

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS.

The Spring Communion services at St. Mark's E. L. church were well attended last Sunday.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill, of Greensboro, preached for Rev. J. J. Eads in the Methodist church last Sunday morning and Harris chapel in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. James, of Chester, S. C., and Will Holshouser, of Greensboro, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holshouser, last Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Peeler, of Greensboro, is visiting at J. L. Holshouser's this week, having arrived last Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Boat and Mrs. Jim Fisher, of Salisbury, visited relatives and friends Monday.

Uncle Moses Stirewalt was taken seriously sick Tuesday while about his business and had to be taken to his home. At this writing he is resting very well. He was threatened with pneumonia.

Rev. J. C. Rowe will preach Sunday at the Quarterly Conference at Harris chapel. Everybody invited.

Gus Wertz, of Salisbury, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Messrs Calvin and Leon Sloop, of Salisbury, were at their father's, P. A. Sloop's, last Sunday.

Misses Mary and Cora Sifford went to Lexington last Saturday to attend the dedication of the First Lutheran church at that place on Sunday. They returned Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Thom went to Salisbury, Wednesday, to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the North Carolina Synod.

A. T. Bost has gotten a new delivery wagon for use in his growing trade.

Mrs. M. J. Graham made a quick trip to Statesville, Thursday.

Read the bank statement. This is one of the most progressive institutions in town.

Mr. Oyer, the photographer, has an ad, this week. Read it and go to see him before it is too late.

Mrs. M. M. Noacker left Tuesday night for New Bloomfield, Penn., to visit her aged mother who fell and broke her hip on last Friday. She is 81 years old.

The communion at Mt. Zion church last Sunday was well attended and a large number communed. Five were received by confirmation and letter and three by baptism. The offering was the largest in the history of the church, \$45 00.

The stork visited Rev. W. B. Aull's last Saturday and left a fine daughter.

Charles Peeler, of Faith, was in town Wednesday.

Misses Eulah and Ella Plunkton, of Franklin, were visiting friends here last week.

There will be an old Fiddlers' Convention in the town hall Saturday night. A great time is expected.

Mrs. John Felker was stricken with facial paralysis last Sunday afternoon. The right side of her face was affected. Her condition is improving at present.

Mrs. Will Beaver, living on the Fleming place has been right sick for several days.

J. S. Hall was in town Wednesday shaking hands.

Death of Odell Walker.

Last week we noted the accident that befell Odell Walker, at Kannapolis, in which he was struck in the head by a piece of plank hurled by a revolving rip saw. He died, last Saturday, in the Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium. His body was prepared for burial and shipped to Landis Saturday evening. On Sunday afternoon funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church, of which he was a zealous member, and assistant Sunday school superintendent, by his pastor, Rev. J. J. Eads, assisted by Revs. J. A. J. Farring-

ton, of Concord, and Tom Noble, of China Grove. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost and there was more than one-third of the people who could not get in.

After funeral services the body was conveyed to Green Lawn cemetery where it was buried according to the ritual of the Methodist church and of the Junior Order.

The Juniors and Odd Fellows lodges of China Grove and Landis proceeded and followed the corpse to the church and cemetery, nearly 100 in all.

The deceased was the sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Walker, of Landis. Beside his father and mother wife and five small children, he leaves six brothers: Joseph, Wm. F., R. Sloan, and H. Archie, Landis, Harrison, of Salisbury, John D., of China Grove, and two sisters: Clara (Mrs. Colon Miller, near China Grove,) and Miss Maud, at home.

Mr. Walker was 80 years, 2 months and 6 days old.

He carried an insurance policy of \$500 in the Junior Order.

The following acted as pall bearers: W. R. Bostian, B. B. Miller, L. W. Safrin, James Propet, Charles Phillips and Harvey Overcash.

Death of Mrs. J. M. Gardner.

Last Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock Mrs. J. M. Gardner, of Landis, fell off the steps to their dwelling and unjointed her neck, death being almost instantaneous. She was subject to heart trouble and it is thought that an attack of this disease was the cause of the fall. She only drew one breath after falling. Dr. Flow, of Kannapolis was called in but she was beyond human aid.

