

# THE FORT MILL TIMES.

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## MEN FOR ROAD BOARD.

Suggestion for Membership of Township Commission.

The names of W. B. Meacham, Jr., Col. T. B. Spratt and C. P. Blankenship will be submitted this week to the York county legislative delegation by W. R. Bradford, member of the delegation for approval as members of the Fort Mill township road commission, which will have charge of the improvement of the roads of the township with the proceeds of the \$75,000 bond issue voted a few days ago and \$20,000 the delegation several months ago agreed to appropriate for the same purpose. Should a majority of the delegation approve the list submitted by Mr. Bradford, the recommendation will be forwarded to the governor without loss of time and it is presumed that the appointments will be made within the next week or ten days.

In connection with the selection of Messrs. Meacham, Spratt and Blankenship as the men he will ask the York delegation to recommend for appointment on the Fort Mill township highway commission. Mr. Bradford desires to make the following statement to the citizens of the township:

"As readers of The Times will recall and as I have said personally to many, it has been the policy of the York delegation in selecting the various township road commissions, always composed of three men, to select these men from different sections of the township. This policy I intended to be guided by in recommending to the delegation the men for the Fort Mill township commission. It was my purpose to suggest the appointment of a citizen of the town, one from the Gold Hill community and the third from the neighborhood south of town. A few days ago, however, I received a petition signed by practically every citizen living south of town requesting that Col. T. B. Spratt be put on the commission as the representative they understood that section of the township would get. This petition I cannot ignore, nor have I any inclination to ignore it. If these good citizens prefer to come to town to select the representative they are entitled to on the board, that is their business, and many will compliment the judgment they have displayed."

## TEST DATE YET TO BE SET.

No Announcement Made Concerning Fort Mill Postoffice.

So far as The Times is able to learn, no information has yet come to Fort Mill from Washington as to the date on which the civil service commission will order an election to be held to select a permanent postmaster for the local postoffice. Press dispatches a few days ago announced that no one on the eligible list for appointment as postmaster in any section of the country as a result of former examinations would be appointed. This means that a second examination will be held to select a head for the Fort Mill office.

Heretofore the civil service commission has recommended for appointment applicants with the highest rating made in the examinations, but some weeks ago a ruling was set up by the post-office department that this method of selecting postmasters had been changed and that in the future the department would exercise its discretion in selecting for appointment any one of the first three applicants with the highest rating. Business qualifications to fill the position of postmaster will, it was announced, weigh even more in the choice of postmasters than book learning and the ability to answer the usual catch questions given in the civil service examinations.

## Boy's Body Recovered.

The body of Burs Alexander, 16 year old son of J. P. Alexander of Steel Creek, Mecklenburg county, who was drowned in the Catawba near Steel Creek school house Sunday afternoon on his 16th birthday, was recovered Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## TELLS OF NAVY GRAFTERS.

Daniels Exposes Men Who Tried to Rob the Government.

Josephus Daniels, who was secretary of the navy during the eight years of the Wilson administration, has written the "inside story" of the work of the navy department during that history-making epoch.

Probably no man connected with the Wilson administration was denounced and lampooned to a greater extent than Daniels. Yet those who were in position to get a closeup view of his work say that he was the greatest secretary the American navy has ever had.

He had executive ability, integrity and courage. He drove liquor out of the navy. He gave the common sailor an opportunity to win a commission and he exposed and ended the grafting contracts between the department and the powerful concerns which furnished the navy with supplies of all kinds.

In his reminiscences Mr. Daniels tells of his victory over the armor plate makers. Here it is:

"But the greatest sin I committed, certainly the one responsible for the continued organized and well oiled criticism which never let up except during the war, was my successful contest with the steel companies and powerful concerns which made armor plate and projectiles and smokeless powder and other munitions for the navy.

"I found upon examination that all three of the armor plate plants, by some hypnotic method beyond my understanding, bid exactly the same price to a cent when bids were asked for armor plate. I found that they had sold armor plate to Russia for less than they charged to the American navy. I became convinced that there later came into existence an understanding that manufacturers of armor at home or abroad would not compete; that our navy was being charged a price that had little relation to the cost of production and that competition was a sham.

"In smokeless powder I found the navy could manufacture it for 35 cents and that the powder trust was charging the navy 53 cents per pound for it. I found that some years before, under the dynamic advocacy of Senator Tillman, Congress had appropriated money and authorized the erection of an armor plate plant, but that the word 'provided' had by some means or other defeated the congressional intent for the government to make its own armor and free itself of monopolists.

