

PREACHER OPENS HOME FOR TOTS

Union County Welfare Officer Heads Unique Institution.

Monroe, Sept. 2.—About one mile southeast of Monroe on the west side of the Griffith road, rearing its stately form from the brow of a gentle slope, surrounded by shrubbery and stately pine trees, stands a large white-pillared house built by the late Dr. W. B. Houston as a home for his family. Now it is the home of Union County children without family and bears the title of the Union County Children's Home. It shelters thirteen little tots and gives them the benefits and comforts of Christian home life that otherwise they could not have.

The home is the idea of Rev. E. C. Snyder, welfare officer of the county, and its object is to care for children whose home life is indecent or not conducive to good morals; for those who have no homes but for some reason cannot be admitted to orphanages, and for small children who become charges upon the county for any cause whatever. At present the institution is not a corporate body, but it is proposed to have the next session of the General Assembly confer corporate powers upon the board of trustees and to authorize a tax levy for its support. The board of trustees as at present constituted is R. A. Morrow, T. P. Dillon, W. C. Crowell, G. M. Beasley, and W. S. Blakeney. Rev. E. C. Snyder and his good wife are giving their time free of charge to the institution.

The big house built on colonial plan,

with a large yard and a splendid landscape view, surrounded by a forty-acre farm is almost ideally located for the purpose. It has capacity for fifty or more children. It is less than a mile from the city graded school building and for the present term, at least, the children will attend this school. This is in keeping with one of the fundamental policies of the home, not to have these children any whit different from others of the same age.

Another policy of special appeal to many is that no child will be asked for the name of its father, and children of illegitimate or unknown fatherhood will be admitted as freely and upon the same terms as others. Mr. Snyder lays especial emphasis upon this point. "The child brought into the world under circumstances of immorality," he says, "is in no wise responsible for this situation and should not be made to suffer for it. Some children of illegitimate birth have splendid mental ability and are potentially useful and Christian citizens. If left through the formative years of their character to the influence of vice and immorality their usefulness will be utterly destroyed. If reared under more favorable moral atmosphere, but with conditions accentuating the difference between them and other children of regular home life, the danger is that their dispositions and ambitions will be so affected that they cannot develop into usefulness. It is the purpose of this institution to take such tots and rear them in the atmosphere of a Christian home, and to impress upon them that they are responsible human souls and that what they are or become is the standard of judgment, and not what their parents might not have been."

The good people of the county have taken the home to their hearts. Before it was opened a subscription list was circulated and above \$3,000 in money pledged for its support. Besides this stores of eatables, clothing, etc., were sent in. One good man sent several cows with the following instructions: "These cows are not given you, but are loaned you. When they go dry let me know and I will get them and lend you some more fresh ones." That is one time when a loan is better than a gift. When the writer arrived on the scene the other day these cows were grazing about the yard with the air of conscious virtue and superiority over ordinary cows which were not doing a free word of love.

Another thing that attracted attention then was Preacher Snyder's Ford standing before the door fairly laden with such country produce as roasting ears, great big luscious tomatoes, snap beans, white head cabbages, Irish potatoes—oh, well, most of us know how many good things a North Carolina farm affords, and all of them seemed to be represented. That Ford automobile resembled a produce market more than a touring car. The group of children playing about it differed from the ordinary market place group, in that theirs was an attitude of certain and joyful anticipation rather than of wistful and unsatisfied longing.

Asked about the behavior of the children among themselves, and especially if children gathered from over the county from homes where manners is an obsolete word and unknown customs were not hard to control, the preacher said that about the only difference he could see between them and one large family is that these seem to be a little more obedient and a little more considerate of one another's feelings than brothers and sisters.

There are 12 girls ranging from six

to fourteen years in age and one bright little lad of eight. Of course, he gets lonesome sometimes, for what is a mere man child that he should be admitted to the councils of the junior feminine? And what good fellow wants to fight Indians and go on a bear hunt back of the smokehouse? But at other times, and most times, he is well fixed, out any such formality as "cency, mency, mency, mency," elimination.

