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SCHOOL OPENING DATE.

Next Session to Begin Tuesday, September 6.

The 1921-22 session of the Fort Mill graded school will open Tuesday, September 6, yesterday said J. B. Mills, chairman of the board of trustees. Originally the trustees planned to have the session begin a week earlier, but the unexpected resignation a few weeks ago of C. C. Stewart of Pandleton, who had been elected superintendent, and the necessity of completing the installation of the plumbing in the school building, begun some time ago, have caused the delay.

As yet the school is without a superintendent, but a meeting of the board of trustees is scheduled for one day next week when it is expected the place will be filled. With the exception of a superintendent and the possible necessity of electing an additional teacher for the fifth grade, depending upon the enrollment of pupils in that grade, the teaching corps for the session is complete.

Failure to receive as much State aid for teachers' salaries as it was thought would be available for that purpose is said to have given the trustees considerable concern.

Train Damages Mill.

An unusual accident occurred at mill No. 1 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company when an empty freight car that was being placed on the mill siding jumped the track last Thursday afternoon at the crossing on White street and ran into the northeast corner of the weave room, knocking a hole in the wall several feet in length and otherwise damaging the wall from the foundations to the roof of the building. It is said that it will be necessary to rebuild the wall for a distance of about 20 feet in both the east and north sides of the building. The accident is thought to have been due to the accumulation of earth on the inside of the track which prevented the car from staying on the rails. In the damaged corner of the building is located the cornerstone of the original structure, which was built in 1887. The cornerstone was loosened by the impact, but was not displaced. A number of operatives were at work at their looms near the corner where the car struck the building, but none of these was injured.

Visit Boll Weevil Section.

A trip for 60 or more farmers of the community and business men of the town to the lower section of the State to observe boll weevil conditions is being arranged by the First National Bank of Fort Mill. The party will be gone two days, leaving Fort Mill early next Wednesday morning and returning the following day. The trip will be made in automobiles and it is thought that much valuable information will be gained by members of the party which will be helpful to the community under the changed conditions which will come with the general advent of the boll weevil in this section.

Soldier Picnic Friday.

Practically all arrangements have been completed for the joint picnic Friday of the Tea Hall Guards and the World War veterans of Fort Mill township. The picnic will be in the grove surrounding Spratt's spring, near town. Following the picnic an exhibition drill will be given at the ball ground by the military company, at the conclusion of which the ball teams of the ex-service men and the militiamen will play. Friday night there will be several athletic contests in the armory of the militiamen.

Henry V. Richardson a few days ago bought the home and shoe repair shop of R. D. Nunns in Fort Mill. Mr. Nunns has bought a farm in the Dixie neighborhood of Mecklenburg county, to which he will move with his family in the near future.

MILLIONS FOR GRAFTERS.

Government Pays for War Goods Never Delivered.

In the house of representatives you will find a Republican who is not afraid of the administration, says Senator Tom Watson's Columbia (Ga.) Sentinel. His name is James T. Begg and he represents the 13th Ohio district.

Mr. Begg wrote the war department a polite letter in which he invited the Hon. Weeks to furnish Congress with copies of all the records of the war department showing adjustment of claims of war contractors.

The Hon. Weeks was too busy following President Harding on some vacation to answer Representative Begg, therefore the assistant secretary, Wainwright, notified the Ohio congressman that owing to a scarcity of clerks it would be utterly impossible to furnish the information.

The newspapers say that Mr. Begg replied by stating that he expected to obtain the lists without conducting a correspondence school on the subject and if Wainwright could not furnish them voluntarily, he would be forced to respond to a resolution of Congress, demanding that he produce the evidence.

Mr. Begg suggested to the Hon. Wainwright that if he needed clerks he might use some of the army officers who are loafing around Washington.

The war department decided to furnish the information and we now learn that our government has paid more than two billions of dollars to contractors in the adjustment of war contracts, and in many cases we learn that the goods contracted for were never delivered to the army, although our government pays for them.

Do you understand why Mr. Wainwright balked when Mr. Begg asked the war department for this information?

The following are samples of thousands of cases where our treasury has been robbed by profiteering criminals:

Sheldon Axle & Spring Co.; Articles delivered, none; amount paid, \$258,000.

Kenyon Co., for raincoats; Articles delivered, \$56,000; amount paid, \$350,000.