Mrs. Gardner was Miss Cora Thompson, of Montgomery county, prior to her marriage. She leaves, to mourn her departure, a husband and five children, the oldest being 13 years and the youngest 3 1/2 months. She was 32 years, 1 month, and 24 days old.

The interment took place in Green Lawn Cemetery on Thursday.

In Regard to the School Elections.

The registration book will be opened on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of allowing all those who will vote in the special school tax elections which were ordered by the County Commissioners on Monday to be held on May 12th, in Salisbury and at Chestnut Hill, and on May 10th, at China Grove. Prof. R. G. Kizer, the registrar for Salisbury can be found at his office in the court house annex. R. L. Lowery at the Chestnut Hill Pharmacy and J. A. Sloop, registrar for China Grove at Holshouser's store. Although the books are not required to be kept at the polling places except on Saturdays, the books will be open for registration on any day until May 1st. There will be a new registration and the old books will not be required to carry the election. Those in favor of the tax are preparing to make a hard fight for it and will invite Prof. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to come to Salisbury and exert his influence in behalf of the special tax. On the other hand there is a strong opposition to any measure in creating the taxes in the city and it is likely that many will register who will not go to the polls. All those registered and not voting will be counted against the measure.

Concord Grocers Fall.

Concord, April 6.—Carroll & Caldwell, the well-known grocery firm of this city, made an assignment last night and the store is now closed. John L. Miller being made trustee. Failure to make collections is given as the cause of the failure. The business was started many years ago by John C. Smith, who sold to a stock company about two years ago, with Frank Carroll as manager. Six months later the business was purchased by Messrs. Frank Carroll and Frank Caldwell, who conducted the business up to the present time. The young men claim that they are able to meet every obligation and will pay their few creditors dollar for dollar.—Charlotte Observer.

THE WATCHMAN AND RECORD.

Two Papers Per Week at the Price of One. A Semi-Weekly.

THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN and THE ROWAN RECORD are the names of the two editions of our semi-weekly newspaper. Both papers are printed at the Watchman office and, so far as the news is concerned, they are issued as a semi-weekly. One paper giving the news from Friday to Tuesday and the other giving it from Tuesday to Friday. They are entirely different, each giving all news of interest up to the hour of going to press, but no more. The advantage in this arrangement to the reader is just the same as any semi-weekly when compared with a weekly. The quantity and quality of news is greater and better, is furnished oftener and fresher and it is prepared especially for our readers. This latter item is of considerable importance to those who wish accurate and reliable information. The disadvantage in taking only one of these papers lies in the fact that the reader will get only about half of the news and very often the very piece of news which he is interested in and wants to see will be found in the paper he does not take.

The man who takes a semi-weekly and gets only one copy and misses one becomes dissatisfied, he knows he is missing something and generally finds time to kick. Knowing this to be true, and knowing that he who does not take both copies of our semi-weekly, THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN and THE ROWAN RECORD, will find himself in the same condition, we therefore urge all who can take both papers. The price is only \$1.00 per year and the subscriber will get more news than can be secured elsewhere for the same money.

This combination arrangement of THE WATCHMAN and RECORD was made for the purpose of accommodating those who want a semi-weekly. Any one trying these papers as indicated will find that they secure all the news fresher and in a more readable form than can be gotten elsewhere for the same money. Call and get free sample copies.

School Closing at China Grove.

Last Friday, April 1st the China Grove school closed.

In the morning the primary exercises were rendered and we are proud to say that the little folks did well. The mothers, fathers and friends seemed to enjoy the drills, songs and speeches given by the little tots.

After these exercises the speeches delivered by Rev. Aull, Rev. Brown, Prof. Kizer, Rev. Noacker and Rev. Eads, were very much enjoyed and closely listened to. They were full of interest and facts. I'm only sorry that more of the male citizens were out to hear them. All the speakers are heartily in favor of establishing a "Grad-d School" in our little town. Prof. Kizer, who spoke of the needs and conditions of a graded school, urged us along that line. I say if the people want such a school they should have it, and now is the accepted time. Just before noon the children came forward for their candy. A goodly number were present and each one received a package.

At 2:30 p. m., a game of ball was played. Our boys crossed bats with the mill boys and everything went off nicely. The score was 16 to 5 in favor of the school boys. Many came to see the game.