Although the home was opened only two months ago it has already proven itself. There are dozens more children in the county who need its influence. Financial support must come from somewhere to assure its permanency and development. That it will come the preacher has no doubt. His faith is placed in Him who once said "Suffer little children to come unto Me." Some others who see only the practical side of the issue are wondering if this institution is an acorn, from which small beginning will grow a permanent home guaranteed by a tax levy and giving to the world citizens that otherwise would be lost, so far as their usefulness to the State is concerned, and setting an example that other counties will follow and profit by; or if this institution is to be a mushroom growth, arising for a day and then withering and passing.

WANDERING TERRIER IS QUITE A TOURIST

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Edward Bearden noticed a fox terrier wandering about the street here. She stopped her car and the dog, without waiting for an invitation, jumped in beside her. At the Animal Refuge on the Kansas side, it was found he wore a license tag issued at Bearden's lot. Correspondence with the Tax Collector located the owner and brought the information that the dog was a runaway that seized every opportunity to take long drives.

His owner writes: "I can't keep that dog at home. He seems to know when any one is leaving for a motor trip and always finds some way of joining them."

He told of having frequently sent for the dog many miles from his home. The trip to Kansas City seemed to have been his longest one.

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NEW COURTHOUSE FOR ALBEMARLE

County Commissioners Acquire Site for New Structure.

Albemarle, Sept. 2.—For the first time since the outbreak of the world war Albemarle seems to be taking on her old-time spirit of growth and hustle. At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners a deal was closed with S. H. Hearne by which the large Hearne Grove located on South First and South Streets is to be used as a site for a new courthouse which our commissioners have decided to build.

The purchased price for the site is reported as having been \$50,000 and is one of the most choice pieces of real estate in the city for such a purpose. The Board of Commissioners are figuring upon a design for one of the best court house structures in North Carolina. It is expected that active work will be started on the new courthouse as soon as good business principles and compliance with the state statutes will permit.

What is expected to be an effective move has been started to raise approximately \$100,000 for the building of a new hotel for Albemarle. This movement comes as the result of a meeting which was held on Monday night when twenty-five or thirty of the town's business men assembled for the purpose of working out a plan. The meeting was presided over by M. J. Harris, cashier of the Calamus Savings Bank of this place and J. E. Ewing, manager of R. J. Honeycutt & Co., acted as secretary. A number of short talks were made after which the following committee was appointed to canvass for stock subscriptions: E. Boyett, chairman, Messrs. M. J. Harris, T. C. Rivers, A. F. Harris, A. C. Heath and Dr. W. C. Fitzgerald. The committee was instructed to make a canvass for stock subscriptions and to report back at a meeting which was set to be held on next Monday evening September 5.

It is generally thought by leading citizens of the town that the necessary capital will be raised for financing the hotel proposition.

On Monday morning A. C. Heath commenced to excavate on one of his lots on East Main street for the erection of a two-story brick business and office building. A force of hands has been put to work excavating for the foundation of this building. The ground floor will be used for store rooms and business stands and the second floor will be used for offices. It is understood that the building is to be practically a duplicate of the Harris building which is located on West Main street.

In addition to these activities just developing a large number of new residences are under construction and others are being planned. The news also reaches Albemarle that beginning September 1 the Carbon plant at Badin will resume operations and that possibly two or three additional pot rooms will be started running again. Conditions are said to be favorable towards the starting up of the entire Badin plant during the early fall. These possibilities and conditions have greatly stimulated business conditions in this section and everything seems to be headed towards an unprecedented building period unless something unforeseen should prevent.

MOVIE ACTOR'S GARB GOT HIM IN TROUBLE

St. John, N. B., Sept. 2.—Garbed as a railroad laborer and answering the description of a murderer, Edward Lewis, a movie actor, recently had a thrilling experience.

Lewis was taking the role of a navy. He was dressed in khaki pants, blue coat and soft hat. His hair is jet black and he is dark complexioned. He looks like an Italian laborer in his costume. Lewis was on location near here with a company of players filming a scenario for a Canadian motion picture company. He had been imported from New York city.

Lewis separated at noon from the balance of the group and started to walk along the railroad tracks where the scenes were being filmed, picking berries. He had walked about a half mile when he saw three men running toward him. Thinking they intended to assault him, he fled into the woods. The trio chased him and, after a pursuit of about three miles, they captured him. He was taken to the station and lodged in a cell.

