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Rules Governing the Carriers' Contest.

In last week's issue of the Dispatch we announced that the rules and regulations governing the rural carriers' contest would be promulgated later. The following rules will decide the contest. All carriers who entered the contest are to state in their next list of items whose article in their opinion was the best. And the carrier who then receives the most votes wins the first prize, and the one who gets the second largest wins the second prize. In this way the carriers will be their own judge and no one can complain if he fails to win a prize.

A City Beautiful.

What Burlington needs most of all just now is a civic league, who will take immediate steps to have the city cleaned up and beautified. Nearly all towns of any importance have such organizations, and they are doing a power of good. Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville and other towns have been wonderfully benefited by these organizations and if this town expects to keep pace with other towns of like size and importance. We must organize a civic league, who will take the matter in hand, and effect the organization and get ready for work early in the spring. The ladies who are interested in the future welfare of Burlington should get busy.

At a special meeting called by the Mayor for that purpose. Those who attended the proceedings expecting a warm debate like was witnessed last month, went away disappointed.

Would Make Educational System Top Heavy.

The following editorial appeared in a recent issue of the Catawba County News, and hits the nail so squarely on the head that we reproduce it for its manly and bold stand for the rights of the little toe-headed boys and girls of North Carolina, that are practically neglected along educational lines.

There has been a bill introduced in the Legislature to make one million and one half dollar bond issue to equip our State institutions and the ridiculous feature of the bill is the naming of the heads af these institutions to say how the money shall be spent. We sincerely hope no one of these men asked to be placed on such board, we know some of them did not.

We want to see our educational institutions grow with the progress of this great State. They may all need all they are asking for, but we want to go on record here and now as opposing the giving of millions of dollars for the head of our educational system unless the heart and soul of system is to have some nourshment. A finely adorned head is not necessarily a sign of a sound wholesome body. The public schools of North Carolina are the hope of nine tenths of the children,—these schools form the heart and the soul of our educational life.

Gentlemen of the Legislature you have heard eloquent pleas from the heads of these State schools, but you have heard no pleas from the representatives of the thousands of little toe-headed boys and girls in the hedges and byways of this State. It is for these little ones and for the thousands of young men and women who will never enter the halls of our great State schools that we plead.

Look out, gentlemen, of the Legislature for the heart and soul of our educational body. See that the feet of this body are well provided with shoes, as well as adornment of the head. We have no objection to improving the head, but we must insist that our educational body is not all head, if it is, then it is not a natural body, and will sooner or later die and go the way of all the earth.

We have for some time hoped that we would not be forced to register another kick at the Railway Company for the service we are getting on this line of the Southern System, but when one gets aboard here to make the trip to Greensboro, it is enough to make one kick, or even say things that would not look well in print. It is nothing unusual to see, on the trip above mentioned, the trains so crowded that a great many ladies have to stand in the aisles. Now this should not be the case, if the railway cannot put on another train, it does look like they could put on enough cars to handle their patrons with some degree of comfort. The people have been lenient toward the railroads during their scuffle for existence the past year or more, but now that all the scare is over, it is high time that the traveling public be given some consideration for comfort while on a journey. The people should not be packed in a passenger car like sardines in a tin box, when there are plenty of cars standing on the various yards idle. There is a remedy for relief, but it is hoped that it will not become necessary to apply for it. We will wait and see.

At a regular meeting of the city aldermen Monday night, Mr. Jim W. Murray representing certain interests went before the board and asked for a Franchise for furnishing electric power, with a proviso that his company do not offer power in competition with the City of Burlington. After discussing the matter pro and con it was finally left with a special committee composed of Messrs Scott, Freeland Morrow and Staley, together with the city attorneys, who are to consider the proposition and report to the board.

Don't fail to state in your list of items next week who you think is entitled to first prize. Unless you state in your next list of R. F. D. items whose article was the best, your favorite may miss the prize.

Read all the R. F. D. items carefully then vote for the one you think should have the prize, and send your vote with your items for next weeks issue,

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LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in Post Office unclaimed.

Burlington, N. C., Feb. 27, 1909.

GENTLEMEN—

G. T. Baynes, W. A. Fogleman, William Gertine, John Hooker, Joe Marks, I. S. A. McLendon, T. Y. Vickers, Thomas Tate.

LADIES—

Mrs. Henry Diedrick, Miss Cora Heathy, Miss Mollie Ray Mrs. Cornelia Scott Miss Mattie C. Walker, Miss Maude Woody.

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say "advertised" and give date of advertised list.

J. ZEB WALLER,
Post Master.

Haw River Items.

