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READY TO BUILD BRIDGE.

York Officials Adopt Plans for Structure Across Catawba.

Plans for the steel bridge to be built across the Catawba river at the Buster Boyd site by York and Mecklenburg counties, 12 miles north of Fort Mill, were adopted by the York county board of commissioners at a special meeting of the board in York last Friday. It was announced that copies of the plans for the bridge had also been placed in the hands of the Mecklenburg authorities and they were expected to take similar action within the next few days. It also was stated at the meeting in York Friday that a joint meeting of the two county boards would be held in Charlotte early in August, when bids for the construction of the bridge will be opened.

The cost of the bridge will be kept within the \$120,000 appropriated by the two counties for the main structure and its approaches. According to the plans agreed upon by the York commissioners the bridge will be 1,378 feet long and will consist of ten spans. One span over the main channel of the river will be 301 feet long. It is to have seven spans each 126 feet long and two spans 90 feet long.

The substructure is to be of concrete and instead of the ordinary plank flooring for the bridge proper, the plank will be covered with asphalt. It will be a double track bridge. In appearance the bridge will be similar to the one which spans the Catawba between Fort Mill and Rock Hill.

Just how long it will take to complete the bridge is a matter of conjecture. The York county engineer, W. W. Miller, estimates however, that six months will be required to complete the structure. The time limit will be placed in the contract when it is let at the office of the Mecklenburg authorities in Charlotte in August.

Nothing stands in the way now of the beginning of construction work except the letting of the contract. The plans have been approved by the officials of the two counties, the money for the tow counties, the money for the building of the bridge is available and the site is satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Hand in Hand.

Business success and advertising go hand in hand, says the Culpeper (Va.) Star. The best way to judge the business enterprise of any community is by the size and frequency of the ads in the local paper. All readers are strangers until they buy. The business visitor to Culpeper is a stranger until he buys a few meals; and the permanent resident is very much a stranger at the store he has never been invited to patronize. The large, attractive display advertisement holds attention and arouses respect and confidence. It cries out: "Low costs, low overhead, low selling prices, quality goods." It dominates the page, of course, just as the mansion of many rooms looms up larger than the shack. All advertisements are read—big and little. Everybody knows that, and the statement calls for no argument. But the merchant who is seeking real business success, and who wants to advertise the best way and to get the most for his money, is the one who realizes that the larger the advertisement the greater its pulling power.

Women on Fair Board.

Since the announcement of the change in the dates of the York County fair from October 19-21 to November 9-11, plans are going steadily forward to make this year's fair one of the best in the history of the association. One of the new and progressive features in connection with the personnel of the fair is the decision to have four advisory directors, two men and two women, from each of the nine townships in the county. One or two big get-together meetings of the officers and directors together with the 36 advisory directors will be held previous to the fair.

TO OCCUPY OLD HOME.

New Residents for Mansion of Late Col. Wm. E. White.

John F. Oates, for the last six months boss dyer for the Fort Mill Manufacturing company, is this week moving his family from their former home at New Bedford, Mass., to Fort Mill. They will occupy the old White mansion on the outskirts of town as soon as some painting is done in the interior of the building, which, notwithstanding the fact that it was built so long ago as 1832 and in recent years has been used as a lodging house, is still in good repair generally.

This old home was built by the late Col. William E. White as a residence for himself and family, by whom it was occupied until after the close of the Civil war. It is of brick construction, with the large rooms characteristic of early 19th century architecture, and the walls today appear to be as substantial as ever. Sitting back some distance from the public highway and surrounded by beautiful shade trees and ample grounds, one does not find it difficult to believe the stories that have been handed down of the delightful hospitality of the old South for which the place was noted far and near during the lifetime of Col. White. Many distinguished people from various sections of South Carolina, North Carolina and other Southern States were entertained there, among the number being Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, and members of his cabinet, who are said to have held an official meeting on the lawn in front of the house. The last one of Col. White's sons to occupy the mansion was the late Capt. S. E. White, who continued to reside there until he built for himself and family a residence in town in the early '70s.

At various times in recent years a report has been current in Fort Mill that it was the purpose of Capt. Elliott White Springs, grandson of Capt. S. E. White, to restore the old place to its ante-bellum appearance and there establish his home. Capt. Springs now lives in Lancaster with his father, Col. Leroy Springs.

Long Trip on Bicycles.

