

## IF IT TAKES COUNTRYMEN

From The Backwoods to Condemn a Man Like Beattie, Then Thank God For The Backwood's Countryman.

(Monroe Inquirer)

When you hear a man "throwing off" on countrymen or speaking lightly of farmers, you may put him down as a very light weight, or one with a broad streak of dog meanness running all through him. There is Henry Clay Beattie Jr., his hands stained with the blood of his innocent wife, a man who shot down the woman he swore to love, cherish and protect, as he would have shot a dog, in order that he might live with a harlot, whining about the jury of farmers which convicted him, not being up-to-date as the residents of cities are, and declaring, "Any jury of up-to-date young men or residents of any city, even of Richmond, would have freed me. A fellow is up against it when he is to be tried by a bunch of countrymen from the back woods like those that tried me." If it takes a bunch of countrymen from the backwoods to condemn to death a man like Beattie, then thank God for the backwoods countrymen. Beattie's mouthing about the injustice done him is a high compliment to the good and true men who have said that such reprobate as he must die. Henry Clay Beattie richly deserves to be made to quit kicking about countrymen and to be made to stand upon nothing for awhile and be given a chance to kick at God's country which his feet are not worthy to press.

## BIRTHDAY FEAST.

One of the most delightful and enjoyable occasions it has been my good fortune to happen upon in late years was the family reunion at Squire Wm. M. Hull's in North Brook, Lincoln county, on Friday the 25th of Sept. 1911.

The genial Squire had on that day assembled around him at his delightful country residence a whole host of friends and relatives who came at his invitation to help him celebrate passing the 64th mile post on his journey from the cradle to the grave. Everyone in Lincoln county knows "Squire Hull" or as he is affectionately called "Billy" Hull, and on this particular occasion it was more than ordinarily a pleasure to see and converse with him. At the ripe age of 64 he is still hale and hearty and able to do as good a day's work as any young man, and, judging from appearances, you would not take him to be a day over fifty years old. Indeed he is a striking example to the rising generation of how a man can preserve his physical and mental powers by living a clean, honest, temperate life, and all who know "Billy" Hull has been a remarkably clean man in his life, honest and temperate and now he is reaping his reward not only in the full exercise of his mental and physical powers but in the estimation in which he is held by his fellow citizens who know, love and honor him. There were something like 75 or 80 people present at dinner. Indeed so large was the crowd that a regular "picnic" table was built in the grove which surrounds the house and it would take up much time and space to enumerate all the good things that were on that table.

After dinner, at the request of Squire Hull, Hon. L. B. Wetmore of Lincolnton made a short address suitable to the occasion. All present wished "Squire Billy" many returns in pleasant years to come and every one went away feeling that it was good to have been there.

## Quarterly Conference Tonight.

The fourth quarterly conference for the Lincolnton charge will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock in Dr. Self's office. Rev. S. B. Turrentine of Shelby will preside. All of the stewards, the missionary committee and trustees are requested to be present with full reports.

Messrs. J. W. Barineau, Squire J. O. Epps, and Dr. C. D. Thompson went down to Gastonia yesterday to attend the District Masonic Meeting.

## BURNS SISTER TO DEATH.

Four-Year-Old Lad of Mooresville Applies Burning Stick to His 2-Year-Old Sister's Clothing and Death Ensues Before the Flames Can Be Extinguished.

Special to The Observer.

Mooresville, Sept. 18.—The little 2-year-old child of E. G. Friday of this place was a victim to a malicious and horrible death Friday night, the facts of which have just been learned. The child and a 4-year-old brother were playing in the kitchen while the mother was ironing in an adjoining room. The boy secured a small stick and lighted it at the stove and then applied it to the little child's clothing. The little girl was burned from the waist-band to the head and was a terrible sight. In the child's terror it inhaled the flames, which resulted in death. The boy, when asked why he set fire to his sister's clothing stated, "Just 'cause." The boy seems to have a mania for burning things, having applied a torch to the child's hair one day last winter and previously had set fire to the window curtains.

## CATAWBA NEWS ITEMS.

Newton Enterprise.

Messrs. W. B. Murray, Frank Williams and G. E. Whisenant who have made a very gratifying success with their Maiden Creek roller mill, about two miles west of Maiden have purchased the Maiden Roller Mill, at the Maiden depot. They will make some improvements at the Maiden mill and have it ready for custom in about ten days. The proprietors are all three industrious, straight forward business men who do their own work and have acquired this new mill in order to keep all of them busy. They say they will be able to put out as good flour as anybody.

