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ONLY TWO WEEKS REMAIN

Winner Will not Have Long to Wait.

LIVELY INTEREST SHOWN BY MANY.

Only Two Weeks Remain for Contestants and Their Friends to be Busy—The Vote to Date.

The suspense that has marked the Recorder Popularity Contest will soon be ended and the winner announced. Several are making vigorous efforts to be winners, and the result of their efforts make a showing among the list of names published each week.

In correcting the vote last week and error crept in and made the vote of Miss Mamie App show 50,005 which should have been 5,005. This is told here so that it may be understood why her vote should show reduction this week. However, Miss Tapp is still in the lead and if she keeps as she has been for several weeks past there is little indication that she will not be the winner. But two weeks affords opportunity for all to get busy and the final result may be a complete surprise for many.

The vote now stands:

Miss Mamie B. Tapp	5655
Miss Mattie Terry	4125
Miss Laura Tingen	3885
Miss F. Hester	3710
Miss Lona Sorrell	3450
Miss Irene Murray	3340
Miss E. Ferguson	3080
Miss Bessie Markham	2875
Miss Annie Reade Long	2510
Miss Mary Russell Harris	2450
Miss Mary Fleming	1980
Miss Corinne Bowling	1655
Miss Eada Andrews	1640
Miss Pearl Lewis	1600
Miss Julia Carver	1450
Miss Flora Shepherd	1215
Miss Helen Graves	845
Miss Edna Featherstone	775
Miss Katie L. Johnson	745
Miss Blanche Shields	645
Miss Carrie W. Burch	470
Miss Bessie Pickett	450
Miss Lottie Mangum	350
Miss Bertha Cole	325
Miss Ada Herndon	250
Miss Christine Rosemond	250
Miss Fred Markham	175
Miss Ola Cash	150

Bahama News.

Last Friday Mr. E. G. Harris, carrier No. 2 from Bahama, on account of the weather being so high his horse could not travel and he decided to walk and carry his mail. He made the entire route and came in on schedule as fresh as a young colt. Now would like to hear from any other carrier who can beat this record.

At all the farmers are busy burning plant land and looking for another big crop to be planted.

Mr. Claud Lashley, of Stagville, in Bahama on business last day.

There is a great deal of sickness in this community.

Mr. J. F. M. Terry has been sick, but glad to say he is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tilley have sympathy of the neighborhood in the loss of their little son on the old child which died Sunday afternoon.

Arrah for the Recorder contests. Only a short time to go but lots can be done yet.

J. D. C. T.

Miss Judy Banks, well known people that passed Durham a number of years as the driver of the Southern Railway train, died last Sunday. The funeral took place Tuesday at ten o'clock. Until the end Aunt was the recipient of attention from many of her white friends.

AN EXHAUSTIVE PUBLICATION.

Twenty-Third Report of the N. C. Department of Labor and Printing.

The Twenty-third Annual Report of the Department of Labor and Printing of the State of North Carolina has been issued from the office of Commissioner M. L. Shipman.

The chapters of the report cover, as usual, farms and farm labor, wages of farm hands and cost of production of farm products, condition of the trades, miscellaneous factories and industries, cotton, woolen and silk mills, furniture factories, newspaper statistics, and railroad employes and wages.

In addition to this, there has been added a classified list of factories, the labor laws of the State, and a resume of the reports issued for the past ten years, and other interesting information.

An excerpt from Chapter I says: Primarily, the purpose of the statistics is to show hours of labor and wages, conditions of labor, and to give an idea of what progress is being made in an educational and moral way, whether there is an improvement in general proficiency, and the relation of supply and demand.

In some quarters to which the report is sent, these purposes are overlooked, the recipients expecting rather a directory of manufacturing enterprises. Under the peculiar conditions of the law governing the Department and the manner of collection of statistics, it has proved impossible, excepting cotton, woolen and silk mills, to secure a complete list of the factories.

So far as the means at hand have allowed, it has been the purpose to include every factory, of whatever kind, employing five or more people, that it was possible to reach.

