

OPEN LETTER TO RANDOLPH BOYS FROM MR. COLTRANE.

Boys Urged to Enter the Corn Contest Now--See Your Father About the Acre of Land and Get Into the Contest, Then Write Mr. Coltrane at Once.

The letter follows, Asheboro, March 28, 1910.

To the Farmer Boys of Randolph County:

I have had a great deal to say about Boys' Corn Clubs and the possibilities of this phase of the work.

The time has now come for every boy to act in some way. Over 100 boys have already taken the step, and this has inspired us to ask that another 100 follow the example.

If you are a boy on the farm and will not be 20 before August 1st, I wish you would consider this a personal letter.

I want you to get ready right now to grow an acre of the best corn ever grown in the county--the very best acre you can possibly grow. Please do not delay the matter by saying that you will do this another year. Now is your time.

I have already made a fairly complete statement of the prizes to be given by the State and the county, and also prizes offered to boys living within ten miles of Liberty, and to those in Richland, Coleridge and Concord townships. All these prizes will amount to about \$400. Other prizes will doubtless be arranged later. Look at last week's paper for a statement of prizes, and also look out for other prizes that will be announced later.

Our rules will be practically the same as those governing the State contest. Every boy in this contest must cultivate one acre in corn, doing all the work himself, except he may have help to first break the land and also in gathering the crop; but after the land is first broken the contestant must do all the work himself. Not over \$10 worth of commercial fertilizer per acre must be used. Lot and stable manure are not considered as commercial fertilizer and may be used without limit.

We shall expect every boy to keep a record of all fertilizers used, kind and amount, work done on the acre, and everything of the kind; also of the weather, rains, droughts, etc., and the condition of the soil when worked, the time of planting, cultivation, etc. A boy can not win a prize unless he keeps these records.

We want you to get ready and go to work at once. Your father will let you have an acre of land, and if he does not think that he ought to furnish the fertilizer and manure, tell him that you will pay for it out of your own crop. Where you can not get the land rent-free, offer to pay the rent also out of your crop. Let us not balk at anything. Do not delay, until it is too late and then wish that you had won a prize of \$25 or more. The other fellow will get the money and the crop too.

Don't wait for somebody to encourage you to enter the contest. Just decide now that you are going to do it. You do not have to sign a blank, but we would rather have your name in order that we may send you some literature that will be helpful. Prof. I. O. Schaub has promised to send you all the bulletins that will assist you in growing your crop. We are going to ask you to cut out the application blank, which appears below and send it to us at once. It does not pledge you to anything; it simply gives us your name, and then we know that you are interested so that we help you.

See your father today about that acre of land and let us start to work right away. We have no time to lose. A boy can not enter the corn contest after May 10. The boy who decides that he will do his best in work of this kind is the chap who will make a man of himself. Please tear off the coupon today and mail it to E. J. Coltrane, Co. Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I am thinking of entering the Randolph County Boys' Corn Contest this year and I am sending you this blank just to let you know. I wish you would send me just as soon as possible the printed suggestions and bulletins from the Department of Agriculture. My age is... and I live in... township.

Yours very truly,

Name.....

AT FARMERS LAST SATURDAY.

Meeting of Farmers--Much Interest Manifested--Prizes for Boys and Girls.

A large number of farmers were present in the meeting which was held at Farmer last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of selecting and testing seed corn. County Superintendent Coltrane and Mr. J. H. Kearns, farm demonstrator, conducted the meeting. The principal topics of discussion were preparation of the soil, better cultivation of crops and better seed selection. The people of Concord township are much alive to the better methods of farming. This fact is well shown by the money voluntarily offered for prizes in the young people's contests. Without much effort \$25 was raised to be given as prizes to the boys and girls who enter the contest. A prize of \$8.00 will be given to the boy in Concord township who raises the most corn on an acre of land, and second and third prizes of \$1.00 and \$3.00 will also be given. Prizes for girls will be announced later. A movement is planned to have twenty boys and thirty girls to enter from Concord township. In the fall a township exhibit of the products will be held at Farmer. Boys from the township who wish to enter the contest should give their names to Mr. J. H. Kearns, or write direct to the County Superintendent.

THIS LOOKS BAD FOR ARSON SUSPECTS.

Goods Found Which Seem to Have Been Removed Just Before the Fire.

Statesville, March 28--Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott and Sheriff Deaton went to Mooreville Wednesday and seized all the property there belonging to R. L. Bame, the merchant, who is charged with firing his store at Granite Quarry, and who is to be tried in Salisbury April 1st. In searching the home of Bame at Mooreville, the officers found about \$400 worth of goods, which it is alleged were taken from the store before it was fired. The goods were hid about the house in closets, under beds, etc. The seizure of the goods is in accordance with attachment proceedings instigated by the insurance companies from which Bame collected \$1,100 of insurance money shortly after the fire. About \$800 worth of goods alleged to have been removed from the store at night a short time before the fire, have been found at the home of M. L. Parker, who lives about two miles from Granite Quarry, and who is indicted along with Bame. These goods have also been seized by the officers.

