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CALL FOR PASTOR.

Presbyterians Would Secure Services of the Rev. Mr. Viser.

After hearing the report of the committee appointed some weeks ago to recommend a pastor to take the place made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. J. B. Black, effective on October 1, a congregational meeting Sunday, following the regular morning services, of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church unanimously extended a call to the Rev. R. H. Viser of Laurel Hill, N. C. The name of no other minister to fill the vacancy was suggested by the committee or considered by the congregation.

The Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., of Columbia Theological seminary, who conducted the services in the morning and again in the evening, acted as moderator, and F. M. Mack, speaking for the committee, recommended that a call be sent to the Rev. Mr. Viser, at a salary of \$2,000 per year, the use of the manse and the expense incurred in moving to Fort Mill from Laurel Hill.

Mr. Viser preached for the congregation at the morning and evening services on October 30 and remained in Fort Mill until Tuesday morning, November 1. He is said to have made a favorable impression among the membership of the church.

Mr. Viser's church at Laurel Hill is in Fayetteville presbytery, the largest presbytery in the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church. His wife was Miss Margaret Koonce of Rock Hill, formerly a member of Oakland Avenue Presbyterian church. They have one child about two years old.

The congregation authorized T. B. Spratt, clerk of the session, to sign the call to Mr. Viser and to prosecute it before Fayetteville presbytery.

Methodist Pastors Assigned.

At the closing session Sunday night of the Upper South Carolina Methodist conference, which met in Lancaster last Wednesday, Bishop U. V. W. Darlington announced the following assignment of pastors for the Rock Hill district for the year 1922:

G. C. Leonard, presiding elder; Blacksburg, M. K. Meadors; Baldwin mill, S. J. McConnell; Blackstock, J. W. Shell; Bethel, Henry Stokes; Chester circuit, R. C. Boulware; Clover, J. G. Huggins; East Lancaster, J. A. Bledsoe; Fort Lawn, R. W. Wilkes; Fort Mill, W. R. Bouknight; Great Falls, J. E. Brown; Hickory Grove, J. W. Lewis; M. G. Latham, supernumerary; Lancaster, E. R. Mason; Lancaster circuit, F. V. Robertson; North Rock Hill circuit, W. F. Johnson; Richburg, A. Q. Rice; Rock Hill, Bethel and Park, H. E. Griffin, supply; St. John's, J. W. Speake, with R. L. Holroyd, junior preacher, West Main Street, Rock Hill, C. P. Carter; Rock Hill circuit, W. P. Meadors; Van Wyck, W. C. Kelley; Wigginsboro, J. D. Holler, with R. F. Reavis supply junior preacher; York, J. K. Walker; conference secretary of education, J. C. Roper, Bethel quarterly conference; conference missionary secretary, J. W. Speake.

Loses Game, Wins Friends.

The Fort Mill high school football team failed to win its recent game against the high school team of Wigginsboro, in Wigginsboro, the score being 7 to 0 against them, but they won the good will of that town by their clean playing. In a letter to Capt. F. M. Mack, superintendent of the Fort Mill school, G. F. Patton, superintendent of the Wigginsboro school, says that he heard "more than one of our representative citizens remark on the sidelines that your team was the cleanest one they had ever seen on our field."

Senator Clifton Dead.

John H. Clifton, State senator from Sumter county, died at his home in Sumter last Sunday, after an illness of several days. He had been prominent in the public affairs of Sumter county for many years and was considered one of the strongest men in the State senate.

BROWN MOUNTAIN LIGHT.

Blue Ridge Mystery Explained as Electrical Phenomenon.

"Tired professors and business men who sought surcease from their sorrows in the mountainous regions of western North Carolina have during the past few summers given up some of their need-ed hours of sleep to chase what most of them believed to be nothing more than a phantom, or the fires of some maker of mountain dew, but the Brown mountain light is now coming into its own as an accredited electrical phenomenon," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Brown mountain inn lies 17 miles from Blowing Rock in the Blue Ridge mountains and though plainly visible from the inn, is in an uninhabited and sparsely wooded section. Suddenly and without warning a light sometimes blazes out on the crest of the mountain, slowly moves down its side and then fades out; sometimes it seems to rise from the top of the mountain and hang suspended in the air where it fades.

"It has as many whims and moods as a temperamental artist, sometimes appearing several times during one night, now stationary, now slow, again swift in its flight, and sometimes it cannot be seen for a comparatively long period of time, but it usually is most active when the sky is clearing after a rain. Those who have studied it in all its guises say that it often is not unlike the star from a bursting sky rocket, and that it is sometimes red and sometimes yellow, due probably to the condition of the atmosphere.

