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## ORPHAN CLASS VISITS VASS

On Saturday evening a singing class from the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, consisting of about fifteen girls and four boys accompanied by their leader, Miss Reaves, arrived in Vass. They were taken to the different homes of the town and entertained. A party was given at the school auditorium Saturday evening, in their honor.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church, the class gave a concert which was enjoyed by every one. The church was crowded, and that the exercises were delightful was manifested by the quietness of the crowd.

Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the orphanage came on Sunday morning and made a talk after the concert. The class left Vass about 4 o'clock for Aberdeen where they gave a concert that night.

One of the boys that came with the singing class is being supported by the Vass M. E. Sunday School.

## SCHOOL HOUSE GROWING

The addition to the school house is growing rapidly and will be ready for the fall opening of the schools. It is a two-story structure, joined to the present building, the same size as the front wing, and with a capacity of four rooms. The work of building this addition is largely contributions on the part of the people who have subscribed certain amounts and are working out what they have indicated as their contribution.

The needs of the rapidly growing Vass community will now be cared for until another expansion of population makes further enlargement of school facilities necessary, a condition that the enthusiasts of the neighborhood predict will not be very long. The type of work on the addition is a duplicate of that on the original building, and when it is finished the structure will be exactly as if it had all been put up at one time.

## WINTER FUEL

Several friends have asked us recently if we believe there is going to be a change in fuel prices between now and cold weather. And we wish we were in position to answer them. We wish we could see into the future far enough to tell exactly what conditions will be within the next few weeks. But that is impossible, so we must accept the word of mine operators, of railroad men and of coal dealers. And that is to the effect that coal will continue to retail for at least as much as it is now selling for. They will not say that it is going higher, but they seem to be a unit in declaring that it is not going to be any lower. If called upon to offer advice it would be to take a chance on present prices and lay in the winter supply now. It may be just a

SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPEMENT  
IN SIGHT

That Vass is not lagging behind the procession any is shown by the developments of the last two weeks. In that time three or four buildings fronting on the main streets have been moved back to other locations to make room for more modern structures that will soon grace the town. Among the old buildings moved back was the lumber office in which A. Cameron carried on business a score of years ago when Vass was not much but the saw mill and the brick yard.

Adjoining the bank building R. P. Beasley, of Apex, has bought two lots 30 by 100 feet each, on which he expects to build a business block in the immediate future. This block is to be 60 by 85 feet, in two sections, and two stories high. The first section will be built first, and it is to be ready for occupation by the first of the year. It will be put up so the other section can be attached and make a complete building of the two. The first section will be used as a drug store, with offices in the second story. For some time talk has been heard about a drug store in Vass, and it is now an assured prospect. After the first part of the block is completed and established the second part will

be erected for use as a general store. Mr. Beasley has been watching Vass for a considerable time, and concluded that it was about the right minute to get into the live Moore county game, and he secured his location. Work will begin before very long as January is not so far away as it might be.

Adjoining the lots bought by Mr. Beasley other property is under negotiation, and if the trade is made another building will follow there, as Mr. Cameron says he does not care to sell these locations to any who do not intend to improve them, for his desire is to see Vass grow rather than to be held up by owners of undeveloped building sites.

Another improvement contemplated is the building of a block that will be in effect an addition to the Mercantile Company's store, fronting on the street across from the hotel and the Pilot office and running back behind the bank, making about as much more space for the store as it has now. It is likely that work on this building will be started before very long.

Other building of the same substantial type is under consideration, and some of it is pretty definitely settled for the near future.

## THAT FAYETTEVILLE ROAD

The talk of a road by way of Vass from Carthage to Fayetteville takes on a more important phase after a little information that Capt. George Maurice, the county road engineer, gives the Pilot. The engineer says a road is projected by the state to run from Winston-Salem to Fayetteville, and although he does not go so far as to say that it might be run by Vass, his statement calls up what the old-timers very well know, which is that the road running out of Vass toward Morrison's Bridge is the old road that years ago did run from Winston-Salem right through where Vass now stands to Fayetteville. In a recent reference to a road from Carthage the Pilot alluded to a road that crossed about a mile from the present town, but A. Cameron says the road crossed a short distance from the railroad bridge in Vass, and continued on past his house, which was built on the road, and that that was the through and direct line from Fayetteville to Winston-Salem.

Should a state road between the two places be taken up now Mr. Cameron thinks the engineering proposi-

tion would prove that now as well as at any other time the grades and courses would bring such a road from Winston-Salem to High Point, and from there to Ashboro, Carthage, Vass and on to Fayetteville, much as the road ran in the older days, when through Vass was one of the great thoroughfares from the sea to the mountains. A new road on this line would be a much traveled route just as it was in the older days, giving an outlet to all the upper country to the sea, and affording an outlet from the lower country to the mountains. Then in the new uses of Camp Bragg, and especially if a National Forest Reserve should be established there, this road would be one of the great roads of the state, going through the reserve, and making the journey one of unusual interest to travelers from all directions.

The talk of this road has started much talk, especially among the older inhabitants who recall the service the old road afforded the central part of the state, and they are all anxious to see a new road on the line of the old one to renew the old time connections with sea and hill country.

few cents cheaper later on, but we believe the extra protection of having it in the bin will offset any drop that may come. For after all it may be, before the winter is over, more of a

case of getting the coal than getting it at a lower price than it is now bringing.

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## MOONLIGHT PICNIC

On last Thursday evening a moonlight picnic was enjoyed by the young people of Vass. About six forty-five the crowd gathered and left for Lakeview. The girls carried supper which was spread later and consisted of fried chicken, deviled eggs, cucumber pickle, tomato, potted ham, and cheese sandwiches, biscuit bread and cake and pie of all kinds.

Those who attended were, Misses Lois Sanford, Jewell Edwards, Agnes Smith, Francis, Vivian and Gladys Matthews, Glennie Keith, Annie McGill, Jessie Brooks, Freda and Nettie Gschwind, Mildred and Rebecca Thomas. Messrs. Eugene Keith, Richard Griffin, Bill Thompson, Oscar and Claud Matthews, Johnnie Laub-scher and Prof. W. D. Matthews.

Bathing was next in order and was enjoyed by part of those present. Every one had a pleasant evening.

## LAKEVIEW

Miss Blanche McNeill came home from Raleigh Tuesday for a few days.

Mr. J. R. McQueen is in Savannah for a few days on business.

Mrs. A. S. Newcomb left Sunday night for a month's visit to relatives and friends in the north.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and Miss Thompson, of Durham were called home on account of the serious illness of their sister.

Mrs. Daniel McNeill and daughters, Mrs. J. R. McQueen and Miss Pearl McNeill are spending some time at Blowing Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hoke who have been attending summer school at Chapel Hill are a home for a few weeks before resuming their duties as teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stutts returned last week from their vacation in Boston, Washington and Atlantic City. They report a splendid time.

Mr. W. M. Gallant, traveling salesman for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, was a business visitor in town Friday.

Miss Phoebe Gardner, of Hoffman, spent part of last week with her grandparents here.

Mrs. M. T. Driggers and little son, Sidney, returned to Hamlet Saturday after spending most of the week in town.

Mrs. S. H. Gardner, of Carthage, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gardner this week.

Rev. J. A. Wood will preach in the Union church at Lakeview next Sunday evening, the 14th, at eight o'clock. Subject, "The Final Judgement." Everybody is invited to come and we extend a cordial welcome to the visitors of our town.

About the only time a certain class of people have a good word for the newspaper is when they want to get printed for nothing something they know they ought to pay for.