

## THE GREAT POPULARITY CONTEST IN FULL SWING

Since our last issue, several have been placed in nomination and are entering the contest with a splendid start. Young ladies, its up to YOU to GET BUSY, and see what you can run your vote to before next Thursday's issue. We want a record breaking vote this month and to get it, we are making the following liberal offer: The Courier will give a FREE TRIP, all expenses paid, to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans on February 7th and 8th, to the young lady who secures the largest number of votes by February 1st. Any contestant for this great trip must have twenty thousand votes in order to qualify. This offer is in addition to the other prizes offered, and we want to see some one of the contestants secure this trip.

### LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Miss Nellie Jordan, Trinity. 1408  
" Bertha Luck, Seagrave, Route 2. 201  
" Lena Cole, Dewey. 701  
" Olive Moffitt, Asheboro, Route 1. 201  
" Mary White, Glenside. 4457  
" Fleta Free, Randleman, Route 2. 200  
" Mand Miller, Fullers, Route 1. 1154  
" Nettie Luther, Elzezer. 750  
Miss Maude Curtis, Rameur. 2801  
" Maggie Albertson, Trinity. 201  
" Bettye Shamburger, Hills Store. 1678  
Mrs. W. F. White, Rameur. 200  
" Emma Coltrane, Glenside. 4418  
Miss Lola Trogon, Asheboro, Route 1. 401  
" Ida Cox, Ralph. 401  
" Emma Pierce, Seagrave. 1200  
" Effie Presnell, Mitchfield. 2202  
" Linnie Dorsett, Farmer. 402  
" Effie Harvell, Abner. 265  
" Nannie Hill, Rachel. 403  
Mrs. M. B. Goin, Trinity. 201  
Miss Lydia Lanier, Lassiter. 401  
" Estelle Cranford, Archdale. 200  
" Mand Foushee, Staley. 600  
" Melia Frazier, Franklinville. 200  
" Cora Vucaunon, Seagrave. 200  
" Moneta Yow, Central Falls. 200  
" Mary Stuart, Franklinville. 200  
" Lizzie Cameron, Liberty. 200  
" Bess Farmer, Randleman. 2008

## LEADS THE WORLD IN RAISING CORN.

226 2-3 Bushels Produced in Wake County on One Acre—Mr. J. F. Batts, Of Garner, N. C., Sets a High Standard for Farmers.

The News and Observer publishes the following letter which should interest every Courier reader and we know it will:

"To the editor:—At your request I will write a short article telling about my acre that produced 226 2-3 bushels of corn this year. As some seem to doubt this yield, I will say that the acre was planted and the corn was gathered and measured under the rules of Wake County Corn Contest, and the fact that I produced 226 2-3 bushels on the acre is sworn to in the report filed with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, which is open to the public. My land was upland—sandy soil, with yellow clay subsoil. It produced only five bushels of corn eight years ago. It produced only eight bushels of wheat last year. I followed the wheat with peas last summer, and out about 3,000 pounds of peas per acre. With such a poor start as far as the land is concerned, I had to fertilize to the full extent of my ability. Fortunately I had been selecting and improving my seed corn for seven years; and if my 226 2-3 bushels to the acre proves anything, it proves the wisdom and value of using and improving the seed. I had only one year in which to prepare my land, but I had been working on my seed in a little plot for seven years and I attribute from thirty to fifty per cent of my yield to the prolific quality of the seed. Seed that produce from two to four ears to the stalk, and each ear well filled out and of good size are the only kind of which great crops can be expected. I kept a diary of this acre, and I submit below a condensed statement of it:

On the 12th of March 25 two horse wagon loads of cow manure were spread upon the acre, a spreader being used. March 15th the land was broke with a No. 19 Oliver chilled plow, 12 inches deep. A one-horse Dixie turning plow following in the furrow behind, plowing at a depth of six inches, which left the land broke to a depth of eighteen inches. The land was harrowed with a smoothing harrow the same day.

April 9th, twenty two-horse loads of manure was spread on the land. April 10th the land was broke crosswise to the first breaking, this time to a depth of twenty inches, and was harrowed the same day.

