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THE POPULARITY CONTEST.

E. Ferguson Leads and Miss Laura Tingen Second.

HOLIDAYS A GOOD TIME TO WORK.

You Meet Friends and Relatives You Can Secure Their Subscriptions and Increase Your Vote.

In the popularity contest growing daily in interest among those that are contesting for the choice of the prizes we are offering, it will be noticed that J. E. Ferguson, our correspondent from Raleigh, route 7, is in the lead. Miss Laura Tingen is a close second and several others are near the same number of votes.

Contestants are showing interest and from what many of them are saying in private letters, many new subscriptions will be added during the holidays. It is a good time for contestants to get busy with friends and relatives and secure subscriptions and greatly increase their votes.

We have assurance that several new contestants will enter by the next issue of The Recorder, and they are planning to enter with a large vote to begin with. Contestants should not see a single opportunity to do work among friends as they will want to make a good showing at the beginning of the New Year.

Possibly a word of explanation will help: In sending in subscriptions, simple write the name and address of each person to whom the paper is to be sent, and the length of time they want. We will at once mail them receipt and they will know that we sent in their subscriptions. We will vote the ballots you are entitled to or send to them as requested. If you do not state, we will vote the coupons you are entitled to.

Following is the vote each have received:

Bessie Markham	735
Christine Rosemond	250
Fred Markham	175
Katie L. Johnson	355
Lona Sorrell	940
Bertha Cole	225
Carrie W. Burch	370
Pearl Lewis	700
Bessie Pickett	350
Annie Reade Long	900
Mattie Terry	580
Corinne Bowling	680
Edna Featherstone	575
Frene Murray	560
Blalen Graves	645
Soda Andrews	300
Ida Herndon	250
Gra Shepherd	750
Laura Tingen	1310
Gulla Carver	400
Lottie Mangum	350
Ola Cash	150
Blanche Shields	535
Mary Fleming	460
Ferguson	1425
Mamie B. Tapp	355
Hester	900

THE DEATH RECORD.

MRS. MARTHA A. HARRIS. Mrs. Harris was 78 years of age and was well known, having many years of her life at Hill. The remains were taken to Henderson Saturday, and the funeral and burial took place Sunday afternoon at the Hobgood Shoe Store is selling shoes that you will need for winter.

FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE UNION.

Its Purpose and Aim—List of the County Officers.

The purpose of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America is to better the condition of the farmers in every respect—to make the farmer's home life more pleasant, to beautify the home by keeping everything nice and clean, to make home life more attractive so that the "boys" of the country will not want to go off to the towns just to get in a "painted" house.

The purpose of the Union is also to get the farmer to once more become "independent" by "living at home"—to raise his home supplies, to educate the farmer to that extent that he will never be much "better off" as long as his "smoke house" is some man's grocery store.

Another purpose is to get the farmer to think of farming as a business, to get him to see if the "expense" he goes to cultivate a piece of land really "pays."

The aim of the Union is to teach scientific intensive farming—also scientific "marketing." Its aim is to eliminate all useless "middle men"—to get the farmer to that condition of affairs that "he" will have a "say so" in what he has to sell is worth, and what he will take for it. The Union is fighting no other organization—no corporation, but is fighting the farmer to get him to use the opportunities he has to become the masters of his own land, and to share a part of the profits of his raw material.

Durham County Union was organized in the court house at Durham Dec. 2d by State Organizer J. Z. Green. It has an intelligent and progressive official family, as follows:

J. D. Fletcher, President; W. H. Wilkins, Vice President; S. M. Suitt, Secretary-Treasurer; S. M. Pope, Chaplain; C. M. Massey, Doorkeeper; W. E. Hodges, Conductor; A. M. Carpenter, J. T. Hicks, Obe Tingen, J. R. S. Atkins and Sam O'Briant, Executive Committee.

Messrs. J. D. Fletcher and W. H. Wilkins were elected delegates to the State meeting.

From Roxboro, Route 5.

Ernest Reams has moved to Push, and doubtless he will make the Push people a good neighbor, and we are glad that he is not going so far away but what he can come back in our community once and a while.

