

**ISSAQUENA LITERARY SOCIETY**

Held Contest at Wagener Theater. Medals are Awarded.

On last Friday evening the Issaquena Literary Society of the Walhalla Graded School held its first public meeting in Wagener Theater. The exercises were in the form of a contest by members of the society for a medal for the best declamation, the best essay and the best debate. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That South Carolina should have a compulsory education law." One of the largest, most representative and most appreciative audiences ever gathered in Wagener Theater was present to lend encouragement to the young people in their efforts.

The contest was spirited, but conducted in the best of humor, and when the judges announced their decisions, each contestant seemed to be glad that the ones to whom the medals had been awarded had won. It would require too much space to speak individually of the merits of the speakers, but they all did themselves, their society and their school credit, and they are to be congratulated upon the excellent entertainment furnished their parents and friends.

There was only one entry for the declaimer's medal, so the judges had little trouble in deciding that Millard Nix, of Whitewater, had won it; but the troubles began when they came to consider the essays and debates. Finally, however, they reached the conclusion that Miss Helen Beard had won the medal for the best essay and Miss Lois McCarey had won it for the best debate.

At the close of the contests Superintendent of Education W. C. Hughs made a short talk, commending the interest taken in educational matters by the Graded Schools here and by the public in general, as indicated by the large and enthusiastic audience that greeted the Issaquena Society at its first appearance in a public way. He spoke most encouragingly of the educational interests over the entire county, Oconee as a whole having made wonderful strides during the past few years. At present the outlook is even brighter than ever before for material improvements along all lines in matters pertaining to education. In other parts of the county he had noted an increase in public interest in the schools similar to that indicated by this public demonstration in Walhalla.

While the entertainment furnished by the members of the society was elevating and inspiring, the music furnished by the Clemson College Cadet Orchestra was of such a high order as to add materially to the evening's pleasure. It is a rare thing that such music as they rendered is heard from anything less than professionalists in the art.

It is to be hoped that the meeting last Friday night is only the beginning of a number of such by our boys and girls.

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**SESSION OF PRESBYTERY.**

Movement to Divide the Body Carried—The Orphanage.

The Presbytery of South Carolina convened at Easley on Tuesday of last week. The attendance was good, and the large-hearted citizens of this flourishing town made everybody happy.

Rev. W. H. Frazier, of Anderson, was elected moderator, and Rev. F. W. Gregg, clerk.

The question of dividing Presbytery culminated. There was considerable discussion. The territory of Pendleton District—Anderson, Pickens and Oconee—will comprise the new Presbytery, which will probably be named Piedmont. Synod must assent to the change to make it binding.

One of the interesting features of the occasion was the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin. He was born at Noyon, in Picardy, 70 miles north-east of Paris, France, on July 10th, 1509. Three interesting addresses were delivered.

The "Laymen's Movement" appeared before Presbytery, and several effective speeches were delivered.

The report of Thornwell Orphanage was interesting: "Two hundred and eighty-five fatherless children have been enrolled during the year. Thirty-three years ago this institution was founded and consisted of a single two-story building and eight little children. There are now twenty buildings, thirty-four matrons and teachers and an average attendance of 250 fatherless children. No serious sickness during the past year was reported and there have been no deaths among the children for five years. Many improvements have been made during the last year to the material equipment of the institution."

Rev. W. H. Frazier was elected commissioner to the General Assembly, soon to assemble at Savannah. Rev. F. W. Gregg was elected alternate.

The reports on foreign and home missions were unusually interesting and useful.

Rev. G. M. Wilcox, a student of the Columbia Theological Seminary, was examined upon his application to enter the ministry, before the Presbytery. The examination was very satisfactory, and his trial sermon a model of the kind. He will be installed as pastor of the group of churches known as Richland, Walhalla and Bethel.

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**GET IN THE CORN CONTEST!**

There Will Be \$300 or \$400 Divided Into Three Prizes.

