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**GOOD ROADS.**

The "good roads" question is the largest, longest and most important of all questions now before the people of Catawba. Catawba is one of the best counties in the State. Its farmers are not only interested in growing good and paying crops, but take delight in improving their soil, and in building good houses, barns, &c. Not only this, but they are specially interested in fine stock and tools of all kinds. They are interested in schools and churches. On these lines, they are beginning to be proud of themselves. The other classes, in the towns and manufacturing districts, are certainly proud of them. In fact, their calling and the way they seem to enjoy themselves, is envied by many people, who, if they could exchange their business and fine houses and lots in town for good farms, would gladly do so.

The only thing needed to make this county ideal, is better roads. And we can never have them with the present system. It will cost money; but what good thing, which it is our privilege to enjoy, that did not cost us, or those before us something? No one will say we do not need good roads. The truth is, the tendency of the age, especially here in Catawba, makes good roads a necessity. And no one, who feels the need of a thing and feels that the people must have it, can consistently refuse to help bring it about, or be willing to take hold of it at once. And the argument that it will cost money, wont "hold water." For, no good person wants a good thing for nothing. And a thing that costs nothing is generally worth nothing.

It is hoped, the committee appointed to solicit petitioners, will see every voter, and record him either for or against good roads. It is believed those who are leading in this matter, the farmers specially, are interested enough, and have experience enough, in honest toil and economy, to see that the money collected for good roads, will be judiciously spent, and that those who do the work, will do good and honest work. This is a question that will effect all, and all can help in some way to make it a success. Then why should any one be afraid of the people, his neighbors, his brethren in the church, and even of himself and those of his own household? Good roads are coming. If anyone thinks they will not come right, it is his duty to help make them come right. Be a helper and not a kicker.

**Gov. Johnson Dead.**

Everybody will be pained to learn that Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, is dead. The country, just at this crisis, cannot afford to lose men who are willing to devote their lives for the common good. The Democrat will have more to say of this great political and social reformer. A great loss to the country.

**WHO GOT THERE?**

Who got to the North Pole seems to be an unsettled question. Cook has the people with him and Peary may have the government with him.

The liberal minded first believed both got there. Now they have doubts whether either did, or not. The evidence seems to point that they did not.

The only evidence we have that Cook got there is his own statement. Peary who knows more about that country than any body—except perhaps Cook—says Cook lied about it; he was never there. The only evidence we have that Peary got there, besides his own word, is Cook. And Cook is the only man who says Peary got there, and Peary, you know, says Cook is a liar.

**Prof. D'Anna Married.**

On Monday night, Hugh D'Anna received a telegram from his father, Prof. D'Anna at Lexington, Ky., saying he was going to marry Miss Nellie Winn there that night and that they would be in Hickory on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Winn's home is in Versailles, a town near Lexington. She spent part of the summer here last year, stopping with Mrs. C. C. Bost. And while here, she won many friends who will be more than delighted to welcome her back as one of them.

The Professor and his bride have and will have the best wishes of all our good people.

**Stockholders of the Shuford Mill Organize.**

The stockholders of the Shuford Mill Company held their organization meeting Saturday and the following officers were elected: G. H. Geitner, president; G. F. Ivey, vice-president; A. A. Shuford, Jr., secretary; A. A. Shuford, Sr., treasurer. The capital stock already subscribed is \$100,000 and this will be all the stock issued for the present. It has not yet been decided whether the work on the building will commence this winter or early next spring. Power will be furnished by the Southern Power Company.

**Gladest Man in Town.**

J. C. Martin is the gladest man in the city. He has not only a severe case, but, it seems, he has a protracted case of gladness. The best doctors even, have no hopes of his ever getting over it. They rather hope he wont, and that he will keep on being the "gladest," as it is very becoming to him.

Now it happened this way: On last Saturday morning, Sept. 18, Mrs. Martin presented him with a very fine son. And it being his first, John didn't know what else to do but to get real glad over it. And he didn't care one cent if Zeb Buchanan, in extending congratulations, did tear up his hat and turn him out bald, or rather, bareheaded.

Their many friends are more than glad to hear that the mother and son are doing well, and that the glad father has a new hat, a new smile and a new lease on life.

Mr. T. D. Payne, of Charlotte, came up Saturday and visited relatives and friends here until Tuesday. "Tom" has been in Charlotte nine years. He then took a position as clerk with W. T. McCoy and Co., Furniture dealers. The business was in its infancy then, but has grown up to a firm of note. Tom is not only a member of the firm, or company, but is Vice-President of it. He says business has been very good this year, and the prospects now indicate that the panic is over. We were glad to have him come.

