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From China Grove --

The health of the community is good and everybody quite busy -- molasses making time. Come to our "candy pull."

The sound of the clover-huller is heard in the land.

Squirrels are ripe. "Johnny get your gun" and pay 'em a visit.

Willie Barton is driving nails in Greenfield.

Will Couch is the quietest old bachelor in the district since he got back from Memphis.

Sam Keely is rustivating with a log wagon and three yoke in the woods.

George Baird is helping "Wild Bill" Evans evangelize.

Miss Emma Lett leaves for Huntingdon Monday to attend the Normal School, and Charlie's face is as long as a stack pole.

Miss Nannie Belew is teaching away in Kaintuck, and a goodlooking M.D. is disconsolate over the loss of a patient.

Big meetin's are over and the country is enjoying a much needed rest. Apropos of big meetings, Rev. Evans, a bishop of the Methodist church, went out of his way last Sunday afternoon at Antioch to insult the women of this community, and we want to rise to remark right here that for chastity, purity and virtue, our mothers, sisters and sweethearts are not to be excelled on any part of the face of the earth, and when any man slanders them, even though he do so from the pulpit and in God's house, he's no less a falsifier, a libertine and a slanderer. I believe I voice the sentiments of all. Whether I do or no, I voice my own, and my address can be had for the asking.

"Nemo"

("Nemo" was the name used by cousin Asa Barton when he wrote the China Grove News for the local newspaper. The China Grove Community is located about five miles east of Rutherford, Tennessee.)

Joe Bone
Rutherford, Tennessee

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ALMOST HAIKU

I'm on cabin porch,
Watched by squirrel
in fork of tree.
He won't talk to me.

Joe Bone