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GAFFNEY DEFEATS LOCALS.

Fort Mill Eleven Goes Down in State Championship Contest.

The Spartanburg Journal of Saturday afternoon printed the following account of the football game on Wofford field between the Fort Mill and Gaffney high school teams Friday:

"Gaffney high school went into the up-state finals Friday afternoon at Wofford park when the scrappy little Fort Mill aggregation, some 13 pounds lighter, were defeated in a hard-fought game by the score of 6 to 0. A break in the second quarter was converted into the only touchdown of the afternoon, Gaffney recovering a fumbled punt on Fort Mill's six-yard line and Capt. Clary carrying the ball over. Gaffney had many chances to score, but Fort Mill's brilliant and sturdy defense, coupled with costly fumbling on Gaffney's part, denied the Cherokee team the scores they might have made.

"Four times inside Fort Mill's 10-yard line, the York county lads held so that the Gaffney team was unable to go the remainder of the distance. Two gaffney passes over the goal line grounded, once the ball went over on downs and once a fumble was recovered on her own three-yard line by Fort Mill. Gaffney's weight counted principally in the power of Clary and Butler. Fort Mill's line fought the Gaffney wall to a standstill.

"Clary and Butler were the ground gaining stars for Gaffney, Clary especially. These hefty backs were seldom stopped without some gains, though the Fort Mill line held them well when the ball was deep in their territory. Gaffney's line was a stone wall and Fort Mill was never able to gain consistently, though Moser at full made several good runs. In the first quarter he gained 35 yards on an end sweep. He hit the line hard. Both teams tried the forward pass with varied success, a few forward flips being completed on both sides.

"As the game was about to end, Fort Mill scored a 20-yard gain on a long leave. Cooke and Clary were Gaffney's aerial treat, completing two long passes. Gaffney intercepted Fort Mill's passes four times during the game. Throughout the game Gaffney was in possession of the pigskin much more of the time than was Fort Mill, which was usually forced to yield it.

"The clouds and threatening appearance of the day kept the crowd down, though both the contesting schools were well represented. The students of Spartanburg high and Hastoc supported Fort Mill.

"The game performance of the Fort Mill team, featured by tenacious fighting and vicious tackling, was a splendid exhibition of what a light team can do against a heavier aggregation. Though beaten, Fort Mill was not outplayed and to the vanquished little eleven there is the satisfaction of knowing that they made a gallant stand, worthy in every respect. Fort Mill was well coached in the fundamentals of the game and fought like demons from first to last.

"Gaffney scored 13 first downs to Fort Mill's six and gained three times as much ground as Fort Mill.

"Friday's victory by Gaffney throws that team into the final contest for the up-state football title with Thornwell orphanage of Clinton. This game will be played next (this) week and the winner will meet the Charleston Bantams, the down-state representatives, for the high school championship of the State."

GRADUATE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

The honor roll of the Fort Mill graded school for the month of November is as follows:

First Grade—Dorothy Culp, Meredith Epps, Alice Gambi, Myra Kimbrell, Mary Elizabeth Meacham, Mary Dickson Parks, James Ferguson, Charles Lewis Garrison, Murray Mack, Jr., Kenneth Wilkerson, Paul Wright, George Pottus, Marjorie Fall, Andrew Wright, Ernest Miller, Brady Walker, Isabelle Epps, Allyce Mills, Myrtle McKinney, Paul Harkney, J. W. Baker, Gladys Ritch, Martha Doster, Pitman Lookado, Robert Hood, Jim Bryant, Elizabeth Withers, Elizabeth Watford; advanced first grade, Lilly May Archie, William Bradford.

Second Grade—First honor roll, Lela Fite, Emily Meacham, Wilma Reeves, Preston Thomas, Ruth Carter, Zude Carter, David Rogers, Raymond Dyches; second honor roll, Jennie Louise Bradford, Lilly May Ralley, James Wilson, Fred Harris, A. Y. Williamson.

Third Grade—First honor roll, Steller Bryant, Frank Lowery, Frank Carothers, Eady Wilson, Fenton Rogers, David Plyler, Inez Armstrong, Jane Barber, Alma Eason, Ruth Miller, Anne Nims, Johnnie Spinks; second honor roll, Elizabeth McKibben, Janie Mae Ritch, Lillian Starnes, Annie Lee McKinney, Crawford Bayne, Mathew Crowder, Jasper Kimbrell, Oren Wright, Jake Parks.

