

A Great Day at Blowing Rock—the Annual Orphanage Collection

From the Pinnacles.

It is a most beautiful custom among our friends who spend their vacation days at Blowing Rock, to annually take a collection for the Grandfather Orphanage. We, at the Orphanage, have learned to look forward to this from year to year, and in fact, to depend on it for support. As the family of children has increased and expense multiplied, the amount of this annual collection has likewise kept pace.

And dear reader, we believe you will feel with us that the hand of God was truly present when this year's collection was taken Sunday, August ninth. Of the Orphanage family, which now numbers sixty-four children, twenty-six were not provided for. We asked, therefore, that our friends make it possible for us to care for these twenty-six children throughout the year, by contributing the equivalent of twenty-six \$120.00 subscriptions. (It costs us \$120.00 a year to feed and educate a child.) The total amount thus asked for was \$3,120.00. Our good friends, to whom we are so grateful today, contributed not only this but \$1034.39 additional. This is exactly \$45.41 short of nine more subscriptions of \$120.00 each. The significance in this figure nine is the fact that only eighteen days from the time of the collection nine girls are to finish their time at the orphanage and come over to the school department for their High School instruction. This means that nine new children will be taken to fill the places thus left vacant, and that one year's support for them is already in sight.

Surely this is the Lord caring for his children and his work. Too much cannot be said for the kindness of our good friends who worked this collection up—Dr. C. G. Vardell, of Flora McDonald College, who preached the Sunday preceding; of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Carson, of Whiteville, N. C., who must have used every opportunity to speak a word preparatory to the collection, and of Dr. Vance who preached such a splendid sermon Sunday morning. We are indeed very grateful to them all for their untiring interest.

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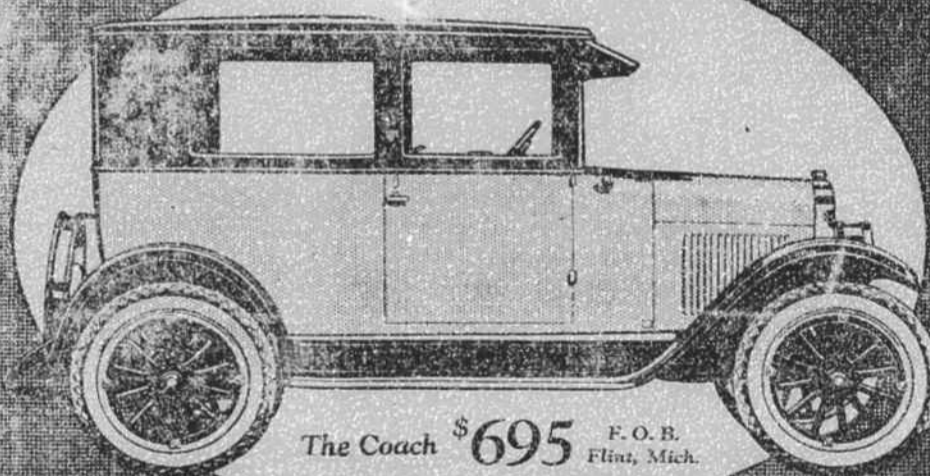
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