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CAPTURE OF BRANCOURT.

World War Veteran Tells of Part Played by Fort Mill Company.

Members of Company G, 118th regiment, 30th division, may live to be old men, but I am sure none of them will go through another such night as they did on October 7 and the early morning of October 8, 1918," yesterday said a World War veteran in recalling that the third anniversary of the memorable attack of the 30th division on the Hindenburg line was at hand.

"The 118th infantry," he continued, "was then holding the front lines near Brancourt and soon after sundown of the dark, rainy night of October 7, Company G received a hurried order to move at once to the left and counterattack the Germans, who it was reported had attacked and broken through the 117th infantry on our left. Capt. S. W. Parks, Major Lindsay McFadden and others at the front knew the attack was useless and likely to prove disastrous. It is understood that Col. T. B. Spratt, at the time in command of the regiment, protested so strongly the order that he was threatened with removal from command if the attack was not made at once.

"As was expected, the alarm proved to be false, and while the Fort Mill company escaped without casualties, the Rock Hill company lost about 25 men. Company G returned to its former position pretty well shaken up and the men spent the balance of the night lying on the wet ground waiting for the coming of daylight, when they were to attack the German front and capture Brancourt.

"It is almost impossible to realize the situation in which the Fort Mill boys were. Thousands of miles from home, they had already been fighting for nearly a week and many of them had been killed and wounded. They spent this miserable night lying in the mud and rain and at daylight lined up and moved forward to the attack in fine shape and splendid spirit.

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"Members of Company G will never forget October 8, 1918, and Brancourt, France."

Worked on "The Times."
Says the Chester News: "The editor of the Fort Mill Times in mentioning the recent removal of his paper to a new building, gives the history of The Times and states that some years ago it was printed on a hand press. The editor of The News well remembers the old George Washington hand press used in The Times office and it was there that he got his first experience as a typesetter, pressman, proofreader, etc., etc. Some times we believe every printer should be required to pull a George Washington hand press for about six months and then he would appreciate the advantages of getting out a newspaper on a cylinder press. Yes, the printer of this day thinks he knows something about hard work, but a printer has no conception of real hard work until he has tackled the job of printing a paper from a hand press on a real hot day in August."

The New York Americans won the first game of the world series Wednesday afternoon from the New York Nationals, 3 to 0.

NOT ENOUGH PEANUTS.

Nation's Crop Augmented by Importations From China.

"The man accustomed to buying his small bag of peanuts at the whistling roasting machine in front of a grocery or fruit stand thinks of peanuts, if he thinks of the matter at all, as coming principally from Virginia," yesterday said a Fort Mill grocer. "He would be surprised to learn that the American market has been materially influenced for many years by the importation of foreign grown nuts, as was recently announced by the federal department of agriculture. For a number of years China has produced millions of pounds of peanuts imported into the United States.

"Shantung is the leading peanut producing region in China, as its soil is particularly adapted to the growing of peanuts, the department says. The nut grown in that province is said to be larger than that grown in any other part of China, and contains more oil. Peanut farms in Shantung are small plots of ground, often not over two acres in area. Yet from the produce of small plots like this a Chinese farmer secures a living not only for himself and family, but occasionally gives his son a college education. This is all the more remarkable in that most Chinese farmers use only primitive methods of cultivation.

"In connection with the statement of the department of agriculture relative to the importation to this country of Chinese peanuts, I wondered why it was that farmers in the lower section of South Carolina which has been overrun by the boll weevil have recently stated that they could not grow peanuts at a profit after having turned to the industry following the invasion of the cotton pest. If there is a market, and perhaps a profit, in bringing to this country for consumption peanuts that have been grown on the other side of the world, I fail to understand why our own farmers are reported to be ready to abandon growing them. Maybe the cultivation and marketing of the peanut is too troublesome to suit those who have heretofore found it necessary to give little attention to the growing of cotton. I don't know whether the soil of this section of the State is adapted to the growing of peanuts or not, but soil experts ought to know, and if they say it is, peanut culture should be given a trial by those who recognize the fact that the day of big cotton crops is a thing of the past."

Still Captured, Negro in Limbo.