Fourth Grade—First honor roll, Mary Morris, James Allen Ferguson, second honor roll, Jennie Lou Garrison, Harriet Carothers, Maria Culp, Ziza Mills, Sarah Armstrong, Braxton Shaw, Eulyn Robinson, Ethel Miller, Carl Lambert, Eugene Patterson.

Fifth Grade—First honor roll, Mildred Medlin, Howard Patterson; second honor roll, Mildred Ferguson, Josephine Hood, Sara Neely Thompson, Ethel Wright, Elizabeth Wright, John Ardrey, Sarah Barber, Pearl Hoeycutt, Clement Potts.

Sixth Grade—First honor roll, Mary Garrison; second honor roll, Finley Lee, Gariand Dyches.

Seventh Grade—Roy Hunter, Faulkner Parks.

Eighth Grade—Cora Massey.

Ninth Grade—Earle Steele.

Demonstration Work Considered.

Arguments for a continuance of the county appropriation for home demonstration work and farm demonstration work in York county next year were made before the legislative delegation in York Monday. Speaking in behalf of home demonstration work were half a score of women, the majority from the town of York and vicinity. A. A. McKeown, district farm demonstration agent, who lives in Rock Hill, presented the cause of the farm demonstration work.

The delegation was asked to appropriate \$1,200 for home demonstration work and \$500 for farm demonstration work, the remainder of the expense to be paid by the federal government. The delegation took the matter under advisement and it was stated that no decision will be reached until after the annual meeting of the delegation at the court house in York early in the new year. There is said to be considerable sentiment in the county both for and against the work and the opponents will have an opportunity to be heard at the court house meeting of the delegation.

Dr. W. C. Moore's Father Dead.

Dr. W. C. Moore of Fort Mill Monday afternoon received a telegram informing him of the death of his father, D. F. Moore, as his home at Jefferson, Chesterfield county. The immediate cause of Mr. Moore's death was apoplexy, two strokes of which he had sustained during recent years, and he had been an intense sufferer for many months. Mr. Moore was 73 years old and was a member of Plains Baptist church at Chesterfield. He is survived by his widow and three sons. Dr. Moore returned to Fort Mill Wednesday, after attending Tuesday afternoon at Chesterfield the funeral and burial of his father at Chesterfield.

No Guns on Lusitania.

The Cunard liner Lusitania, sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland in 1915, causing many Americans aboard to lose their lives, carried no guns, explosives or troops but did carry several thousand cases of ammunition, according to an official announcement sent out from Washington a few days ago. The cases of ammunition were carried by special permission.

Shortly after the Lusitania was sunk President Wilson sent a note to Germany and in reply was informed that the Lusitania carried guns and troops for the allies. Mr. Wilson then called for a report from the ship's owners and this is the report that has just recently been made public.

It is hard to have a family quarrel unless both sides are talking for the world.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Most of the rural schools of the county will continue their work right up until Friday afternoon before Christmas, which comes on the following Monday, it was stated at the office of the superintendent of education. Most of the rural schools will suspend ten days for the Christmas holidays.

Judge Peurifoy has been receiving a stream of letters from all over the State since the recent announcement of his proposed retirement from the office of the superintendent of education on the bench, from prominent lawyers in every section and from laymen—all expressing deep and sincere regret at his determination in the matter. Some even go so far as to beg him to reconsider, if possible; notwithstanding the reason he has assigned for the step he has taken.

"This has been the quietest meeting of the county commissioners we have had since I have been supervisor," was the reply of Supervisor Hugh Brown when asked Wednesday afternoon about the proceedings of the county commissioners who held their regular monthly meeting that day. "We have had many claims presented us today as usual, but we have paid none of them for the reason we have had no money with which to pay. The truth is, the county is out of money. The tax books, you know, usually open on October 15, but this year they have opened December 1. Last year's funds are exhausted and this year's revenue has so far been coming in rather slowly. We have no authority now to borrow any money and there is nothing for those who have claims against the county but to wait until we get the money."

