

# THE FORT MILL TIMES.

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## BODIES OF SOLDIERS ON WAY TO FORT MILL

Remains of Sergt. Tom Hall and Sergt. Eli Bailes to Be Interred at Old Home.

After lying for more than two years in soldier graves in far-away France, the bodies of two Fort Mill boys who died as heroes in the World war are now on the way to this little South Carolina city to be finally interred in New Unity cemetery where the presence of all that is mortal of each will ever be an inspiring source of patriotism and self-sacrifice to their relatives and friends and the generations who in years to come may visit their last resting place. Back to the home of their childhood and to the community in which each grew into manhood, the bodies of these two as gallant young sons as South Carolina ever gave to any cause that "sword pleaded or trumpet proclaimed" will ere long be at rest in their native soil.

Sergt. Tom Hall and Sergt. Eli Bailes went overseas in May, 1918, as members of Company G, 118th regiment, 30th division. Neither ever came back. Both made the supreme sacrifice in the immortal attack of the 30th division on the Hindenburg line on October 8, 1918, when the stronghold the Germans had boasted could never be breached gave way before the irresistible force and courage of the South Carolinians, North Carolinians and Tennesseans.

In that attack Sergt. Hall was mortally wounded and died the following day; but not before he had added imperishable glory to his name by winning the most coveted decoration of the American army, the congressional medal of honor, afterwards presented to his father, W. L. Hall of Fort Mill. Sergt. Hall was 23 years old at the time of his death. Before leaving Fort Mill he was a regular attendant upon the services of the Presbyterian church. He had been a member of the Fort Mill National Guard company for several years and was with the company on the Mexican border in 1916. When the United States declared war on Germany in April, 1917, none was more anxious to get in the thick of the conflict than he. He was a gallant soldier and popular both as a young man in the community and among his army comrades.

No less ready to do his duty as a soldier and face any danger in which the fortunes of war placed him was Sergt. Eli Bailes, also a member of Company G, 118th regiment, 30th division. Sergt. Bailes, like Sergt. Hall and other Fort Mill boys, lost his life in the attack of the 30th division on the Hindenburg line. Few perhaps of his many friends in Fort Mill ever suspected that this quiet, unobtrusive young man would prove himself a soldier of the finest type. But such he was. No other man in the Fort Mill company was more popular with his comrades than Sergt. Bailes, "for all recognized in him a soldier always ready to do his duty and more, and withal a lovable youth whose death brought a sense of personal loss to us all," a day or two ago said a former officer of the Fort Mill company in speaking of Sergt. Bailes. Sergt. Bailes was a son of J. H. Bailes of Fort Mill. He was a member of the Baptist church and was 22.

These are the two Fort Mill soldiers whose bodies are expected to arrive in Fort Mill from France within the next two or three days. Upon arrival in Fort Mill the bodies will be taken to the armory of the Tom Hall Guards and there lie in state for several hours, following which funeral exercises, with military honors, will be conducted, first in Confederate park and then at the grave. The funeral will be under the auspices of Fort Mill post, American Legion. Interment will be in the post's plot in New Unity cemetery.

Efforts of the Legion post to ascertain the exact time of arrival in Fort Mill of the bodies proved unsuccessful, but a message from the graves registration service officer at Hoboken, N. J., dated a few days ago, said that "the bodies will be there on Saturday in time for funeral Sunday. Do not make funeral arrangements until further notice."

## GRETNA GREEN REVIVAL FOR BORDER COUNTIES?

Failure of Medical Examination Bill May Bring Couples Across Line to Be Married.

Due to the failure of the senate to pass at the recent session of the South Carolina Legislature the house bill requiring a medical examination of men securing marriage licenses in this State before the marriage ceremony could be performed, and the passage of a similar bill by the North Carolina Legislature at its session last month, South Carolina counties bordering on North Carolina may again become the Gretna Green for North Carolina couples on marriage bent.

In neither State can the marriage ceremony now be performed without a marriage license, but in North Carolina both the man and woman must undergo an examination by a reputable physician, costing about \$10, to secure a health certificate, to the effect that neither is suffering from certain communicable diseases, before county authorities are allowed to issue the marriage license.

The proposed law having failed in South Carolina, it is now possible to enter the marriage relation in this State at smaller cost than in North Carolina. The South Carolina marriage license law does not require that either party be a resident of this State, and it is not improbable therefore that many couples, to save the fee incident to the physical examination required under the law of North Carolina, will cross the line into this State to be married, thus reviving to some extent at least conditions that obtained in South Carolina border counties before the marriage license law was enacted in this State about ten years ago, when North Carolina couples, literally in droves, came into South Carolina to be married. Many of these couples were mere children who could not secure marriage licenses in North Carolina because of their youth; others were old and infirm, still others were poverty stricken. But neither youth nor senility, or poverty, was a bar to marriage in South Carolina in those days, if the couple had the price to pay for the ceremony and knew the accommodating magistrate or notary republic to whom to apply to have the knot tied.

