

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The February Prize Winners Are Miss Moleta Yow First, Mrs. A. B. Coltrane Second and Miss Mary White Third.

The first prize, a handsome Mission Wall Clock and Five Dollars in Gold, was won by Miss Moleta Yow, of Central Falls, who secured 29,296 votes during the month.

We congratulate these ladies as well as the other contestants who made substantial gains during the month. It has been a short month and much bad weather but in number of subscriptions and votes, was a larger month than January.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS. Table listing names and vote counts for various categories like Butter Making, Poultry Clubs, etc.

W. H. Neal, Jr., Accidentally Shoots Self. W. H. Neal, Jr., son of Ex-Judge W. H. Neal, of Laurinburg, while returning from a hunt on Monday at this week, no one being with him at the time, accidentally shot and killed himself.

Logan and Sewall Land and Adams Sited. The President has appointed H. F. Sewall, of Carthage, district attorney for the Eastern district of North Carolina to succeed Harry Skinner.

Randolph County Confederate Monument. Contributions to December 31st, 1909: \$846.75. Contributions in January, 1910: \$94.00. Previous contributions in February: \$50.00.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. J. C. Penny, Greensboro, N. C., \$25.00; L. F. Fort, Raleigh, N. C., \$5.00; W. D. Stedman, Asheboro, N. C., \$25.00; J. T. Lawrence, Mineral Wells, Texas, \$5.00; W. W. Howard, Mineral Wells, Texas, \$5.00.

Mr. J. C. Shaw, a son of Maj. John D. Shaw, of Rockingham, has decided not to return to North Carolina and form partnership with his father as he first expected, but will locate in Portland Oregon.

Change in Board of Education. Dr. C. H. Phillips has been appointed a member of the Board of Education for Randolph county in place of Mr. W. N. Elder, resigned.

by the Sanford Candy Company, per C. C. Albright. Butter Making. For the two pounds of nicest butter by unmarried lady: First prize—Cash prize of \$2.50, given by John W. Reece.

LIBERTY PROGRESSIVE TOWN.

Industrial Club Organized—New Industries Being Organized—One of the Best Graded Schools in the State—Prizes For Boys And Girls To Be Given.

The people of this section of the State are just waking up to a realization of the fact that the town of Liberty, Randolph County, offers to home-seekers and investors advantages and inducements that can be obtained nowhere else in Piedmont North Carolina.

The town is located in the midst of a fine agricultural section; nature has bestowed upon it every feature of beauty that man should seek; there is no healthier spot in the State, infectious diseases, fever chills and similar forms of sickness being absolutely unknown; a commodious graded school building equipped with every modern convenience has been erected within the last year, and the town now has a school second to none in the State; the population is made up of a people kind, hospitable and law-abiding; living is cheap, and in fact, everything that goes to make a desirable life in which to live and enjoy life, health and happiness is here to be found.

That the citizenship is progressive and is keeping abreast with the times is clearly demonstrated by the recent action of the business men of the town in organizing the Liberty Industrial Club. This club was organized for the purpose of aiding in the development of the town and surrounding country. Practically all the citizens of the town have enrolled their names as members, and that the organization will be of lasting good to the town, and will aid in the growth and development of the surrounding country, is clearly seen from the personnel of the officers, viz: A. S. Pickett, President; Dr. J. D. Gregg, Secretary; John W. Curtis, Treasurer; J. L. Hardin, W. M. Hanner, A. M. Ellison, Dr. R. D. Patterson, W. T. Gilliam, Executive Committee.

Prizes Offered For Highest Yields Of Cotton, Corn, Etc.

One of the first acts of the Club was to offer prizes for boys and girls who might want to engage in raising poultry, corn, cotton, or in canning goods, and other domestic work. Below appears a list of all the prizes offered to this time. Others will be arranged later perhaps.

Boys' Corn Clubs.

For the most corn grown on one acre of land by boys under twenty years of age:

First prize—Suit of clothes, valued at \$15.00, given by the Liberty Mercantile Company.

Second prize—One overcoat, valued at \$12.50, given by McPherson & Pickett.

Third prize—Either a Chattanooga plow No. 64 or an Oliver Chill No. 19, valued at \$10.00, given by Gilliam & Patterson.

Fourth prize—One buggy robe, valued at \$8.00, given by J. L. Hardin.

Fifth Prize—One pair Biltrite shoes, valued at \$4.50, given by A. M. Ellison.

Cotton Growing.

For the most cotton grown on one-half acre of land by boys under twenty years of age:

First prize—\$5.00 in gold, given by Dr. E. D. Patterson.

Second prize—One rocker, valued at \$4.00, given by the Liberty Club Company.

Third prize—One pair Society King shoes, valued at \$3.50, given by Patterson Drug Company.

Fourth prize—Cash, \$3.00, given by Liberty Milling Company.

Canned Goods.

For the best display of canned goods by unmarried lady:

A PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE.

Mrs. Masten Writes Interestingly of the People of Her Native County.