"York county will lose hundreds and probably thousands of dollars uncollected taxes this year by reason of the fact that the tax books were not open until December 1, whereas they are ordinarily opened on October 15," commented a county official yesterday. "For instance, there are many negroes who would have paid what taxes they owed by this time. Now they are broke and furthermore scores and scores of them are leaving the county and going elsewhere in search of work. The same applied to white people who would have paid; but who between now and January 1, will pull up stakes and leave. Their taxes will go unpaid because they have left nothing to levy on. I know of many negroes, particularly, who inquired at the banks over the county before November 1, about paying their taxes. When they were told the books would not open until December 1, they worried no longer. And now they are gone."

I. P. Boyd, superintendent of the York county almshouse, when asked a few days ago about conditions out his way, said "We are getting along quite nicely at the home. The county home has recently been plastered and otherwise improved inside and is now in the best condition it has ever been in. You remember that since the county home was built several years ago we have been having much trouble because of the faulty plastering, but Supervisor Brown recently had it done over and it is now all right. We have 20 inmates in the home at present. There are 9 whites and 14 negroes. We made three bales of cotton on about three and one-half acres this fall. I haven't measured the corn yield, but we made enough to do and some over. We have about 24 bushels of sweet potatoes, a pretty good turnip patch, a number of hogs and other produce. Folks were good to the inmates of the county home at Thanksgiving and I have no doubt that they will be remembered at Christmas as they generally are."

Warning to Newspaper Borrowers.

A man who would not take his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In his haste the boy ran over a hive of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, failing to note a barbed wire fence, which he ran into, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, and ruining a 50-cent pair of pants. The cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn. Hearing the racket, his wife ran out, upsetting a four-gallon churn of cream into the basket of hives and drowned them. In her haste she lost a \$17 set of teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the cream into the parlor and ruined a new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the dog broke up seven settings of eggs.

A sorcerer never gets ahead in the world. Opportunity passes the man who waits for it.

ODD RIVER ACCIDENT.

One of the older citizens of Fort Mill a day or two ago was telling a number of his friends of an odd accident that occurred many years ago at the old Nation ford on the Catawba river between Fort Mill and Rock Hill. "A North Carolina mountaineer," said he, "traveling with his wife and baby, in a two-horse wagon, was on the way to some point in this State. The party reached Nation ford early one night and notwithstanding the fact that the man was unfamiliar with the ford and the river was considerably swollen he decided to try to cross. He drove in and was getting along all right it seemed until the wagon had passed midstream. Then the horses became frightened at a train passing over the railroad bridge a short distance below the ferry. In spite of all he could do it looked as if the wagon would be upset in the river, so the man jumped from his seat to go to the horses' heads to try to quiet them. About that time the horses gave a lunge and tilted the front end of the wagon upward in such a way that the body slid off into the stream, with the woman and child still in it. The man heard his wife scream, but before he could go to her assistance the body of the wagon had floated off downstream, carrying in it the woman and child. The man made every effort to reach his wife and child, but the water was too deep below the railroad bridge for him to follow them. The only thing he could do was to listen to his wife's cries for help.

"Finally he decided to go back up stream to see what had become of his team and then he discovered the horses standing about where he had left them. Coming back to the Fort Mill side of the river he gave the alarm at the nearest house he could find, but the night was well spent before a party could be organized to go in search of the woman and child. The next morning they were discovered several miles below the ford, where the wagon body had lodged on a rock in the river. Except for the nervous state in which the harrowing experience through which she had just gone had left her, the woman was uninjured as was the baby, which was too young to know what it was all about. The wagon body in which the woman and child had taken the ride down the river had been out in the same rains which caused the rise in the river and had become practically water-tight, so there was no danger of it sinking."

Wants All Vehicles to Carry Lights.

"One of the things it is hard for me to understand is why the South Carolina Legislature does not pass a law requiring every vehicle using the public roads at night to display a light large enough to be seen for several hundred yards," a day or two ago said to The Times a physician who frequently has to answer calls at night that sometimes carry him considerable distances from the town in which he lives. "Only one night last week," he added, "I barely missed running into a wagon between the county river bridge and Rock Hill, and if there had been an accident it would not have been due to carelessness on my part. The glare from the lights on my car made it impossible for me to see the wagon until I was within a few feet of it. It would seem that the drivers of all vehicles on the public roads at night would carry a light as a matter of self-protection and not wait to be forced to do so by law, but it looks as if a law on the subject is necessary. And then I do not know who would enforce the law."