Finally this condition was remedied by the Legislature in 1911 passing the marriage license law. As a result the border counties of the upper part of the State have since been practically free of the indiscriminate marrying of couples from across the line in North Carolina. But with North Carolina now making the possession of a health certificate of both the man and woman a condition precedent to the issuance of the marriage license in that State, and there being no such requirement in South Carolina, it remains to be seen whether conditions will again become such as to demand the attention of the Legislature.

### Gold Hill Honor Roll.

The honor roll for the Gold Hill public school, Misses Ruth Shuler and Ida Lee Parler, teachers, for the month beginning February 21 and ending March 18, is as follows:

Second Grade—Minnie Abernathy.

Fourth Grade—Joe Abernathy, Edgar Crook, Agnes Osborne.

Fifth Grade—Raymond Patterson.

Sixth Grade—Van Blankenship, Essie Cunnup, Ralph Patterson, Lillian Warren.

Seventh Grade—Louise Warren, Mattie Norwood.

### Bear Wandering Around.

R. H. Gordon and his family, who live two miles west of Monroe, N. C., saw a good sized bear in a field near their home Tuesday morning. The bear was headed in the direction of South Carolina and was making good time.

Mr. Gordon and his family were in their yard and got a good view of the bear. Mr. Gordon went to a sawmill nearby and told the men there what he had seen and they all started out on a hunt for the bear, but as they had no dogs the chase had to be abandoned.

The bear's tracks were plainly seen in plowed ground.

## WILL OBSERVE EASTER IN SPECIAL EXERCISES

St. John's Methodist Sunday School Plans for Big Attendance Next Sunday.

The superintendent of St. John's Methodist Sunday school, A. O. Jones, assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. W. R. Bauknight, and the president of the men's Bible class, E. T. Whitesell, is arranging for what they look forward to as being the biggest celebration, next Sunday, of Easter Sunday yet undertaken by a Fort Mill Sunday school. The exercises will be held in the auditorium of the Fort Mill high school and will begin promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. A statement issued by the officers of St. John's Sunday school and the pastor of the church relative to the exercises says:

"We invite you and your friends to be with us next Sunday, assuring you that an hour of pleasure will be yours if you accept this invitation. If you are a member of a Sunday school, go to your own Sunday school. If you are not a member of any Sunday school, we urge you to attend our Sunday school exercises next Sunday morning in the auditorium of the Fort Mill high school in celebration of Easter Sunday. If you are unable to walk or have no conveyance, communicate with A. O. Jones, superintendent, and he will arrange to get you there.

"There are 1,338 white people living in and near Fort Mill over eight years of age. About 500 of this number attend Sunday school, leaving 838 who do not attend Sunday school. We want and invite every one of this number to be with us next Sunday, and are expecting an attendance of at least 500. We have over 500 Easter eggs to give away that day and are going to count the attendance at our Sunday school by giving every man, woman and child present one of these eggs."

The following is the program of the exercises of St. John's Sunday school in celebration of Easter Sunday:

10 A. M.—Assemblage of classes.  
10:15 A. M.—Enrollment.  
10:30 A. M.—Song, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Prayer.  
Song, "Beautiful Isles of Somewhere."

10:45 A. M.—Baptism of children.

11 A. M.—"Prophecy," Miss Hattie Huntley.

Song, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," No. 355.

Scripture reading, by Miss Laura Gross.

Song, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," No. 151.

"The Victory Morn," by Misses Hattie Parks and Inez Wolfe.

Song, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," No. 156.

Recitation, "Mary at the Sepulcher," by Miss Annie Parks.

11 A. M.—Duet.

"The Resurrection," by the Rev. W. R. Bauknight.

Song, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," No. 143.

Reception of members into the church.

12 M.—Benediction.

The Rev. Mr. Bauknight announces that special Easter services also are to be held at Pleasant Hill Methodist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and at Philadelphia Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### Ira G. Smythe at First Manassas.

The news item printed in The Times last week quoting a former Confederate soldier to the effect that there were only three Confederate veterans living in the Fort Mill community who took part in the First Battle of Manassas, fought nearly 60 years ago, brought forth the statement yesterday that Ira G. Smythe, another Confederate veteran whose home is in Fort Mill, also was an active participant in the first big engagement between the Southern and Northern armies. Mr. Smythe took part in the battle as a member of Company A, 19th Virginia regiment, Ewell's brigade. Shortly after the First Battle of Manassas his regiment was assigned to Jackson's corps and participated in many of the major engagements of the war.