Studebaker Corporation; Articles delivered, \$2,986,000; amount paid in addition, \$1,061,000.

Ford Motor Co., for tractors. Number delivered, none; amount paid, \$1,209,301.90.

Ford Motor Co., for tools; Delivered, none; amount paid, \$249,272.12.

Ford Motor Co., for spare parts; Delivered, none; amount paid, \$5,517,668.54.

Packard Motor Co., for trucks; Number delivered, none; amount paid, \$757,130.67.

Nash Motor Co.; Articles delivered, none; amount paid, \$627,000.

Colt's Patent Firearms Co., for automatic rifles; Delivered none; amount paid, \$1,865,471.03.

Herules Powder Co., for T. N. T.; For goods accepted, \$2,790,046.50; amount paid, \$4,583,334.79.

Potato House About Completed.

Work on the community sweet potato storage house which was planned last spring by the farmers of the lower section of Fort Mill township is about finished. The house is on the farm of Sam Armstrong and has a capacity of 2,500 bushels. It was built in conformity with plans suggested by Clemson college and the farmers interested in the enterprise are confident that, so far as the house itself is concerned, they will have first class potatoes to market a few months hence. The proper curing of potatoes for market, however, calls for considerable attention and care. The artificial heat in the building must be kept at the proper temperature, otherwise the potatoes will not find ready sale, as is frequently pointed out in farm journals and in the bulletins sent out by the agricultural department on the curing of sweet potatoes.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Secretary Fewell of the Rock Hill chamber of commerce is trying to get in touch with the Indianapolis (Ind.) baseball team with a view to trying to interest them in coming to Rock Hill for spring training next year.

"I feel quite sure that the York county chaingang will not have completed its work in Catawba township by September 1, and I think they will be doing fine if they complete the work by January 1," said W. Hall Spencer, a member of the Catawba township road commission.

Officers and members of the Frank Roach post of the American Legion are considering the idea of inviting the South Carolina department of the American Legion to hold its annual convention for 1922 in Rock Hill. It has not been definitely decided yet whether the invitation will be extended to the convention at its Newberry meeting, but definite decision will be reached within the next few days.

"Oh, yes, we've got plenty of boll weevils," said C. D. Reid, prominent Catawba township farmer when the correspondent asked about it Saturday. "They are doing some damage," Mr. Reid went on to say, "and I am expecting that the effect on the crop is going to be very marked between now and October 15. The boll weevil is here to stay and the sooner we farmers generally realize that fact and begin to make arrangements to grow crops other than cotton the better off we are going to be."

Mr. W. S. Percival of the Ogletown neighborhood was in Yorkville Monday on business. Asked about the boll weevil in his section, he said that there is no doubt of the fact that the weevil is there. "On the farm of Mr. Scagle, a near neighbor," he said, "you cannot only see what the weevil has been doing, but you can see the weevil himself. He is also at work on Mr. T. L. Johnson's farm. I do not know certainly whether I have any weevils or not."

Martha Ratchford, negress, said to be at least 110 years of age, died Sunday of the infirmities of old age and was buried in the cemetery at Mount Zion church for colored people near McConnellsville Monday, a large crowd of colored people attending the funeral. The old negress, who is said to have had remarkably good health during her long lifetime, recently became sick at the home of her son-in-law who lives on Mr. R. M. Bratton's place in Bethesda township. Some people claim that she was considerably more than 110 years of age, but that was the age stated by her son on the burial certificate.

York county farmers will not have the benefit of the services of a United States cotton grader during the coming year, according to announcement Saturday of Dr. J. B. Johnson, president of the York County Cotton association. "It is evident," said President Johnson in discussing the matter, "that the farmers are not very much interested in the matter—certainly not to the point of putting up the necessary money to insure the services of a grader. Several weeks ago we divided the county into school districts with a view to trying to get them to guarantee their pro rata part of the grader's salary. Only one district in York county, Bethesda, No. 28, guaranteed its pro rata part. We did not get up quite enough money to pay the cotton grader's expenses last year, with the result that I had to dig down in my pocket to the amount of \$118 to make up the deficit and I do not care to do this again this year. It is my opinion that never was the need of a public grader greater than this coming year, but if the farmers are not interested enough to put up the necessary money, why, of course that settles it."