State Constable Horace Johnson drove into Fort Mill Tuesday evening carrying in the rear seat of his Ford car a liquor still, made of a tin clothes boiler, he had captured a few hours before on the old Beatty Matthews place in Ebenezer township near the dam of the Southern Power company. The other part of the capture, one Tillman Haynes, negro, he had left locked up in Rock Hill in default of a \$400 bond. No liquor was captured with the still and the negro, but a considerable quantity of mash was found at the negro's house which was destroyed by the officer.

Mr. Johnson said he found the still, after searching for several hours about, in and under the house Haynes was living in and in the woods nearby, ingeniously hidden under the floor of the negro's corn crib, on which there was a pile of corn in the shuck. Stooping down he saw a suspicious looking object which he pulled from underneath the floor with a hoe. This proved to be a part of the worm. After discovering the worm he had little trouble in locating the still, which looked as if it had been in service for some time. Haynes of course is in trouble as a result of the officer's activity and unless some of his white friends come to his rescue the chances are he won't be able to pick any 20 cent cotton this fall or plant any next spring for the Ebenezer variety of boll weevil to eat up.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest From the Yorkville Enquirer.

Some bold thief stole three gallons of moonshine out of the court house at an early hour Sunday morning, according to a story told Monday by Policeman Jack McCarter of Yorkville.

Mrs. Crawford Dunlap of Rock Hill, who was recently elected compulsory school attendance officer for York county by the county board of education to succeed Miss Alice Garrison, resigned, entered upon her duties Monday. Mrs. Dunlap is a teacher of several years' experience.

There are three cases of diphtheria in the Blairsville neighborhood, according to Dr. J. H. Saye of Sharon. A child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sadler has the disease and a child of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Blair is recovering from an attack. A negro in the community also has diphtheria.

The bankrupt stock of the Farmers Hardware company of Yorkville was sold at auction Saturday morning to L. A. Harris of Fort Mill for \$3,025. The store fixtures were sold to the same buyer for \$90. A Ford delivery truck, the property of the hardware company, was sold to Nivens Brothers, Yorkville, for \$113.

Approximately 20 negroes living in the vicinity of McConnellsville who have been suffering with smallpox for several weeks are improving and are considered out of danger, according to information coming from that section Monday. Several hundred white and colored people living in the McConnellsville area have recently been vaccinated to guard against further spread of the malady, it was said.

"Well, we have at last landed a carnival for the York County fair," said Secretary Fewell of the fair association the other day. "And it has been a big job because it seems from what I can learn that all carnivals are fighting shy of the South this fall because of crop conditions. The carnival we secured has the reputation of being one of the best and cleanest in the country."

The Clover school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of approximately 350 pupils, Prof. W. S. Reid, superintendent, in charge. Because of crowded conditions, since the new school building will not be ready for use for a month, the school is being conducted for the present on a "double shift." Practically all the members of the Clover school faculty are non-residents of Clover.

The condition of J. S. Brice, Esq., who continues seriously ill at his home in Yorkville, has not been so satisfactory within the past few days as for some time previously, because of complications, the probability of which the attending physicians were able to foresee all along, but which have been unavoidable. The complications, however, are not necessarily of alarming significance except in so far as they tend to retard the otherwise satisfactory progress of the patient. According to Dr. McDowell, Mr. Brice seems to be getting along very nicely in other particulars, especially as to his lungs, which are clearing up as well as could be expected.

Gypsy Smith, noted evangelist, opened a three weeks' meeting in Rock Hill Sunday night, with hundreds of people in attendance. The meeting will continue through October 23, with services each night, excepting Monday nights. With Evangelist Smith are C. E. Allen, song leader, and Miss Lucile Abernathy, pianist. Mr. Allen has organized a choir of 200 voices and the singing will be a feature of each service. Services are to be held in a huge tent, with a seating capacity of 3,000. The tent is located in the most central part of the city and is easily accessible. It is on the property recently purchased by St. John's Methodist church on which a modern church building is to be erected in the near future, the congregation having far outgrown its present quarters.

FAIR NEXT MONTH.

York County Event to Be Held November 9 to 11.

Fort Mill people, in common with the people of the county generally, will be interested in the announcement that plans are rapidly maturing for the York county fair, which will be held in Rock Hill, as usual, on November 9 to 11. The dates were originally set for October 12 to 14, but were changed on account of the Gypsy Smith revival now being held in Rock Hill. Premium lists for the fair have been mailed out and a total of several thousand dollars is ordered in prizes and purses.