"Ben Hope" Asks Friends' Aid.

Editor Fort Mill Times: Will you print from me another communication, a few words, thanking my friends and helpers for what they have done for me this year? I have no other way of returning my grateful thanks, no way other than through the far-reaching medium of the press of reminding my many personally unknown admirers that I am still striving against the adversities of a shut-in, physically handicapped life.

Friends, I thank you. Your thoughtfulness has helped me immensely this year. Your letters and gifts have softened many a hard place for me. And I have had much sorrow during the last 12 months; just how much I could not tell, if I would.

Now that the joyous Christmas season has come again, I hope to be remembered by everybody who may read this. I desire letters and gifts from every one willing and able to send same. A frank request, I know but my need really is urgent.

Address J. S. Love ("Ben Hope"), York, S. C.

"Ben Hope."

It may be that nobody loves a fat man, but he is generally at peace with the world.

WILL HEAR CITIZENS.

York Legislative Delegation to Meet in Rock Hill Next Thursday.

Senator John R. Hart has called a meeting of the York county legislative delegation to be held in Rock Hill Thursday morning, December 21. The Rock Hill meeting is one of two annual meetings held by the delegation, the other being at York, to give the citizens of the county an opportunity to express their views on matters affecting the welfare of the county which are expected to come up for consideration at the meeting of the General Assembly a few weeks later.

The meeting of the delegation in York probably will be held during the first week in January.

Among other matters which likely will be brought before the delegation at both the Rock Hill and York meetings is the county road laws, including the law under which the townships' roads are worked. During the campaign last August it was suggested that the township law was not proving as satisfactory as had been hoped for when it was enacted and that it might be the part of wisdom to make some changes in it. For several years prior to 1921 each township in the county selected a road supervisor by popular vote. This supervisor had control of the township's road funds and was authorized to employ an overseer who had immediate charge of the road work. The plan did not appear entirely satisfactory to all sections of the county, however, and at the 1920 session of the General Assembly the supervisor plan was set aside and instead three commissioners were created for each township, these commissioners to be appointed by the governor on recommendation of the legislative delegation. Now there is complaint that the new law is working even less satisfactory in some sections of the county than the old law. It remains to be seen whether there will be sufficient demand for a change in the law to warrant the delegation in taking steps to that end.

Another matter which is expected to be called to the attention of the delegation at the Rock Hill and York meetings is the employment for another year of the county demonstration agent and the woman's home demonstration agent. York county pays \$1,500 for the salaries of the two agents, \$500 for the former and \$1,200 for the latter. Opposition is said to have been expressed by taxpayers to the employment of either during 1923.

Invites World to Inaugural Party.

J. C. Walton, Democrat, governor-elect of Oklahoma, has invited the world at large to his inaugural party to be held at the State fair grounds in Oklahoma City on January 10 and 11. He expects his guests to come by ox train, airplane, motor car, special railroad trains, riding the roads and the cushions, afoot, horseback, and by all available other methods of travel.

He will serve a barbecue and give a square dance on a completely floor-ed-in circle of a half mile race track. A committee of 3,000 members is arranging for the festivities. A tentative list of the supplies for the barbecue follows:

Five hundred beef cattle, 200 hogs, 200 sheep, 5,000 chickens, 1,000 turkeys, 3,000 rabbits, 1,000 squirrels, 200 opossums, 500 ducks and geese, 10 buffaloes, 10 bear, 10 deer, 10 antelope, 5 tons of coffee, 5 tons of salt, half ton of pepper, 250 bushels of onions, 100,000 loaves of bread, 100,000 buns, 15 carloads of firewood and 3 carloads of pine knots for kindling.

Three thousand persons will be employed to serve the multitude and 500 expert butchers, slicers and barbecuers. The new governor will take the oath of office on a stand erected in the race track paddock. The two houses of the State Legislature will convene in joint session on the stand and swear into office the chief justice of the supreme court who will then administer the oath to the chief executive. This is to take place on January 9 and the two day celebration will follow.

