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WILL HOLD PRIMARY.

Fort Mill Democrats to Nominate Town Ticket.

The town of Fort Mill will have its first Democratic primary on Tuesday, December 13, as a result of the organization last Friday evening of the Fort Mill City Democratic club. In the primary party candidates for mayor, two aldermen-at-large, four ward aldermen and two members of the public works commission are to be nominated. Should a second primary be necessary, by reason of the failure of any candidate for a particular office to receive a majority of the votes cast in the first primary, it will be held on Tuesday, December 20, one week after the first primary.

Meeting in the town hall Friday evening, 40-odd of the 163 Democrats who a few days ago signed a declaration of their intention to form a city club to place candidates in the field for municipal offices, perfected the organization of the club by electing W. R. Bradford president, J. B. Broadnax and D. P. Brown vice presidents, W. S. Belk secretary and treasurer and W. H. Martin assistant secretary and treasurer. A. C. Lytle was chosen temporary secretary of the meeting on motion of J. R. Baile. The executive committee of the club is composed of George Fish, W. B. Meacham, Sr., R. E. McKibben, Dr. J. B. Elliott and Zeb Vance Clifton.

With the exception of a recall provision, the club rules adopted at the meeting are practically the same as those of township Democratic clubs. The substance of the recall rule is that upon petition to town council of 50 per cent of the voters participating in any of the club's primaries for a particular candidate who was successful in the general election, a special election shall be held to determine the fitness for further service of the officer at whom the recall is aimed. Should a petition for the recall of a ward alderman be circulated, the club rules provide that only persons living in the ward and who participated in the primary in which the alderman was nominated will be eligible to sign the petition. In the case of officials elected by the vote of the entire town, the same percentage of primary voters is necessary to insure a recall election; with ward limits not being considered.

Following the organization of the club Friday evening, the executive committee held its first meeting Saturday evening, at which George Fish was elected chairman and W. B. Meacham secretary. December 13 was the date selected by the committee for the club's first primary, at which town officers to serve during 1922-23 are to be nominated. Books of enrollment were ordered opened on Monday, November 28, and to remain open through Saturday, December 10, which also was the time designated for candidates to pay their assessments and take the pledge to abide by the result of the primary.

The entrance fees for candidates were set by the committee as follows: For mayor, \$5; for alderman-at-large, \$2; for ward alderman, \$2; for public works commissioner no charge.

J. C. Saville, Heath Belk and Barron Bennett were selected as managers of the first primary, the polls to open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. at the store of Young & Wolfe. The committee decided not to ask the election managers to serve the club without compensation, but will pay them for the day's work. A meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday evening, December 10, to declare the result of the first primary.

Eleven men, six white and five negroes, are now under death sentence in South Carolina. This is said to establish a record for the Palmetto State in the number of death penalties passed upon criminals at any one period of time. The fact that the whites outnumber the negroes is also considered a new record for the State.

LUMBER SHED BURNS.

Fort Mill Lumber Company Suffers Big Loss.

Twenty-five thousand dollars worth of property was reduced to smoke and ashes in a fire which broke out Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the rear of the main shed of the Fort Mill Lumber company, J. J. Bailes proprietor. The shed and its contents, including tens of thousands of feet of dressed lumber, builder's supplies of all kinds, two motor trucks, one a four ton Packard, the other a Traffic, were a total loss. There was some insurance on the property, Mr. Bailes yesterday said, but not enough to cover the loss. Only recently, he added, large shipments of dressed lumber had been received and practically all of it was stored in the burned building.

How the fire originated, Mr. Bailes said he did not know. It was a rule not to allow smoking in any of the buildings of the plant or on the lumber yard, but it is possible that the rule was overlooked and that a cigarette or cigar stub had been thrown down in the building and that the fire started from it. The blaze quickly enveloped the building, notwithstanding the efforts of the fire company and numerous volunteers to check it. The company was on the ground and at work in an incredibly short time after the alarm was sounded and did good work in preventing the spread of the flames to nearby buildings and the piles of undressed lumber in the yard. A small lumber shed, not ten feet from the main shed, was saved by the efforts of the firemen, although they were handicapped by a shortage of water. The debris continued to burn all through Tuesday night, Wednesday and Wednesday night.