The indications are that the exhibits will be better than those at any previous fair, the lateness of the event making it possible to have a better variety of corn, hay and other crops. Much interest is being taken in the fair by the farmers and the livestock display promises to be better than last year's, when inoculation regulations prevented many from exhibiting cows and hogs.

Community club booths will be more numerous than ever and practically all the main exhibit building will be devoted to these, including club booths and the department of women's activities. It is expected that every community in the county will have a booth, as the women always take greater pride in displaying their handiwork and in studying the efforts of others than is the case with men.

The fair grounds have been gone over and the race track put in excellent condition. A large number of fast horses will be entered in the races and those in charge of this department promise the best races ever seen in York county and the equal of any in the State.

PLANS TO AID SCHOOL.

Parent-Teachers' Association Reorganizes for Work.

The Fort Mill Parent-Teachers' association met in the school auditorium last Friday afternoon to reorganize for the work of another school year. The officers of last session were unanimously re-elected as follows: Mrs. A. O. Jones, president; Mrs. L. J. Massey, vice president; Miss Clarence Carothers, secretary; Miss Minnie Garrison, treasurer. A part of the work of the coming year was planned and considerable interest was manifested on the part of those present. Among other things it was decided to put on an active canvass for new members and to look into the matter of preparing exhibits for a booth at the county fair to be held in Rock Hill, November 9-11.

Owing to the fact that the local parent-teacher's association has done so much for the school and the community and that similar organizations in other places have accomplished so much, the association went on record as heartily favoring a county parent-teacher's association, to be made up of representatives from the local associations over York county. It was thought that such a meeting for conference would redound to the greater usefulness of the organization and lead to the forming of other county units and, later, to a State convention, which would materially aid in the stimulation of activity along the lines for which the parent-teacher's organization stands.

Gold Hill Notes.

Miss Winnie Crook, student at Winthrop college, spent the weekend at her home.

Miss Romania Epps of the Flint Hill section spent the weekend with Miss Frances Blankenship.

Miss May McKinney is seriously ill in a Rock Hill hospital with appendicitis.

The Rev. J. R. Smith, pastor of Flint Hill Baptist church, has returned to his home, after being a patient at a hospital in Columbia.

A number of Gold Hill people went to Rock Hill Sunday night to hear Gypsy Smith, the noted evangelist.

GRADED SCHOOL ITEMS.

Enrollment of Pupils for Session Now More Than 450.

The total enrollment Monday of the Fort Mill graded school was 454, divided among the various grades as follows. Grades 1 to 5, inclusive, 310; grades 6 and 7, 60; grades 8, 9 and 10, 84. The eleventh grade was discontinued this year, as there were no pupils applying for admission to that grade.

The school hours and schedules this session remain practically the same as those in force last year. The first bell rings at 8 a. m., and the second bell at 8:30. All pupils are expected to be in their seats and ready for work by 8:40, when the first gong signal is rung. A recess of one hour from 12 noon to 1 p. m. is granted for dinner. The afternoon session starts promptly at 1 o'clock and the school is dismissed for the day at 3:10 p. m. On rainy days these hours may be shortened at the discretion of the superintendent, omitting the noon recess and allowing the school to be dismissed at 1 p. m.

Capt. F. M. Mack, superintendent, says he would like to impress upon the patrons of the school the great importance of regular daily attendance. I had a teacher once who often said that every day lost from school was equivalent to \$20 dollars lost in money. Certain it is that every lesson missed means that the next one is harder to learn and every day lost usually means that lessons are missed on the following day. It is also important that pupils be on time at their places in the school room, especially in the morning to begin the day's work. Tardiness not only disturbs the systematic conduct of the school but if not corrected will soon become an annoying habit that may stick to one through life."

Patrons of the school will be pleased to know that Miss Susie White has again taken up work in the school. She is teaching the fifth grade with Miss Spencer. Several years ago Miss White taught the second grade, but for the last few years she had been in the government service in Washington.

Masons Resume Meetings.