"What was my duty? First, to give Congress and the American people the facts. It was done, and as a result Congress gave the money early in my administration to enlarge the smokeless powder plant and later to construct a plant in which armor for our ships can be made.

"But the last was obtained after the hardest and most bitter fight I had during my 8 years' term. Certain manufacturers of armor plate, thinking they would lose their part of the monopoly in business and in price, imitated the silver smiths of Ephesus, who, when Paul endangered their craft by preaching the true doctrine, cried out for the space of hours, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians!'

"There was no such noisy demonstration at Washington, but those armor-plate makers for weeks, in frenzied appeals and criticism of the secretary of the navy, sought to prevent the armor plate appropriation. As a matter of fact, without my knowledge, because while in Washington I did not manage my paper, I found that the Raleigh News and Observer was printing advertisements telling what an awful fellow I was to interfere with the tripartite method of 'all Gaul was divided into three parts' practiced by the makers of armor plate. 'It was a shame to take the money.'

"I won the fight in the year before war was declared. But I had committed the unpardonable sin in the trust circle, and their sycophants addressed themselves to the delectable task of trying to prove that a country editor was ruining the navy."

## NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

There are good judges who say that the present cotton crop will be raised at about one-third the cost of last year's crop; but even at that it is still a question as to whether the crop will bring a profit on the market.

The penalties on deferred payment of taxes in York county this year amount to approximately \$6,000. A considerable part of this sum was collected in due course and the balance remains to be collected under execution.

Farmers over York county are busy just now harvesting their oat crop and dealers in plantation supplies have for the past several days been selling large quantities of binder twine and mowing machinery. The oat crop, according to a number of experts, is up to standard in the county this year.

The flesh wound inflicted on Deputy Sheriff Tom Quint, in a scuffle with John Hudson, white prisoner at the county jail, several days ago when Hudson tried to escape, is not healing as rapidly as could be hoped for. The pistol bullet grazed the deputy sheriff's stomach and thigh. The wound in the thigh is not yet completely healed.

All members of Philanthropic lodge No. 32, A. F. M., of Yorkville and members of other lodges throughout this section are expected in Yorkville Thursday afternoon for the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone of the new municipal building. Following the cornerstone laying adjournment will be taken until 8 p. m., when the third degree will be conferred on five and possibly seven candidates.

Funeral services for Marshal Shillinglaw, ex-service man of Catawba township, who died in the United States public health hospital at Greenville, were held at Mount Holly church Saturday afternoon, conducted by Revs. J. C. Bailey and R. L. Holroyd. Shillinglaw, who is survived by his widow and several children, was 29 years of age. He is also survived by his parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

At a called meeting of Bethel presbytery, held with the First Presbyterian church of Yorkville Monday morning, Rev. A. E. Spencer of Bowling Green, pastor of Bowling Green and Beth Shiloh churches, offered his resignation. Presbytery ordered the pastoral relations between Mr. Spencer and the two churches dissolved and granted him permission to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery. It is understood that he will move with his family to Florida.

"That Fort Mill baseball team is a game and peppery bunch," remarked a Yorkville fan in discussing the game between Fort Mill and the American Legion team of Yorkville, Tuesday afternoon. "I have seen them play four games against the the Legionaires of Yorkville. They have won two and lost two. But the thing that has impressed me about them is the fact that they are on their toes all the time, whether the game is going against them or for them. They are clean ball players, too, and mighty fine fellows personally. I like to see baseball teams like Fort Mill come here."

Announcement was made Monday morning that the Lockmore cotton mill will build an addition 100 by 143 feet to the present manufacturing plant east of the Southern depot. Construction work under the supervision of Contractor Padgett of Rock Hill will begin right away. The addition will cost about \$40,000 and will be constructed with the view to the addition of new machinery. Superintendent F. C. Wood of the mill said Tuesday morning that while the present plans did not call for the building of additional houses just now such houses might be built in the not far distant future. The mill management, it is understood, is very anxious to get the new addition in operation and construction work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

## SELECT BRIDGE SITE.

York-Mecklenburg Structure to Be at "Buster" Boyd Ferry.