The Road Drag.

The road drag costs very little and is not difficult to use. Directions for making the drag have been published in The Courier several times. Also a cut of the drag has been published in this paper. Those who have mislaid The Courier containing directions for making the split log drag, can obtain all the information desired by writing to Jess ph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, N. C.

The split log drag can be used only in rainy weather or when the roads are muddy. It is a waste of time to use the drag when the roads are dry.

Henry Staabury, a half witted Durham boy drank five ounces of carbolic acid last Saturday night and died soon thereafter.

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A STEADY GAIN BY WORKERS

There has been a gain almost all along the line of The Courier workers since the last issue of The Courier. It is not known how many subscriptions are held back by the contestants.

All who expect special prizes for March must make returns on or before April 1st.

Special prizes for April will be announced in The Courier next week. Get in the race for the April prizes. We shall offer a special prize not only for the one receiving the largest number of subscriptions for the month of April, but also the one collecting the largest amount on new subscriptions.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS. Mrs. A. B. Coltrane, Glenora 56,885; Miss Moleta Yow, Central Falls 53,397; Miss Mary White, Glenora 25,509; Miss Lizzie Cameron, Liberty 12,565; Miss Betsey Shamburger, Hills Store 89,34; Miss Nettie Jordan, Trinity 7,731; Miss Beasia Farmer, Handeman 7,122; Miss Maud Fosshee, Ransom 2,200; Miss Ella Pressell, Michfield 6,519; Miss Lena Cole, Dewey 6,551; Miss Myrtle Johnson, Worthville 5,376; Miss Alice Burgess, Ransom 3,746; Miss Bertha Luck, Sawgrove, Route 2 3,701; Miss Maud Miller, Fultes, Route 1 2,580; Miss Maud Fosshee, Ransom 2,200; Miss Stella Kelly, Troy 2,200; Miss Maggie Alderton, Trinity 2,020; Miss Emma Pierce, Seagrave 2,000; Miss Ella Harwell, Abner 2,543; Miss Mary Stuart, Franklinville 1,800; Miss Cora Vuncannon, Seagrave 1,502; Miss Ida Cole, Raleigh 1,001; Miss Stella Frazer, Franklinville 951; Miss Myrtle Pugh, Asheboro, Route 1 1,400; Miss Lydia Lassiter, Lassiter 613; Miss Linnie Dorsett, Farmer 418; Miss Nannie Hill, Rachel 405; Miss Lola Trogdon, Asheboro, Route 1 404; Miss Jamie Ellis, Millboro 400.

Convention of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. Church in High Point Next Week.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. P. Church in North Carolina will hold its annual convention in High Point April 6th and 7th. Mrs. Joy Harris Glasscock announces the program in our Church Record of last week. The ladies done a splendid work in Japan and have since the last meeting, sent a worker into China. The meetings will be held in the M. P. Church in High Point with the following program:

- Tuesday evening, 8 to 10, reception to visiting ladies. Wednesday Morning 10 O'clock. Praise Service, led by Mrs. W. A. Foust. Address of Welcome, Mrs. A. G. Dixon. Response, Mrs. A. B. Kimball. Roll call of Officers. Reading of Minutes of last meeting. Enrollment of Delegates. Paper--Our Missionaries: Where They Are and What They Are Doing. Mrs. J. F. McCalloch. Appointment of Committees. Business. Adjournment. Wednesday Afternoon 2:30 O'clock. Devotional Exercises, Miss Susie Stafford. Reading of Minutes of morning session. Report of Corresponding Secretary. Reports of Committees. Treasurer's Report. Paper--A Plea to the Church, Mrs. Inez E. Foust. Business. Adjournment. Wednesday Evening 8 O'clock. Devotional Service, Mrs. A. G. Dixon. Address, Mrs. Stephen S. Myrick. Announcements. Benediction. Thursday Morning, 10 O'clock. Devotional Service, Mrs. S. H. Lineo. Roll call. Reading of Minutes. Reports from Auxiliaries. Reports from Supts. of Departments. Paper--Our Duty to Our Auxiliaries Miss Etta Aman. Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 O'clock. Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. G. Dixon. Reading Minutes. Round Table, Conducted by Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Subject, The Auxiliary with all its Interests. Election of Delegates to Executive Board Meeting. Paper, Miss Susie Stafford. Selecting places for the next meeting. Miscellaneous Business. Benediction. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoover, who have been in Greensboro for some time, have returned and will make their home here for a few months.