When the fire was at its height a number of electric light wires connecting with the transformer house a few yards away were burned in two and the town was in darkness for more than an hour, necessitating the closing of all Main street business houses. The blaze from the rich pine lumber was perhaps the most spectacular Fort Mill had ever seen. Hundreds of people were attracted to the burning building by the flames as they reached high into the air. At a distance it looked as if half the town was burning up. Sparks and brands fell on many buildings in the neighborhood of the lumber yard, but did no damage.

Yesterday Mr. Bailes said he did not know what the future of his lumber business would be, that until he could settle with the insurance companies he did not know whether he would again put in a stock of dressed lumber and builder's supplies.

Candidates for Office.

A. C. Lytle and B. C. Ferguson are this week announcing in The Times their candidacy for mayor of Fort Mill. Both are business men, the former manager of the Lytle Drug company and the latter proprietor of a Main street grocery.

Other announcements in The Times are those of B. W. Bradford and Jas. T. Young, Jr., for aldermen-at-large and Briece D. Culp, who seeks a seat in town council from Ward 3.

The York county chaingang netted eight recruits as a result of the November term of court of general sessions which was held last week. In addition to these, one negro boy was sent to the reformatory for colored youths at Lexington.

With the announcement this week of the first of the candidates for town offices, interest in the Democratic primary to be held on December 13 is expected to be quickened. Up to last night 160 names had been placed on the Democratic club rolls, which were opened Monday morning at the Lytle Drug company's store. The rolls are to remain open through Saturday, December 10, and no one will be allowed to vote in the primary whose name does not appear on the rolls.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Current Items of Interest From the Yorkville Enquirer.

Perry Ferguson, who for many years was engaged in the mercantile business at Bandana, near Nanny's mountain, in Bethel township, is quite ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Youngblood, in Rock Hill. Mr. Ferguson has been in bad health for some time and his relatives and friends are very much worried about him.

Construction work on 12 new houses that the Clover cotton mill proposes to build in the mill village has been started and it is the intention of the management to push the work to conclusion as rapidly as possible. The building of the 12 houses means the bringing of about 60 more people to clover. It is reported that the mill may build still other houses.

The Rock Hill chapter, U. D. C., has recently had the Confederate monument of that city remodeled, and now they are after the city to provide a site for the location of the monument. So far the city has done nothing in regard to providing the site and today the members of the U. D. C. are in the position of having a beautiful monument on their hands with nowhere to place it. But the city will provide a site, and if the city does not, then some public spirited citizen will.

Superintendent of Education John E. Carroll is making plans and preparations to have all the schools of York county observe "school week" December 5 to 10. Mr. Carroll said Monday that he expected to arrange a meeting for patrons of all schools of the county to be held in the court house here in connection with "school week." At this meeting addresses will be made by one or more distinguished speakers. The county superintendent also expects to visit a good many of the schools.

J. S. Brice Esq., continues to improve steadily at his home in Yorkville. He gave close and serious attention to legal papers during Monday. He is not suffering any discomfort now except certain swelling in his ankles, caused as the result of his illness and from long disuse of his limbs. He is able to walk about the house with the help only of a stick and there is reason to believe that with a little exercise in the fresh air, the swelling in his ankles will soon disappear. He is looking forward hopefully to an early return to his office.

"I have given out 230 dog tags so far," said Treasurer Neil Monday morning, "and there is but one more month of it. There will be no extension as I understand the law. Those who fail to pay by December 31 will be in the hands of the school trustees and the magistrates. One reason probably why people are slow to pay is that a good many of them don't seem to understand that the dog tag receipt is separate and distinct from property tax receipts. This dog tag is due and payable now and can be paid at any time before December 31."

There is much talk in Rock Hill relative to the future progress and prosperity of the York County fair, an annual fall event in Rock Hill. Complaint is made that the fair association is not getting the support from all sections of York county that is necessary to make the fair a success financially and otherwise. The fair held recently lost money. Exhibits of livestock especially were woefully lacking and although the fair association worked most faithfully to make the fair a success, they had very little support from the people of the county at large. The fair association believes that one of the first things necessary to make the fair a permanent event is to buy the ground where the fair is held. These grounds belong to the estate of the late J. M. Cherry. The understanding is that they can be bought for \$500 an acre and there are about 20 acres in the tract that the fair association has been using. How to finance the purchase of the ground is one of the big problems confronting the association.

