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GREAT CITY ON NILE.

Cairo Now Whirlpool of World Cultures.

What Bagdad was in days gone by, Cairo is today. Just as the mantle of Rome passed west to London and New York, so the mantle of the metropolis of the Arabic speaking world has passed west and has fallen on the great city of the Nile, which has taken on new interest with the emergence of Egypt as a kingdom," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

"Cairo is a living kaleidoscope; its colored fragments are tumbled into place not merely from East and West, but from North and South as well. White-robed Bedouin, ill-clad fellah, shiny-black Soudanese and central African negro, swarthy Turk, Persian, Hindu, Mongolian, dusky Moor, Italian, Greek, Armenian, and the whiter folk from Europe America and the antipodes—all are jumbled together in Cairo, their various tongues making a babel that can hardly be duplicated at any other spot on earth.

"The life in Cairo is almost what you will. Do you want the finest of European hotels with the last word of luxury? They are there. Do you long for the bazaars of the true East? You will find them just around the corner. Would you see the primitive life of the humble city dweller, the inn of the desert wanderer, student life among Mohammedan youth, the crowds about the mosques, the palaces of Eastern potentates—they are all within easy reach. And if you would journey swiftly and cheaply into the past you need only board an electric trolley car and be whisked through a few miles of sand to the pyramids of Gizeh and the sphinx.

"The life that ebbs and flows along some of the streets of Cairo is like nothing so much as a circus parade back home. Deliberate camels move along with brightly dressed riders perched upon them or with suspended ears in which are veiled damsels, while drummers thunder their rhythm and fife blowers emit their shrill notes. Snake charmers pass along with their bags of snakes; magicians perform in some nook; bullock carts and laden donkeys compete for space with shining limousines.

"The al fresco cafe is one of the most characteristic marks of Cairo. It is not the more or less well ordered affair of the boulevards of Paris. Sidewalks and streets overflow with seemingly innumerable chairs and tables until often a single file of pedestrians can hardly force its way through. One gets the impression that few people need to work in Cairo. Even in the mornings the chairs are filled with apparently prosperous men sipping coffee or sweetened water, puffing cigarettes and talking. Toward noon they disappear for their siestas, but again at 4 or 5 o'clock they are out in force and remain far into the night. Among them circulates a stream of peddlers offering for sale almost every conceivable ware from sweetmeats to mouse traps and underwear.

"The dweller in Cairo who has no servant or his group of servants is low indeed in the economic scale. These serving men carry tiny bundles for their employers, masters, one might say. They run ahead of carriages to clear the way; they fan away the flies, and one after another they come in troops into the presence of the prosperous to bring smoking materials or to offer a bewildering succession of drinks and foods. Life is hard and a few cents a day satisfies them. Even the porters who carry heavy bundles and the boatmen who laboriously pole the Nile craft against the current work 12 or 15 hours for little more than a few cents."

J. H. Sutton, well known Fort Mill township citizen, celebrated his 71st birthday at his home, three miles from town, on Saturday, April 15. Most of Mr. Sutton's children and a number of his grandchildren were present for the event.

WRECK ON SOUTHERN.

Five Freight Cars Demolished in Upper Section of Town.

Three box cars and two flat cars, all loaded with lumber, part of northbound Southern freight train No. 84, which passed Fort Mill at 12:15 p. m. Tuesday, were demolished by rolling down a 10-foot embankment when they left the track a few hundred yards north of the depot at the point where the sidetrack of mill No. 1 of the Fort Mill Manufacturing company connects with the main line. No one was hurt in the accident, which was attributed by railroad men to a broken brake beam. Practically all of the lumber was salvaged.

A wrecking crew from Columbia and section hands began clearing away the wreckage before 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and in an incredibly short time had the track clear and ready for the passage of southbound passenger train No. 27, due in Fort Mill at 5:30 p. m. The track was not entirely repaired until Wednesday afternoon, however, as many broken cross-ties had to be replaced with new ones. W. L. King, superintendent of the Columbia division, came to Fort Mill and personally looked after clearing away the wreckage and repairing the track. The accident cost the Southern several thousand dollars.

Death for Moles.

Fort Mill people and others who are annoyed by moles damaging their vegetable gardens will find the following method effective for controlling them, since it is known that the little animals pass through their runways several times a day: Stir unpeeled peanuts in the white of an egg and while the peanuts are still sticky sprinkle paris green over them. Mix well so that the poison surrounds all the nut. They will dry in about 30 minutes and can then be easily handled. Walk over the ground through which the mole is thought to have last passed and with a pointed stick pierce the runway and drop into it a poisoned peanut. Then cover the hole with earth. If the mole again passes through the runway it will eat the peanuts and die in a few minutes.

