Ft. Mill Grading Work Progressing Rapidly

FORT MILL - The county crew, engaged in grading some 40 streets two weeks ago, moved to the Paradise section this morning after grading Oak St. and Morrow Bradford Drive yesterday. Park Drive and Morgan St. were graded Monday.

F. Lytle, superintendent of the Water and Street Department, said yesterday that he expects the crew to begin covering the graded streets with topsoil either today or tomorrow. Some six inches of topsoil will be dumped on each street before the grading is completed.

A representative from the State Highway Department conferred with Lytle yesterday regarding the right-of-way of two streets in the Paradise section. State highway regulations require that every front of a street have a minimum right-of-way of 24 feet. At present Ralph Bunche and Berry streets have only a 22-foot right-of-way. Lytle said that the right-of-way on these streets would be extended to meet state regulations.

A. S. Goodlow of Fort Mill is supervising the topsoiling of the 40-old streets. Goudelock also supervised the county crew which graded the streets. The grading was completed two weeks ago.

The paving of the streets will be done by a State Highway Department crew. Lytle said he did not know when paving would be started.

Construction of the new plant near Fort Mill will begin "almost immediately." The announcement of the action was made today by T. H. Gable, managing director of the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce, and S. W. Gable, acting director of the State Planning Board in Rock Hill.

The plant will convert waste poultry by-products into basic feed ingredients. The plant building is being erected near the T. N. Edwards home. The firm - Fort Mill Industries, Inc. - purchased the land early this year.

About 30 men will be employed by the plant, which is scheduled to begin operations around August 1.

Commenting on the company's selection of a South Carolina site, the president of the company said: "It is obvious why South Carolina is growing industrially at such a rapid rate. We have never been associated with a more cooperative group than in our negotiations with Senator Wallace of York County, the entire legislative delegation, the Rock Island Chamber of Commerce and the State Development Board."

Senator Wallace said, "We welcome this new company to our community with open arms. We feel that this plant will not only increase employment opportunities in the county, but also help the farmers and poultry raisers by providing them with a market for waste by-products. Fort Mill officials have been a disposal problem to the poultry grower, but now he has a chance for a second income."

"So far as we are concerned, it has been our pleasure to work with the people of Fort Mill Industries, Inc., for whom we are happy to welcome this fine company which can contribute in so many ways to the prosperity of the section in which they are located."

Building of New Fort Mill Plant To Start at Once

FORT MILL - Announcement that a U. S. Senate subcommittee had approved construction of a new post office in Fort Mill has met a cool reception from town officials.

The Senate Public Works real estate subcommittee approved construction of a post office in Fort Mill. The Senate has approved an estimated $49,800 for the government-owned lot downtown.

Construction under the proposed plan would be under a lease-purchase agreement whereby a private investor would build the structure and lease it to the Post Office Department with the building reverting to government ownership in 20 years.

Rep. J. P. Richards and Senator J. S. Thurmond both notified Fort Mill officials of approval of the plan by the Bureau of the Budget and the subcommittee.

Approval of the full Senate committee and of the House Public Works Committee is necessary before action can be taken on the measure.

The proposed measure is the same type arrangement tentatively offered a committee of Fort Mill citizens who went to Washington in May to investigate the possibility of obtaining a new post office.

However, the amount to be spent mentioned to the committee was $65,000. Reaction of Fort Mill officials has been that a post office building to satisfy locally the town of 20 years could not be built for $49,800. Even the original $65,000 offer was not favored by members of the town committee and town council.

Mayor Luther G. Patterson, who headed the committee trip to Washington, said today council is not favorable to the Washington developments. This is the decision of the post office building which was desired by the government about 13 years ago. The move to erect a new building, interrupted by outbreak of World War II, has been plagued by indecision and delay until now.

Fort Mill Paving Making Progress

FORT MILL - The initial step in the paving of approximately seven miles of streets within town limits has been completed.

That step is grading, and with the grading of Harrison Circle and Lowin Street today, the county crew which began grading the 40-old streets some three weeks ago has taken the second step in the street-paving project - applying topsoil to the streets.

T. F. Lytle, superintendent of the Water and Street Department, said yesterday that he expects several streets to be covered with topsoil tomorrow. Approximately six inches of soil will be dumped on each graded street. The topsoil is being obtained from a six-acre tract of land on the Handy White estate two miles west of Fort Mill. The town purchased the land several weeks ago.

Yesterday the county crew unloaded several 24-inch drainage pipes on Greer, Pine, Lowin, and Nims Streets. These pipes are being used to replace 15-inch pipes which were found to be inadequate during heavy rains.

Joe Louis, Steele, and S. M. Hall streets, all located in the Paradise section, were graded yesterday. Lytle said that the driveway around Central School on Tom Hall St. is being prepared for paving. He added that he had "no idea" when the paving of streets would begin. The paving will be done by a private contracting firm.

Fort Mill Streets Will Be Top-Soiled

FORT MILL - The application of topsoil to approximately 7 miles of streets in the Fort Mill area began Monday and will continue for the next ten days. Oak, Gregg, and Nims streets were the first to get the six inch layer of topsoil which was hauled from a six-acre plot of land on the Handy White estate two miles east of Fort Mill. T. F. Lytle, superintendent of the Water and Street Department, said yesterday that he expects the crew to begin covering the graded streets with topsoil either today or tomorrow. Some six inches of topsoil will be dumped on each street before the grading is completed.

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