Work was started Monday morning on the enlargement of the courthouse. Mr. Milton Setzer who will have charge of the work and Mr. Mark Hewitt who will be boss of the brick work, were on the ground Monday morning stretching the lines and driving stakes for the new corners, and wagons began bringing in sand and brick. The old end walls will be taken out and the foundation stone and brick will be used in the building. The Clerk and Register will have to take a few days vacation or move up stairs to do their work. The cane patch on Clark's creek we referred to last week has become a great attraction. Many townspeople and farmers have gone to see it, and Mr. Watt Rhyne has some sample stalks in his store twelve feet long and over an inch in diameter at the butt end. It has about been decided to make the large stalks into malasses and feed stuff out of the smaller stalks. The stalks are so thick that they touch one another about all over the ground. The richness of the land that will grow such stuff, can well be imagined.

Mr. Cicero Cline is very much interested in the birthday and golden wedding celebration which friends of his and Mrs. Cline are planning to have on October 12th at the Deitz old field, where Mr. Cline lives. The place is three miles from Newton, seven from Hickory, fourteen from Lincolnton, one from Crowderstown on the Lincolnton road.

## The Last Hour

(From the Milwaukee News)

The lovely maiden shuddered involuntarily and drew closer to her lover. A look of unutterable sadness stole over her face, and a tear-drop welling from her azure eye, stole down her nose and made a blister on the young man's clean white collar.

"Why are you so sad?" he murmured, sneezing, as her wayward tresses tickled his left nostril.

"I was thinking," she said, gulping down a sob and a marsh-mellow, simultaneously, "that this will be our last evening together until tomorrow."

For truly love hands us a lime with every caramel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Shields attended the wedding of Mr. Shields niece, Miss Lily Shields to Dr. Frank Anders which occurred in Charlotte Wednesday night.

## CROPS IN LINCOLN.

Sheriff Heavner Talks Of These While On His First Visit to Raleigh.

Raleigh News & Observer (Wednesday)

Sheriff G. L. Heavner, of Lincoln county, was in Raleigh yesterday, having brought to the State's prison a negro boy, Perk Rheinhardt, whose sentence is for five years for an attempt to criminally assault a negro girl. Sheriff Heavner says that Lincoln county had a good wheat crop, but that the cotton crop in the county is in poor shape. This was his first visit to Raleigh.

## CLAREMONT COLLEGE NEWS.

Hickory, N. C.—On the 5th of September Claremont College opened to a large number of girls.

For the coming year several changes have been made in the faculty. Miss Mary Barringer has charge of the art department, Miss Bessie Holtzendorff, the English department and Miss Woodard, the department of domestic arts. The opening address was made by Judge Phillips much to the gratification of all present. On Tuesday evening September the twelfth a delightful reception was given the students and faculty by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bost. From eight until ten their charming home with its spacious verandas was the scene of an alloyed festivity. The guests engaged in a cleverly arranged guessing contest, the prizes being carried off by Miss Anna Foll and Mr. Orin Sigmom. Miss Margaret Bost gracefully complying with the request for music skillfully rendered several well selected pieces. Dainty refreshments were served by Miss Constance Bost assisted by Miss Mary Murphy in the beautifully decorated dining-room. The table was a vision of loveliness, the center-piece being a large oval mirror surrounded by artistically arranged La France roses and surmounted by a handsome cut glass bowl of the same. The hour for farewell came all too soon. The guests reluctantly departed voting Mr. and Mrs. Bost the most royal entertainers.

The two literary societies have been re-organized, the Columbian and Minervina, also the Athletic Association. G. G.

Before God's footstool to confess, A poor soul knelt and bowed his head.

"I failed," he cried. The Master said: "Thou didst thy best—that is success." —Henry Coyle.

Mr. S. W. McLean was a Shelby visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

## LINCOLN BRIDGE DISCUSSED.

Conference Held Yesterday at Greater Charlotte Club Office—Lincoln Board Represented.

Charlotte Observer, Tuesday.