"Scientists were at first prone to cavil at the stories which came out of the mountains with the tourists, thinking that perhaps locomotive headlights or mountaineers were playing tricks on active imaginations, but today Dr. W. J. Humphreys, physicist of the United States weather bureau, and other meteorologists of note believe that there occurs around the mountain's crest a brush discharge of lightning, similar to the famous Andes lightning.

"Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the electrical discharge which takes place either from the earth or sky at Brown mountain is that it is silent. The same thing is true of the electrical displays in the Andes, which have long been known to scientists and travelers in the South American continent as the Andes lightning. It appears as a silent but very luminous discharge of electricity along the crest of the Cordillera Real in Chile, where thunderstorms are practically unknown.

"The same phenomenon has also been noted in the Swiss Alps. One observer, after a long period of hot and dry weather, reported that he had seen a succession of semi-circular flashes which shot up from a mountain, occasionally lighting up the group of surrounding peaks. Such displays are notable for their likeness in appearance to the aurora, except that they do not reach such heights."

GOLD HILL NOTES.

The farmers of Gold Hill are hoping that rain will hold off for a few days longer, as they are anxious to get their wheat, oats and clover in the ground before it is too late.

S. C. Farris was ill Friday, but is again able to be up.

Edgar Jones and C. T. Crook spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Thursday W. H. Crook went to Charlotte to secure supplies with which to finish the repair work recently begun on the Gold Hill school building, but the school will not open Monday as was expected, on account of the illness of the father of Miss Parler, one of the teachers.

The Rev. W. C. Owen of Nashville, Tenn., is a guest of his uncles, W. H. Crook and C. T. Crook. He will leave for his home Sunday night.

J. H. Evans of Kingstree is visiting S. P. Wilson. B. T. N.

Mrs. Mamie Boyd is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Stewart, in Mount Holly, N. C.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest From the Yorkville Enquirer.

Demonstration Agent John R. Blair says that there have been seven sweet potato houses built in York county this year, and that all of them are practically full of potatoes and all are in good shape.

They are going to have that Yorkville-Rock Hill road in fine shape this winter. During last winter it took good driving to get an automobile over the road between Newport and Tizah at the rate of ten miles an hour, but by Saturday there was no difficulty about smashing the speed limit to smithereens.

Reports have it that the epidemic of itch, reported among school children of Sharon several days ago, has spread to the east side of the county and that there are numerous cases among Rock Hill school children. In fact, a trained nurse is the correspondent's informant for the statement that there are many cases in Rock Hill.

It is about seven miles farther from Yorkville to Charlotte by way of Clover and Gastonia than by Rock Hill and Fort Mill, according to one automobile party that made the trip Sunday, going one way and returning the other. But people who know always go by Gastonia because of the roads. They can make the longer distance quicker than the shorter distance. The principal handicap over the Fort Mill route, it appears, is the road through the Gold Hill section of Fort Mill township.

"Oh, yes, my deputies and I have already been out after hunters who didn't trouble to provide themselves with licenses," said County Game Warden Dan T. Woods Monday. "We have nabbed several and have a line out on quite a number of others. While the number of hunters who fail to provide themselves with hunting licenses grows smaller each year, I doubt if the time ever comes when everybody will obey the law. However, we are going to try to tighten down this season even closer than we did last."

W. H. Nims, commander of the Eli Bailes post, American Legion, of Fort Mill hopes to have home 30-odd ex-service men of his community who are not now members of the post in as members before the end of the year. Commander Nims said the other day that there are about 70 ex-service men in Fort Mill and vicinity eligible for membership in the American Legion and he was hopeful that all of them could be made to see the value of membership in the Legion before the end of the year.

Speaking of the 20 mules and 41 convicts included in the chain-gang plant the other day, Supervisor Brown said that the plant had been handicapped for some time for lack of as many mules as are necessary. "There have been times on the road below Rock Hill when we were unable to utilize all our convicts to advantage for lack of the necessary mule power. There was nothing that the extra convicts could do that was worth while, but it will be different now. There is a good deal of grubbing and cutting over on the west side clearing the right of way. There was nothing of that on the east road, you know. I think we will be all right through the winter and that it will not be necessary to get more mules before next spring."

Pupils on Honor Roll.