On the 15th 800 pounds of acid, 16 per cent was broadcasted and 2,000 pounds of cotton seed meal was harrowed in. On the 19th the acre was laid off in rows forty-one inches apart with an Oliver Chilled Plow, running twice to the row, throwing the dirt out as deep as possible, then putting 600 pounds of

Home's Fast 8-3 guano in the rows. With a planet, Jr., cultivator with two small wings made a small ridge about five inches below the ground.

The corn was planted April 17th, a planter being used, dropping the corn about eight inches apart, three grains to the hill and about three inches deep. The amount of seed used was three gallons of Batt's Profit four-year corn.

On the 27th of May, a mixture consisting of 200 pounds of cotton seed meal, 200 pounds of acid, 400 pounds kanit and 200 pounds of nitrate soda was harrowed in.

On June 9th another mixture of 200 pounds cotton seed meal, 200 pounds acid, 400 pounds kanit and 200 pounds nitrate soda was broadcast in middle and harrowed in. The corn was 4 1-2 feet high at this time.

The corn was laid flat by heavy winds of June 14th and 17 and had to be straightened up again.

The total amount of commercial fertilizer used was \$58.80.

The corn was gathered in the old way, the fodder being left on the stalk. The cost of producing this yield of corn from the time of the preparation of the soil to the housing of the crop was \$139.02, as follows:

Cotton seed meal, \$14; kanit, \$10; acid, \$12; nitrate soda, \$16.75 guano, \$7.05; cow manure, forty-five loads, \$56.75; labor and team, \$23.97; total cost of crop, \$139.02.

Let me say, Mr. Editor, that I am a reader of the Progressive Farmer, and this article would not be complete if I failed to give credit for the help I have received from it.

Very truly yours,  
J. F. Batts,  
Garner, N. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

P. S.—I will be glad to answer any inquiries.

### Change At Central.

Mr. A. A. Spencer has leased his large and valuable hotel property in Asheboro to Mr. A. Deaver, who comes here from Carthage, N. C. with high testimonials and a good record in that town. Mr. Deaver for a year has been proprietor of the Tyson House at Carthage. Mr. Deaver was attracted to Asheboro, like many others, by its growth and increase in population and in commercial enterprises.

### Smallpox in High Point.

All the churches, moving picture shows and other places for public gatherings have been ordered closed in High Point by the board of health. This prompt action was taken by the board on account of the prevalence of smallpox in the city.

### High Point Bonds.

The city of High Point sold last week \$30,000 of thirty year five per cent water works bonds for \$31,100 and interest. Seasongood & Meyer, of Cincinnati, were the successful bidders.

## MEETING FOR FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Boys' Corn Club Day—Girls' Poultry Club Day—Corn Selection Day.

On Saturday January 29, Mr. O. R. Hudson, who has been located at Stateville in charge of State demonstration work will be at Asheboro to meet the farmers of this county to give demonstrations in the selection of proper corn for planting. He will give farmers much instruction which if put to practice will result in a notable increase in corn production.

Within recent years the government and State agricultural departments have been successful in scattering information in regard to this important matter. Farmers who have in the past been accustomed to planting ordinary corn without any regard for its quality or any care and attention as to whether it was of the select sort, have been educated to the decided advantage of making a careful choice of their seed corn.

It is a fact that the selection and planting of proper seed corn will increase the yield at least 20 per cent.

Mr. Hudson will also talk to the boys about growing corn and to the girls about raising poultry and there will be organized a Boys' County Corn Club and a Girls' County Poultry Club.

Every farmer is requested to bring with him several ears thirty or fifty if convenient of seed corn to be used in testing. If you have not good ears bring such as you have.

To the farmer who brings the best ear of seed corn on that day \$2.50 will be given as a prize; to the farmer bringing the second best ear of seed corn \$1.50 will be given; and to the farmer bringing the third best ear of seed corn \$1.00 will be given.

This meeting is the most important gathering which has been called together in this county.

Its purpose is to stimulate the farming and increase the yield of crops.