The construction of another bridge across the Catawba, this time directly to unite Mecklenburg and Lincoln counties, was discussed yesterday at an informal conference of representatives of the boards of commissioners of the two counties. The meeting was held in the office of the Greater Charlotte Club, which was the active force instrumental in bringing the county fathers together. Lincoln was represented by Commissioner A. Lee Cherry, two other members of his board who were expected being unable to come. In addition to President Kuester and Secretary Corwith of the club, Mecklenburg was represented by Commissioner W. M. Long.

No definite place has been designated in the preliminary discussions of another bridge. It will be somewhere in the upper part of Lemley's township. This is at the upper terminus of the Beattie's Ford road. It is believed that it would be of immense benefit to the people of both counties and there was every manifestation of interest on both sides. The details will have to be worked out. Binding action can be taken only at regular meetings of the respective boards. No immediate developments are expected since Mecklenburg is at present in the midst of the work of building an expensive bridge at Sloan's ferry. After the conference the participants were entertained at luncheon at the Selwyn.

The location of the bridge is to be between Beattie's ferry and Graham's ferry near Davidson creek. It will be 650 feet in length and will cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. There will be two spans of 225 feet in length and approaches of 100 feet length.

It was decided that each board will appoint a committee to confer again, at which time it is expected that more definite action will be possible.

## Fassifern Opens.

Fassifern School opened Tuesday with a strong corps of teachers and forty-one boarding pupils—the largest number who have attended in the history of the institution. A new building was erected during the summer to accommodate the increased number of students who applied for admission.

Esq. J. M. Hoyle spent Wednesday in Shelby on business.

## Far-Reaching Influence of Good Roads.

Sanford Express.

It is idle for The Express to attempt to enumerate the benefits that good roads confer on a people. Every man instinctively knows that a good road is far better thing to have than a bad road. Our people all believe in good roads but naturally there are some who are unwilling to pay for the cost of securing them. Good roads means progress and prosperity. They make people straighten up and put their best foot forward. One rarely sees a dilapidated home by the side of an improved modern highway. The value of farm land is enhanced. The census statistics proved that in every case the counties in this state having the largest percentage of improved roads are a powerful factor in encouraging the settlement of unused lands. Good roads also have a far-reaching influence in holding farmers on their farms and restraining them from drifting to the towns. Good roads make farm life more attractive; and, more-over, as the price of land depends as much on accessibility to markets as on productivity, it follows that road improvement, by holding old settlers and attracting new ones, directly tends towards increase in values of all farm lands within touch of the improved highways. It is shown that in counties where the average price of land is less than \$20 an acre the percentage of improved roads is only 1-18 per cent, whereas, in counties where the average values is more than \$20, the average of improved roads is more than 9 per cent of the total cost. Nothing is dampening Lee county so much as mud, nothing could do more for the development of the county than improving highways.

## VERDICT IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.

Norval Marshall Tried and Sentenced Two Days After Commission of Atrocious Crime.

(Special to Daily News.)

Warrenton, Sept. 19.—Unprecedented in the annals of the criminal history of the state stands the speedy capture, trial and condemnation of Norval Marshall, the negro who late Saturday afternoon criminally assaulted Mrs. J. E. Chapman, and whom Judge Justice this afternoon sentenced to die by electrocution Friday, October 20, little more than one month from the date of the commission of the crime.

## ASSAULTED NEAR SPRING.

The case was called in Warren Superior Court at 2 o'clock this afternoon, the evidence being along the line of the news dispatches sent from here to the Daily News last night and showing that while on her way to a spring near her home Saturday Mrs. Chapman was stopped by Marshall, who at the point of a gun forced her to submit to personal indignities. The woman then was released and rushing to her home notified her father, Jack Abbott, and husband, and they immediately gave chase, being reinforced shortly afterwards by Sheriff Davis and a posse of officers and citizens. In attempting to invade a house in which the negro had barricaded himself the negro slightly wounded Mr. Abbott and later through a ruse of the father and brother of the negro he was captured and delivered to the sheriff without the firing of a shot. He was landed in Warren jail without trouble and this being court week and there being assurance of a speedy trial, no threats or talk of mob law was heard.

## PRISONER PLEAD INSANITY.

This afternoon Mrs. Chapman was placed on the stand and she related her experiences of Saturday. The only defence of the prisoner was insanity and previous to the introduction of testimony, his counsel made a vain attempt to secure a continuance until the January term in order that witnesses to substantiate this plea might be brought here. Judge Justice promptly denied this request.