## PAGEANT WILL DEPICT SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY

Three Ages of State to Be Given by Winthrop College Students on May 6, Next.

The historical pageant to be presented at Winthrop college on May 6, 1921, will be a review of South Carolina history from the time of the settlement of the Palmetto State down to the present time.

The historical scenes in the pageant will depict actual history in the sense that they are to be taken from contemporary records, in many cases in the exact words of the source.

The history of the State will be covered in three ages, "The Age Making," "The Age of Discord" and "The Age of Progress." Eleven episodes with three symbolic interludes make up these three ages.

The first episode is the story from Laudonniere's journal of the meeting of the white men and the Indians and introduces Jean Bibault and an Indian king with other Indians dressed in native costumes. The second episode shows a settler a few years before the Revolution deciding to send his oldest son to England for an education, and breathes loyalty to England. The third shows this boy returning seven years later, arrogant and overbearing, to find his home people ready to break away from England. The fourth scene shows the story dear to childhood of Francis Marion, dressed in his home-made uniform, dining on roasted potatoes.

The second age opens with a happy plantation scene late in the '50s and involves an argument on slavery and secession. The next scene is the signing of the Ordinance of Secession and is reproduced in detail. The parts of the signers are to be taken by descendants of the signers who are now students at Winthrop. This is to be followed by a marching scene where the Palmetto flag is carried into war. Later comes a battle scene with an old time Southern belle and two wounded soldiers. This age is concluded with a stirring Red Shirt scene featuring both United States cavalry and Red Shirt-riders with an exact reproduction of the original bloody shirt flag.

"The Age of Progress" opens with a college scene showing the reconciliation after war, the advance in education, and the passing of a company of soldiers en route to France. This age ends with the most dramatic scene of all—a wounded soldier, discouraged with business, crops, politics and religion, caught up by a vision of the new age and by the spirit of the State.

### READY FOR ROAD WORK.

Fort Mill Township Commission Plans for Upkeep of Highways.

Meeting Saturday afternoon for the first time, the Fort Mill township road commission, composed of J. J. Bailes, W. M. White and J. E. Epps, formally took over the duties heretofore performed by the township supervisor when Mr. Bailes was elected chairman of the commission and Mr. White clerk. Following the organization of the commission, E. H. Phillips was elected superintendent of road maintenance, at a salary of \$100 per month. He is to give his entire time to the work.

The commission went over plans for the maintenance of the roads. To be able to put its plans into effect the commission decided to purchase within the next few weeks a larger road scrape than the one now owned by the township. Meanwhile B. F. Patterson, superintendent of the Carhart farms, has agreed to allow the commission to use a large scrape belonging to Mr. Carhart and it will be put into service at once. At the meeting the statement was made that better work could be done on the roads with a larger tractor than the commission has, but with only about \$3,000 available for road improvement, the commission decided it could not now afford to buy a larger tractor.

The first work of any magnitude to be done by the commission was begun Tuesday afternoon on the road through the Gold Hill section to the State line.

## CREDITABLE SHOWING FOR TOM HALL GUARDS

Inspecting Officers Pleased With Progress of the Fort Mill National Guard Company.

Seventy-five of the 92 members of the Tom Hall Guards, Fort Mill company of the National Guard of the United States, were present Tuesday evening for the first annual inspection of the company, made by Maj. B. F. Ristine, inspector-instructor of the North Carolina National Guard, and Maj. F. W. Glenn of the quartermaster corps, National Guard of South Carolina.

Tuesday afternoon the property of the federal government in the hands of the company was checked up and found to be in first class condition, as was the book work of the company. At 8 o'clock Tuesday evening the company was assembled in its armory and thoroughly inspected by both Maj. Ristine and Maj. Glenn. Both officers expressed gratification at the progress the company has made since it was organized last fall and complimented Capt. Frederick Nims and Lieut. A. C. Lytle upon the soldierly appearance of the men and the good condition of their equipment. The company was put through the manual of arms before leaving the armory for a parade in Main street, which lasted only a few minutes, however, on account of rain.

Following the street parade, the company returned to the armory where a competitive drill for a cash prize of \$10 was held by ex-service men in the company. The prize was won by William Ardrey. A similar drill by the new men in the company was won by Cook Earle Bailes.

