860.

Mrs. Downs was actively interested in the work of the Presbyterian church, becoming affiliated in childhood with old Providence church in Mecklenburg county, of which her father was a ruling elder.

Mrs. Downs is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Eason of Fort Mill, Mrs. J. L. Carothers and Mrs. M. G. Hair of Pineville, and two sons, Robert J. Downs and L. L. Downs, also of Pineville.

Forty-seven on Chaingang.

With the force augmented by a squad of recruits as the result of the recent term of court in York, there are now 47 convicts on the county chaingang. This is the largest number on the chaingang for a number of years and is rather too many for the equipment, according to Supervisor Hugh G. Brown. The chaingang is now at work on the road from Rock Hill to Catawba Junction.

MAY ELECT POSTMASTERS.

Suggestion That People Choose Heads of Offices.

An interesting suggestion which should be adopted by the Republican national administration, would affect the selection of a postmaster for Fort Mill, as it would postmasters throughout the country generally, is that the people be allowed to elect their own postmasters by a direct vote of the patrons of the office. The idea, although advanced and given publicity during the last ten days, is not a new one. Several years ago the plan was first put before the postoffice committee of the senate and there given serious consideration, but those in control did not consider it wise to adopt such a plan then and the suggestion was almost lost sight of until it bobbed up in Washington anew a few days ago.

It is said that President Harding does not want to go back to the old spoils system that was prevalent before President Wilson issued his executive order calling for an examination for postmasters. He has been urged to rescind the order, appoint Republicans and then have them put under civil service. Under the proposed election plan, in the South practically all postmasters would be Democratic, while in most communities in the North it would mean Republican postmasters.

If the plan should be adopted, each city and town would provide for its election to select its own postmaster. Every eligible voter in such city or town could take part in the election and there could be no question of the fitness of the man thus selected because he would be the choice of the people of the office in which he would serve.

GIVES UP PASTORATE.

Rev. G. C. Epps Resigns From Darlington Churches.

A recent issue of the Darlington News and Press tells of the resignation of the Rev. G. C. Epps, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Epps of Fort Mill township, as pastor of the Central Baptist church of Darlington, as follows:

"The members of the Central Baptist church were surprised and saddened Sunday morning, when their pastor, the Rev. G. C. Epps, tendered his resignation. One of the leading members of the church who had to be out of town Sunday was the only one who knew of the pending resignation. Those who know Mr. Epps know that he is filled with the zeal to preach the gospel to all, and it was his first intention to work in the foreign missionary field. Good reasons prevented this and Mr. Epps then accepted a position of stewardship and evangelistic work with the joint boards of State and home missions for South Carolina.

"Mr. Epps has deeply endeared himself to his congregation, and when he made his wishes known to them Sunday all were much touched and affected. He was firm in his desire to do evangelistic work and his resignation was accepted with sincere regret. Mr. Epps conducted services every Sunday at the Central Baptist church and preached in the afternoon and evenings at the Second Baptist church, the Dovesville Baptist church and the High Hill Baptist church. His ministry has been most acceptable at these charges and his departure will be a source of sorrow and regret to all."

Mr. Epps and his family came to Fort Mill last week and are now at his father's home in Gold Hill, where they will spend the summer. Mr. Epps' first stewardship conference began in Seneca a few days ago with the Rev. W. M. Thompson.

Locals Trim Pineville.

The Pineville team of the Mecklenburg County league came to Fort Mill Saturday afternoon in high hopes of taking the measure of the locals, but when the nine innings of play had been finished they were able to observe that the scorer had credited them with only 2 runs while he was marking up 8 for Fort Mill. Both teams played good ball afield, but inability of the visitors to hit when hits would have meant runs for them was responsible for their undoing. "Whacker" Smith, infielder for Fort Mill, distinguished himself at bat by driving out three doubles, while Douglass Nims, in left for the locals, got a hand for a difficult catch. The batteries were: Pineville, Bullard and Parnell; Fort Mill, A. Ferguson and W. Ferguson.