The work is in the hands of trained men sent out under the direction of the United States and the State Agricultural Departments.

There is more being done in this state by the Department at Washington and the State Agricultural Department than has been done to help the farmer at any time in the past.

The practical lessons taught the farmers at these institutes in the various county seats are of great and lasting value.

The farmers and their families are expected to turn out in great numbers at this meeting at the court house in Asheboro on Saturday January 29.

### Winningham-Jones.

Miss Cora Steed Winningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winningham of Thomasville, was married to Mr. Samuel L. Jones of the same city during the holidays. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of a number of relatives and intimate friends, by Rev. Parke Holmes, pastor of the Methodist church of that city. The ceremony was performed in the west parlor of the Winningham home and this room had been artistically decorated in holly, mistletoe, cut flowers and potted plants, the color scheme being pink and green. The wedding march was rendered by Mrs. Ivah Medaris, of this city, as the bridal party entered, and "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played during the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a lingerie dress of batiste and val lace and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

Following the ceremony a dainty salad course was served.

The Courier extends congratulations and best wishes.

### Liquidating Agent.

The stockholders of the defunct City National Bank, of Greensboro, have elected Mr. Chas. D. Benbow as liquidating agent subject to the approval of the comptroller of the currency.

The business men of Wilmington have held a meeting and decided to start a movement to secure for the city better freight rates than those which now prevail and which are regarded as oppressive and discriminating.

## STATISTICS FOR NORTH STATE

Per Capita Gift of 33 Cents For Foreign Missions.

The denominational average per capita for foreign missions for the whole state is as follows:

Presbyterian,	\$1.33
Methodist,	.74
Lutheran,	.44
Episcopal,	.36
Friends,	.32
Baptists,	.20
Reformed,	.17
Methodist Protestant,	.14
Dioecles,	.12
Christian,	.09
Average For Denominational Purposes	.06

The following table will show the per capita for the various churches for missionary and educational work in America, together with congregational expenses of various kinds:

Episcopal,	\$12.40
Presbyterian,	8.32
Friends,	7.84
Methodist,	5.19
Lutheran,	4.70
Reformed,	4.03
Meravian,	4.10
Methodist Protestant,	2.79
Baptist,	2.22
Christian,	1.96

North Carolina, \$4.33

Comparative Membership. The comparative number of communicants in each church is given as follows:

Baptist,	217,000
Methodist,	164,342
Methodist Protestant,	20,447
Presbyterian,	43,643
Dioecles,	18,000
Episcopal,	14,547
Lutheran,	13,923
Christian,	9,036
Friends,	6,800
Reformed,	5,013
Meravian,	4,135

Total for State, 516,886

The 516,886 communicants in North Carolina give annually \$1797,002 for congregational expenses; \$442,128 for missionary and educational work in America, or a total of \$2,239,130 for all home purposes. For foreign missions the state gives \$187,897.

### Young People's Farm-Life Clubs.

The County Superintendent of Schools has addressed the following letter to the boys and girls of the county:

Boys' Corn Contests have been organized in Randolph county only one year. This first year one of our own boys won the State prize of \$50 for the largest yield of corn on an acre of land. Now we expect to have another contest, and it is earnestly desired that a much larger number of boys enter. Girls' Poultry Clubs will also be organized. There are 100 rural school districts in the county, and each district ought to furnish a half dozen boys and girls for these contests.

In addition to the State prizes which were given last year, we expect to give county prizes. Just what these prizes shall be will be determined later. It would also be a good plan for school districts, especially the larger and more populous ones, to give prizes also. All these arrangements will be perfected Saturday, January 29th, when the Agricultural Association is organized in Asheboro. We invite all boys and girls who are interested to come to Asheboro that day. We think we will do something that will be of value to you, and that you will be interested in the work to be presented at that time. Prof. I. O. Schaub, of Raleigh, is coming to speak to you. Come and spend the day with us, and we will try to make you feel at home.