Pupils of River View school, in Fort Mill township, of which Mrs. S. H. Sutton is teacher, who made an average of 90 on all their studies during the last month and thereby won a place on the honor roll are as follows:

Ninth grade, Grace Bickett; eighth grade, Mabel Bickett and Mary Bennett; sixth grade, Harrison Bennett; fifth grade, Odell Merritt; fourth grade, Arthur Bickett; third grade, Juanita Bennett and Ardell Nivens; second grade, Marion Sutton and Nelle Robert Porter; first grade, Alex Sutton, Jr.

WORD FOR "BOB WHITE."

Correspondent Urges Farmers to Protect Birds.

Editor Fort Mill Times: Just now when there is being so much said among the sportsmen about the offensive warfare they soon intend to wage against our feathered friends, I think it is time for the farmers to come to the rescue, especially of the quail.

It has been proved by experts, scientists and other people who know that each quail in the boll weevil infested territory is worth \$25 for the good he does in exterminating the weevil alone. Now, Mr. Sportsman, do you think that a covey of ten quail, worth \$250 to the average farmer, is worth protecting?

Besides this, what would the country be without its birds? I believe it is an unpardonable sin for any man, no matter how many permits and licenses he may have, to go out and deliberately cripple, maim and murder little innocent creatures just for sport. Any one who will do the like is not only violating the landowner's laws, but is violating the laws of nature and the Creator. I do not see in what way any man who would practice such is different from other murderous creatures, if he has sense enough to know at the time that it is wrong.

So if sportsmen do not wish to pay a trespass fine they had better stay out of this corner of the woods, for these are not my sentiments alone, but those of my neighbors and farmer friends as well. It just fell to my lot to get the word to those who may consider violating the law.

S. E. White.

Fort Mill, Nov. 9.

Seriously Hurt in Tennessee.

C. T. Crook of Fort Mill township was informed Tuesday of a serious accident which had befallen his son, W. M. ("Tot") Crook, in an automobile accident last Friday some miles from Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Crook is in a Knoxville hospital suffering from a fractured skull.

According to the information received by the father of Mr. Crook, he was in an automobile at the construction of a road in Tennessee of which he was in charge when in some manner he accidentally backed off a high embankment and fell with the machine a distance of 45 feet. The automobile turned over four or five times in the descent. When picked up Mr. Crook had a fractured skull and severe lacerations about the head and body.

Mrs. Crook, who was near the scene, witnessed the accident and she hastened to the aid of her husband and then placed him in an automobile and started for Knoxville, 52 miles away. On the way to Knoxville an ambulance that had been summoned met the automobile and completed the trip to a hospital in that city.

Federal Aid Refused.

No part of the \$500,000 federal aid which was allotted Tuesday at a meeting of the State highway commission "in the interest of the State for road building will be available for the roads of Fort Mill township. Tuesday morning Col. T. B. Spratt and W. B. Meacham, Sr., members of the Fort Mill township road commission, went to Columbia and appeared before the State highway commission "in the interest of getting federal aid for the construction of an 18 foot wide hard surfaced road from the Catawba river bridge to Fort Mill, the other end of the road to the North Carolina line to be of topsoil and sand-clay," but in the allotment of the federal funds as published in the daily papers of yesterday there was nothing to indicate that the request for aid for the Fort Mill project had been approved. The township commission is still hopeful, however, of getting the original \$10,000 promised it some months ago by the State highway commission for use on the local roads.

At its meeting Tuesday the State highway commission allotted \$10,000 to the Western York road.

FIRST SESSION SATURDAY.

Washington Ready for Big Disarmament Parley.

The eyes of the world will be upon Washington Saturday at the opening of the international conference on disarmament. Representatives of the world's leading nations have been reaching Washington for the last week or more and the capital is taking on a festive air which rivals the splendors of the old European capitals.

The foreign statesmen who will participate in the conference, many of whom are visiting America for the first time, have been selected because of their personal prestige and prominence in international affairs. The call for the conference, issued by President Harding last summer, met with instant approval by nearly all the principal powers invited to take part in it. Secretary of State Hughes will preside over the conference, the other American representatives being Elihu Root, Senator Lodge and Senator Underwood.

Washington appears to be determined to make a lasting impression upon the visitors. Special committees in charge of preparations have been busy for weeks turning the city into a blaze of glory. Wonderful illumination features have been installed, unsightly buildings torn down, paint has been freely applied to many structures and a uniform plan of decoration adopted. The plans call for a greater display of pomp and ceremony than that of any presidential inauguration. Friday and Saturday nights of this week \$25,000 will be spent for electrical displays. Profiteering by hotels and boarding houses will not be tolerated and regular prices are to be maintained during the conference. A social season such as Washington had never before known began with the arrival of the foreign diplomats.