PLAN TO FIGHT WEEVIL.

Program Suggested to Farmers of York County.

York county is now infested with the boll weevil and no one can predict with any degree of accuracy just what year or season the weevil will do his worst damage in this section. Therefore every farmer and business man is urged to plan his farming and business operations for 1922 on a safe and sane basis.

At a meeting in Rock Hill a few days ago of a number of farmers and business men with the county demonstration agent, J. R. Blair, it was recommended that the following program be adopted by the farmers of York county:

1. Be sure to produce enough staple food and feedstuffs for landlord, tenants and livestock with some to sell.
2. Provide a good all-year home garden and orchard.
3. Provide cows enough to produce milk and butter for every person on the farm and some to sell.
4. Provide at least 100 pounds of pork per person on the farm and some to sell.
5. Also provide an ample amount of poultry with some to sell.

To put the foregoing recommendations into practice the acreage per plow should be about as follows:

Five to eight acres of cotton per plow, according to the size of the family to cultivate same; five to eight acres of corn planted with peas or velvet beans; four to six acres of oats and wheat per plow, followed by peas, velvet beans and cane for forage; one acre each of sweet potatoes, peanuts and sorghum.

The meeting also recommended the erection of at least one sweet potato house of from 2,000 to 3,000 bushel capacity in each school district in the county.

People who have grown cotton under boll weevil conditions say it can be grown successfully and profitably if the following factors are put into operation:

1. Early fall turning under of cotton stalks; if impossible to turn under, cut under with disc harrow or stalk cutter.
2. General winter cleaning up of all hedges, ditches, terraces, etc.
3. Thorough and early preparation and planting as early as danger of frost is past, using from 1-1-2 to 2-1-2 bushels of good seed per acre to insure stand.
4. Planting of approved varieties only, Wannamaker, Cleveland and Mexican big boll being recommended for this section, to be planted on early maturing land.
5. The judicious and liberal use of commercial fertilizer high in phosphoric acid and in amonia to insure early maturing, using fertilizer directly under seed, avoiding side applications of soda.
6. Rapid, shallow cultivation until cotton begins to open.
7. Picking of early weevils and punctured squares to July 20 at least.
8. Sowing of winter cover crops in cotton fields to maintain soil fertility and to prevent weevils hibernating through winter.

Graded School Notes.

Everyone is back at school after having two days holiday for Thanksgiving. Several of the teachers spent the week-end out of town. Miss Marie Manny was at her home in Shelby, N. C., and Miss Susie White visited relatives at Black Mountain, N. C. Miss Ethel Loftis has returned from a stay of several weeks at her home in Greenville.

The girls' basketball team will play their first game of the season with Kershaw in Kershaw Friday.

Miss Martha Watson, student at Winthrop college, spent Tuesday night with Miss Edna Tindal. Miss Watson came over to coach the basketball team.

The December meeting of the parent-teacher club of the school will be held this afternoon in the school auditorium at 3:15 o'clock.

FEW UNKNOWN DEAD.

Only 1,500 American Victims of War Now Unidentified.

The people of the United States apparently have given little heed to the wonderful work of quartermaster corps of the army in identifying thousands who fell in the World War. The casualties of the American forces on land and sea were roughly 310,000. Of this number the adjutant general's office records 77,133 as fatal and occurring outside of the United States.

A total of 77,048 graves are registered by the cemeterial division. Of these 42,098 have been transferred, all except a few hundred distributed to countries of Europe, being brought to the United States. There are eight official American cemeteries. However, there are close to 500 village burial plots in France, Belgium, Germany and other countries from which soldier dead have not been removed.

The number of unidentified American dead is between 1,000 and 1,500. This is in striking contrast to the tragic totals of other countries, whose unidentified dead runs into the hundreds of thousands. One reason for this is that at the time of the American participation the allied front was advancing and the dead usually were behind the American lines.

Another reason is that the American expeditionary forces paid more attention to this sentimental phase of war. Frequently burial parties worked under fire, digging shallow graves and carefully marking them that identity would not be lost when the body was removed to a permanent cemetery.

Potatoes From Storage House.

