

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Construction

It was with sincere regret that the men in the Construction Department learned that Mr. L. S. Grandy, the superintendent of construction, had accepted a position with a subsidiary company in Dutch Guiana, and would soon leave Badin for South America.

Mr. Grandy has been identified with the construction work here for over three years, and by his fairness and personal attitude has made a friend of every subordinate, and each, while wishing him every success in his new field, feels a personal loss in his leaving.

Mr. C. R. Claywell will assume the duties hitherto performed by Mr. Grandy, and needless to say will have the loyal support of the organization.

Mr. W. I. Stokes, while attempting to start his new car, was unfortunate enough to have it step on him and fracture his arm. As ladies were present, he suffered greatly. He is having Mr. Smith paint his coat of arms on the doors. The design shows an Elgin rampant, with a crank as a bar sinister.

Stokes again tried his car, and while going up a steep hill en route to the Spencer baseball game badly stifled its left fore wheel, and scratched his "gee" escutcheon. No injuries to passengers, as they were all masculine.

Apropos of construction—all know records seem to be in danger from the rapid completion and putting into service of rumors about the status of Badin's development. As an example—in the course of a few hours recently, one telegram was quoted, "shutting down all work, authorizing 'steen pot rooms, transferring everybody but the office cat, increasing and promoting the whole force including the aforesaid cat—and so on ad nauseum."

The gardening fever is raging. Jessup laid out his patch with a transit, using a brick as a monument. His neighbor keeps chickens, and the brick several days later was used as a missile. He is now trying to identify the different rows—as something very like beans is coming up where he expected potatoes.

The sewage disposal plant at the Negro village has been completed, and will soon be put into operation. An inspecting committee, composed of Messrs.

Stokes, Cowart, and Casper, has been suggested, and the necessary preliminary work, enlarging manholes, strengthening ladders, etc., is under way.

Tommie Culp recently borrowed all available cars, so that he could not be followed, and went up to Misenheimer Springs and got married. The blushing bridegroom is again in our midst, and is receiving the congratulations and best wishes of his numerous friends.

The Baseball Team has organized, with W. I. Stokes, manager; Chief Early, captain; and N. L. Smith, as secretary and treasurer. Several of the scheduled games have been played, resulting in a crop of assorted emotions in the minds of the fans.

"Dugan" Shankle, the official rooter for the baseball team, has recently returned from a week's fishing trip in Onslow County. He reports excellent fishing, and an attack by a crowd of vicious frogs. He says he saw no snakes.

It seems strange that so many otherwise sensible people will listen to and then retail the frenzied yappings of a puerile prevaricator, whose imagination and brains are proportionately like unto a mammoth and mudcat.

Ananias and Munchausen have been figuratively awarded the palm for being the greatest liars of all times—fortunately for them, they were not contemporaneous with some of the Badinites.

"Boss, I can't git on dese boots, the biggest ones in the bunch is only 'levens."

J. T. GARRETT

Works Office Notes

Sergeant T. Rupert Huggins, who was recently mustered out of the service, has returned to his old position in the Cashier's office. Mr. Huggins enlisted at Fort Slocumb, N. Y., from which place he was sent to Fort Andrews, Mass., where he remained until September 22. His brigade, the Thirtieth Coast Artillery Corps, went over on the transport U. S. S. Mongolian, and were assigned to the Marne sector. This brigade was being trained for the attack on Metz that the armistice forestalled. They sailed on February 23, and landed on March 7, in Boston, and were

mustered out March 25, 1918. Mr. Huggins is originally from Union, S. C.

Among the Badin boys who are expected to return from France soon are Sergeant W. H. Aiken, Jr., Lieut. P. A. Roberts, and Private Jno. H. Cornelius. They have been away since September 1917, and have all seen much active service abroad. Their return will be a source of satisfaction to their many Badin friends.

Mr. Mirch L. Fox has arrived from the Pittsburgh office, to play on the Badin Office baseball team. Mr. Fox is a southpaw of great promise, and already the team shows signs of improvement, altho he is playing in right field now instead of pitching. He will spend his leisure time in the Accounting Department.

Mr. Z. Z. Hadley, our popular fisherman, reports business good around Whitey, having caught (at least he says he caught them) several nice bass recently.

Mr. John C. Mitchell, formerly in the accounting department, has been transferred to the draughting room in the general office.

Mr. Harry Swindell will leave soon for a vacation trip to his former home at Belhaven, N. C., and to other resorts in that vicinity.

Mr. J. W. Tilley, Miss Ferabee, and Miss Ferree witnessed the baseball game at Spencer, Saturday, the seventeenth.

Mr. W. F. Livingston and family made a trip to Ansonville, to visit relations of Mrs. Livingston.

Mr. C. H. Jones has been transferred to the Auditing Department from the Cashier's office.

Mr. I. P. Moragne, from Hattiesburg, Miss., has accepted a position in the clock house.

Mr. W. G. Nelson spent a few days with homefolks, at Allen, N. C.

J. H. Leonard was a visitor in Winston-Salem recently.

Carbon Plant Notes

The exhaust system for the Cleaning Department is nearing completion. It will soon be so the cleaners can come to work wearing their white collars. This will improve the working conditions for