Veterans' Pensions Cut.

According to a statement made to The Times a few days ago by H. F. Jackson, pension clerk in the comptroller general's office, Columbia, Confederate veterans and the widows of Confederate veterans to whom pensions will be paid by the State this year will each receive about \$5 less than they received last year, as a result of the action of the senate in cutting the pension appropriation at the recent session of the General Assembly and of the house conferees on the general appropriation bill. Messrs. Hughes, Sapp and Blease, agreeing to the cut, which was adopted by the house of representatives as a part of the conference report when only a few members were present to protest on the Sunday the body adjourned.

Legion Club Elects Officers.

Officers for the Fort Mill American Legion club were elected as follows at a recent meeting: President, Brice D. Culp; vice president, J. J. Adkins; secretary and treasurer, Heath Belk; librarian and member of house committee, Fred Ritch. Four other members of the house committee elected some time ago are: W. T. Barron, W. S. Belk, Brice D. Culp and E. B. White.

The Legion club is a distinct organization to the local American Legion post and ex-service men may be members of the post without joining the club. Nearly 40 members of the post have joined the club, however. A drive for new members of the club is on at present and ex-service men are being informed that if they wish to attend the May banquet of the club it will be necessary for them to put in their applications for membership at once. The club has an attractive suite of rooms in the Stewart building on upper Main street.

The woman who paints must believe that men love art.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Rats in South Carolina destroy enough wealth in the course of a year to pay the State and county taxes. People kill rats sometimes as a matter of amusement, but very rarely as a matter of business. The man or woman who succeeds in arousing the people of York county to a real, honest campaign against rats will have the credit for having done a great deal for the people.

Ten Confederate veterans of York county have died since January 1 of this year. They are: C. R. Starnes, Rock Hill, January 1; J. A. Westbrook, Rock Hill, January 26; Robert L. Brown, February 13; P. Newton Peeler, King's Creek, February 11; Perry Ferguson, Rock Hill, February 11; B. Henry Massey, Fort Mill, February 19; Darwin G. Howell, Hickory Grove, April 6; John J. Faris, Clover, April 19; Wm. M. Ashley, Clover, April 21; W. A. Sherrer, Bullock's Creek, April 23.

Hall Spencer and Martin Leslie, prominent citizens of the Catawba Junction section and members of the board of trustees of the school at Catawba Junction, engaged in a rather bloody fist fight at the Junction Monday afternoon. It is said there has been considerable trouble in the school at Catawba Junction recently and that the fight between the two trustees Monday afternoon grew out of a disagreement regarding the conduct of the school.

Catfish and in fact any kind of fish caught in the Catawba and creeks nearby bring a good price in Clover and are much in demand there. Tom Dooling, well known farmer and fisherman living near the Catawba, brought about 11 pounds of catfish to Clover Saturday morning and he had no trouble in selling them at 20 cents the pound. That is considered an unusually high price at this time and a number of people living along the river are making a pretty good thing of it just now bringing the surplus fish they catch to the Clover market.

Rock Hill's new ordinance against Sunday selling was put in effect last Sunday and the city was closed as tight as a drum. Drug stores were allowed to open for a short time Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon for the sale of medicines only. Sale of cigarettes, cigars and soft drinks was tabooed as was the sale of gasoline. Sale of newspapers was allowed until 10 a. m. There were some who claimed that there was an increase in church attendance by reason of the fact that many of those who had been accustomed to loafing in places that heretofore remained open on Sunday had no other place to go.

Every building in the town of Great Falls is the property of the Southern Power company and the Republic Mills company. The two cotton mills, which are among the largest in the State, manufacture white goods. Workers have not been worried on account of poor business in the textile trade. Both plants are running now day and night and there has never been a rumor of a probable suspension of work. Both mills are models in textile plant construction and everything possible is done for the comfort and convenience of the workers. The mills employ a community nurse, a physician, teachers, school buildings—everything necessary to employees.

Rock Hill and Fort Mill have done the right thing in electing some women delegates to the county convention. The logic of the situation is clear. The right to vote carries with it the duty to vote, and since it is now the duty of the women to vote it is well that they should have a working knowledge of how the political machinery is operated. The business of the county convention this year will be purely of a routine nature so far as can be judged from any indications that have been observed up to this time and there is no promise of undue excitement. Nevertheless, the occasion will be worth while to the women delegates and it is to be hoped that all who have been elected will give their attendance.

MEET OVER STATE.

Democrats Hold County Conventions Next Monday.