Any public school pupil between twelve and twenty years of age may become a member of these clubs. Membership in the county clubs will entitle you to membership in the State Association. Let us have at least 300 boys and girls who will enter these contests. If you cannot come to Asheboro on the date mentioned write me for further particulars. Very truly yours,  
E. J. Colburn,  
County Superintendent of Schools.

Governor Nathan on last Monday convicted Fred Ozment, of Guilford County, of burning a barn, store house and stable, and sentenced him to five years. He has served four years and eight months and has been a good prisoner.

## CENSUS APPLICATIONS FORMS.

Those For Enumerators Received by the District Supervisor.

Census Supervisor A. T. Grant, Jr., whose office is at Mocksville, N. C., has received from the census bureau, a supply of blank applications for persons applying for positions as census enumerators. These will be forwarded to his list of applicants as soon as possible.

The applications, properly filled out, must be returned to the supervisor not later than January, 31st, the census directors having extended the time for filing from January 25th, which was the date first set for closing the consideration of applications. The "test" will occur February 5th, as previously announced.

The instructions printed on the application form state that a definite answer to the following question is required:

"Are you a citizen of the United States? If a naturalized citizen, when and where were you naturalized?"

"Of what state or territory are you a legal resident? How long have you been a legal resident thereof? Of what county and of what town or city and ward are you a resident? How long have you been a resident thereof?"

"What is your sex and color? What was your age at your last birthday? Where were you born? What is your education? (Give the principal facts.)"

"What is your present occupation? What is your professional or business experience? (Give the principal facts, and, if at present an official holder, name the office you hold.)"

"Have you ever been employed on census work, either national or state? If so, in what capacity and for how long a period? If an enumerator, for what territory or district? (Describe as accurately as possible.)"

"Are you physically capable of a full discharge of the duties of a census enumerator? Have you any defect of eye sight, hearing, speech or limb? If so, state nature of defect."

"Do you speak English? Do you understand and speak any other language than English? If so what language? (Specify languages spoken as Bohemian, Chinese, Danish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Magyar, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slavic, Spanish, Yiddish, etc.)"

"Are you a member of a political committee of any party? Answer 'yes' or 'no,' but do not indicate what party."

"In view of the fact that you may be required to take a test before a postmaster, state what postoffice would be most convenient to you for this purpose."

(This test is of a practical character, consisting chiefly or wholly of the filling out of a sample schedule of population from information furnished regarding typical families, and in the case of enumerators whose work will be in rural districts the filling out of a sample schedule of agriculture.)

"Are the answers to each of the foregoing questions true to the best of your knowledge and belief? Are they in your own handwriting?"

Endorsements must be secured from two representative citizens of the community in which the applicant resides. They must be at least 21 years of age and acquainted with the applicant not less than one year. Endorsements will not be accepted from any person who is in any way related to an applicant. The endorsement certifies that the applicant is a thoroughly trustworthy and honest person, of good habit, and in my opinion, is fully capable of discharging the duties of a census enumerator, if appointed."

Randleman Township Votes Bonds for Good Roads.

The election in Randleman township on the question of issuing \$50,000 in bonds for good roads last Tuesday was carried by a majority of 126. This will mean from twelve to fifteen miles of good roads for this township.

It is now reported that republicans are to nominate Richmond Pearson as their next candidate for governor or if Locke Craig is the nominee of the democrats; otherwise Representative John M. Morehead will be put up by the Republicans.

## HONOR ROLL.

List of Loyal Courier Readers Who Have Renewed or Become New Subscribers.

Below will be found a list of the loyal Courier friends who have either renewed or added their names to the Courier's Honor Roll.

Is YOUR name written there beloved? If not, we will be delighted to have it appear in our next.