Regular communications of Catawba lodge, No. 90, A. F. M., Fort Mill, will be resumed Thursday evening, October 13, following a suspension of the meetings for July, August and September. Since the lodge held its last meeting in June it has lost by death one of its oldest members, Josiah H. Coltharp, Dr. J. B. Eliot is the worshipful master of Catawba lodge and he expresses the hope that the meeting next week will be well attended. Catawba lodge is one of the oldest Masonic bodies in the upper section of South Carolina, having been instituted in 1806, and on its membership rolls are to be found the names of numerous men who have won distinction in the various professions and vocations.

Furr Seeking Freedom.

The State board of pardons was expected to act yesterday on the petition of James P. ("Henk") Furr requesting that executive clemency be extended him. Furr has been a prisoner in the State penitentiary for about eight months. He was sent up for a number of years from Kershaw county for bigamy, having been convicted of marrying a young woman from that county while his wife was living in York county. Furr is said to have been a patient at the prison hospital for greater part of the time since he began serving his sentence, suffering from tuberculosis. He has relatives in Fort Mill who have been active in the effort to secure a full pardon or parole for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Withers Massey have moved from Charlotte to Fort Mill and will make their home here. Mr. Massey having bought the garage of the Heath Motor company.

FIGHT ON LIQUOR.

Government Striving to Eliminate Outlawed Traffic.

The government and the blind tiger, after 20 months, are still waging active warfare, with each claiming the victory over the other. Government officials at Washington, however, are certain that they are slowly but surely winning and that less liquor is being sold. The fact that the price of contraband liquor has decreased sharply has given many the impression that the blind tiger at the moment has the better of the battle, although Uncle Sam's liquor hunters point with pride to the fact that hundreds of thousands of gallons have been confiscated.

Tens of thousands of convictions have been obtained in the courts, but in almost every case the offender down to the fourth and fifth offense has been let off with a fine. Enforcement officials bemoan the fact that prison sentences have been so few and fines so light.

Intoxicating beverages in bonded warehouses in the United States has been drained from a large supply, whose exact figures are not disclosed, down to 40 million gallons during the last 20 months. There now is less than two quarts per capita thus in storage.

In New York city gin is quoted at \$5 a quart, whiskey up to \$10. In Philadelphia, where whiskey sold for \$8 and \$10 in the first few weeks of January, 1920, it can be bought now for from \$6 to \$8. In Washington the tiger demands \$10, while in Chicago the price is between \$5 and \$8 a quart.

As a result of its war on the traffic, the government can show great stores of confiscated liquor, tens of thousands of convictions, millions of dollars in fines, and a growing sentiment in favor of prohibition. On the other hand, illicit dealers can show hundreds of well financed organizations and thousands of individual fortunes.

DIES IN TIEN TSIN.

Sister Joannes O'Connell, Missionary, Passes to Reward.

J. D. O'Connell and his two sisters, Misses Julia and Mary O'Connell of Fort Mill, received Saturday the distressing news of the death of their sister, Miss Joannes O'Connell, in Tien Tsin, China, on August 24, of pneumonia. Sister Joannes, as she was known in religious circles, was a sister of charity and had worked as a missionary in China since 1898. She was in the city of Tien Tsin at the time of the Boxer uprising and three times narrowly escaped death by shells exploding in her bed room. As a reward for her great zeal in nursing wounded Russian soldiers during the uprising, the late czar of Russia had a special medal stamped and presented to Sister Joannes.

Sister Joannes was born in Columbia about 59 years ago and after the Civil war was a pupil of the late Col. A. R. Books and is remembered by many of her former schoolmates of Fort Mill, to whom the announcement of her death will bring genuine sorrow. Besides her brother and sisters living in Fort Mill, she is also survived by a brother in Richmond, Va., Bishop Denis J. O'Connell of the Catholic diocese of Richmond.

Recall Valor of Thirtieth.

A telegram which was greatly appreciated by Col. T. B. Spratt, formerly of the 30th division, was received by him last Friday from the Daughters of the American Revolution of Rock Hill in recognition of the third anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg line by the 30th. The telegram was as follows: "The Daughters of the American Revolution of Rock Hill, in meeting assembled on this anniversary of the famous breaking of the Hindenburg line extend greetings in recognition of the distinguished valor of the 30th division on this occasion." The telegram was signed by Mrs. Alexander Long, secretary.