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N. & O. SPECIAL ORPHANAGE EDITION

The News and Observer last Sunday contained pages of information concerning the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, its eastern branch, The Kennedy Home, near Kinston, and pictures of buildings, employees and children connected with the institution. It was a well-conceived project worthily carried out and should greatly increase interest in this humanitarian work.

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LYNCHING

For the violent and illegal act of less than a dozen men Franklin county as a whole is suffering the criticism and disgrace brought on it by lynching a murderer. Quick justice, saving expense to the county in a trial, and other reasons to justify the act of the mob, do not in anywise remove the crime of mob murder. No matter how guilty the negro was, so long as we have laws and courts to mete out justice, so long lynching remains a crime against the state and a sin before God.

In the early years of the West when there were no courts or established laws to regulate human conduct and deeds, then the will of the majority was law and justifiable if carried out seriously to punish and protect. There may be provocation, but no justification for any body of citizens to take the law in their own hands, especially when we are told that the object of their wrath was probably insane when he committed his crime.

Years ago a lynching of a man occurred near Zebulon. No one was convicted, but for years the shadow hung over the community. We know men who took a deep interest in church and civic affairs up to that time, and who were believed to have been members of the mob, who lost interest in the things of law and order. Seed have been sown by this act of a few men that will produce harvests not only in Franklin county, but every other place where it is known that the law has been pulled down and trampled under foot of men.

SAM HORTON — AN INFLUENCE

We knew him for a quarter of a century, and had abundant opportunity to measure and estimate his worth to the community. They tell us that the really great forces of life make the least noise, and that the tests of things are to be found in what they are more than what they do.

By this test Sam Horton may be measured. He had little to say. He was never known to voluntarily speak out in a meeting unless called on. He was a regular attendant of both church and Sunday school services. He was a liberal contributor according to his means. Some one has said that true goodness is real greatness. He never did any outstanding things in the church or community. What he did so far as evidences show does not remain big nor abundant. A man's real worth is to be found in what he was rather than what he did. The test is not what we saw about his life but how we feel about it today after that life has been lived.

Judged by the weight of his influence on the

side of right, by the impression that is left on the living after he is gone, and by what we know the Master said about these things, a good man has gone to his reward and "his works do follow him." The living man will be missed but the power of his godly life yet remains, and we rejoice that "though dead he yet speaketh."

TOMATO A FRUIT

The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has decided that a tomato is a fruit instead of a vegetable. This decision was the result of an appeal in a case tried in the state courts in the course of which a man was excused from jury duty to pick fruit on his farm. The "fruit" being tomatoes, it was thought the technicality might help in securing another trial. Reminds us a bit of a famous argument of earlier years of congressional sessions when "Is a Turtle a Fish?" was the vital—not to say vidual—question.

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW

Have you heard of any steps being taken in this county as to the vaccination of dogs to prevent rabies? Neither our mayor, our town policemen nor our deputy sheriff knew when we asked them whether anything is being done. Other papers in other counties report many vaccinations with names of those having the work in charge, but we hear no word of such in Wake. It cannot be claimed that Wake County canines are immune to hydrophobia; not that they do not bite persons as well as other animals.

We wonder why the delay.

Seen and Heard

POOR DOCTORS

Berry Murray was in the office Wednesday and was telling us that his mother is about 93 years old. Her hair is as dark as many people's at 50, her eyesight is good and she can walk three or four miles a day. She dips snuff and dogs not look to be over 65. She had a doctor to see her Tuesday and took her first dose of medicine that day.

A GOLD DIGGING DIRT FARMER

Did you ever see one? Just go out No. 90 about two miles to the Rocks where Joe Tippett lives and you will find one. We know a number of farmers who could learn some valuable things from Joe. For instance he grows a little of most everything on his farm. He has a herd of some forty cows and grows a lot of feed. The cattle help to enrich the land. Then he grows melons, cantaloupes, tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables for the market. Joe is one dirt farmer who is digging gold out of the ground.

A-FISHING ON DRY LAND

Small boys—and others not so small—"fishing" in holes in the ground. They drop a string or blade of grass into the holes, retaining one end. And quite frequently they make a catch. No fish, but one of the ugliest worms you ever saw.

CLEAN AND COOL

Small C. B. Eddins III was the coolest looking person seen last Friday. He was wearing only a peaceful expression and was standing in a zinc tub that had just been filled with water from the faucet marked cold while he placidly sucked a piece of ice. The heat wasn't bothering him a bit.

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