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TWO FOR LOCALS.

Fort Mill Takes Pair of Holiday Games From Aragon.

Hustling all the way through, Fort Mill Monday won a pair of baseball games from Aragon mill of Rock Hill, the first, the morning game, on the home grounds, 7 to 2, and the afternoon game in Rock Hill, 7 to 3. Interest in both contests was about as warm as the rays of Old Sol and not until the last man was down late in the afternoon did either team relax its efforts to bring home the bacon. The two teams had played four hard-fought games during the season and the result of the contests of the Fourth was looked upon as establishing for the time being at least the pre-eminence between them.

In the morning contest Fort Mill got away handily, thanks to the pitching of Andral Ferguson, who let the visitors down with three scattered hits, and the timely stick work of his coconspirators in piling up 11 safe swats. As has become a regular part of their performance in all recent games, Wilburn Ferguson and Douglass Nims put on a batting exhibition that was alone worth the price of admission, the former connecting twice with Baker's delivery while Douglass had the scorer put down a trio for him. The other members of the Fort Mill team divided six hits between them.

The fans were so well pleased with the quality of the morning game that many of them accompanied the team to Rock Hill for the afternoon contest on Aragon's lot.

The Aragon boys jumped out in front with two runs early in the second game and regularly sent Fort Mill up Salt creek for four innings with a Greenville lad doing mound duty for them. Then, in the fifth inning, things took a sudden turn for Fort Mill. With Rodgers on third and Eugene Ferguson on second wiping the perspiration from his face with a cigarette paper, Wilburn Ferguson came up and got a single that put both across.

Aragon braced up in the sixth and again showed Fort Mill the way by counting one more—their last, by the way. But with the bases crowded for Fort Mill in the seventh, Douglass Nims came along and hung up a two-bagger that registered Hunter, Wilburn Ferguson and Doc Kimbrell; and in the eighth, Sam Rodgers, not to be outdone, laid up against one of the Greenville boy's best and for his pains landed on third, two Fort Mill men having meanwhile got their wind after crossing the home station. Thus ended the afternoon contest, 7 to 3 in favor of Fort Mill.

Notwithstanding the fact that he already had pitched the morning game for his club, and won it, Andral Ferguson again took up the burden in Rock Hill Monday afternoon and for the second time during the day sent Aragon down to defeat. Eleven hits were made off his delivery in the afternoon game, but they were well scattered and consequently produced only three runs. Fort Mill meanwhile bumping the opposing pitcher for 13 safeties.

Features of the afternoon contest for Fort Mill were the fielding of Doc Kimbrell and the batting of Douglass Nims and Wilburn Ferguson, the latter being awarded a cash prize for his excellent stick work of the day.

Pleasure on Streams.

During the recent hot weather many Fort Mill parties have found the Catawba river and the creeks near town alluring places for bathing, boating and fishing. The luck of most of those bent upon taking from the waters members of the finny tribe is said to have been good, but the major part of the various catches was of inferior quality, due, fishermen say, to the inability of the choice fish from the low-country streams to negotiate the dams that have been built in recent years across the Catawba, stopping the passage of the fish up the river to this section. Others attribute the absence of good scale fish in the streams of this section to the muddy condition of the waters.

BOND ISSUE APPROVED.

Voters of Fort Mill Authorize Municipal Indebtedness.

Two proposed bond issues by the municipality of Fort Mill ran the gauntlet Tuesday at a special election, one for \$4,000 for waterworks and the other for \$10,000 for paying indebtedness of the town and for permanent street improvements, the vote on the former proposition being 29 to 20 and on the latter 31 to 18. Although less than half those whose names were on the list of qualified voters as furnished the election managers by the town clerk improved upon the opportunity to pass upon the questions involved in the election, more or less interest was displayed in the result of the voting. Efforts which for a time observers thought would be successful were made to defeat both the proposed issues.

If a purchaser is found for the bonds, the principal part of the amount received from those denominated waterworks bonds will be used, it is understood, to cancel a debt incurred by the town several years ago when money was borrowed from time to time to make improvements and extensions to the waterworks plant and for other purposes. No further extensions or improvements to the plant are contemplated at present, so far as The Times was informed.

From the sale of the \$10,000 issue of street bonds the street commission of Fort Mill expects to secure about \$5,000 to add to the \$30,000 street-bond issue authorized in April, 1920, and sold a few days ago. It is thought the commission will then have sufficient funds to insure about a mile and a half of hard-surface paving in the town. Efforts will be made to dispose of both the waterworks and street improvement bonds at once.