**A Delightful Day.**

For over two years, Miss Candace Henkel has been confined to her room, caused by a stroke of paralysis. She is able only to walk from her bed to the fire, or out on the porch—not able to go anywhere, only as helped into a carriage and driven out.

Last Monday was a happy day to her. Mr. Tom Henkel, her brother, carried her and her mother and neice over to his pleasant home, where they enjoyed a nice, bountiful dinner, and spent hours of pleasant chatting together.

In the evening, he took his sister down to see Lenoir College and other noted places in the city—and out as far as Fred Abernethy's residence and other places she had not seen since her first affliction. No tongue can express how she enjoyed the ride and the visit to her brother's.

**Presbyterian Church Notes.**

Next Sunday a series of meetings will begin. There will be a children's service at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach a sermon on "a ship and its pilot" using objects to illustrate the truth to the children. Rev. Alberto Clot, a Waldensian minister, will also have a few words to say at the morning service.

Sunday night at 7:30, the pastor will preach in "Conditions for a Revival."

On Monday, Rev. Shields will take up the work and will preach throughout the week at 3:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 at night.

An effort will be made to have good singing at all the services. Everybody invited.

The attention of the men of our congregation is called to the men's class which meets at 10 o'clock in the church parlor every Sunday morning. It is positively necessary for men to study the Bible, and our plan is better than for them to meet together in a class with the Sunday school.

The church is the backbone of society, and it is certain indication of religious spinal disease in a church whose men cut out the Sunday school for any reason or excuse, except profoundly conscientious one. The church can't grow strong without the support of its men. Every interest, pride, self-preservation, family protection, but most of all, a desire to please Christ, appeals to them to attend Sunday school. Come next Sunday morning.

Boys' Brigade at 3 o'clock. The boys are taking up a special cause in Bible characters which will interesting and profitable.

The missionaries societies will meet next Monday. Announcements on Sunday.

The entire community is cordially invited to attend these special meetings next week.

McCoy Moretz sold his residence on 8th avenue, with a view of building on his little farm which lies in South Hickory, and which was a part of the Barger lands. We understand that he is going to build a large and handsome residence, and will begin right away, perhaps this week.

**NOTICE.**

Reduced rates via the Southern railway to New York and return account of the Hudson Fulton Celebration. Tickets on sale September 23rd to 30th, 1909, inclusive. Good to leave New York returning up to and including, but not later than mid-night of October 10th, 1909.

For other information call on any agent, Southern railway, or write R. I. Vernon, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

Certainly every one does, or should, have a desire to visit New York, regardless of any special attractions, and the prospects of this Grand Celebration, and cheap railroad rates, makes it a golden opportunity for all.

R. I. VERNON, D. P. A.  
Charlotte, N. C.

**Society News.**

Tuesday afternoon, Sept 14th, Miss Alice Lang entertained four tables of six-handed euchre. Mrs. Bryan Jones received the first prize. Miss Schaffer, of Durham and Mrs. Ed Shuford drew for the consolation prize, the former obtaining it. Both prizes were beautiful framed pictures. Fruit-punch, ice cream and cake were served and with the profusion of flowers added to the pleasures of the evening.

The Hickory Book Club held an informal meeting Wednesday afternoon, September 15, on Miss Wheeler's porch to select books for the incoming year. Mrs. Royster, the vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. A. Martin. Truly delightful were the criticisms of the recent books and the genial tone was emphasized by serving pleasant refreshments before adjournment, to meet next with Mrs. Martin Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Thursday Study Book Club meets with Mrs. C. C. Bost this evening.

**Conover.**

Prof. R. A. Bischoff, with his estimable lady, has returned from eastern Massachusetts, where he spent the summer. He seems to be in comfortable health.

Mrs. S. A. Mauney, of King's Mountain, is expected by her mother to pay a visit to her parents' home here, this week. Ten years ago she was one of our Catawba teachers.

Miss Cora Yount who was chosen to teach in the Hickory Graded school this year, is not strong enough for the work at present. Her sister, Miss Eula, is teaching in her place for the time being.

Miss Mary Ellen Smyre has returned to King's Mountain to teach in a graded school there, where she taught last year. Her mother and younger sister are on a visit to Ohio.

Rudolph, son of Wm. Wagner, has gone to Richmond, Va., to seek employment. I think every one at Conover has something to do. Some of our boys are away at school.