The evidence against Marshall was positive and the argument of counsel consumed less than one hour, while Judge Justice's charge was delivered in 20 minutes. The jury, after 15 minutes deliberation, returned a verdict of guilty, and Judge Justice promptly sentenced the prisoner to die by electrocution on Friday, October 20.

Marshall was taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh tonight and will be confined there until the date of his electrocution.

## NEGRO ON THE JURY.

Little trouble was experienced today in securing a jury, in fact, a member of Marshall's own race played a part in his speedy condemnation. The first juror accepted was George Duke, a coal black negro free holder. Sentiment among the negroes, as well as among the whites, was universally against the prisoner and general satisfaction at the quick termination of the case and willingness of the people of this section to allow the law to take its course under such great provocation is expressed tonight.

## Partridge Had Adopted Two Chickens.

(Mooresville Enterprise)

Mr. Timothy Vanderford, who lives on Dr. Morrison's place two miles west of town, found in his meadow several days ago a mother partridge tenderly hovering over two small chicks, and when the burly man came in close range the mother-bird began a terrible fluttering and issued defiant sounds from its little throat, until after the little biddies had been caught. The chickens were taken to the house and it is said that the bird followed them and visits their little prison—for they were so wild that cooping was necessary to keep them on the barnyard premises. The chickens are about five weeks old and it cannot be accounted for as to why the bird adopted them.

Mrs. Bessie Norwood, of Charlotte is a Lincolnton visitor the guest of Mrs. Edgar Love.

## JOHNSIE FISHER

Can't Something Be Done For Him? By Rev. W. R. Minter.

Johnsie Fisher is a crippled 16 year old boy who is an inmate of Lincoln's County Home. He is apparently sound and normal in body except that as a result of typhoid fever when five or six years old his legs were paralyzed. He cannot walk, but can hop around with his hands and body in a very independent way.

Johnsie is more than a cripple, he is also an orphan. He has been living in the eastern section of the county with some relatives until about five months ago, he was admitted to the county home.

Mentally, he seems to be perfectly normal, of average intelligence and ability and said he could read in the second reader and would like to go to school.

If he had no home it was of course a merciful and proper thing for the County Commissioners to give him a home with the other unfortunate homeless ones of our county. But can't and should not something different from this and better than this be done for this poor boy? The County Home, ordinarily at least, is not for boys or girls but for aged, infirm, indigent, or weak-minded ones who have no one to care for them.

But there are possibilities in this Fisher boy which plead for him a little chance in life. What are these possibilities?

1st—Physically. His paralyzed legs are probably beyond medical help now; but even if this be true, he is strong in his body and arms and while he can't do most kinds of work, there are several kinds of work he can do and do well. It will take some education and some help from older and wiser heads to help the young fellow into some suitable work.

2nd—Mentally. He is capable of learning and should not be denied all chance to acquire an education because he is an orphan and a cripple. These things are rather the stronger arguments why he should have a chance at an education.

Isn't there a school for cripples somewhere? If not, why can't some of our orphanages take this poor fatherless boy and play the role of the Good Samaritan?

This, then, is the case of Johnsie Fisher, orphaned, crippled, with possibilities of earning his own living and making a good citizen and true Christian, yet doomed all his life (and he may live 60 years) to a life of idleness, uselessness and expense in the County Home, when by the helping hand of some lodge, order, orphanage, church or individual, he could be put where he could make his own living, be a useful member of society, and so be a helper instead of one helped, a supporter of church and state instead of a beneficiary of both, a man (handicapped, its true) but still a man and not merely an inmate.

This is the appeal of Johnsie Fisher. People of Lincoln county, you are the jury. Can't something be done for him? Won't somebody give Johnsie a chance? The jury will please take the case.

## Industrial Corporations Ban Cigarettes.

Charlotte Observer.

The United States Steel Corporation has banned the smoking of cigarettes throughout its shops and mills. In some places the use of any tobacco is forbidden, and the expectation is that tobacco will be completely banished from the Pittsburg shops. Cigarette prohibition as the thin edge of the wedge is what renders it most formidable to the smoking public these days. The Pennsylvania railroad and various other large corporations have taken even more drastic anti-tobacco action than the Steel Corporation has yet done.

## Death of Mrs. Lou Summerow.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Lou Summerow, widow of the late Solomon Summerow, died at her home on Clark's Creek, route three, Newton. She will be buried at Matthews today at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. C. Wagoner officiating. Mrs. Summerow was about 67 years of age and is survived by two girls and two boys.