Fort Mill's next home game will be played with Chester Saturday afternoon. The Chester boys are said to have a fast team which recently played Great Falls to a standstill and the locals are not expecting to be able to loaf on the job and land at the top of the heap.

Fort Mill Homes Robbed.

Two Fort Mill homes have been entered by burglars during the present week. Sunday night the home of Mrs. S. M. Mills, on Confederate street, was broken into and a quantity of food in the dining room stolen. Monday night J. F. Lee's home, in the outskirts of town, also was broken into and there, as at the home of Mrs. Mills, a quantity of food was stolen, in addition to \$3 in cash. It is not improbable that arrests will be made in connection with the burglaries.

Fearful of prosecution under the 1920 act of the General Assembly prohibiting the exhibition of carnivals or other similar shows under tent in York county, a vaudeville company that came to Fort Mill from Rock Hill Sunday morning expecting to put on a week's entertainment on a lot on upper Main street left Monday at noon without incurring the liability of prosecution for violating the law. Arrangements had been made by a number of citizens who objected to seeing the law violated to prosecute the attaches of the show had they opened for business.

PLACES RAIL TROUBLES.

Union Spokesman Says Financial Buccaneers Control Lines.

Speaking in Chicago last Thursday before the federal railroad labor board against the proposed wage reductions sought by about 100 railroads of the country, B. M. Jewell, representing the railroad labor unions, said that the rail workers could not be expected to accept a wage schedule when they have no way of knowing how much they are to receive under the schedule.

"If the railroad managements are not utterly blind to their own selfish interests," said Mr. Jewell, "they will join me in requesting the board to withhold its decision in the matter until we have the new agreements. The delay will be no longer than the carriers themselves make it. From the day the roads were returned to private ownership we were determined to have a speedy determination of the question of agreements, and the carriers rejected every overture we made."

"The railroads have proved only that they were in financial straits. Thanks to the methods of the financial buccaneers who have always controlled them, they were hard up when the government took them over during the war. They were hard up when they were returned to their former managements, and they are hard up today, despite the fact that they have received more than a billion and a half dollars from the treasury of an over-generous people and that they have been given rate increases sufficient to cover everything except their own profligacy. And they will be hard up until they are made servants of the public instead of the playthings of Wall street."

Florida in Good Shape.

A. Y. Williamson, traveling salesman for an Ohio shoe concern, returned to his home in Fort Mill a few days ago, after being on the road several weeks, most of which he spent in Florida. Mr. Williamson says business conditions are much better in Florida than in either South Carolina or Georgia, but that down there, as here, one hears much complaint over the high freight rates, which are doing much, he thinks, to retard building operations. "At present," said Mr. Williamson, "the people of several Florida counties are wrought up over the recent decision of the supreme court under which they will have to pay the salary of sheriffs dismissed about two years ago by Governor Catts as well as those he appointed to succeed to the offices. Most of those with whom I discussed the matter think Catts guilty of accepting money to grant pardons while he was governor, as recently charged by a legislative committee."

Reunion in Camden.

Camden is preparing to receive with open arms the Confederate veterans of South Carolina for their annual reunion on May 18 and 19. At a recent meeting of the central reunion committee, all subcommittees reported "ready" and when it was estimated that there probably would be 550 veterans present, the reply was, "Let them come; each will receive a warm welcome and the best that Camden has to offer."

Warrant Withdrawn.

A warrant sworn out several days ago before Magistrate J. R. Haile by Ed McKinney charging Allen White with assault and battery with intent to kill McKinney was withdrawn by consent of Solicitor Henry when the case was called for preliminary hearing by Magistrate Haile Monday afternoon.

Replanting Cotton.

Many Fort Mill township farmers have been busy for several days replanting cotton. Seed put in the ground several weeks ago failed to germinate on account of the cold weather and in many fields less than half a stand was secured from the first planting.

S. L. Meacham has sold to Mary Adkins a lot in White park on which Mrs. Adkins to build a home for herself and the next two or three years.