

501 CORN CLUB BOYS

FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOY WINNER OF FIRST PRIZE.

Clubs in 36 Counties.—Boys Reporting Showed Average Production of 53 Bushels.

Columbia, March 30.—The boys belonging to the various corn clubs of the State averaged fifty-three bushels of corn to the acre at a cost 40.7 cents per bushel last year, according to the annual report of L. L. Baker, of Bishopville supervising agent of boys' club work in South Carolina, given to the press today.

Approximately nineteen and one-half bushels of corn to the acre is the average yield for South Carolina, said Mr. Baker today. There were 1,056 farmer boys in South Carolina enrolled in the corn clubs, and of these 501 made reports, said Mr. Baker. They produced a total of 26,813.21 bushels of corn, at a cost of \$10,936.93.

Bryan Willingham, of Winnsboro, Fairfield county, won first prize in the boys' competitive corn club contest for 1917; James W. Draffin, of Leslie, York county, second and Hallum Smith, of Smoak, Colleton county third.

Young Willingham produced 157 8-10 bushels of corn on one acre at a cost of 17 6-10 cents per bushel. He was awarded a gold medal, donated by Congressman A. F. Lever, and a six-shovel pivot axle-riding cultivator, valued at \$70, donated by a great farming implement distributing company.

The Draffin youth produced 119 1-2 bushels of corn to the acre at a cost of 25 1-2 cents per bushel. He was awarded a 14 carat, 21-jewel watch by a seed company of Charleston.

Hallum Smith produced 106 bushels to an acre at a cost of 35 6-10 cents per acre. He was awarded a \$25 check, donated by an Atlanta seed company.

The following is Mr. Baker's letter transmitting his 1917 report to Prof. W. W. Long, director of extension work in South Carolina:

"I beg leave to submit herewith my annual report on boys' corn club work in South Carolina for the year 1917. It shows that clubs were organized in thirty-six of the forty-five counties of the State. We failed to secure organizations in Abbeville, Berkeley, Beaufort, Edgefield, Georgetown, Calhoun, Greenville, Kershaw and Laurens for the reason that the first six counties were without agents, and in the latter three we failed to secure the cooperation of the county agents.

In the thirty-six counties organized we secured an enrollment of 1,056 boys. Reports were received from 32 of the 36 counties organized. Counties failing to report were Bamberg, Hampton, Lancaster, and Oconee. Five hundred and one boys completed reports in these thirty-two counties these being 47 per cent. of the total enrollment. The 501 boys reporting produced 26,813.20 bushels of corn at a total cost of \$10,936.95, thus averaging fifty-three bushels per acre, at an average cost of 40.7 cents per bushel.

"Putting corn at \$2 per bushel, which is a conservative price, the net wealth added to the State as a result of the boys' corn club work is \$42,689.47."

HUN CASUALTIES 300,000.

Over 100 Divisions in Battle, Ten Twice Engaged.

Washington, April 1.—A French official estimate of the German losses in the great battle on the western front puts their total casualties at between 275,000 and 300,000 men. The Germans are sending most of their wounded to Belgium, it is declared, to conceal from the German people their heavy sacrifices.

It has been possible to identify, the dispatch says, nearly one hundred German divisions, more than ten of which were twice engaged. Some of the divisions, it is declared, had to be relieved at the end of the first day after losing more than half their men.

Farmers Borrow Over \$50,000,00.

During the month of January \$11,787,517 were paid out to farmers of the United States by the Federal land banks on long-time first-mortgage loans, according to a statement by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

On February 1 the total amount of money paid out to the farmers since the establishment of the Federal land banks was \$50,782,432, covering 24,020 loans closed. The total amount of loans applied for up to February 1 was \$ 260,556,981, representing 112,146 applications.

It takes no great character in ourselves to pick flaws in the noblest characters in the community.

FOCH SUPREME COMMANDER.

Great French Strategist Appointed Generalissimo on Western Front.

Washington, March 29.—Official information has reached Washington that Gen. Foch, the French chief of staff, has been appointed to supreme command of all the Allied and American forces in France.

This means unification of all the armies opposing the Germans, a step which the American and French military men long have urged and which apparently has been brought about by recognition of the imperative demand for concentrated effort to hurl back the gigantic thrust of the enemy in France.

President Knew It.

It was learned tonight that the President had been officially advised of the action when he sent a telegram to Gen. Foch today congratulating him "on his new authority." There was no explanation at the White House of what the President meant, and it is understood that there will be no official comment here until after an announcement comes from France.

First Hint From Pershing.

The first hint of the historic development came in press cable dispatches telling how Gen. Pershing had placed the American expeditionary forces at the disposal of the French commander. This was confirmed tonight in a message from Gen. Pershing to the War Department.

There was no mention in the Pershing dispatch of the new role given Gen. Foch and War Department official announcement. Some still were inclined to believe that the French general had been placed in command only of the army maneuver, the reserve force composed of contingents from all the Allied armies created after the formation of the supreme war council.

Wheat farmers in some of the grain districts of the Northwestern States are buying advertising in newspapers, urging consumers to save food.

MONDAY

Charlie Chaplin Day
The Hidden Hand—two reel Charlie Chaplin, and the Pathe Weekly.

TUESDAY

Stolen Paradise—Ethel Clayton.

WEDNESDAY

Blue Bird Day
"The Door Between"—Monroe Salisbury with Ruth Clifford. It's got to be good.

THURSDAY

A Super World production in six reels—"The Burglar," featuring Carlyle Blackwell. No extra admission charge.

FRIDAY

"The Fatal Ring." Lonesome Luke in "Stop, Look and Listen." Hearts Pthe Weekly.

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