M. F. Pugh, J. M. Green, W. O. Rice, Mrs. E. L. Fox, Mrs. Emma F. Kearns, D. B. Presnell, Lebbens Auman, R. W. Kearns, Alma Barker, Joe M. Johnson, Nathan Sheffield, Z. H. Lowdermilk, J. W. King, C. W. Shaw, P. T. Kearns, Mrs. Mary Yow, A. T. Williams, C. C. Jarrett, John Bray, Vina Allred, H. P. McCrary, W. F. McCrary, Noah King, Duncan Dove, Sank Lindsay, T. B. Prevost, Jas. Lindsey, W. H. Brady, J. M. Tippet, S. W. Free, N. F. Marsh, W. D. Mayner, Mary Jane Cox, Presley Moon, J. S. Williams, H. B. Moore, W. A. Buckner, Mrs. J. F. Buckner, Virgie Wall, E. C. Lamonds, John M. Fentress, John Gregson, J. M. Hoarne, J. C. Vickory, L. W. Cagle, Frank Gray, J. A. Henson, Mattie Groce, Mary Hobson, W. D. Thornburg, J. O. Forrester, S. M. Underwood, O. K. Leach, J. K. Hankins, Edie Harwell, Ralph Leach, S. G. Colborn, T. W. Steed, Mrs. R. D. Colborn, B. Frank Page, P. F. Fields, J. P. Fields, V. C. Marley, J. M. Hunsacker, Mrs. A. A. Trogan, Sam Bingham, T. E. Marshall, Everett Elington, John M. Marley, W. H. Hardin, A. R. Kearns, A. A. Wagner, B. S. Kinney, J. D. Gregg, Jacob G. Moser, Mrs. Alice Staley, J. C. Faust, B. M. Brower, R. A. Smith, Gilliam and Patterson, Mary A. White, E. E. Pugh, A. M. Rankin, J. R. Reitzell, H. A. Moffitt, Bellvue Hotel, T. L. White, H. A. Tomlinson, Mrs. Solomon Frazier, J. N. Hodgins, A. G. Pool, D. S. Davis, K. G. Coltrane, R. C. Smith, Roddy Fields, S. C. Cranford, Jesse F. Coltrane, Dr. J. D. Bulla, W. H. Wall, E. L. Tomlinson, R. R. Ragan, I. T. Stout, Daniel Merrill, A. J. Lamar, C. E. Macon, J. R. Peace, W. H. Peace, Geo. T. Macon, C. H. Rush.

## WORST BLIZZARD SINCE 1888.

Lives Lost and Business at a Standstill.

The worst storm in 22 years was in the northern states last week.

In New York it began Thursday night at midnight and was not over until Saturday. In New York the earth is covered with a blanket of snow fifteen inches deep. In Pennsylvania and New England it is deeper. The wind blew a gale of from 40 to 75 miles an hour. Seven persons in New York city alone lost their lives in the storm and three more will die, while hundreds of others sustained minor injuries.

In many places the hurricane forced the wind in open stretches of country, piled the snow high across highways and railroads, and in many places a wheel turned. Practically all business was suspended in New York city. Vessels could not get in nor out of port.

The wireless telegraph was to a great extent the only method of communicating information to the world.

## IT WAS A BIG AFFAIR.

Everybody Was Impressed With the Immensity of the Laymen's Meeting.

The great Laymen's Missionary Meeting in Greensboro last week took our breath—the very bigness of the thing swept us off our feet.

It was the first time we ever knew the women to be literally crowded out by the men. Arrangements had been made to accommodate the ladies in the galleries but they were excluded and were assigned separate quarters with a separate programme for them alone.

The intensity and immensity of the movement, the earnestness of every endeavor, the determination to evangelize the world in this generation impressed every one present.

There were 1472 delegates present who registered by card. This did not include the speakers.

Supt. Bruce Craven Is Elected For Another Term In Advance.

Prof. Bruce Craven, superintendent of the Kinston graded schools, was elected at the last meeting of the school board for a term commencing at the expiration of the present term, thus securing his services for 1910-1911. This was an unprecedented action and met with opposition by two members of the board on this account.—News and Observer.

### Steamer Burns.

The steamer Estelle Randall of the Farmers and Merchants North Carolina line, was destroyed by fire at her wharf at Columbia last Monday night. William Exley, the cook, perished, and several of the crew were compelled to jump overboard. The Estelle Randall was one of the largest passenger and freight steamers in North Carolina, and plied between Elizabeth City and Norfolk via Columbia.