

**THE ROWAN RECORD.**

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CHINA GROVE, N. C., FEB. 12, '09.

How about that rock road leading from China Grove to Saw? Think about it, talk about it, get busy and let us hear from you.

Maybe we'll get to ride on the electric railway some sweet day in the near future, from China Grove to Salisbury.

We need a macadamized road from here to Saw. You never saw what a great helper, in a business way, it would be to our town. Hustler for it!

There are now nine young boys at the Jackson Training school, near Concord. Worth Hatch, the first student sent to that institution, we learn, has made good his escape and has gone to parts unknown.

Our readers can do us a great favor by sending any news items that will be of interest to the general public. We wish to make this a newsy paper, and with the co-operation of its readers on this line, we will be enabled to make it so.

Our readers will please excuse the short comings of the local department of this issue of THE RECORD. This has been moving-day with us, and, if you've ever moved your goods and chattels, you know how clear a man's ideas run after spending several hours engaged in hanging pictures, putting down carpet and putting up stove pipe, etc., etc. It's good brain food. Try it.

We had a real, live show in the graded school building last Saturday night, given by a comedy company from somewhere in South Carolina. The company was greeted by only a very small audience, as the "advance agent" neglected to properly advertise the day and date of the exhibition, and it came upon our town unaware. Only a very few knew of its coming.

Since we have established ourselves among the good people of this flourishing town, China Grove, our county has completed a good single-track macadamized road from here to Salisbury, a distance of something over nine miles. This road is of great advantage to the travel along the line, and we are glad that we have it. China Grove is a road center, and if her roads were kept in good condition they would help, in a large measure, the up-building of the town, increase the trade and enhance the valuation of her property. It would induce people in the rural districts to come here to market their produce and purchase their supplies who now go elsewhere on account of the fearful condition of the roads leading here, in the fall and winter season. A good citizen, one of the leading business men of our town, informed us a few days ago, that, while trade is pretty fair here now, it is not so good nor does it cover as much territory as it did a few years ago. Only a few years past China Grove was the leading market place for that section of the county in which Saw is located. Now quite a number from that neighborhood go to other places to trade. It is true, we have now several progressive farmers from that section who come and bring their families to trade, who go away well pleased with the bargains they have received, but that is a small matter compared to what would come if we had a good macadam road leading from here to Saw, a distance of only four miles, which would give us an outlet for miles in every direction. There is nothing that helps to build up a town quicker and more substantially than good roads leading to it. It brings the people more in touch with each other. It brings the merchant and farmer closer together. It helps all, and makes travel a pleasure. We hope the county and the people interested will take this matter into consideration and see what can be done on this line. Other towns and cities are doing it. Why not we?

We would be glad if the ministers of the different churches of our town would hand in for publication their appointments for the coming Sunday and any other information that may be of interest to our readers. Please get this matter in to us not later than Wednesday morning, in order to insure its being published in the next issue of THE RECORD.

No one about China Grove seems to be in need of buggies or sewing machines. It will be seen by reference to another column in this paper that THE WATCHMAN and ROWAN RECORD will give away a good top buggy and a splendid sewing machine, at 6 p. m., Saturday, May 1st, 1909. This contest is just as much an affair for THE RECORD as it is for THE WATCHMAN, and the good people of China Grove and vicinity readers of these papers, are invited to take part in it just as much so as those of any other section of the county. The chances for some one in the vicinity of China Grove being a winner is greater than in any other part of the county. With THE RECORD just established here and the people being interested in its successful establishment, subscriptions should be easy to obtain, and the extra large vote given for those who take both THE WATCHMAN and RECORD success would seem almost certain. Let some hustler from China Grove get in the contest and show those in other parts of the county how to make things lively.

**A Bright Outlook for China Grove Circuit.**

On coming to China Grove we were received kindly. We have received many tokens of appreciation from the good people here and in the surrounding community. Our congregations are large and growing all the while. We have interesting Sunday school. The Sunday school has taken on new life. New scholars are enrolled every Sunday. We have a Baraca class that numbers 18. Don't forget the big "Baraca rally" Sunday evening at 8:30, February 14th. Our prayer meetings are well attended. The prayer meeting is the thermometer of the church by which you can tell its spiritual temperature.

Now a word about our paper, THE ROWAN RECORD, it is meeting the wishes of the people here. I hear nothing but words of praise for it and its editor.

J. A. J. FARRINGTON,  
pastor of M. E. church south.

**CONCORD AND CABARRUS COUNTY.**

**Escaped Convict Still at Large. Cabarrus Black Boys to be Honored.**

Concord Times, Feb. 8th.

Mrs. Millie Smith died last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her son-in-law, Thomas Bost, near the Phoenix mine. She was the mother of Herbert Smith, former superintendent of the chain gang. She was in her 74th year, and leaves four children.