The preliminary work for the Oconee County Corn Contest has progressed well so far. The committee that canvassed Walhalla one afternoon secured \$100 here in a short while, and others are to add to this contribution later. Committees are also at work in Seneca and Westminster and in the county, and Clemson College will also be visited in the interest of funds for the contest. At present the outlook is bright for a fund of about \$400 for the prizes. Whatever the total amount raised, the prizes will be graduated as follows: First prize, 50 per cent of total amount; 2d prize, 33 per cent; 3d prize, 20 per cent. In other words, if the total prize money reaches \$400, the first prize, for the best yield of corn on one acre of upland, will be \$200; the 2d prize will be \$120, and the 3d prize \$80. Aside from these prizes there will be a reward for every farmer who enters the contest, because the increased yield is bound to more than pay for expenses entailed and extra labor. If the prize money should fall below \$400, of course the amounts for the three prizes would necessarily all be proportionately decreased. On the other hand, if it exceeds \$400, each prize will be proportionately increased. Whatever the amount, it will be well worth one's while to enter the contest.

**The Prizes are Offered** for the best acre of upland corn. This requirement as to upland is made for two reasons—(1) every farmer has upland, but everybody does not have bottom land, and so every farmer is given an opportunity to compete; (2) it is desired to show by the results of the contest that corn can be profitably raised on upland if the proper methods of cultivation are used.

**Every Acre Entered** must be surveyed and staked off by a surveyor, and the crop will be measured by a committee of three, the result being given under affidavit by them. Every contestant should keep an accurate record of his mode of cultivation, dates for planting, plowing, working, and the kind, quantity and mode of fertilizing. It is the intention that the detailed information in regard to the crops of the prize-winners shall be made public after the close of the contest. This, too, will be of great benefit to all corn raisers. Of course, each contestant is to use his own judgment as to the modes and methods used in his work.

This contest if entered into heartily by all our farmers should prove of material benefit to each individual planter, as well as to the county as a whole. We are annually bringing into Oconee hundreds of carloads of corn that ought to be raised right here at home. Oconee soil is primarily a grain soil, and we ought to ship corn from this county to other sections instead of buying it from the West.

Let every Oconee farmer enter this contest. The more the better. We believe the prizes offered will aggregate \$400. Walhalla has gone in for \$100 and over; Seneca and Westminster will doubtless each do as well, and Clemson and the county will bring in the other hundred if the finance committees are energetic. At any rate, get busy for the corn contest. One of those prizes would look just as good in your pocket as in the pocket of your neighbor. Remember, it will be yours if you win it. Make the effort.

The State corn contest is also well worth your consideration. Write to Commissioner Watson for particulars and enter this contest also.

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**THOSE AWFUL PUBLIC ROADS.**

Mr. Sifton Sees Road Machine and is More Hopeful.

Pendleton, April 19.—Editor Keowee Courier: In replying to my friend, J. R. Zachary's evasive mention of my last letter to The Courier, I am also as a loss to understand his levity. The conditions of all the public roads is a serious matter to the people. My friends who first asked me to write The Courier in reference to the condition of the roads on both sides of Seneca river bridge were in hopes, if the matter was aired a little, they could get something done. Now, if Friend John will look well into the matter he has written, he will find he is the one who is jumping from pillar to post, and if he will visit the road in the Pinekey bottoms and see what has been done there, and will do the same on the Connerss bottom road, no complaint will be made. Our friend Dr. Sharp says he has traveled four miles further to avoid this piece of road.

Now, Friend John, you know better than to assert that two-thirds of this road of which I made mention is in Anderson county, for the line is a half mile west of the Connerss bridge; and as to the finances of Oconee, do you remember the appointment of two overseers on this road from the bridge to Pendleton when the county paid twice for the same work? Now this kind of management of county funds won't work roads much.

I am glad this little controversy has taken place, for the road serape is just across the river and the people are hoping they will come across on this side. And if they do make a road the people will remember The Keowee Courier for their kindness in allowing our little confabs published. So we must hold up and see results, Friend John.

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