On Friday night the entertainment was given in the Town Hall. The crowd was so large that many people could neither hear nor see. We were proud to have so many present, but we are sorry we could not give better accommodations. We did the best we could under the circumstances.

I return many thanks to the public for the nice presents they gave me. I am sure they know not how much they are appreciated. I wish them a long and happy life. Messrs. Gaither Blackwelder, Grover Bostian, Russell Bostian and Wade Peacock gave music for the occasion. Thanks to these gentlemen for thus lending a hand. I believe this has been a satisfactory session. Think the pupils have done nobly, and, as they march onward through life may they never forget they should strive to do that which will fit them for that great life beyond. Very sincerely, H. J. PEELER.

TWO FIRES IN CABARRUS.

Roof at Residence Burns and Home in No. 5 Township is Destroyed.

Concord, April 6.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the city was thrown into considerable excitement on account of fire breaking out near the Cannon mills, at the home of Lee Martin, the roof having caught from a defective flue. The wind was blowing a strong gale and carried smoke and sparks great distances, setting fire to a dwelling on the opposite side of Kerr street. By hard and quick work, the flames were soon subdued and were under control. The roof was entirely burned from the home of Mr. Martin and all of his household goods were damaged by water. The other house was not damaged to any extent.

The residence of J. P. Ritchie of No. 5 township was totally destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock this morning, having originated in the roof by sparks from the kitchen flue. Mr. Ritchie had a large force of hands on his place building a new home near the one destroyed and by forming a bucket brigade the new house and the contents of the old one were saved from destruction. The new house will be ready for occupancy within about one week. He carried some insurance on his home.—Charlotte Observer.

THE VOTING HAS BEGUN.

The Watchman and Record's Splendid Buggy and Sewing Machine Will Surely be Given to Some one.

Our voting and prize giving contest is now on in full blast. The voting has started, interest is rapidly crystallizing and things will soon take on a lively attitude. There are quite a good number of candidates in the field, enough to secure the name of every reading man in the county as a subscriber to The Watchman and Record; if they would. There are also enough good people in the list for the most fastidious voter, good enough not only to receive a nice rubber tire buggy, but good enough to be elected governor of the State. Pick out one of them and give them a push. It will cost you nothing and help him. Show your good fellowship and good will by helping your neighbor to win a prize, whether he needs it or not. It is probably best to help the needy, but if you help only the needy, you do more than the heathen.

Everybody has more or less spare time, has more or less friends from whom he can secure a subscription, and there are thousands who are not even known that can be induced to subscribe. It requires only a little tact, a little judgment and a little hustling to win or help your friend or neighbor to win. It is best to enter the contest early, begin at once, don't lose an hour. Go after the folks, let them know you are a candidate and that you not only want to win but that you want them to help you. Come in and see us, get a receipt book, sample copies and let us give you some information that will help you.

