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 BAKERS MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

In the northwestern portion of Hickory township there is a combined school and orphanage, which, while almost in sight of Hickory, is almost unknown to our people. This school has been established for about twelve years, and provides for the pupils in the neighborhood absolutely free of cost. Until a public school was established in the locality, it had an attendance of about 75, and last year the attendance numbered 55. About half of these are inmates of the institution, and are poor children from a number of states, some coming from Florida, some from Virginia, and even as far west as Ohio.

This institution is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson and Miss Johnson, Mr. Johnson's sister. While these good people belong to the Seventh Day Adventist church, the institution is in no way connected with the church. It is a private charity of Mr. Johnson's, and the fact that he provides children with board for \$6 per month shows that it cannot possibly be a money making institution. In fact, a number of children are boarded absolutely free, and if buildings and other facilities were at hand, there would be a great many more in attendance than there are now.

A farm connected with the school comprises 300 acres, of which about one hundred are in cultivation. This work is done by the larger children, and also by one or two men who are hired for the purpose. It would be hard to imagine a more unselfish work than that conducted by these good people. About fourteen years ago they started this institution at Hildebran, but had the misfortune to have the entire plant burned the following year. They labored day in and day out for twelve months in the year, and have had the satisfaction of seeing many of their children take places in life well equipped for its battles.

While the buildings are not equal to those usually seen in orphanages, the healthy appearance of the children certainly shows that they are well taken care of, while they are instructed in the school up to the tenth grade. This institution is reached by a road leading through Hildebran, crossing the river at Henry River Mill, and is about eight miles from Hickory. Just before reaching the school, the road winds up to one of the highest points in Catawba county, from which a magnificent view is obtained for a great many miles. We believe that any one having a motor would find this an interesting trip, and would suggest that he investigate this matter, and having done so, feel sure that Hickory people will take more interest in this school and be more inclined to help it than they have been in the past.

ATTEND THE FAIR

The Record urges all of its readers to attend the Catawba County Fair if possible. At a time when the country is so interested in agriculture, there should be special pride in what Catawba and adjoining counties have done in this line. Without doubt the exhibits this year are more varied and better than ever before. Make it a point to take a few hours off and spend them at the fair.

The Burke county authorities have recently completed the new road from Hickory to Rhodhiss, and it is one of the finest in this section of the state. Motorists say that the portion of it from eventeenth street to Longview is in very bad condition, and in fact, is the worst stretch of road in this section. Since the Horsford bridge was damaged, there has been a great deal of travel on this road, and the authorities of Hickory and West Hickory should cooperate in keeping it in first class repair.

If Jailor Jordan had thrown wide open the doors of the Wake county jail the mob, and then closed them for about a year it would be a long time before another mob would try to get in.

LATEST TURN IN MEANS CASE

The Means-King case has shifted for the moment from Concord to Gastonia, where attorneys for Gaston B. Means have applied to Judge Jas. E. Webb for a writ of habeas corpus to release on bond the man charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King on the night of August 29. This action was taken following the announcement by Solicitor Clement last night that the state had rested, and the defense did not care to show its hand at this time.

The effect of the habeas corpus will be to make the state show enough evidence—even more than is required to be produced before a committee of magistrates—to convince the judge that the bail should be refused. Should the judge admit the defendant to bail, the inference will be strong that the state cannot convict on the evidence thus far presented. Or if the defendant is refused his release under bail, his lawyers will know the state's line of attack and will be in better position to meet it.

There have been notable habeas corpus cases in this state, and one of the most hard fought in recent years was that of David S. Rowland of Raleigh, charged with the murder of Engineer Strange. Rowland, by the way, was denied release on bond, but subsequently was acquitted of the charge of murder. A writ of habeas corpus usually requires several days to be heard, for in some cases almost as much evidence is presented at the hearing as before the jury.

Whether Means is released on bond or not, the murder charge will be tried, either in Cabarrus or some other county. It is probable that because of the feeling against Means in Concord, the defense will ask for a change of venue or that a jury be drawn from another county.

PROGRESSIVE WILKES

We have just received a copy of the annual report of the public schools of Wilkes county, and find in it many things to commend. There are seven children in the county of Wilkes who have attended school every day for the past seven years, while 786 had perfect attendance for the past year. At the recent county commencement awards of honor were presented to 186 children who had been perfect in spelling during the year. We read in another place that during the year 1,436 spelling matches were held throughout the county, which no doubt accounts for this remarkable report.

Every school in the county (158 in number) have rural libraries, while there are 205 supplementary libraries. The county has all the libraries that it is entitled to under the school laws, and we doubt very much if there is another county in the state which is so well supplied. The school census numbers 11,454 children, of which number 83 per cent are enrolled in the schools and 52 per cent are in average daily attendance. Considering the fact that Wilkes county has only one town of any size, we believe that this report is exceptionally good.

There are a great many other features of this report which are to be commended, such as the number of painted school houses; the number equipped with patent desks; the teachers who have had normal school training, and the percentage of illiteracy in the county.

Taken as a whole we feel sure that this county has shown more progress than any section of the state, which is due largely to the efforts of Prof. C. C. Wright, who has been superintendent for a number of years.

Mrs. John Locke, who resides in London, has forwarded her nephew, Mr. Edward Locke, some clippings from English papers on the peace note of the pope, a bit of poetry written by a soldier in a hospital and an account of the ovation given the American soldiers when they paraded the streets. While the reception was not as fervid as that of the French, it was none the less genuine. Mrs. Locke hopes to see some of her relatives when they go to England.

An advertiser who is looking about for a newspaper in which to make an appeal to the buying public of course will select that publication which reaches the class of people he wishes to interest. For instance, he would figure on his chances being better to sell goods to a family which takes a daily paper. Men who take daily papers should have more money to spend or having it are not afraid to spend it.

Governor Bickett has called for the organization of a state militia between the ages of 31 and 45 and under the state law he can organize a body of 5,000 men. The smaller counties will raise about 25 men. Catawba county should raise its quota just as soon as it hears from Adjutant general Young. There ought to be no money in it, but the men should be as ready to respond as if there was.

The little crowd at Berlin is kept on the anxious seat by the Lansing revelations, which come bit by bit. The warlords do not know how much of their treachery the world will learn through the Washington government and they are in the position of a murderer, who is not quite sure how much is known of his crime.

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