In every county in South Carolina Democratic county conventions will be held next Monday, May 1. At each of the conventions matters of party interest will be considered and disposed of, including the election of county chairmen and delegates to the State convention to be held at the capitol in Columbia on Wednesday, May 17. Membership in the State convention is apportioned to the various counties according to their representation in the General Assembly, each county being entitled to as many delegates to the convention as double the number of representatives it has in the legislative body. York county has four representatives in the lower house of the General Assembly and one senator and is therefore entitled to 10 members of the convention.

At both the State and county conventions officers are to be elected for the next two years and rules for the conduct of the primaries this summer are to be adopted. The State convention is expected to adopt a platform dealing principally with the shortcomings of the national Republican administration and the executive committee will then set the dates for the county-to-county canvass and fix the assessment candidates must pay for entering the State primary, including the amount Congress candidates must pay. The work of the county conventions is along similar lines, except that they have to do only with candidates for county offices. As a rule Democratic county conventions in South Carolina do not adopt platforms undertaking to outline the beliefs and policies of the party, but content themselves with the adoption of resolutions touching this or that phase of the public business.

The acting chairman of the Democratic party in South Carolina at present is Gen. Willie Jones of Columbia, who some months ago succeeded Thos. P. Cothran of Greenville when Mr. Cothran was elected a member of the State supreme court.

Democratic Club Reorganized.

Nothing out of the ordinary occurred at the meeting of the Fort Mill Township Democratic club, held Saturday afternoon in the hall of the American Legion club, except the election of two women delegates and two women alternates to the county convention to be held next Monday in York. The meeting was called to reorganize the club for the next two years and resulted in the selection of Dr. T. S. Kirkpatrick as president, L. M. Massey and W. H. Jones as vice presidents and A. C. Lytle secretary and treasurer. S. H. Epps, Sr. was elected as the club's member of the county executive committee and W. R. Bradford was recommended to the county convention for election as a delegate to the State convention. Delegates and alternates were elected to the county convention as follows: Delegates, W. B. Meacham, J. B. Broadnax, W. H. Jones, R. E. McKibben, J. P. Crowder, J. R. Haile, J. M. Hutchison, Mrs. A. O. Jones, and Mrs. J. B. Elliott; alternates, W. R. Bradford, W. B. Armstrong, W. M. White, W. S. Belk, W. H. Nims, J. M. Gamble, J. M. Epps, A. L. Parks, Miss May Smythe and Mrs. J. L. Spratt.

D. Parks Hutchison Dead.

Many of the older citizens of Fort Mill yesterday learned with regret of the death of D. Parks Hutchison at his home in Charlotte, N. C., Tuesday morning. Paralysis was the immediate cause of Mr. Hutchison's death, although he had been in declining health for the last six years. Some years ago Mr. Hutchison was a frequent visitor here at the home of the late Capt. S. E. White, to whose niece, Miss Sallie White Steele, he was married in 1876. He was born in Charlotte 69 years ago and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Some politicians are so promising that the people are suspicious of them.

HIGH SCHOOL EXTENDED.

Eleventh Grade to Be Established in Fort Mill.

The work of the Fort Mill high school will include an eleventh grade for the 1922-23 session, this decision having been reached at a meeting of the board of trustees held a few nights ago, in deference to the wishes of patrons of the school whose children will complete the tenth grade this session and who wish them to continue preparatory work for college at home. A number of pupils from other school districts in this section also wish to do eleventh grade work in the Fort Mill school.

In most colleges in this section entrance requirements have been raised to such a standard that it is now necessary to complete the work of the eleventh grade to enter any of these colleges on certificate. Graduates of the eleventh grade of the Fort Mill school will receive State high school diplomas which, followed by a six-weeks course at summer school, will entitle them to an elementary teacher's certificate in South Carolina.

Killed by Automobile.

Fred Hutchinson, 65 year old farmer of the India Hook community, whose home was about ten miles from Fort Mill, was run down by an automobilist on Elmwood avenue in Rock Hill, near Winthrop college, Saturday night while he was returning to his home in his buggy and was instantly killed. A Ford car driven by a man was seen to strike the buggy, but the driver turned his car immediately toward the city and sped away without taking notice of the condition of Mr. Hutchinson, who died a few minutes after spectators of the accident reached his side.

The coroner held an inquest Sunday afternoon and the verdict was that Mr. Hutchinson came to his death by being struck by an automobile driven by a party unknown to the jury. Two negroes saw the collision, but were some distance away and could not recognize the driver or the number of the car. So far efforts to locate the driver of the car have failed. Mr. Hutchinson's buggy was only slightly damaged by the impact, one spoke in a rear wheel being broken. One light of the automobile is thought to have been broken out.

History of Catawba Lodge.