Ten of the 92 members of the company who were not present for inspection Tuesday night were accounted for, their absence being due to the fact that they are away from home attending school. Four other members could not be present on account of illness. The officers of the company are authorized to take into the company ten more men, making the maximum peace strength allowed for National Guard companies. Young men interested in joining the company are invited to leave their applications with Lieut. Lytle.

### PROGRAM FOR EASTER.

Fort Mill Baptist Church to Hold Special Services Sunday.

The following is the program of the Easter services to be held at the Fort Mill Baptist church next Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m.:

Song, "I Would Be Like Jesus," Sunday school.

Prayer, Dr. J. W. H. Dyches.

Assembly of classes.

Report of secretary and announcements.

Recitation, "Make Somebody Happy," Helen Ferguson.

Song, "Life and Light He Brings," primary department.

Recitation, "Two Fuzzy Bunnies," Clement Potts.

"Three Mottoes," three girls.

Recitation, "Darkness and Light," Owen Patterson.

Song, "He Is Risen," Junior choir.

11 A. M.—

Song, "Christ Arose," No. 333.

Duet, "He Has Risen for Me," Misses Martha Dyches and Vernie Epps.

Scripture reading.

Prayer.

Morning offering.

Song, "Hallelujah," choir.

Sermon, "What Is the Power of the Resurrection?"

Song, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," hymn No. 29.

Benediction.

### Ford Car Wrecked.

A Ford coupe, bearing North Carolina license number 94-670, was badly smashed Sunday afternoon when it turned over while rounding a curve near the home of W. H. Crook in the Gold Hill section of Fort Mill township. Two young men, one of whom gave the name of James A. Henderson and said he was from Wadesboro, N. C., were in the car at the time, but neither was seriously hurt. The accident was attributed to a broken radius rod.

## REDS THREATEN DEATH FOR SPANISH MONARCH

Say They Will Eventually Succeed in Ending Life of King Alphonso.

"Sooner or later we will get you, if not today, then perhaps tomorrow. You are under sentence of death, and the executioners await only the opportunity to carry out their orders."

These are the cheerful messages received by King Alphonso of Spain, by letter, by telegraph and in mysterious messages. Alphonso knows it is the truth. Since the morning of his wedding day, since the young king and his English bride narrowly escaped death from the flower-covered bomb which wrecked the royal carriage of state and killed the horses attached to it, he has realized that sooner or later he would die by an assassin's bullet or bomb or knife.

When King Alphonso leaves his palace he rides in a steel-lined automobile that is proof against bullets and bomb fragments. He is accompanied by picked riflemen drawn from a special national force and members of the same force in thousands line the roadway along which he passes. When he takes a railway journey he rides in a heavily armored car. Another train goes ahead to discover bombs and clear the way.

A friend of Alphonso lately revealed the fact that when the Spanish monarch ventures in public he wears a coat of fine steel chain mail under his shirt that is proof against knife thrusts and possibly against bullets. Ever since he came to the throne attempts on his life that have come within an inch of succeeding have been happening. Today, as a result of the world war and the great distress in Spain, the revolutionists there are stronger than ever.

### GRADED SCHOOL NOTES.

Students Soon to Hold Preliminaries for Catawba Contests.

The Fort Mill school being a member of the Catawba Oratorical and Athletic Association, contests will be held soon to select a representative for the oratorical contest and one for the girls' elocution contest of the association, which is composed of York, Rock Hill, Chester, Lancaster, Winnsboro, Kershaw, Fort Mill, Great Falls high schools and Winthrop Training school. The oratorical and elocution contests will be held in Rock Hill Friday night, April 15, and the track meet will be held at the fair grounds in Rock Hill, also, Saturday, April 16. The boys of this school are practicing for the track events every afternoon and practice on the selections for the other contests will begin this week.

The third quarter of the school year ends with examinations today and Friday. Those pupils who have been absent a number of days this quarter on account of measles or for other reasons will be allowed to take their examinations with the other pupils and the grades they made while at school will be counted to make up their averages.

Interesting exercises were conducted Friday morning by the school in honor of South Carolina day. The program was arranged by Miss Edna Tindal, principal of the high school, and consisted principally of patriotic songs and recitations by pupils of the high school. An address by Bruce H. Stribling, superintendent of the school, on the life and accomplishments of John C. Calhoun, was heard with much interest.

### Weevils Leave Winter Home.

Welch Wilbur, whose farm is two miles north of Newberry, brought a number of boll weevils to town Wednesday to show to persons who are "not expecting many weevils this year," says the Newberry Observer. A colored man on the place in tearing down some cordwood discovered nests of them on and under the pine bark, where they had been spending the winter and waiting for the cotton to make its appearance. They swarmed out like bees from a hive when the wood was disturbed. And they are genuine weevils too; no mistake about that.