- At the time of going to press, today, the vote stands as follows: Calvin Peeler, route 3, Salisbury 88,225 votes; John Harkey, old veteran, Barcoer No. 1, 85,475 votes; Emma A Rogers, rural 5, city, 28,100 votes; T H Kirk, China Grove 22,850 votes; C L Basinger, rural 2, Richfield, N C 7,900 votes; Herran Cooper, China Grove 5,860 votes; W R Bean, rural No 1, Craven, N C 5,850 votes; Miss Mamie Fry, rural 2, Richfield, N C 5,100 votes; Edd Moss, New London, N C 3,800 votes; Geo B Kessler, rural 6, city 2,850 votes; Paul J Lyerly, Granite Quarry 1,800 votes; Miss Ada Eagle, rural 8, city 1,725 votes; G C Moss, rural 2, New London, N C 1,000 votes; Jas W Freeman, East Spencer, N C 1,000 votes; Ray R A Goodman, sub-station No 2, city 1,000 votes; John D A Fisher, rural 8, city 1,000 votes; G L Fisher, rural 8, city 1,000 votes; W F S Heilig, rural 8, city 1,000 votes; C M Laverly, rural 4, city 1,000 votes; Lee M Kutchin, rural 4, city 1,000 votes; M L Eury, rural 4, city 1,000 votes; Edgar Rice, rural 5, city 600 votes; Marcus Lyerly, rural 6, city 100 votes; David T. Peeler, rural 6, city 100 votes; Sam Hamilton, rural 6, city 100 votes; A B Petres, rural 7, city 100 votes; T L Ohunn, rural 7, city 100 votes; Thomas E Webb, rural 8, city 100 votes; T G Cress, rural 8, city 100 votes; S L Collette, rural 8, city 100 votes; John A Sloop, China Grove 100 votes; T J Waller, Barber 100 votes; David L Correll, rural 1, China Grove 100 votes; D R Simpson, rural 2, 100 votes; James M Ketchie, No 2 China Grove 100 votes; Archie Ritchie, rural 8, 100 votes; R F Pool, Craven 100 votes; W R Bean, rural 1, Craven 100 votes; Mrs John Canady, Cleveland 100 votes; R S Gales, rural 1, 100 votes; G A Fisher, Crescent 100 votes; Mrs L W Lingle, Crescent 100 votes; T G Myers, Gold Hill 100 votes; W H Martin 100 votes; Eli E Eagle, rural 1, Gold Hill 100 votes; W C Hoffman, rural 1, Gold Hill 100 votes; G A Barringer, rural 2, 100 votes; V C Lentz, rural 2, Gold Hill 100 votes; R T Honeycutt, rural 3, Gold Hill 100 votes; S T Troutman, rural 3, 100 votes; W T Peeler, Granite Quarry 100 votes; Alfred Kizer, Landis 100 votes; J F Turner, rural 1, Mt Ella 100 votes; L L Fesperman, Rockwell 100 votes; Alexander Holshouser, Rockwell 100 votes; George Misenheimer, Rockwell 100 votes; George H Boger, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes; J O Fontz, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes; John W Lunker, rural 1, Rockwell 100 votes; H S Barger, Woodleaf 100 votes; J S Blackwelder, rural 2, Mooresville, N C 100 votes; C M Cress, Mt. Pleasant, N C 100 votes; G A Koonz, rural 1, Mocksville, N C 100 votes; S C Beck, Jubilee, N C 100 votes; W H Moore, rural 4, Concord, N C 100 votes; Duke Basinger, rural 2, Richfield N C 100 votes; Miss Esther Fry, Richfield, No. 2 100 votes; W H Earnhardt, rural 2, Rockwell 100 votes; J M Hipp, rural 2, Rockwell 100 votes; A L Long, Spencer 100 votes

Roosevelt Wants National Reception.

Pittsburg, April 6.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt desires that, if a reception is tendered him in New York on his return from abroad, it shall be national and not local.

A. P. Moore, editor of the Pittsburg Leader, sent a cablegram to Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, advising him that there seems to be a desire to make his reception in New York local rather than national and suggesting that the demonstration be made one by all the people of the nation. The following reply was received by cable to-day: "Rome, April 6.—"A. P. Moore, editor, Leader, "Pittsburg, Pa.

"Roosevelt of course wants celebration national if held at all. As you say special desire is to give the people at large a chance to greet him if they so wish. (Signed) "O'LOUGHLIN."

Death of Mrs. Yost.

Mrs. Henry Yost died last Saturday, April 2, and was buried Sunday evening, at 4 o'clock, at St. Paul's church. She leaves a husband and eight children, together with two sisters and many other relatives to mourn her departure.

The contest becomes more and more interesting every day.

Watchman and Record Voting Contest.

A Rubber Tire Buggy, a New Home Sewing Machine, Good Books, Pocket Knives and Valuable Maps and Charts Among the Prizes to be Given Away.

Now is the opportunity of a life time to earn a first-class, high grade, rubber tire buggy during the spare hours. Or, a first-class sewing machine, or, for less time and effort, a book for your evening's entertainment, a good pocket knife, one of the valuable charts which we will give away. Or, if one may wish, he or she may secure a book and a knife, or a chart, or, one of each. The arrangement for these latter prizes and the number of votes necessary to secure them is given below, in rule 10.

A convention, so to speak, will be held for a short while. During this time the candidates will be selected. The candidates are to be selected by filling out one of the nominating coupons printed below and bringing or sending it to the office of the WATCHMAN, or THE ROWAN RECORD. However, candidates can be nominated at any time after the contest opens until announcement is made to the contrary. Only one nominating coupon is necessary to nominate a candidate and only one will be accepted or counted.