Farmers from the lower section of Fort Mill township this week have hauled into town for sale to local merchants several loads of sweet potatoes taken from the community storage house which they built several weeks ago. Eighteen hundred crates, each holding 11-4 bushels, were placed in the storage house when the potatoes were dug. Examination of the contents of the crates indicates that the potatoes responded to the curing process, but each of the crates now contains one peck less than it did when the potatoes were first stored, the heat maintained for several weeks in the house having caused the shrinkage.

It is not expected that the Fort Mill community will be able to consume all the potatoes in the storage house. The owners of the potatoes therefore plan to begin making shipments to nearby cities within the next few days. The potatoes are said to be superior in flavor to those cured in old-fashioned hills and are retailing on the Fort Mill market at \$1.50 per bushel.

Issue Many Certificates.

Messrs. Clinton and Gwinn, members of the York county board of registration, did not find many idle moments at their disposal during last Friday, which they spent officially in Fort Mill. When the day's work had ended for them a total of 285 new registration certificates had been issued to citizens of the town. Of the number, 70 were to women, who thus took advantage of the opportunity given them by the national and State governments some months ago to qualify as voters. Not one of the women to whom the board issued certificates had ever voted and it was with reluctance that several asked for the little slip of paper which would enable them to take part in elections. Beside the new certificates, the board issued a number of renewal certificates to citizens who had lost or mislaid their old ones. As a result of the county's board's visit to Fort Mill there are approximately 450 registered voters in town, more by about 200 than there has been at any time in the past.

The best grade of cotton is selling at 18 cents on the Fort Mill market today.

COUNTY SHOULD AID.

Rock Hill Paper Favors Work Under Stewart Road Law.

The Rock Hill Record: "Fort Mill township has sold \$75,000 worth of road bonds and will build a hard surface road from the river to the town of Fort Mill, and thence from Fort Mill to the road leading to the new bridge across the Catawba at Wright's ferry, and also to Bailes' bridge over Fishing (Steel) creek, between Fort Mill and Lancaster.

"This news will be very pleasing and these roads very beneficial, but there is still a very important road that is to be built, and it strikes us that while Fort Mill township is lining up to do this work on its own hook the county commissioners of York might get together with them and so plan the road that is to be built from the North Carolina line, as provided for by the Stewart road law, running across the county by Fort Mill, or approximately to the present bridge between here and Fort Mill, leading on toward Bethesda and the Chester county line. It looks to us as if this would be good business to get together on this and each side save some money and at least build more roads, or more mileage of road, or build it better."

(The only hard surface road the Fort Mill township road commission proposes to build, according to a statement printed in The Times last week from a member of the commission, is between the county bridge across the Catawba river and the town of Fort Mill. Federal aid for road building always is somewhat uncertain and the plans of the township commission cannot be worked out fully, as this paper understands the situation, until the commission knows definitely how much assistance it will receive from the national treasury.—Editor The Times.)

News of Pleasant Valley.

Miss Mary Bailes, student at Winthrop college, spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Bailes.

Mrs. Robert Bickett and her children of Chester spent Thanksgiving with relatives in this community.

Miss Naney Graham, teacher in the local school, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Lancaster.

Cadet James Bailes of Clemson college spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Bailes.

Miss Sallie Wheeler, who is one of the teachers in the Pleasant Valley school, spent Thanksgiving with her brother in Charlotte, N. C.

Misses Ethel and Mabel Patterson spent Thanksgiving with relatives in the Gold Hill community. "Spinner."

Wasting Money on Roads.

"The trouble with the roads of this community," said a farmer who had just driven through the mud to Fort Mill from his home in the upper section of the township, "is not so much a lack of work as it is the character of the red clay. All the dragging and other work that might be done on the roads of Fort Mill township for the next century would not put them in condition to withstand the rains unless they were resurfaced. The roads cut up into deep ruts and holes come in them where the water stands for any length of time following every rain that lasts for a few hours or longer. We are wasting money trying to make good red clay roads."

F. E. Ardrey, mayor of Fort Mill, has stated that he would not ask to be reelected. Mr. Ardrey was elected without opposition two years ago and has many friends who will regret that they will not again have the opportunity of voting for him. He has served the town without financial compensation, agreeing early in his administration to give the salary to which he was entitled to the recorder to escape the unpleasantness of presiding over the police court.