Mrs. Emma L. Alderson Dead.

Mrs. Emma Lucretia Alderson died at the home of her son, J. H. Bailes, in Fort Mill early last Friday morning. Mrs. Alderson was born on April 3, 1841, and was therefore a little more than 80 years of age at the time of her death. As Miss Kimbrell she was first married to Charles Bailes, and after his death to William Alderson, a Confederate veteran of the Fort Mill community who died about six years ago. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ira Patterson of the Pleasant Valley community, a son, J. H. Bailes, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alderson joined the Baptist church when she was 16 years of age and was ever after a consistent Christian and faithful member of the church. She was greatly esteemed by the entire community. She lived a very active life even till old age and nothing gave her greater pleasure than to minister to those who were suffering or in need.

The funeral was conducted at the home of her son, J. H. Bailes, with whom she had lived for several years, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock under the direction of the Rev. Dr. J. W. H. Dyches, pastor of the Fort Mill Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Bouknight. Interment followed in the city cemetery.

The picnic given the operatives of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company and their friends Monday by the management of the mills at Spratt's spring, near town, proved a pleasant outing for the hundreds who took advantage of the opportunity to spend the day in the beautiful grove surrounding the spring. Besides the picnic dinner and barbecue, there were various games and contests provided for the day's entertainment and a number of cash prizes were awarded boys and girls for their proficiency in the athletic events.

Boosters of fake educational meetings gotten up to promote the interests of private colleges or to advertise some notoriety seeker could save stamps by taking the Fort Mill Times off their mailing list for propaganda.

Weather forecast: Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

June, just passed, was the hottest in this section since 1888. The highest temperature in the shade was 98 and the lowest 62, though during the greater part of the month the heat was nearer 96 than 61.

No less than five North Carolina couples from Gaston and Mecklenburg counties came to Probate Judge J. L. Houston in Yorkville for marriage licenses last Saturday, the couples ranging in age from 18 to 25.

Indications are that there will be no less than 50 girls in attendance upon the three-day short course for members of the Girls' Canning club, which is to be held at the Yorkville graded school building July 19, according to Miss Juanita Neely, woman's home demonstration agent for York county, who is in charge of arrangements for the holding of the institute.

Treasurer Niel has received from the State game warden department a check for \$1,771.65, York county's share of the earnings of the game department over and above the upkeep of the department and the payment of law enforcement in the various counties. The total sum disbursed by the game department over and above expenses was \$46,257.70. This sum goes to the school fund of the various counties.

"By the way, did you know that South Carolina once had a divorce law?" queried Senator John R. Hart the other morning. "Well, it is a fact. It lasted only about a year, however, although quite a number of divorces were granted by the court under the act. It was passed in 1868 by the Radical Legislature and was repealed in December of that year. I had occasion to look up the matter the other day. The records show that there were many divorces issued in that short year."

The farms of W. J. Gordon, C. P. Bennett, H. B. McDaniel, Lytle Wood, Barnes and others suffered heavy damages by hail that swept over the Beth-Shiloh section last Saturday afternoon. Mr. McDaniel had about 15 acres of corn ruined and Mr. Wood suffered damage on 30 acres. Mr. Gordon and the others were very hard hit. Cotton was also badly hurt. The damage to the corn is attributed as much to the wind as to the hail. The aggregate loss foots up several thousand dollars.

Work on the new city hall is progressing nicely and as the building develops, people who at first seemed to think it would be too small are agreeing that its proportions will be ample. The building is of quite substantial construction and it will be complete in its appointments throughout. The auditorium in the second story will accommodate over 500 people and will answer every requirements not only for public meetings of whatever kind, but for theatrical entertainments as well. With accommodations for the police and fire departments, the city council, the mayor's court, the city treasurer, etc., the city hall will soon become a local center of very great importance.

Full Complement of Teachers.

The corps of teachers of the Fort Mill graded and high school for the 1921-22 session was filled Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the board of trustees when Capt. F. M. Mack of Fort Mill was chosen principal of the high school and Misses Edna Lawrence of Florence and Bernice Mills of Fort Mill were chosen teachers for the high school and grammar department, respectively.

Friends of Capt. Mack, who enters school work for the first time when he begins his new duties next fall, are confident the trustees have found a good man in him to take charge of the high school. He is an alumnus of Davidson college and Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y. Capt. Mack expects to attend the summer school for teachers now in session at Winthrop college.

Zack Spratt of Washington was in Fort Mill last week.

CAMP FOR BOY SCOUTS.

Fort Mill Troop to Spend Some Time at Chimney Rock.