Whatever remaining doubt there may have been as to the location of the Catawba river bridge York and Mecklenburg counties are to build jointly was dispelled Tuesday at a meeting of the boards of commissioners of the two counties. The bridge will be located at "Buster" Boyd ferry, about 14 miles up the river from Fort Mill. This decision was reached when the boards met at the proposed site to settle definitely the location of the bridge and to agree upon other matters looking to the early erection of the structure, which will cost about \$120,000, two-thirds of which is to be paid by Mecklenburg county and the remaining third by York county.

Following an informal meeting in Fort Mill Tuesday morning, the commissioners of the two counties, with their engineers and attorneys, went to the river to inspect the "Buster" Boyd site. There they quickly reached the agreement that it was the most desirable place at which the bridge could be located and bids for its construction will be invited at once.

While in Fort Mill Tuesday morning, Thomas Griffith, chairman of the Mecklenburg board of commissioners, said that if Fort Mill township would improve the Steel Creek road from Fort Mill to the North Carolina line he would see to it that a similar road was built to connect with the Fort Mill road from the intersection of the hard-surface road Mecklenburg will build from Charlotte, to the new river bridge. "Advocates of the Fort Mill township road bond issue recently approved by the voters stressed the prospect of new trade territory being opened to Fort Mill if the Steel Creek road were improved and those of the number who Tuesday heard Mr. Griffith's promise of cooperation in opening up this territory were delighted with his statement."

## GIRLS WHO DISAPPEAR.

Howard A. Banks Writes of Danger to American Homes.

Howard A. Banks, well known newspaper man, who, a few years ago, was a frequent visitor to his relatives in Fort Mill during the time he was on the staff of the Charlotte Observer, is now one of the editors of The Sunday School Times, Philadelphia. In a recent issue of that paper Mr. Banks printed the following article, which was suggested by the statement made some weeks ago at the annual meeting in Washington of the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, that 65,000 girls disappear yearly "in the maelstrom of the big cities" of America:

"At the World Conference on Christian Fundamentals in Philadelphia in 1919, Dr. J. C. Massee told of two girls out 'joy-riding' who were injured in an automobile accident about 2 o'clock one morning in a Western city. Late editions of morning newspapers had accounts of the accident without giving names, and 186 mothers telephoned to the hospital to which the girls had been taken to ascertain whether or not the girls were their girls."

Commenting on the statement of Mr. Banks, a writer in another religious publication observes that "the two items given above carry a serious implication. The American home is indicted. Immodest dress, movies, sensuous dances, light and frivolous views of life, all tend to the path in which are hidden the deep pits into which the silly fall and are seen no more. In the great majority of cases they are the children of parents who failed God. In such homes heathen darkness reigns and over the door God's judgment is written."

"Cyclone Mack" McLendon, who conducted a revival in Fort Mill several years ago, will be invited to conduct a month's meeting in Atlanta during October, according to announcement in Asheville, where he is now holding a six weeks' meeting.

## TEST FOR NEW TIE.

Invention of A. L. Crane to Be Tried Out in Charlotte.

The concrete tie recently invented by A. L. Crane of Fort Mill, a description of which was printed in The Times several weeks ago, is soon to be given a thorough test on the main line of the Southern railway in Charlotte, N. C. Following a conference which Mr. Crane was to have in Charlotte today with J. S. Lemond, chief engineer of maintenance of way and structures of the Southern, he expects to begin the manufacture in Fort Mill at once of a number of the ties, so that the test can be made with as little delay as possible.

Mr. Crane is certain the tie will stand the strain of the heaviest traffic to which it may be subjected, and this opinion is shared by numerous railroad men who have seen drawings of the tie and understand how it is to be manufactured. Should the tie stand the test it soon will be given in Charlotte, officials of the Southern assure Mr. Crane that the invention will prove of inestimable value to the railroads of the country and that it will be worth many thousands of dollars to him.

Mr. Crane a few days ago received the following letter from R. E. Simpson, general manager of the Southern, with whom he had been in correspondence relative to testing the tie in Charlotte:

"Your letter of the 2nd inst. in regard to testing your cement tie an rail fastener on our line.

"We are agreeable to doing this, and in order that a satisfactory test may be made I suggest that the test be made on our main line at Charlotte, where the amount of traffic handled would afford good means of demonstrating the merits of your patent.

"If you will kindly get in touch with Mr. J. S. Lemond, our chief engineer maintenance of way and structures, Charlotte, N. C., he will make the necessary arrangements."

## METEORIC DISPLAY.

Earth Soon to Pass Through Tail of Heavenly Wanderer.