Chapter II, farms and farm labor, shows an increase in the value of land in eighty-seven counties, decrease in two and no change in nine. Fertility of land is reported maintained in eighty-four counties; fourteen report that it is not maintained. Six counties report a tendency to have larger farms; ninety-two smaller. Eighty-six counties report labor scarce; twelve plentiful. Ninety-five counties report negro labor unreliable; two reliable, and one, no negro labor. Sixty counties report employment regular; thirty-eight irregular. Every county reports an increase in cost of living.

Chapter III, covering the trades, says:

In addition to the specific information asked for in the blanks sent out, the Department has taken a general survey of the conditions under which the trades, or, more properly speaking, the body of working men and women, are now laboring. The conclusions reached, based on the answers to inquiries which appear in one form or another on all blanks, relate to phases of the question that cannot be answered comprehensively by yes or no, or by any figures. A certain amount of the losses in quantity of work offered and prices paid for service which occurred in the latter part of 1907 and 1908 have been regained, and while employment is by no means so easily found, and it may be that wages are slightly less than in the floodtide of 1907, on the whole, conditions affecting the trades may be said to be in a shape fully as satisfactory as at any time in the industrial history of the State.

Chapter IV, miscellaneous factories, says that general indications show that the factories are

rapidly being put on a substantial basis—that is, show an absence of mushroom growth, or what is commonly known as "schemes." Few new factories are reported, but, on the whole, conditions may be said to represent a stable progress, sufficiently rapid to show growth, but at the same time at a rate that would seem to indicate only the meeting of a demand that may reasonably be expected to be permanent.

Chapter V, covering cotton, woolen, silk and knitting mills, gives general conditions, and much detail information.

Chapter VI, covering furniture factories, reports:

The furniture manufacturing interests represent a quiet, but at the same time an important and substantial industry in the life of the State. While the supply of raw material is by no means acutely short, great inroads are being made on the timberlands that furnish this material, and it is a source of regret that, apparently, no steps are being taken to preserve or provide a supply for use after the present supply has been exhausted.

The newspaper situation, as covered by Chapter VII, shows that in keeping with the advance in every other line of business, the newspapers and institutional publications show an increase for the year of eight in number, and of 137,242 in circulation. Then follows a list of papers, with names of editors, proprietors, circulation, etc.

Taken all in all, the publication represents a deal of crystallized information, evidencing a lot of patient and careful work.

Buffalo News.

Spring beautiful weather, singing birds, blooming flowers and happy one.

As yet the "Grip" has not visited our community. Everybody in usual health, which is a blessing.

Miss Alma Gray entertained a large number of her young friends Saturday from 7 to 11 at a pound party. A number of games was played. We had a real nice time. All leaving declaring Miss Gray an entertaining hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tilley spend Sunday with Mr. George Nicholas and family.

Mr. Bob Tilley went to the store not long since and purchased a bottle of sweet oil also a bottle of extract of lemon, came by leaving his little grandson Eugene with his father to spend a week, took out the extract lemon told Mr. Nicholas to use that in the little fellow's ear during the week. Mr. Tilley intended leaving the sweet oil but made a mistake, Mr. Nicholas used the lemon in the little boy's ear, don't know how it acted. Ha; ha as he is a widower guess he is excusable, as they are generally absent-minded.

J. P. Clark spent an afternoon with Capt. Parrish found him quite cheerful and improving slowly.

Charlie Wilson, one of our most energetic young men, went to Hillsboro Saturday and bought him a new top buggy. Came back several miles out of his way and brought his best girl home with him.

Miss Lorena Garrard spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Daisy and Annie Wilson, she also visited Mrs. Lon Lewis her aunt.

Miss Myrthe Wilson returned to her school this morning after visiting home folks. M. K. C.

Escape and Capture.

Solomon Shepard, serving a term of 30 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Engineer Holt, escaped from the authorities, last week and enjoyed a few days of liberty.

He escaped from the railroad crew near Laurinburg and says that he went from there to Wilson, where he hoboed to Raleigh from which place he walked to Method, the home of his mother. From Method he made his way to Durham, and then on to Efland, where he went to see his girl. It was while at Efland that his whereabouts became known to the officers and he was chased from then until the time he was caught at Gibsonville Monday afternoon. He was carried back to Raleigh and delivered to the penitentiary authorities, and Chief of Police Potillo received the reward of \$200 offered by Governor Kitchin and the \$25 offered by the superintendent of the penitentiary.

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