Members of Catawba lodge No. 56, A. F. M., are looking forward with much interest to the publication a few months hence of a history of the lodge, which is now being compiled by C. S. Link, secretary. Catawba lodge is one of the oldest Masonic bodies in the upper section of the State, with a charter dated in 1856. Except for the Civil war period, 1861 to 1865, when the work of the lodge was suspended, it has an unbroken record of activity and usefulness to the community. It is the purpose of Mr. Link to include in the history the name of every member, so far as he is able to obtain it, who has at any time been affiliated with the lodge, along with much other matter which it is thought will be of interest to the craft. The records of the lodge are practically complete down to the beginning of the Civil war and since its close, but little information is obtainable as to the work of the body during the war.

New Police Chief.

More or less surprise was expressed in Fort Mill Saturday morning when it became known that V. D. Potts, chief of police of the town for the last two years, had tendered his resignation to Mayor Lytle the evening before and that it had been accepted. N. M. McManus was assigned to the work temporarily. Monday evening at a meeting of town council he was elected to fill the office permanently. Mr. McManus is not without experience as a police officer. Frequently he has served the town as such on Saturdays and Sundays during the last few years. He goes into the office with the good will of the citizens of the town generally.

PRIZES FOR BOYS.

Committee Rewards Industry in Cleanup Campaign.

Thanks to the general cleanup campaign inaugurated a fortnight ago by the town council of Fort Mill on the suggestion of Mayor A. C. Lytle, several carloads of old tin cans and other metal rubbish have been removed from the premises of Fort Mill homes, from the rear of Main street business houses and from other places since the announcement was made in The Times two weeks ago that cash prizes would be awarded boys assembling the largest piles of such rubbish before noon Monday, April 24.

Immediately the word went forth that the campaign to make the town healthier and cleaner was under way and that there was the incentive of substantial cash rewards for the boys who showed the greatest zeal in making the undertaking a success, a small army of knee-pants lads got on the job in earnest and literally combed the town for eligible rubbish to make their respective piles larger than those of their competitors.

Monday afternoon Mrs. A. O. Jones, Mrs. J. L. Spratt, F. M. Mack and N. L. Carothers, members of the committee appointed by Mayor Lytle to award the prizes, visited the various sections of town and inspected the 60-odd piles of rubbish of the boys taking part in the campaign, with the result that the principal prize of \$5 was given to Earle Steele and the second principal prize of \$2.50 to Edward Harris and Henry Kimbrell.

Ward prizes of \$2.50 each, with individual prizes of \$1, 75 cents and 50 cents, were awarded by the committee as follows:

Ward 1, Eugene McKibben; Ward 2, Carl Gordon; Ward 3, Rochelle Patterson and James Massey; Ward 4, Raymond Jacobs; \$1 prizes, Faulkner Parks, Hunter and Blair, Jimmie White, Willie Honeycutt, Earle Knight; 75 cent prizes, Lee Potts, Jack Brown, Woodrow Stroud, Virgie Walker, Dan Broadnax, James Wilson; 50 cent prizes, Jim Harris, Elliott Potts, Harry Spinks, J. D. Culp, Furman Merritt, Nannie Lee Kirkley, Randolph Robinson, Simon Kimbrell James Pees (colored), Tom Porter, Randolph Carothers, Harry Harkey, Owen Patterson, Garland Dyches, James Ferguson.

Pineville School Closes.

Pineville, Fort Mill's neighboring town across the line in North Carolina, is astir this week over the closing exercises of its high school, which began last night with an entertainment, "A Trip to Fairyland," and a fairy opera, "Rosedream," given by pupils of the school.

Tonight the graduating exercises of the school will be held. A brief address will be delivered by John A. Davenport, president of the class, to be followed by the reading of the class history by Miss Belle Johnston, the class will be by Miss Catherine Barnett, class statistics by Merle Bassett, class poem by Miss Ellie Grier, class prophecy by Steve Blankenship, valedictory by Miss Mary Harkey, class song by graduating class, commencement address by the Rev. W. H. Frazer, president of Queen's college, Charlotte, N. C., and the presentation of diplomas by J. M. Holbrook, principal of the school.

Friday night a comedy drama, "Always in Trouble," will be presented by members of the graduating class, Steve Blankenship, Raymond Harkey, John Davenport, Bruce Griffith, Calvin Hall and Miss Myrtle Smith, Janet Buice, Belle Johnston and Helen Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Meacham went to Lancaster last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. James Hunter, who died at her home in that town Tuesday. Mrs. Hunter was the mother of the late Frank Hunter, who was well known in Fort Mill and was for several years assistant postmaster of Lancaster while his father was postmaster.