On June 27 the earth will be treated to a special meteoric display due to the passage of Winnecke's comet, one of the periodic "tramps of the solar system," according to weather bureau officials. Monday the comet made its nearest approach to the sun and was said to be brightest at that time.

On June 26 or 27 it will pass within about 1 million miles of a point on the earth's orbit, which the earth will reach about two weeks later. This will mean that the comet will pass within 12 million and 20 million miles of the earth, which is a small distance as distances go in astronomy. The earth is practically certain, astronomers think, to pass through the comet's tail, which streams behind it, always turned away from the sun.

It is this trip through the comets tail, composed of gasses in highly attenuated form, that is supposed to provide earth dwellers with their meteoric fireworks, quite spectacular, perhaps, but doubtless harmless—expected on June 27.

The comet is not expected to be visible to the naked eye, a fairly powerful telescope being required to detect it, astronomers predict.

## Ten Living Ancestors.

The remarkable instance of a child having ten living ancestors is presented in the case of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Walker, born May 26, at their home in village No. 2 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company. Besides its mother and father, the baby has two living grandfathers, Alex Watford and L. C. Walker; two grandmothers, Mrs. Alex Watford and Mrs. L. C. Watford; one great-grandfather, J. A. Walker, and three great-grandmothers, Mrs. Mandie Alexander, Mrs. J. D. Wilson and Mrs. R. D. Walker, all of whom are residents of Fort Mill. The little girl has been christened Ruth Estelle.

## SUMMER SCHOOL OPEN.

Many Teachers Attending Session at Winthrop.

The summer school for teachers at Winthrop college opened Tuesday and hundreds have since arrived to attend the sessions. All available space in all the dormitories has been taken and the practice home has been opened to accommodate students. Applications are still being received by the college authorities and it is expected that a hundred or more will secure lodging in private homes near the college. The enrollment is larger than ever.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock there was a meeting of the summer school faculty, though regular work was done Tuesday and Wednesday.

Much interest is being taken in the course in social science and in the courses in Sunday school work. These are new courses which are expected to fill a great need in the educational life of the State.

From 12 to 1 o'clock each day will be known as "open hour," when the students will assemble in the main auditorium. The speaker for the first week is Edwin Mims, head of the department of English at Vanderbilt university. At night talks on music are being given and Friday and Saturday nights of this week Henry Oldys will give his imitation bird notes.

## COMES TO TOWN AT LAST.

Tuesday Robt. Saye Riddle Visits Fort Mill for First Time.

Although his entire life has been spent in Bethel township, within 17 1/2 miles of Fort Mill, Tuesday Robt. Saye Riddle, leading citizen of that section of the county, was a visitor here for the first time. With him came Ed Brandon, another well known Bethel citizen. They expected to take up here with the York and Mecklenburg boards of county commissioners the location of the Catawba river bridge which the two counties are planning to build. They failed to meet the county boards here, however, owing to misinformation given them as to the hour they probably would be in Fort Mill.

Asked why it was he had never before been in Fort Mill, Mr. Riddle said the town was an exceedingly out-of-the-way place for Bethel township citizens, and that although he had several times arranged to come here, something had as often happened to prevent the trip. "It may surprise you," said Mr. Riddle, "to learn that while it is only 17 1/2 miles from here to my home if one crosses the Catawba at the nearest point in Mecklenburg county, there is no bridge across the river up there and it is necessary for us to travel 45 miles through the central and eastern sections of the county to get to Fort Mill."

Mr. Riddle was one of the first citizens of the county to urge the legislative delegation to make an appropriation to build the proposed river bridge jointly with Mecklenburg county. Tuesday he expressed the opinion that after the bridge is built many people will come from Bethel township to Fort Mill to trade.

## Umpire Was Wrong.

Wilburn Ferguson, manager of the Fort Mill baseball team, which withdrew from a game in Chester a few weeks ago with the Eureka mill team of that city because of a decision of the umpire, has received a letter from the manager of the Eureka team, M. C. Kirkpatrick, in which it is stated that "the umpire's decision against you was not correct, for which I wish to apologize, as it is our sole aim to play clean ball."

Senator Harrison of Mississippi Monday introduced in the senate a resolution requesting President Harding to inform the senate whether "there is as much reason and justification for a reprimand or the recall of Ambassador Harvey for his 'Pilgrims' day speech of May 19, 1921, as for the reprimand or recall of Admiral Wm. S. Sims for his speech of June 7, 1921."