Mrs. L. E. Ligon of Shelby, N. C., is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Alice Harris.

END LONG TRIP.

Tarantulas Come to Town, Probably From Central America.

The long ride from Central America, probably, to Fort Mill ended Saturday for two tarantulas which arrived in a bunch of bananas ordered from Charlotte by Ferguson's grocery. The trip proved too much for one of the tarantulas, however, and it died on the way. The other one was very much alive when it was discovered Monday morning near the top of the bunch of bananas. It has since made its home in a fruit jar, along with the remains of its dead companion, and has been an object of curiosity for many Fort Mill people who had never before seen this species of spider. The tarantula is three or four times larger than the largest spider common to this section and its bite is said to prove fatal in many instances where prompt medical attention cannot be had.

Dr. J. R. DesPortes of Fort Mill, who spent several years on a big banana plantation in British Honduras and who in that country had occasion frequently to observe the tarantula, says it does not bite as many people as is generally supposed in this country.

"The natives in gathering the banana crop are always on the lookout for the tarantula," yesterday said Dr. DesPortes. "They seem to know where it is hiding in the bunches of bananas and kill most of them before the bananas are taken aboard ship for export."

"More than two-thirds of the bananas consumed in this country are grown in British Honduras," continued Dr. DesPortes, "and most of them come through the port of New Orleans, where they are put in cold storage awaiting shipment to the various distributing centers. The Honduras tarantulas that reach the United States with these bananas have a hard time surviving the cold of the refrigerating plants, but now and then one does survive and finally lands where the bananas are to be consumed. They are not attractive in appearance and I would not advise one of my friends to try to make a pet of one of them."

SERVICES AT FLINT HILL.

Church Observes Annual Homecoming Meeting.

(Written for The Times.)
The annual revival service of Flint Hill Baptist church began Sunday, August 14. For more than a century this day has been observed as homecoming day for those who go out from the community year by year. The pastor, the Rev. J. R. Smith, preached twice, morning and afternoon, to large and appreciative congregations.

Monday there was no morning or afternoon service, but beginning Monday night the pastor was assisted by the Rev. S. P. Hair of Fountain Inn, formerly pastor of the church for seven years. Morning and afternoon for the remainder of the week he preached to large and attentive congregations, except the first two services when the weather was unfavorable. Mr. Hair's messages were heart-searching and uplifting and a spirit of sweet fellowship prevailed. He is greatly loved by the Flint Hill people.

There were 22 applications for baptism and one by letter. The meeting closed last Sunday, the preaching service being followed by the baptism of 18, with four others yet to be baptized. The singing throughout the meeting was splendid, the leader, J. G. Smith, always being at his post.

The Rev. Gary T. Windell, a son of the church, will preach next Sunday.

Jas. F. Boyd, Church Clerk.
Hoover in Everything.
Senator Tom Watson: No matter what's what or who's who, here in Washington, it cannot get by without having Hoover put into the soup before it is served.

BALL TEAM ENDS SEASON.

Silver Cups for Wilburn Ferguson and Douglas Nims.

The 1921 Fort Mill baseball team has disbanded, after winning 12 of the 16 games played during the season. Of the four games the team lost, one went to Great Falls, one to Arcade and two to Aragon. The close of the season found no money in the club's treasury, but the manager of the team, Wilburn Ferguson, was able to keep down expenses, they leaving no debts to be paid by contributions from fans as has been the case a number of times in recent years when the season ended.

A compilation of the batting records of the players for the season shows that Wilburn Ferguson led with 26 hits and that Douglas Nims came second with 24 hits. For their good stick work these two players will each be awarded a silver cup by Geo. Fish, general manager of the plants of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company, who has taken much interest in the fortunes of the team.

NOTES FROM GOLD HILL.

Happenings in Upper Section of Fort Mill Township.

The Gold Hill public school is in summer session again and good work is being done with a large enrollment. The pupils of the school have organized a literary society and had their first meeting last Friday afternoon. The naming of the society was the first matter brought up for discussion and it was decided to call it the Crook-Faris-Coltharp society in honor of the present trustees of the school, but the name will be abbreviated into the C. F. C. Literary society. After attending to other business a short program was carried out which was enjoyed by all. The society then adjourned to meet again next Friday.