Our Young Men's Christian Association is now entering upon its fourth month of activity and usefulness. The building is open weeks days from 9 a. m. until 10 p. m. and on Sunday from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. There are now 124 members who enjoy the safe and sane recreation as well as the other exceptional advantages. The average weekly attendance at Bible Study and other religious services exceed 60 men and boys. The educational classes held now have an enrollment of 26 men. The two shower baths and one tub bath are very popular features. The social features of the building are exceptional and are a great advantage to all. Extensive plans are being laid to promote outdoor games and athletics during warm months.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is a progressive feature of the work. This organization has rooms on the third floor of the building and now has 52 members. About 50 ladies attend weekly and 24 have enrolled in their night school. They enjoy their games and social features of their department. Saturday evening, March 6th, is the membership banquet for the joint association. All members of both organizations will have a feast royal good time together. A branch work of the Y. M. C. A. is doing efficient work at Trolinwood Mill.

The Annual Inter-State convention of the Y. M. C. A. will be held in Charlotte Mar. 18-21 and several local members with General Secretary Birchard will attend. Mr. B. J. Robertson is to be one of the speakers and will present a paper on Recreation on Friday of the convention. The local Y. M. C. A management is always glad to welcome visitors to its building and extends to all a cordial invitation to visit its building and investigate its work.

Messrs Johnson & Coble, who were mentioned last week, returned from the State Counsil at Elizabeth City and reported one of the best meetings in the history of the Order, the largest delegation, everything harmnious, and the people so hospitable to them. The next meeting will be held in Greensboro.

Hon. J. M. Morehead visited our town last week and shook hands with his many friends. He was the guest of our clever B. S Robertson. Come again, Mr. Morehead, you will be welcome

Mrs. J. R Williamson, who has been in very feeble health for a long while, visiting her daugher, Mrs. Blalock, at Greensboro. Her many friends are glad to see her out.

Miss Mattie Simpson, our pleasant and polite Milliner, left March 1st for Richmond, Va.. to take a course in millinery work there. She expects to return to Walnut Cove for business. We guess she carried some ones heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark visited their daughter. Mrs. Massey at Hillsboro Saturday and returned Sunday.

Judging from the visits our genial rural carrier makes to a certain pleasant home, a contract is being made for life. He will be fortunate to get her.

H. L. Birchard, the clever and accommodating secretary of the Y. M. C. A., does not confine himself alone to the duties as secretary, but like the good Samaritan, is always on the look-out to do some good deed and say some good word for same.

Keep your eye on Haw River, she has some pleasant suprises that she will show before the leaves fall again. Watch!

R. F. D. No. 3.

The Farmers' 'Phone will soon be ready to say "Hello!" on their line.

Mr. Geo. A. Jeffreys is going to raise a large feed barn this week. We think he is going to get him a fine horse and buggy before long. He received a fine valentine the 14th of February and he is getting busy to make his home happy for a new cook. Look out, girls, something doing.

Mr. J. H. Allison visited his father at Hillsboro Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Lashley visited his people in Caswell last week.

Monroe Parker has a dog that can eat 24 eggs per day.

B. R. Parker went to see his best girl the 3rd Sunday, and on returning home that night he got caught out in a storm and lost his hat and never found it until Monday. Get her bonnet next time, B. R.

Rudie Warren went to the sale last Friday and purchased a lot of furniture, we think he is going to take him in a help-mate soon.

King & Turner are busy at their sawmill at present.

Dixon--Whitesell.

A pleasant occasion took place on last Tuesday afternoon February 23, at 3:30 at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs J C. Whitesell, when Miss Sophronia Alice, and Mr. John H. Dixon were happily united in the holy bonds of wedlock. Rev. F. M Harr performed the ceremony.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious and sumptuous dinner was awaiting them. It would be putting it mildly to say that all enjoyed this splendid fare.

Even though the weather was extremely rough there were many guests present besides near relatives. The bride received many presents which show appreciation.

The bride and groom with several guests spent the night and were hailed by serenaders that made things lively for about two hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Dixon left on the 10:30 train Wednesday morning for Grimesland, N. C., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. Dixon is on excellent young lady, possessing many fine qualities, and Mr. Dixon is to be congratulated upon winning such a bride.

Mr. Dixon is a young business man prospective of future good. The young couple have the very best wishes of their many friends.

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Foster Shoe Co
BURLINGTON, N. C.

B. GOODMAN.

WE are remodeling our store, changing our shelves end arranging to make our store one of the most convenient and up-to-date stores in Burlington. While this is going on we are still serving our customers with some rare bargains and will be glad to have you call at present and let us show you our goods.

B. GOODMAN

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I am closing out my stock of goods at a greatly reduced price. Hats, Shoes, Suits, Pants, Ladies' Dress Goods and everything that is in a first class dry goods store, I am offering my stock at a great sacrifice in order to make room for New Spring Goods which I am receiving daily. Come and see my goods and compare prices with others.

E. L. BOWLAND,

107 Red Front on Davis St. 4th door from Postoffice,
BURLINGTON, N. C.

The Southern Railway are announcing their rate to the inauguration of President Taft March 4th in this issue. The rate from Burlington is $9.20.

A large number of our friends have entered the contest and are working like heroes for a part of that silverware which we offer to give away.