Fort Mill troop, Boy Scouts of America, expect to go into camp for their annual outing at Chimney Rock, N. C., near Hendersonville, the last week in July. The troop committee, composed of Messrs. T. B. Spratt, George Fish and C. S. Link, are planning to furnish transportation for the scouts to and from the camp site so that the benefits of the camp life will not be lost in the long hike.

There are about 22 scouts in the Fort Mill troop and all will be eligible to take the trip who are in good standing and have all dues paid. Each scout will be required to make a deposit of \$10 to cover cost of equipment and rations and will be expected to have at least one complete scout uniform, consisting of hat, shirt, breeches, stockings and shoes. Extra clothing, bathing suit and athletic equipment may be taken to suit the individual, as well as a little spending money. Shelter tents, a haversack and mess equipment will be provided, but each scout will be expected to carry his own blankets or a comfort for bedding.

B. H. Stribling, scoutmaster, will return to Fort Mill to conduct the trip and he requests that all the scouts be prepared to take what promises to be the most enjoyable trip they have ever taken and which will last about ten days.

THOUSANDS AT REUNION.

Fourth Big Day for Ex-Service Men in York.

Ex-service men of York county, their relatives and friends to the number of several thousand attended the first reunion of York county service men held in Yorkville Monday on the occasion of the celebration of the 145th anniversary of American independence, says the Yorkville Enquirer. The staff old county seat was simply turned over to the ex-service men and the American Legion for the day and the soldiers conducted themselves in a manner that reflected credit upon themselves and the county. Because of the fact that the crowd was widely scattered throughout the day it was almost impossible to estimate the number of people present with any degree of accuracy. Estimates ran from 6,000 to 10,000, and keeping in mind the fact that practically the entire population of the town of Yorkville was on the streets mingling with the crowd practically all day, the latter estimate is perhaps more nearly correct. It was the opinion of old inhabitants that it was the largest crowd that Yorkville had ever entertained.

Features of the day's celebration were the parade, in which hundreds of decorated automobiles and the Fort Mill and Rock Hill military companies took part, the former commanded by Lieut. A. C. Lytle, and patriotic addresses by Col. T. B. Spratt of Fort Mill and Congressman John J. McSwain of Greenville. The celebration was concluded Monday night with a street dance in which hundreds took part.

Off Sunday for Encampment.

The armory of the Fort Mill military company has been a scene of activity for several nights with officers and men stirring about getting everything in readiness for the company to leave early Sunday morning for the annual 15-day encampment of the First regiment, N. G. S. C., at Mount Pleasant. The company has a membership of 100 men and, according to a recent order of the captain, Fred Nims Jr., none will be excused from attending the encampment.

What about some relief from the thieving manufacturers of crockery?

Dr. Lawton C. Lipsecomb, farmer and druggist of Ninety-Six, Greenwood county, was shot to death Monday afternoon by a negro. Dr. Lipsecomb was a former Columbia druggist and was well known throughout the State.

Secretary Mellon is opposing the soldier bonus bill.

NATION'S OLDEST "FLAT."

Apartment House 1,000 Years Old Found in New Mexico.

Evidence that a race once lived in the Chaco canyon, in New Mexico, possessing a degree of civilization comparable with that of the present day, has been unearthed by archaeologists working under the direction of the School of American Research of Santa Fe. The discoveries to date—it will be fully five years before the entire find is disclosed—consists of an apartment house containing 1,000 rooms, together with domestic implements.

Strangely enough, there is no trace of the people, and the scientists say there must have been fully 10,000 of them. It is conjectured that the inhabitants left the valley in leisurely fashion, as there are no evidences of flight, when at the very zenith of their development. This exodus is estimated to have taken place fully 1,000 years ago, and as far as the investigators have been able to learn the people stepped out of history when the janitor turned the key in the gigantic apartment house they vacated.

The shifting of sands which hid the structure for centuries gave scientists their first clew to the existence of a hitherto unknown race. Excavations disclosed a building equaling in extent about two ordinary city blocks and so well constructed as to defy the ravages of time. Its curved front swings in an arc of 700 feet and the 50 million pieces of stone which form its walls bear every evidence of having been quarried and carefully cut out.

The floors and ceilings were constructed by first laying heavy supporting timbers across from wall to wall. Upon these were laid smaller logs, placed closely side by side; over these came thin cedar slabs, next a layer of cedar bark and finally a solidly packed layer of earth. Some of the rooms show a remarkable state of preservation of both masonry and timber.

No Change at Postoffice.