A dollar, or a five dollar bill, now set in motion might relieve the tension in the affairs of many a person, besides the man who sends us our newspaper and his family.

Our little Concordia College has opened with eight or ten more pupils than usual. Here, as all over the land we have felt the effects of the powerful higher criticism of the Holy Scriptures, of evolutionism and all that. Obedience to parents, to teachers and to the civil government, have for some years been regarded as repressive and tyrannical. That is, the exercise of discipline and authority have been so regarded.

Is it not time for a reaction, and for a return to the needed, wholesome discipline at home, at school, and at church?

Prof. Romoser has been absent in Virginia for the last few days, on business of his Synod. It is written that in the last days grievous times will come, for men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, etc. These things are already in evidence in our churches as well as in the family, the school and in government.

A very common mistake is to confuse hookworm disease with malaria. So writes Dr. Stiles: At Conover, at least one case of hookworm disease has been discovered and cured. How many perhaps in the county should be found and cured?

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

**Banner Elk, N. C.**

It is inspiring to visit this beautiful spot, located in the western part of the State. The little village, with an elevation of 4000 feet above the sea, nestles in the Elk valley, with four great peaks towering on all sides, all over 5000 feet high. Beech mountain guards the North securely, while Sugar mountain is on the west. Then Grandfather stands in solemn grandeur to the south, and Hanging Rock, piers over the foothills on the east, like a sentinel alert, and ready to meet the advance guards of the enemy.

This is a prosperous valley, rich in hay and grass, and with splendid orchards of apples, a good home for man and beast. The community is peopled with a substantial class of citizens, with many improvements in their homes. They abound in generosity and hospitality to the stranger.

The most notable institution in the village is Lees-McCrae Institute for girls, under the charge of Rev. Edgar Taft. Mr. Taft began eleven years ago with a one room school house, and by patient, prayerful perseverance has now a school house and dormitory, both large, roomy buildings, and a neat church, and in addition another good sized house for manual training and art. Here are six teachers, women who are giving their lives in service to Christ, 40 girls who are boarding in the dormitory, and over 150 pupils in all.

The girls do their own work in the kitchen, dining room and laundry, all these rooms being well equipped with modern appliances.

The industrial places of the work are commendable because many are enabled thus to pay their way.

Manual training and arts present a creditable showing. Besides good pictures, the girls and small boys allowed to attend, make rugs, baskets of rattan and raffia, toy-bedsteads and other articles too numerous to mention. While a considerable outlay of money is represented here, the institution is reported as having no debt.

So much for the equipment. Much could be said of it, but best of all is the character building that is going on.

And the girls show by their earnestness, courtesy, and good manners, that the heart, as well as the head and hand, is being cultured and adorned.

Practical benefits are visible in the homes from which the girls come. A gentleman visiting at Cloudland hotel, which is located on Roan mountains, was struck with the excellency of the meal he was eating and found on inquiry it was prepared by the daughter of the family who had attended the school at Banner Elk and learned her art of cooking there. This instance, no doubt, has many similar ones which could be narrated. But the best results are found in the homes and characters that are influenced in the highest interests of soul, as well as the body. For Christ is honored and the Kingdom of Heaven peopled by just such institutions as this. May it live long and exert the widest possible power.

J. G. G.

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**SCOTT'S EMULSION**  
stops loss of flesh in babies and children and in adults in summer as well as winter. Some people have gained a pound a day while taking it.  
Take it in a little cold water or milk. Get a small bottle now. All Druggists  
THE STANDARD OF THE WORLD

**From Our Greensboro Correspondent.**

Greensboro, September 20th.—T. F. Coble, the chain gang guard of Capt. Tyson's camp, who on Sept. 6 shot and killed Will Turner, a negro convict who was trying to escape the gang, was, it is alleged, unjustable in his act. J. A. Davidson, chairman of the county commissioners, Friday night offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension and delivery of Coble to sheriff B. E. Jones. Coble, who apparently went to bed Monday night after doing the deed, was missed the next morning and is still at large. He had allowed two convicts to escape recently and it seems that he was determined to not let Turner go. Nelson Turner, the convict's father, has employed attorneys to investigate the matter.

Miss Nettie Dixon, who graduated from the State Normal College last year, will teach in the public school at Dunn this year. She is a neice of Mrs. N. H. Lawrence, of Hickory.