No More Whiskey Permits.

Further indorsement of requests for whiskey to be used for medicinal purposes will not be made by Dr. Jas. A. Hayne, State health officer, who has decided to discontinue the practice until he receives an opinion regarding the legality of the procedure from the United States attorney general. The State laws and the federal laws on the subject of whiskey for medicinal purposes conflict in many respects and until there is a ruling by the Washington authorities the South Carolina laws will be followed by the State health office.

Maybe if we would kill off all the diplomats it wouldn't be necessary to muzzle the dogs of war.

SULTAN'S POWER LIMITED.

Ruler of Turkey Not Spiritual Head of Mohammedan World.

Near East politics is inextricably bound up with religion in ways it is hard for us to conceive. And some prevalent misconceptions about the Mohammedan faith seem to add confusion to many discussions about Moslem problems.

"A caliph without temporal power is a more radical departure in the Islam world than the Western mind at first can grasp," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

"The easiest way to dispel some of these illusions is by pointing to several striking likenesses between the world's two newest among the major religions. The term 'Mohammedan,' like the term 'Christian,' is a nickname. Both names were given, with contemptuous intent, by enemies of the religions.

"The term 'Christian' was quickly adopted by the followers of the Nazarene. The term Mohammedan never has been adopted by the followers of the prophet. He sought to avoid the employment of his own name by supplying one—the name of Islam—by which he hoped Mohammedanism would be known. He further sought to make this word, meaning resignation, imply the five cardinal points of the new faith. The first of these points was the brief creed, 'There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is His prophet.' The other four enjoined prayer, giving of alms, the fast of Ramadan and pilgrimages to Mecca.

"Another significant parallel between Christianity and Mohammedanism is that both are the religions of millions of people of races alien to that of their founders. Christ was a Jew; Mohammed was an Arab. It is the Mohammedanism modified by the Turkish temperament and nationality that has clashed with the Western civilization in recent centuries.

"Most misleading of all the illusions about Mohammedanism, however, is the tacit assumption that the Mohammedan world is a religious unit. Seen a long way off the sects and groups fade away. In reality there are two great branches of Mohammedanism, the Sunnites and the Shites. Among both these branches, and also outside them, there are sharply drawn cleavages.

"Recent caliphs, who have been the sultans of Turkey, have claimed spiritual supremacy over the Mohammedan world of some 300,000,000 souls. But in actual fact the sultan of Turkey has had little more spiritual ascendancy over the Mohammedans outside Turkey than the king of England has had over the Episcopalians in the United States. In fact, there would be no urgent Near East problem at this moment had his leadership been recognized in Asia Minor.

"A very important difference between the Western mind and the Mohammedan viewpoint has, hitherto, precluded a spiritual ascendancy of the latter which would cut across all lines of temporal power and include even warring nations. The Mohammedan has no priests. A spiritual ruler up to now has been incomprehensible to the Moslem mind. Naturally, then, caliphs have sought to rule by the sword.

"The very word caliph has an allurement that dates back to childhood days when you lived among the fantastic Arabian nights at the court of the Caliph Harun al Rashid. Rashid was a bona fide caliph, and in you later years a reading of the historical facts about the caliphate furnish no fewer thrills than the immortal tales."

Knows Lady Nancy Astor.

"I was pleased to read in the newspapers a few days ago that Lady Nancy Astor had been reelected to the British Parliament," said Capt. Richard Fulp of Fort Mill, discussing recently with a friend his experiences as a patient at hospitals in England during the World war. "It is my good fortune to know personally Lady Nancy," he continued, "with whom I got acquainted at her home, some 50 miles from London, during the time it was used as a hospital for World war officers. Going over seas with the 30th division I contracted pneumonia and when our transport touched at Dover, England, I was removed to a hospital in that city, where I remained for several weeks. Then I was taken to the Astor home and it was while I was convalescing there that I became acquainted with Lady Nancy. When she learned that I was from South Carolina she was especially kind to me, for her old home was in Virginia, where she was one of the famous Langhorne sisters. The Astor home is on a beautiful estate of some 3,000 acres and is one of the show places in that section of England."