Nothing has yet been heard of Will Smarr, the escaped convict who sold his real estate last week and left the country. It was thought that a clue had been obtained as to his whereabouts, but it was a false one. J. M. Burrage, superintendent of the county chain gang, tells us that the statement that Will Smarr, the escaped convict, was a "trusty" was an error, and that he was "double shackled." On account of having a cripple hand he was put to driving a team, and that when he had emptied his load he made his escape. It is suspected that the trustees who were at work leveling the dirt hauled, aided him in removing his shackles and making his escape.

The little son of W. F. Smith, of Coddle Creek, whose skull was fractured recently by a horse stepping on his head, is getting well. The operation for his relief was a success.

The Daughters of the Confederacy of Concord contemplate erecting some kind of tablet or other mark on the spot made famous in history by the Cabarrus Black Boys, which is about three miles from Concord.

Little Lucille, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Dayvault, died last Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock after an illness of two months of typhoid fever, in which gangrene later developed. She was a great sufferer for many days before her death.

**STATE NEWS.**

One of the waitresses in a Greensboro hotel took a dose of poison the other day, with suicidal intent. Physicians saved her life.

Applications have been, or will be made to the legislature for a charter for the Denver and Lincoln Railroad. The route of the proposed road is from Lincoln to Denver; then through Catawba Springs township to Lowesville.

Halifax county will soon have a handsome new courthouse.

A valuable team in Asheville became frightened at an automobile and ran away. One of the horses was injured so badly that it had to be shot.

The governor has offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of J. E. Moody, who recently killed David Vaughan. The killing occurred in Haywood county.

A man in Kinston, while riding a bicycle along a sidewalk of that town, ran into a little girl. The latter was seriously injured and will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life.

**That Liquor License.**

The citizens of East Spencer don't fancy the granting of that liquor license a little bit. There has been considerable talk and the matter has been commented upon quite freely.

It is expressly stated in the charter of the town that no intoxicating liquor shall be sold within the corporate limits of the place. It is probable that the end is not yet and that some action will be taken by the people of East Spencer, Salisbury and the county.

**Court in Session.**

The February term of the Superior Court is now in session. Court convened Monday morning, with Judge E. B. Jones, on the bench.

The judge charged the grand jury at some length, explaining the duties of this body, at length the case of Henry Young, charged with an assault upon Mrs. Moss, is set for to-morrow. It will be remembered that this case was moved here from Stanly county.

The grand jury is composed of the following citizens:

Grand jury: L. E. Heilig, foreman; John A. Brady, J. J. Schler, A. L. Peeler, H. N. Woodson, Cicero A. Ludwick, W. T. Rainey, Milo A. J. Best, R. F. Fleming, Julius A. Earnhardt, H. C. Kemrly, Paul Peeler, B. R. Ketchie, W. R. Lyerly, Henry W. Cauble, W. J. Fesperman, J. R. Steele, G. W. Connel.

Following are the names of the petit jury: L. J. Hess, J. C. Sloan, Geo. L. Klutz, Geo. Klutz, Jno. D. Kenerly, C. D. McDaniel, G. A. Ruffy, C. A. Boyd, Pinkney Ludwick, M. V. Cooper, R. C. Knox, Wm. M. L. Fesperman, Archie A. Bost, L. M. Safrin, R. J. Loflin.

**Parental Neglect.**

The most culpable and destructive conduct in society must be charged up against parents. They are responsible for the large part of the criminality and degradation that stands out so painfully before the public. Call the roll of the morally stained and disqualified among men and trace their careers back through the years and deeds of their lives, and in the case of most of them ample cause therefore may be found in parental faithlessness to them. Lack of oversight and training at home is fatal. The school, the ministry of the church cannot be relied on to arrest the evil to compensate the loss of needed tuition at the hands of fathers and mothers in earlier years. Moral obliquity that the lack of discipline in home life proves in many cases cannot well be characterized with exaggeration. Tolerance of the development of evil propensities in children, to say nothing of the gigantic wrong of example set to encourage and stamp them, and the display thereby of practical indifference about them, is a prodigious iniquity fraught with incalculable evil to the child, to society and toward God. Yet there are thousands and thousands of such parents, and we see and feel daily the crime and destructive demoralization of it all about us every day.—Presbyterian Standard.

**Door Blown Open With Explosives.**

Early last week the store of D. M. Miller, corner Ellis and Cemetery streets, was entered and robbed. Entrance was effected by blowing the door to pieces with dynamite or some other explosive. The affair occurred shortly after midnight and a number of persons in the vicinity heard the unusual noise, and promptly paid no attention to it. J. M. Miller, a son of D. M. Miller, has charge of the store. A rifle, some cigars and about \$10 in small change was stolen.

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