Parker Capps and Frank Capps, 16 and 14 years old, respectively, sons of C. L. Capps, former citizen of the Steel Creek section of Mecklenburg county, a few miles north of Fort Mill, Monday afternoon rode into town on their bicycles after completing all but a few miles of the long trip from their home in Jacksonville, Fla., to the home of their uncle, R. N. Capps. They consumed about a week in covering the 400 miles. Much of the road they had to travel in Georgia and lower South Carolina was hard to pedal over, they said, because of the deep sand and mud in other places, but on the whole they found the trip enjoyable and met with a number of interesting experiences. Both are members of a troop of Jacksonville Boy Scouts. After spending a fortnight with their uncle, the boys expect to return to Jacksonville on their wheels.

Truant Officer for County.

In compliance with the request of a large number of school trustees of the county, as expressed at a meeting in the county court house ten days ago, the York legislative delegation Saturday voted unanimously in favor of giving the county board of education authority to secure the services of a county truant officer to enforce the compulsory school attendance law.

York county had two truant officers before the last session of the Legislature, which abolished the offices and devolved the duties upon the school trustees, but they objected to doing the work. One truant officer will now look after the enforcement of the law for the entire county, the salary to be paid by apportionment among the various school districts and not by a county appropriation.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Little cotton has been sold on the Rock Hill market for the past ten days or more and indications Monday were that there would be mightily little selling in the near future. A Rock Hill warehouseman who is familiar with storage conditions in the city, told The Enquirer's correspondent Saturday morning that there were no less than 15,000 bales of cotton, the property of farmers, stored in Rock Hill warehouses.

An aftermath of the Fourth of July celebration in Yorkville is some 40-odd worthless checks which have been placed in the hands of Magistrate Fred C. Black for collection. Most of the checks are for small amounts, given to merchants and other business people by people of "insufficient funds" during the celebration.

Sam K. Moore, substitute mail carrier on Clover No. 1, had a narrow escape from death when his horse was killed by lightning near Bethany church Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Moore was rendered unconscious by the bolt and it was some time before he was able to grasp the situation. The buggy was uninjured.

The "country store" or curb market originated in Rock Hill some weeks ago by Miss Juanita Neely, woman's home demonstration agent for York county, continues to do a good business on Saturdays. A large quantity of country produce, including chickens, butter, eggs and vegetables, was brought in by ladies from the countryside Saturday morning and as usual most of it was disposed of at prices satisfactory to everybody concerned.

Work of making the necessary excavations for the new school building to be erected in Clover has been commenced. The new building will join the present building and it is proposed to push construction work as rapidly as possible. The new building, it is stated, will hardly be ready for occupancy by the time the fall term of school opens. Construction work on the new was brought in by the ladies from the Clover is also being pushed rapidly. The building is being erected by day labor in charge of a competent overseer. The edifice will not be completed for several months.

Alleging that he poisoned about 18 of his chickens valued at \$30, Louis Roth, Yorkville merchant, has issued a warrant for O. C. Taylor, superintendent of the Yorkville oil mill, charging malicious mischief. Taylor denies poisoning Roth's chickens, but claims that he did throw some dough over the Roth side of the fence that the chickens might be attracted to it and incidentally taught to stay at home. Incidentally Taylor comes back at Roth with the charge that Roth's son, Louis, got the Taylor goat by pouring gasoline on it and then setting it on fire. The matter is scheduled for a hearing in Magistrate Black's court as soon as the court of general sessions is over.

Cotton, corn, garden vegetables, timber and other property suffered serious damage last Tuesday from the effects of a fierce storm that swept over the Union and Filbert neighborhoods, four miles north of Yorkville, in the afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock. In spots the rain came down in volume that was suggestive of cloudbursts, and in other places in showers that were copious, but not excessive. The hail fell in like manner, in some places almost ruining the crops and in other places doing but slight damage. Among the farmers who were in the path of the heaviest part of the storm were the following: W. N. Ferguson, H. Brown, J. W. Parrott, J. C. Litley, S. W. Thomas, J. E. Bryant, Mrs. J. J. McCarter, J. E. Bankhead, D. E. Jackson, W. W. Jackson, T. N. Wood, T. N. Thomasson, S. W. White, C. W. Bechtler.

BOLL-WEEVIL IN COUNTY.

Insect Said to Have Reached Fort Mill Township.