David Smith of Tampa, Fla., is in this community visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

Mrs. Tom Langston of Florence is on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Epps.

Miss Winnie Crook has returned home, after visiting friends at Newport and Rock Hill.

Miss Mary Edwards of Jacksonville, Fla., was the guest of her uncle, K. G. Faris, last week.

Miss Mason Blankenship has returned to her home in Union, after visiting friends and relatives here.

Ellie Mae Bailes of Pineville, N. C., spent the last week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Tom Wilson.

Mrs. G. F. Young of Gainesville, Fla., is a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kimbrell.

Rosa Mae Bradford is visiting her father in Florence.

Misses Carrie and Ethel Patterson of Pleasant Valley are spending the week with relatives here.

Miss Janie Belle Glenn of Monroe, N. C., is visiting Miss Sadie Kimbrell.

Many Gold Hill people attended the protracted meeting at Flint Hill church last week.

A protracted meeting is being conducted this week at Philadelphia Methodist church by the pastor, the Rev. W. R. Bauknight, who is being greeted by large congregations at each service. Apparently there is much interest in the meeting.

New Seed Store.

Rock Hill is to be the home of a new seed store, of which E. H. Garrison, until recently demonstration agent for McCormick county, and Karl G. Faris will be the proprietors. The store will carry in stock a complete assortment of farm and garden seed and will open its doors on September 1. Mr. Garrison is an experienced seedsman and has also been actively engaged in boll weevil work and will therefore be able to give the farmers of this section many valuable suggestions in the fight they will next year find it necessary to make on the cotton pest.

COMES AS SURPRISE.

Announcement of Bleese Not Expected in York.

Writing to the Charlotte Observer of last Monday, the York correspondent of that paper commented as follows upon the announcement of Cole L. Bleese that he will be a candidate for governor next year:

"A news dispatch from Newberry appearing in the daily papers of Saturday morning to the effect that Cole L. Bleese has tossed his sombrero in the political arena and will make the race for governor next year, was read with interest and surprise here.

"Coming on the heels of his Filbert speech near York several weeks ago, when he dramatically declared that he would not be a candidate for any office and so far as he knew would never be a candidate again, his changed attitude caused considerable comment and speculation. At Filbert he attacked the extravagance of the State administration in language that scorched and sizzled, declared that the 'peopl' needed a man of ability and character to place the facts before them and lead them to victory, but said that he was too old for the task and that they would have to seek a younger man.

"Now, however, another year of political turmoil, perfervid orations and appeals to partisan prejudices looms up on the political horizon, for Bleese will undoubtedly prosecute his race for political honors in characteristic fashion. He will likely capitalize the prevailing discontent over alleged high taxation and make this the chief plank in his platform. This much was indicated in his Filbert speech, when he excoriated the Legislature for its heavily increased appropriations for State institutions and offices and declared that if all the drones could be turned out of office taxation could be reduced one-half.

"York county was one of Bleese's strongholds up to 1918, when a majority vote was given N. B. Dial, his opponent for the United States senate. He still has a considerable following here, but most unbiased political observers believe that he has still further lost strength in the last few years and that such a thing as his carrying the county again is out of the question."

Agrees With "The Times."

After quoting an editorial in The Times of last week in which it was stated that the provision of the constitution of South Carolina requiring that the public printing be done by contract should be stricken out, the Chester News says:

"Right you are, Mr. Bradford, and did you notice that the advertisement which asked for bids stated that any bidder would have to furnish a bond for \$10,000?"

"The manner in which the State's printing is done is a joke and it would pay South Carolina to give the present plants doing the work 'by contract' a pension and then place the work with printing plants in other sections of South Carolina. Oh, well, the State's printing has been cut and dried for many years and we guess it will continue to be."

Resignation Accepted.

Sunday afternoon at a congregational meeting of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church, the resignation of the Rev. J. B. Black, for the last two and a half years pastor of the church, was accepted and the resignation will now be referred to Bethel presbytery for action by that body, perhaps at a called meeting to be held early in September. The resignation is to take effect October 1. Mr. Black has been in declining health for several months and in announcing to the congregation several weeks ago his intention of resigning he stated he did not feel that his strength would permit him to continue the work. The congregational meeting Sunday afternoon was presided over by the Rev. Alexander Martin, D. D., of Rock Hill.