Among those from Catawba county who are attending school here this year are: Miss Nettie Abernethy, of Newton, at the Greensboro Female College; Miss Rose Moose, of Newton, at the State Normal and Industrial College; Misses Lillian Fields, Lizzie Foard, Mattie Abernethy, Pinkie Forney and Gertrude Finger, of rickory, at the State Normal and Industrial College.

The W. G. Field great Minstrels showed to a full house here Saturday night.

The Central Carolina Fair Association has decided to have for the night attraction, at the fair, the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius. This will be a display of fire works far more gorgeous than the famous Payne's Fall of Port Arthur last year.

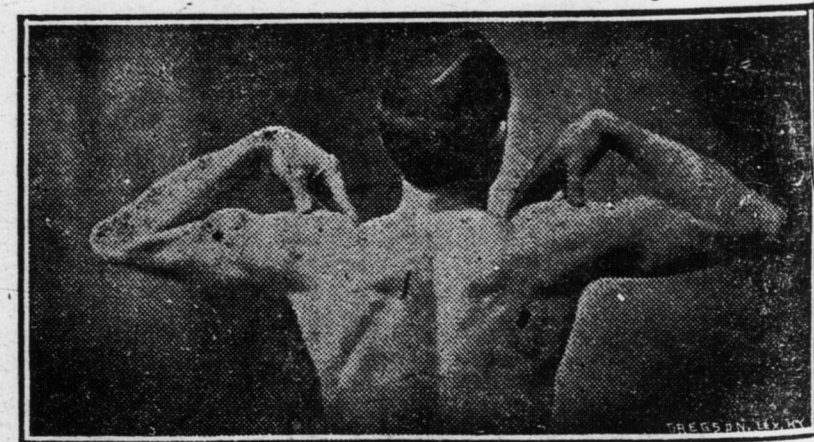
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Adams are here organizing a class for young men and ladies. See ad.

On last Monday, Sargeant H. R. Triplett, of our Military Company, received a beautiful marksman badge from the United States War Department, a prize which he won in the annual target shooting, that came off during the recent encampment at Morehead City. We congratulate Sargeant Triplett.

B. F. Ingold, wife and child, of Elsie, Neb., are in on a visit to his old home and friends. Last week, they visited his father in Iredell county, Monday they came to Hickory, and were met here by his brother, Mr. J. L. Ingold, who took them out to his home. Mr. Ingold left here in 1876. He married in Nebraska. This is Mrs. Ingold's first trip to the Old North State.

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THOS. C. ADAMS, Director.  
MRS. ADAMS, For Ladies.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
Corner 13th Street and 13th Avenue.  
Rev. J. G. Garth, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Boys brigade, 3 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.

**CORINTH REFORMED CHURCH.**  
Corner 13th and Trade Avenue.  
Rev. J. L. Murphy, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Wednesday—Mid-week service, 8 p. m.

**FIRST M. E. CHURCH.**  
1442 Tenth Avenue.  
Rev. J. H. Weaver, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Junior league, 7:15 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.**  
Corner 13th Avenue and 15th Street.  
Rev. J. C. Moser, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Wednesday—Prayer service, 8 p. m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Corner 11th Avenue and 15th Street.  
Rev. J. D. Harte, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer service, 8 p. m. Sunbeam band, every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 4 p. m. Deacon's meeting, Tuesday after 2nd Sunday at 8 p. m. Church meeting, Wednesday after 2nd Sunday at 8:30 p. m. Women's missionary society, Monday after 2nd Sunday at 4 p. m. Ladies Aid society, 1st Tuesday in each month at 4 p. m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper, 1st Sunday of each quarter.

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Episcopal)**  
10th Avenue near 10th Street.  
John S. Moody, Rector.  
Sunday—Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a. m. Evening Prayer and Address, 8 p. m. Sunday school 9:45 a. m. (1st and 3d Sundays each month.) Wednesday—Service and Bible Study Class, 8 p. m. (July and August, 5:30 p. m.) Parish Guild—1st Monday each month 3 p. m.

**A. M. E. ZION CHURCH (Colored)** 521 13th St.  
C. W. Simmons, Pastor.  
Sunday—Preaching service, 11 a. m., 3 and 8 p. m. Sunday school, 1:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer service, 8:30 p. m. Friday—Buds of Promise, 4 p. m.

Of course speculating or dealing in futures sounds more refined than gambling, but a man will lose just as much.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher*

The question of good roads is very important to North Carolina. They would mean substantial advancement in the value of farm property as well as giving the farmer a good highway to the markets. We hope that as many of our people as possible will attend the good roads convention at Asheville in October, and come back preaching the gospel of good roads for our entire County and State.