Thus far nothing tangible has come of the talk heard in Fort Mill a few days ago to the effect that a change was to be made in the local postmastership on July 1 with J. C. McElhaney succeeding B. W. Ardrey as temporary head of the office. Mr. McElhaney is endorsed for the appointment by Joe W. Tolbert of Ninety-Six and Maj. John F. Jones of Blacksburg, well known Republican politicians who are said to have the ear of the administration at Washington in the distribution of federal patronage in South Carolina, and he is confident he will secure the appointment within the next few days.

Meanwhile, however, Congressman Stevenson is said to have interested himself in the selection of the Fort Mill postmaster and word comes from Washington that the place may yet go to Joe M. Belk, who got on the eligible list of the civil service commission several months ago as a result of a competitive examination held in Rock Hill. His name was sent to the senate for confirmation, but was never acted upon.

Report Good Meetings.

Misses Elizabeth Mills and Willie K. Barber have returned to Fort Mill from the Baptist Summer assembly at Greenville, where they went to represent the Young People's union and the Sunday school of the Fort Mill Baptist church, respectively. They give glowing accounts of the meetings, the attendance being good, enthusiasm running high and the addresses of a high order. The Fort Mill B. Y. P. U. was one of the five unions in the State in close competition for the State banner, losing the banner, however, by a narrow margin. Miss Mills made an address at one of the meetings on "The A1 Union Two Years or More—Its Value."

C. C. Coddington, Charlotte business man, had \$10,000 worth of diamonds stolen from him while he was in New York last week to witness the Dempsey-Carpentier prize fight.

GAS DEATH FOR CRIMINALS.

Condemned Men in Nevada Pay Penalty in Unusual Way.

The thudding crash of bullets or sickening drop from the scaffold will no longer bring legal death in Nevada. Instead, drugged into unconsciousness, criminals will be placed in an airtight chamber where death will come in stealthy approaches of tasteless, odorless gas.

Prior to January of this year a man condemned to death in Nevada had the choice of one of two ways to die. He could select the bullet or the hangman's noose. But the last Legislature, meeting in Carson City this year, passed a bill providing that death penalties should be exacted through the use of gas.

A new tier of cells is rapidly nearing completion at the State penitentiary in Carson City. In that tier of cells are three which to all outward appearances correspond with the other cells in the prison. Written over the entrance of each cell, unseen except by eyes that must soon face death, is a legend of anguish, for the three cells are death cells.

Death cells in literal truth, for the cell in which the condemned prisoner passes his last days on earth is the cell where death will steal upon him or her some time during the fateful week which has been set apart as the week of death.

Close by the death cells lies the executioner's room. There are no switches to swing into contact, no buttons to push which will release the drop beneath the prisoner's feet. Instead, great tanks of death-dealing gas stand waiting the day for carrying out the sentence of the law. Pipes lead from the tanks to each of the death cells. Their outlets cannot be seen by the eyes of the condemned, yet through the openings leading into the cells death will rush when the signal has been given.

Under Nevada's law, when the condemned man's last week arrives a strong opiate is put in his food on the fatal day. As the prisoner finishes eating drowsiness will close his eyes in sleep, the window to his cell will be closed airtight, the close fitting glass door will swing on him for the last time, witnesses will take their places and as the lethal gas is forced into the death cell the condemned man will die without ever having known that final payment for his crime is being made.

Lancaster Mills to Start Up.

The Lancaster cotton mills will resume operations at an early date, according to a Lancaster dispatch of Wednesday. During the three weeks the mills have been closed good order has been maintained in and around the plant. Employees who were discharged some time ago have abandoned the efforts they were making to retain the houses they occupied and the management of the mills now advises all those seeking employment to make application in person to the overseers of the departments in which they wish to work. The mills were closed as a result of differences with the textile union members and as the shutdown was for an indefinite period, it will take several days to get the mills running full in each department, the dispatch stated.

Marriages in Fort Mill.

J. Whitman Neal of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss Lois Nabors of Clinton were married at the Baptist parsonage, Fort Mill, Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. J. W. H. Dyches in the presence of a few friends of the young couple.

John L. King of Rock Hill and Miss Margaret Hefner of Pineville, N. C., were married Sunday afternoon by Magistrate J. R. Haile at his home on Hall street.

A. Y. Williamson, traveling shoe salesman, yesterday returned to his home in Fort Mill for the summer vacation.

Saturday night shortly after darkness set in one of the hardest rains seen in this section for several months fell in Fort Mill. The rain came from the southeast and lasted about two hours.