Mrs. Ida Reams recently killed 3 hogs one weighing 302 and the others 276 a piece.

Mr. C. H. Garrett now has the whooping-cough in his family, and we hope that it will not be as serious as some cases that we have heard of in other sections.

The first snow made its appearance on last Saturday night, while it did not remain long some are of the opinion that before the land gets very wet that it will take the thaw of a big snow, and the wheat that now looks so dead would appear green and live again.

This scribe never did ask for but one gift that amounted to anything and that was my better half, but on last Saturday I received a valuable gift in the way of a buggy, and the gift could never have rolled up on wheels to one in a more convenient time, who had sustained the loss of two horses in about three years, and I do from my heart appreciate the kindness of the donor who is my friend and neighbor, Mr. P. S. Rogers. And I will state that he did not do the unsolicited noble deed to get his name in the paper, but if our kind editor allows me space I

will put in his name just the same.

W. A. Barton recently killed one hog that weighed 220, an at the same time Roper killed one that weighed 190 pounds and George Johnson killed one shoat that weighed 380 pounds.

Miss Laura Tingen has returned home, and I understand that she expects to win out in The Recorder contest.

Two organ men passed this way some days ago and left an instrument with Miss Florence Reams. Instrumental music is growing more popular every year.

I wish all your readers a merry Christmas, as I close this epistle. And hope that every child will get something valuable as well as a whistle. **ROPER.**

Election in January

Two people are to be elected by the county commissioners and city aldermen at their meeting in January, about whom many people will be interested. A Recorder for the recorder's court, a prosecuting attorney, and a clerk for the recorder's court. The recorder and clerk will be elected by a joint session of the county commissioners and city aldermen, while the city attorney will be elected by the city aldermen alone.

Interest in the election of the recorder centers around the election for the first time of the present incumbent, Judge R. H. Sykes, who was appointed by the act creating the office. It is said that ex-mayor Graham will be a candidate, but this cannot be said as coming from Mr. Graham, but that he will be pushed by his friends. No other candidate for the place has been mentioned at this writing.

The city attorneyship is not so much of a walk over. The candidates mentioned so far Mr. R. O. Everatt, the present city attorney, and Messrs. S. C. Chambers and D. W. Sorrell are said to be in the race for the place. However, this is merely talk at this time, as the principal effort is made with the aldermen names of those wishing a chance are not as public as it would be the case in election where the people had a say.

The clerk for the Recorder's court will be elected by the joint meeting and several candidate besides Mr. Harris, who was appointed when the office was created.

As the matter will be settled the first Monday in January and the city aldermen and county commissioners will have the privilege of saying who shall serve them, interest of a general public nature will have little time to become stirred up.

Early Sunday Morning Fire.

About 2:15 o'clock Sunday morning an alarm of fire was sounded and the firemen responded promptly.

They found that the Emporium, on East Main street was burning. The fire originated up stairs and the work of getting to the flames was equal to the work done in getting the fire under control. Adjoining stores were not damaged by the fire, but the goods in the store were almost completely destroyed. The loss was about \$6,000 or \$7,000, with insurance.

The Rexall Drug company have purchased the drug store that has been run by Roland H. Parker and will conduct the business in the future. Quite a number of improvements will be made to the building and in about 30 or 60 days the store will present a new appearance and look as well as any drug store in the city.

I AM Thinking of you TODAY because it is CHRISTMAS and I wish you HAPPINESS. And tomorrow because it will be the day after Christmas, I shall wish you happiness; and so on clear through the year. I may not be able to tell you about it every day, because I may be far away, or because both of us may be very busy, or perhaps because I cannot even afford to pay the postage on so many letters or find time to write them. But that makes no difference. The thought and the wish will be here just the same. In my work and in the business of life I mean to try not to be unfair to you or injure you in any way. In my pleasure, if we can be together, I would like to share the fun with you. Whatever joy or success comes to YOU will make ME glad. Without pretense, and in plain words, good will to you is what I mean.—Henry Van Dyke.

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