The contest is now fully open and all who intend to do anything for themselves, or their friends, should get very busy and stay that way until the very last vote is counted. As stated in the rules below, the votes will be issued to all who bring or send in paid up subscriptions to either the WATCHMAN or THE ROWAN RECORD. And let us remark right here, this contest is just as much for THE RECORD as it is for the WATCHMAN. The good people of China Grove and vicinity, therefore, with all other sections of the county, are invited to take part in the contest, your assistance and interest is greatly appreciated. Every vote will be kept on file until the close of the contest, so if any one should be dissatisfied with the count, a recount can be had under the supervision of the candidates and all mistakes, if any, will be fully corrected and the prizes awarded accordingly.

- Rule 1.—Partakers in the contest must be subscribers to THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN or ROWAN RECORD, or a member of the subscriber's immediate family.
 - Rule 2.—The contest is open to any respectable white citizen in Rowan—man, woman, boy or girl, except no member of THE WATCHMAN's or RECORD's force, in any capacity, or any member of their families, will be allowed to participate.
 - Rule 3.—Voting coupons will be issued only to those who obtain and pay cash for subscriptions to either THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN, of Salisbury, or THE ROWAN RECORD, of China Grove.
 - Rule 4.—Five votes will be given for every cent paid in on subscription, except as follows:
 - 50c paid on subscription, 250 votes.
 - For one year's subscription to both papers at \$1.00, 1,500 votes. This rule means what it says.
 - New subscription to THE WATCHMAN or RECORD, one year, 500 votes.
 - New subscription to THE WATCHMAN and RECORD, one year, \$1.00, 2000 votes.
 - N. B.—A new subscription does not include changing the subscription from one member of the family to another.
 - Rule 5.—Coupons will be issued to all who pay on subscription. These coupons are to be deposited at the WATCHMAN office, in Salisbury, within 15 days after they are issued, and after having been voted cannot be transferred.
 - Rule 6.—A statement of the standing of the contestants will be published in every issue of each paper until the close of the contest.
 - Rule 7.—The contest opening Monday, January 17th, will close at 6 p. m., Saturday, May 7th, 1910.
 - Rule 8.—The person having the largest number of votes to his credit at the close of the contest, will receive the buggy. (This buggy will be a first-class, rubber tire, top vehicle. It is now being built at the shop of J. O. White & Co., and is guaranteed to be a neat, substantial and meritorious article in every respect. Mr. White promises to give it close attention and will see that it will be something for its owner to be proud of.)
 - Rule 9.—The person having the next largest number of votes at the close of the contest will be awarded the sewing machine. (This machine will be one of the New Home Sewing Machine Co.'s make, durable and first-class in every respect. It will be on exhibition at THE WATCHMAN office.)
 - Rule 10.—We have a number of good books, pocket knives and charts and maps which will be awarded appropriately to all who receive 5,000 or more votes, as per the following schedule:
 - 5,000 votes a good pocket knife.
 - 6,000 do better do
 - 8,000 do good book.
 - 10,000 do one of our charts.
 - 10,000 do subscription to either THE WATCHMAN or THE RECORD one year.
 - 11,000 votes a knife and book.
 - 12,000 votes subscription to both WATCHMAN and THE RECORD one year.
 - 12,000 votes, a better knife and book.
 - 15,000 " knife and chart.
 - 16,000 " better knife and chart, etc., making any combination of prizes awarded, agreeably to the number of votes given on each separate article. Outside the two main prizes any person can secure as many of the minor prizes, mentioned in this rule, as they may furnish votes for, hence, no one who makes any reasonable effort to secure votes, will go unrewarded.
 - Rule 11.—No trickery or under-hand methods will be tolerated. Any one guilty of improper methods will be debarred from further participation, and no prize will be awarded to such person.
- For further information write or call on the above named papers.

THE NOMINATING COUPON.

Good for 100 Votes.

I, the undersigned, a reader of THE ROWAN RECORD or CAROLINA WATCHMAN suggest the name of _____ Write the name of your candidate here. Address, _____ as a suitable person to receive one of the prizes to be offered in the contest soon to open and hereby cast my votes for _____ Signed _____ Only one of these coupons will be counted.