The conference will be held in the Pan-American building, one of the most beautiful and luxurious structures in the country. The representatives will meet in a room known as the Hall of the Americas, a palace room that rivals in beauty and grandeur the Hall of Mirrors at Versailles, France, where the peace treaty ending the World war was signed. The building was erected in 1910 at a cost of \$1,100,000, of which the 21 American republics contributed \$250,000 and Andrew Carnegie the remainder.

Special arrangements have been made for the comfort and convenience of the hundreds of visiting newspaper men who are expected to report the conference.

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWS.

Miss Kahleen Hall of the Harrison community spent the weekend with relatives here.

A number of members of Pleasant Hill Methodist church attended the recent meeting of the Upper Methodist conference in Lancaster.

F. P. Stephenson began his duties as principal of the Barberville school Monday, October 31.

Mrs. Lavinia Davidson visited her sister, Mrs. J. K. Hall, in the Harrison community Monday.

A parent-teacher club was organized at the local school house last Wednesday. Mrs. O. W. Potts was elected president, F. W. Dickson vice president, Miss Nancy Graham secretary and Miss Sadie Wheeler treasurer. The club contemplates closer cooperation between the teachers and patrons of the school as well as improvements to the school house and beautifying the school grounds.

Mrs. D. O. Potts entertained a number of young people at her home last Friday evening. The young people enjoyed music, singing, conversation and numerous games. Refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Nancy Graham, Sadie Wheeler, Lucy Tice, Kathleen Hall, Rebecca Hall, Ethel Patterson, Verda Wolfe, Thelma Potts, and Lester Crane, Sam Kell, Elmore Alexander, Murray Bailes, Stroud Elms, Clarence Patterson, Walter Patterson. "Spinner."

FOUGHT TOGETHER.

Lee and Grant in American Army at Chapultepec.

Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the rival leaders of the Southern and Northern armies during the Civil war, fought together in at least one decisive battle of the Mexican war, the siege of Chapultepec, on September 12-13, 1847.

"The hill of grasshoppers"—which is the meaning of the old Aztec name—stands three miles southwest of the City of Mexico, with head reared 150 feet above the level of the surrounding plain. The storming of the fortress by Gen. Scott's army, in which Lee and Grant were young officers—the former a captain, the latter a first lieutenant—crumbled the last of Santa Anna's defenses and formed one of the most dramatic incidents of the war. Both officers distinguished themselves in the siege, where Grant was brevetted captain. Lee was one of the two officers of engineers who had charge of the arrangement of four batteries on a nearby hill. Shortly afterward, he was brevetted colonel.

In the Mexican war Lee was first with Gen. Wool, for whom he did excellent scouting. He held the rank of captain, having been commissioned to that office one year after his graduation from West Point. Capt. Lee was transferred to the army before Vera Cruz at the personal request of Gen. Scott, and he arranged the American batteries so that the city was reduced in less than a week. After each of the battles of Cerro Gordo, Cherubusco and Chapultepec, he received promotion, earned by remarkable feats of physical and moral courage. At the close of the war Gen. Scott pronounced Lee "the greatest living soldier in America."

Graded School Notes.

The first quarterly examinations of the session, most of which were held Thursday and Friday, are over. The honor rolls will be published as soon as possible.

Physical and dental examinations of the school children were held this week. Many of the children were found to have diseased tonsils, adenoids and bad teeth. The smaller children considered the examinations so serious that it was necessary to persuade them to go into the office.

Friday the school will have holiday, which is called "school day" at the county fair. As it also is Armistice day, there will be a big parade in Rock Hill, including the children of various schools in the county. It is hoped that many of the Fort Mill school children will attend the fair that day and take part in the parade.

The last football game of the season in Fort Mill will be played by the high school team with Lancaster high this afternoon.

Many to Attend County Fair.

Armistice day, Friday, November 11, will be observed in Fort Mill by a general closing of the stores and other places of business and many Fort Mill people are expected to go to Rock Hill during the day to take part in the celebration which has been arranged in connection with the county fair. The Tom Hall Guards of Fort Mill will join the Frank Roach Guards of Rock Hill in a military display at the fair grounds, after marching in the parade through the city.

Oil Stove Explodes.

Explosion of an oil stove early Tuesday evening in an upper room at the home of S. L. Meacham on Hall street resulted in considerable damage to the furnishings of the room and the personal effects of Miss Edna Tindal. Fort Mill graded school teacher, who was occupying the room. Mr. Meacham's hands were slightly burned when he threw the blazing stove through a window.

A liberal application of paint and wall finish to the interior of the Fort Mill postoffice during the last few days has added much to the appearance of the lobby and work room of the building.