Has the boll weevil reached Fort Mill township? C. T. Crook, who has observed the work of the weevil in both the lower section of South Carolina and in Georgia, is confident that it is established on the farm of S. A. Epps in the Gold Hill section of the township. Several days ago Mr. Crook was requested to examine a number of cotton squares that had fallen to the ground on Mr. Epps farm and he said they had undoubtedly been attacked by the weevil. Others who examined the squares and claimed to be familiar with the method of attack of the weevil, however, did not agree with Mr. Crook.

But whether the weevil has yet reached Fort Mill township, its advent in the community would seem to be near at hand, for it is reported closing in on the territory surrounding Rock Hill. Reports from Landsford and Fort Lawn, in Chester county, say that the insect is doing great damage in those neighborhoods. It has also been found in force around Smith's Turnout, in York county, a few miles south of Rock Hill. It was stated in Rock Hill Monday that the weevil had appeared near Harmony church and Wylie's mill and in sections even nearer the city.

SKYSCRAPER CHURCH.

Methodists to Erect Immense Edifice in Chicago.

Unique among the world's greatest churches will be the building soon to be erected by the First Methodist Episcopal church in Chicago's famous downtown "loop" district. It will represent a combination of skyscraper and the conventional church building, and thus will serve a utilitarian as well as religious purposes. With such a home for church activities, Chicago, says The Herald-Examiner of that city, "will soon be as famous in its religious services for the special benefit of strangers and transients as London, with its City Temple, or Boston, with its Tremont Temple." The church will record the fact that the First Methodist church has never abandoned its original site since Chicago was a straggling village.

The proposed building will be 21 stories high with offices occupying the space not given to a huge auditorium on the street level and church headquarters above. Rising from the roof of the 260 foot building will be a spire 140 feet tall. Great chimes in the spire—large enough, it is said, to dominate the roar of loop traffic—will summon worshippers to the "cathedral" on Sundays and mark the hours during the week.

Calvin's Grave Revealed.

Leaders of Protestant churches throughout Europe are showing lively interest in the announcement that the burial place of John Calvin, the Swiss divine and reformer, has been revealed after having been unknown for 357 years. Calvin died in 1564 and was buried somewhere in the Plains-Palais cemetery, Geneva, but no stone has marked the spot. According to the legend, he was buried secretly from fear that his grave would be desecrated.

Knowledge of the location of the grave is said to have been held by one family for more than three and a half centuries. The secret is said to have been handed down from father to son for all these generations. Disclosure at this time is accounted for by the statement that the last holder of the secret, Eugene de Speyr, has no descendant and being 71 years old, decided to reveal the site of the grave to the Council of the Protestant Church in Geneva.

"Cyclone Mack" (the Rev. Baxter F. McLendon) who conducted a meeting in Fort Mill several years ago, opened revival services in North Wilkesboro, N. C., a few days ago which are to run through several weeks.

DISCUSSES DOG DAYS.

"Dutch Weather Prophet" Says Season Ends on August 11.

Once a year, as sure as each summer comes, the subject of dog days attracts more or less attention. W. P. Houseal, the "Dutch Weather Prophet," of Columbia says the real day upon which dog days start is July 3 and that the end of this season comes on August 11. Here is what Mr. Houseal gave the press for publication on the subject a few days ago.

"Every dog has his day" is a trite old saying, but everybody has dog days, according to the ancient Greeks and Romans and even Babylonians. According to these ancients the period when everybody is experiencing the baneful influences of dog days is now upon us and has been since July 3. The middle of dog days is July 23, so the period runs from July 3 to August 11. Some of the ancients estimated 54 days as the entire period of dog days, but we might just as well settle this much vexed question once for all and agree that the period begins July 3 and ends August 11 and thus have an end to the discussion. It is just as well to have it so as to say that dog days have such varied dates to begin that a babel of confusion is created and cannot be satisfied.

The idea of having dog days is connected with the rising of the dog star, Sirius, and the ancients believed that all the hot, sultry weather and accompanying diseases were caused by the appearance of this beautiful star upon the horizon incidental with the rising of the sun. So they fixed the time 20 days before and 20 days after the heliacal rising of Sirius, which day is July 23. Thus we arrive at July 3 as the beginning of dog days.