Lewis had been arrested as a murder suspect. The man who enticed little nine-year-old Sadie McAuley from St. John on the pretense of picking berries, was described as dark complexioned, with jet-black hair and wearing khaki pants, blue coat and an old soft hat. Lewis answered this description to the letter. Lewis said he feared lynching if he had been in custody much longer, as feeling was intense.

The murderer of the McAuley child is still at large. The body was found seven days after the disappearance of the girl. It had been placed under a rock.

BAPTIST CONVENTION AT SALISBURY CHURCH

Salisbury, Sept. 2.—Rev. C. S. Cashwell, of Statesville, was elected moderator for the South Yadkin Baptist convention which is in session with First church, Salisbury, through Thursday and Friday W. F. Merrell was elected clerk and treasurer.

There was an attendance of 124 during the first day and a splendid discussion was held on several subjects of interest to the church including missions, Sunday school, ministerial support and young people's union.

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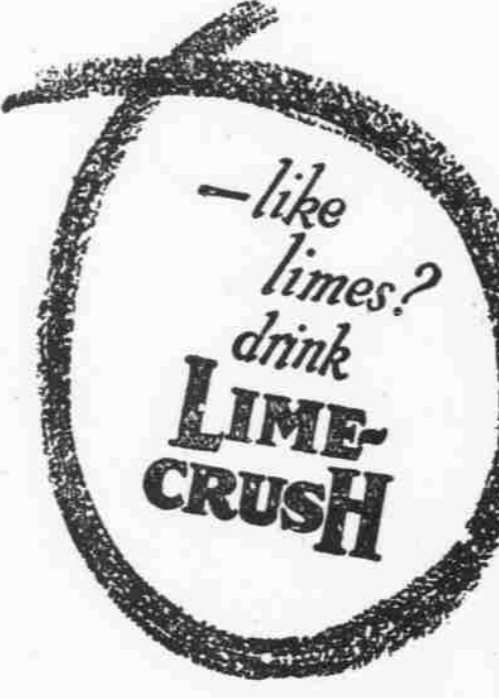
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IS GROWING FEELING AGAINST BLACK LIST

Copenhagen, Sept. 2.—In Scandinavian circles there is growing feeling against the keeping up by France of her Black Lists, established by law of February 15, 1917. These lists keep Scandinavian firms from doing legitimate business with their old customers, not only German customers, but firms in Scandinavia, firms of high repute and standing.

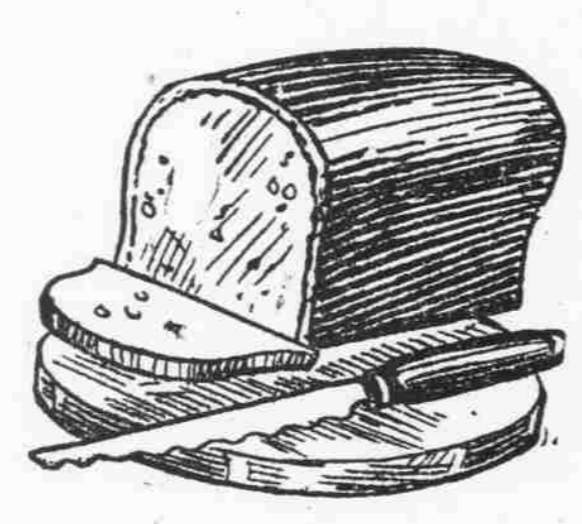
Financial and commercial circles in Stockholm and Copenhagen are now attempting to put pressure on the Swedish and Danish governments to move in this matter and demand of France the repeal of the war act.

In some circles there exist even a tendency toward retaliation against France because, it is alleged here, French firms are actually dealing direct with German and blacklisted firms at the same time the French government prevents neutral companies from doing the same.

In insurance circles the feelings may be gauged from the tenor of the following quotation from the official Scandinavian insurance journal.

"We consider it a great impertinence that the names of highly respected Scandinavian companies—insurance and otherwise—today, nearly three years after the signing of the armistice, still figure on the French Black Lists as a punishment for conducting their business on strictly neutral lines. We know that prominent French insurers look eye to eye with us in this matter and feel ashamed that their country is keeping up a measure abandoned long ago by America, England, Italy and her other partners in the great war. The Act of February 15 must be repealed and the Black Lists must go. Even the neutral worm will turn."

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