Lord's Day Week--April 3rd-10th, 1910.

For thirty-two years societies seeking to exalt the Lord's Day in Europe and America, have asked God's people to observe one week in April as Lord's Day Week.

Because we are in the greatest crisis of the history of the Sabbath in America, both in the United States and Canada, the International Federation of Sunday Rest Associations of America ask with increased emphasis that April 3rd to 10th, 1910, be observed as Lord's Day Week. The liquor and other powers of evil, knowing that if "the Sabbath be destroyed, Christianity will perish," are attacking this divine gift as never before.

In twelve or more states efforts have been made to legalize Sunday sports, mainly Sunday ball games. The wild craze for amusement which always comes on the crest of great national wealth, continues its debasing influence, notwithstanding all laws of God or man. It is planned to make this attack still more vigorous the coming year. Hence we appeal to all lovers of God and humanity to rally at once to the "help of the Lord against the mighty."

But first we must praise God for His gift of one day in seven to shut out ordinary work and worldly pleasure and let God have full possession of the inner life; for the defeat of most of the efforts to legalize Sunday sports; for the co-operation of Roman Catholic Bishops, especially in New York and Canada; and all Protestant authorities in fighting Sunday sports; for the assurance of the Secretary of the Navy that he will check the Sunday ball games of the Navy; for the passage in South Dakota by a popular vote of a very strong law forbidding Sunday sports; for the hearty co-operation in Canada of the authorities of the provinces for the enforcement of law; for the reorganization of the American Sabbath Union as the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States with plans to secure auxiliaries in every state; and for victories over Sunday lawlessness in the United States and Canada wherever there has been organized, persistent effort to that end.

Will each one prayerfully ask him-self the following questions: 1st--Do I appreciate the value of the Lord's Day to body, mind and soul and so spend it as that its cleansing and quickening power beautifies my home, social and business life, my relations to my employees or my employer and gives me power to put down evil in my community and win the perishing Christ?

2nd--Do I realize the cruelty of driving many to Sunday toil in order to give others amusement on that day, in view of the soul ruin of Sunday sports and Sunday toil as proven by the reports of criminologists and others who have made a close study of this question, and all testify that Sunday sports so weaken the moral fibre of those who give even a part of the day thereto as to make them a more ready prey to temptation to other crimes?

3rd--Am I doing all in my power to better Sabbath conditions in my own community? Such careful self examination will prepare for the effective prayer and labor.

Prayer without self-sacrificing labor according to opportunity is mockery and labor without wrestling prayer is ineffective. Let us thus prepare for a year of effective service in behalf of God's holy day and the millions defrauded of it by toil and sport.

Will all religious editors urge the observance of this week? Will every pastor put this appeal in the hands of members of his church? Preach on the subject and devote one prayer meeting to it this week or as soon thereafter as may be convenient? Will every young people's society, ministers' meeting, men's club or brotherhood, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., W. C. T. U. and Lord's Day association give one service to study and prayer on this subject.

Prayer and labor especially: 1st, that all Christians may make the whole Sabbath a holy day of joy to young and old, and their homes free from Sunday newspapers and social functions.

2nd, That all employees may be secured a full rest day each week.

3rd, That a nation may be awakened so to study history and criminology as to realize the serious peril of allowing Sunday sports.

4th, That the Christian forces of each community may federate for kind, persistent work, 1st, to edu-

A GUN FIRES IN THE POLITICAL REVOLUTION.

There is Gloom and Desolation in the Camp of the Republican High Muck-a-Mucks.

When a 1400 majority rock ribbed Republican Gibraltar district in Massachusetts elected to Congress a Democrat by 5000 majority it shocked Alreb, Payne, Cannon, Taft and the whole outfit. Coming on the heels of the taking of Cannon off the Committee on rules in the House, thereby denying him a privilege always heretofore accorded a Speaker of the House, it is cyclonic in its effect upon the Republican leaders. The defeated candidate gives the high cost of living as the cause of his defeat. He says:

"If the result will serve to convince the Republican leaders at Washington that something must be speedily accomplished in the way of lowering the cost of living, I shall feel that my defeat has not been without value."

Never in all its life have the prospects been so gloomy for the Republicans. The Springfield Republican writing on the political situation says:

"The outlook for November is the gloomiest for the Republicans that can be recalled in a generation. Even in 1890, the prospect prior to the election was not discouraging to the Republican leaders. Under Speaker Reed, the party in the House had been solidly united and had made an extraordinary record for efficiency in transacting legislative business. Mr. Reed himself was apparently a very popular figure as he toured the country appealing for a vindication. The McKinley tariff had aroused as yet no such protest in the Republican party as the Payne-Aldrich schedules have in the past year. The tidal wave that finally overwhelmed Reed and McKinley, and left the Harrison administration to buffet with a hostile Congress during the rest of its life, came as a surprise to the country, which had anticipated a political deluge of no such proportions.