The coming of dog days does not necessarily mean that rain will occur during this entire period. Some very dry and droughty dog days have prevailed and dogs have hydrophobia at all seasons of the year even if Pliny, the Roman historian, does say that dogs go mad only during their special days. However, the Romans knew many practical things about the weather, one of which is the three day change of the currents, which is good meteorology today.

"Our grandparents—and even parents of some of us—prohibited their children from bathing in the old familiar 'wash hole' during dog days, but if any direful sickness resulted during that period it could have been easily traced to some other cause."

Richard L. Young Married.

A marriage of much interest in Fort Mill was that of Richard L. Young to Miss Jean Conklin of Ontario, Ore., at the Ninth Avenue Baptist church in Charlotte Tuesday afternoon. The wedding was an elaborate affair and was attended by a number of out-of-town relatives of both the bride and bridegroom, among the number being Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Young of Fort Mill.

Mrs. Young has made her home in Charlotte for the last year and last winter taught in the city schools. She is a member of a well known Oregon family and is a talented and highly educated young woman. Mr. Young is a son of the late Arthur Young of Fort Mill and is a native of this place. His mother is Mrs. Leonora Ross of Charlotte. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and at present is a member of the staff of the Charlotte Observer. He has been a frequent visitor at the home of his uncle, J. T. Young, in Fort Mill in recent years and has numerous friends here who are interested in his marriage.

Fewer Peripatetics.

According to the State highway department, there are registered in York county 2,258 automobiles, 174 motor trucks, 24 motorcycles, 20 dealers and 22 transfers.

Col. William H. Nims returned to Fort Mill Tuesday after a visit of several weeks to relatives at Gannt's Quarry, Ala.

CITY OVER COAL MINES.

Miners at Work Daily Under Scranton, Pa.

Scranton, Pa., is a good illustration of the mining industry, which will go anywhere to obtain results. Several cities in ancient days were built beside volcanoes. Scranton is one modern American city which is built over a coal mine, or rather a series of coal mines.

The present fame and future prosperity of Scranton, a hustling city, literally rests upon the coal industry. From a country hamlet 50 years ago Scranton has become the third largest city in Pennsylvania and ranks first among the coal mining cities of the world.

Beneath the business blocks and dwellings of the city each day the picks and the cutting machines are digging deeper into the black power producer which has brought so much wealth to the community.

To the casual visitor to Scranton it may seem alarming to realize that underneath the streets of the city there is a labyrinth of shafts and tunnels forming an underground city consisting of rooms connected by an endless series of subways and to know that the very life of the inhabitants is dependent upon the strength of the supports which are left standing.

On the other hand going to work would seem to be simple instead of a nerve-wracking, energy-consuming trip. The worker in Scranton can sleep peacefully above ground, eat a refreshing breakfast and then drop down a few hundred feet to join his colleagues in reducing still further the remaining foundations of the city.

Scranton is the center of the anthracite coal region in Pennsylvania. Within the city limits there are over 33 mines in operation with an annual production of more than 6 million tons. These mines have produced since their discovery over 115 million tons of coal. More coal is mined annually in Scranton and the Scranton coal basin has produced a larger volume of coal than any other city in the world.

Long before New York city had even dreamed of a subway system, the city of Scranton was well supplied with many miles of underground tunneling.

Caught in Grocery Store.

The Charlotte News of Saturday evening printed the following in its news columns:

"Ollen Taylor, 25 year old white man, was caught in Shoemaker's grocery store, at Fifth and College streets, Friday night about 11 o'clock by Detectives Pittman and Gribble. He was unable to give a bond of \$500 when bound over to higher court for trial Saturday by Recorder Wade H. Williams.

"Taylor entered Forkner's store earlier in the night and stole a small amount of money from the cash register, the police reported. Detectives Gribble and Pittman were seeking a clue as to this robbery when they discovered Taylor in Shoemaker's store. He effected an entrance into the store by cutting the front door glass and unlocking the door by reaching his hand through the glass to the inside lock."

Condition Slightly Improved.

Reports late yesterday afternoon from the bedside of Fravor Kimbrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kimbrell, who has been critically ill for several days, were that his condition was slightly improved over what it was Tuesday. The attending physicians have diagnosed the young man's ailment meningitis. He has suffered intensely since he became ill two weeks ago.

We now have private ownership of railroads, with higher passenger rates, higher freight rates and poorer service, but the subsidized papers are not complaining. The government could not have done worse than the managers are doing. Experience is a dear teacher, but the people are learning.