I do not know what slogan has been accepted, but I am of the opinion that "Success" is a pretty good synonym for Asheboro, and might be used in a slogan for that city.

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Some one has truly said, that genius is not a mysterious gift, as is commonly supposed, but that it is simply the capacity to work hard, and the inclination to keep everlastingly at it. Therefore, any feat, whether performed by skill of muscle or of management and perseverance, is a work of genius.

After 1865, Southern manhood had, not only its wounds to heal, its health to recover, and its desolate homes and firesides to nurture and restore; it had its ruined fortunes to rebuild from the ground. But the North overlooked that fact, and therefore, acquired a custom of sneering at the Southern people on account of a certain apathy of theirs towards national affairs and general progress.

Notwithstanding the President's friendship for Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior, and his effort to prevent an investigation, and the plans of a committee appointed to whitewash, yet the disclosures are so clear that Pinchot and Shaw and Glavis were honestly trying to conserve the public lands for the people. While Ballinger was favoring the gobbling up the vast areas of coal lands in Alaska for the Guggenheims, owners of the Copper River Railroad, former clients of Ballinger, public sentiment is so crystallizing against Ballinger that he will, in the near future, be driven from the cabinet as was Paul Morton, whom President Roosevelt stood by so long.

The Supreme Court has reversed a case in which there is much interest. It is that of the State vs. Whedbee from Union, in which the judgment is arrested. In this case Mr. T. C. Whedbee, an attorney, of Perquimans, was charged with false pretense in obtaining subscriptions to the stock of the Seminole Securities Company of Columbia, S. C., and being found guilty was sentenced to two years on the roads.

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ANNUAL MEETING STATE JR ORDER

THE MOST LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING EVER HELD.

Proposition to Change Date of Annual Meeting—Subordinate Councils to Vote on Question of Appropriating Sum For Junior Orphanage in This State.

The State Junior Order meeting was held last week.

The orphanage question was adjusted with other very important differences with the National Order, such as alleged extravagance and unjust assessments for the National Organization's support. Similar differences caused the Virginia State Council to withdraw from the National Order some time ago.

Despite the opposition of the national organization forces, led by National Councilor Taylor, of Nashville, Tenn., who was present, backed by the newly elected Councilor, Goodwin, of Elizabeth City, advocates of a State Orphan's Home, adopted a resolution that a State Orphan's Home shall be established, by a vote of 98 to 12.

This matter will also go before the different councils in the State for a referendum vote. The members of the state council feel assured that the vote will be in favor of the orphanage and anticipating this a board of trustees were elected in order that the work might be commenced at once provided the vote was favorable to the proposition.

The board is composed of six members as follows: N. L. Eure, Greensboro, and T. G. Cobb, Morganton, three years each; J. W. Sechrest, High Point, and Dr. B. O. Edwards, Landis, two years each; E. L. Edmundson, Goldsboro, and Paul Jones, Tarboro, one year each.

An appropriation of ten thousand dollars as a nucleus fund was made, the same to be submitted to subordinate councils for majority ratification. Retiring State officials all favor such action, as do four of the five members of the new executive committee, of which Councilor Goodwin is ex-officio chairman.

The temper of members was plainly favorable to ultimate secession from the jurisdiction of the national organization, unless deferred concessions are vigorously promised and speedily granted. Many leading conservative delegates declare they see no prospect now of being able to patch up a permanent truce between the nationals and the seceders among local or national organization partisans.

It is said that it is almost certain that the Junior Order Orphanage will be located in Guilford county just above Old Trinity on the railroad from High Point to Asheboro. The orphanage, known as the Friends' Orphanage, it has said has been offered to the Juniors for ten thousand dollars.

Wilmington was the unanimous choice, however. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: State Councilor, W. Ben Goodwin, Elizabeth City.

State Vice Councilor, L. T. Hartsell, Concord.

Secretary, Sam F. Vance, Winston-Salem.

Assistant Secretary, R. H. Fulghum, Wilson.

Treasurer, Geo. V. Fulp, Kernersville.

Warden, D. C. Robbins, Goldsboro.

Conductor, H. H. Buckner, Graham.

Inside Sentinel, H. A. Stilwell, Charlotte.

Outside Sentinel, J. J. Phoenix, Greensboro.

Chaplain, Rev. S. F. Nicks, Pelham.

John Y. Smith, a Greensboro con tractor, aged 70 years, father of Recorder D. B. Smith, of Charlotte, and several other children, died February 23rd. He was born in Randolph county and moved to Greensboro forty years ago.

INSURANCE AGENT KEPT OFF ROADS.

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SAMPEON FARMER SHOT BY POLICEMAN.

White, the mayor, and two policemen of Clinton, N. C., on Monday of this week, were trying to quiet a drunken man in a back lot, one police officer, J. K. Tew, shot and killed George J. Jones, a well to do farmer, who had become engaged in a mix up, who it is claimed had advanced upon the officer with a drawn club in an effort to extricate a brother engaged in the difficulty. Jones it is said was sober.