"Today, the forecasters are almost invariably extremists in their pessimism concerning the fate of the Republican party, and it must be conceded that the conditions seem to justify their views. Something must happen very soon to alter the face of things, if a disaster of great proportions is to be escaped by the 'party of government' in the autumn appeal to the people."

The Boston Globe says: "The effacement that took place in the 14th district is not local. It is national. Tariff schedules are inequitable."

The Boston Herald thinks the result, starting as it may be to those who wilfully or carelessly have ignored the very evident signs of the times, is only the natural working out of causes which have been contributed by the leadership of the Republican party in Congress."

The Boston Post concludes its review of the result by saying:

"Massachusetts tells the country today that she is weary of Republican professions that have produced few results; that she is disgusted with a tariff law that is still in the interests of monopolies and overgrown 'infant industries'; that she demands relief from high prices on foodstuffs, beef in particular, which could be easily brought about by a few simple changes in customs clauses, and that, finally she wholly distrusts the party in power and would gladly see it turned as soon as possible. Like 'Truthful James,' she may say, 'Which is why I remark, and my language is plain.'"

The New York Times thus states the meaning:

"The significance of his election in a district hitherto strongly Republican and by a large majority, is therefore perfectly plain and not to be clouded by sophistical argument. The first opportunity the Republican voters in Republican Massachusetts, and a stronghold of protection, have had to express their dissatisfaction with the Payne-Aldrich bill and the circumstances of its enactment, they expressed it vigorously and unmistakably."

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the result must make even President Taft realize how the country feels about the Payne-Aldrich tariff, and it adds:

"Rarely is the meaning of an election so clearly written on the face of the returns. Ten thousand men who, in 1908, voted the Republican ticket, voted a year and a half later, for the Democrat candidate. More than that, they cast their ballots for a man who only recently deserted the Republican party, because he could not stand the tariff iniquity. Mr. Foss made his campaign on the tariff and the high cost of living, and let every voter in the district understand his attitude."

The New York Mail, Republican, says:

"The overturn in the special election in the 14th Congress district of Massachusetts is the most startling piece of political news since the capture of the Democratic party by the silverites in 1896. So far as it is fairly significant of general conditions, it indicates a political revolution, a shifting of the balance almost beyond precedent."

MARTIN LUTHER IS FOUND IN THE UWHARRIE RIVER.

Martin Luther, a Cripple, Believed to Have Committed Suicide Because His Mother Wanted Him to Go to School--Sad Tragedy.

The body of Martin Luther was found by Jesse Luther, Rufus Lassiter and others in Uwharrie river last Monday.

The young man was fishing on Easter Monday and saw the body floating in the river in the Lassiter mill pond nearly half mile above the mill.

This young man disappeared from home on November 16, 1909, and had never been heard from since. He was tracked to the river and the river was dragged for several weeks but nothing could be found and it was believed by many that he had run away or had been enticed from home.

The body was found above where the dragging in the river was done and above the point where the tracks of the boy were traced to the river.

A reward of \$300 was offered for him. He evidently committed suicide and it is thought that it was on account of his people insisting on his going to school.

He was a good boy, the constant companion of his mother, was slightly crippled and on account of this deformity did not like to go to school. His people insisted on his going to school when he disappeared from home. He was 16 years old and had never spent but one night away from home in his life.

Important Meeting at Flint Hill Next Saturday.

The farmers of northwestern Randolph are invited to come to Flint Hill next Saturday to spend the day. A meeting for their benefit will be held in the school house. In this meeting the principal speaker will be Mr. C. R. Hudson, farm demonstrator for North Carolina.

Other speakers of ability will be present. The county superintendent would like to meet all boys and girls who are at all interested in young people's clubs. The county farm demonstrator will also be present. Farmers should come prepared to spend the day. The meeting will be open at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. It is earnestly hoped that several farmers will bring several ears of their best seed corn. For the best specimen of ten ears on exhibit a prize consisting of a year's subscription to the Progressive Farmer will be given.

Annual Sunday School Convention in Wilson Next Week.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association will be held in Wilson, N. C., April 5-6-7. Mr. Elijah Moffitt, of Asheboro, who was elected President of the association at Concord last April, will preside.

A most interesting program has been arranged and indications point towards the largest attendance in the history of the organization. Messrs. Tallar and Meredith, of New York City, will conduct the music. Randolph county has been fortunate in holding the banner for a number of years and we hope she will again meet the requirements.

Mr. G. W. Hilliard went to Greensboro Tuesday.