

MARLBORO BOY WINS CORN CROP PRIZE.

LAD OF 17 PRODUCED OVER 150 BUSHELS ON ONE ACRE—CROP NETTED \$335.

A Bascomb Usher, the Marlboro county boy who produced 152 1/2 bushels of corn on one acre of land, was awarded the first prize for South Carolina in the national boys' corn contest, which is held under the auspices of the Federal farm demonstration office. He will spend next week in Washington as the guest of the Government. The crop was sold for \$335. The State contest has not as yet been decided, and he will in all probability win this, as there has been no greater yield reported to the commissioners. Usher has also won the first prize for Marlboro county. Farm demonstration workers are of the opinion that he will win the first prize in the national contest, as no greater yield has been reported for the season. The champion corn producer of the State is only 17 years of age and the methods he used in producing the phenomenal yield prove very interesting.

At the request of the United States farm demonstration office a committee of State Superintendent of Education Swearingen, A G Smith, of the bureau of plant industry, D N Barrow of Clemson college, Ira W Williams, who has charge of the farm demonstration work in this State, and Commissioner Watson examined the records of Usher and awarded him the first prize. The committee addressed the following letter to Dr S A Knapp, special agent of the farm demonstration work in Washington: "This is to certify that the undersigned, constituting a committee, as requested by O B Martin, has met and carefully examined all the records filed by the contestants in the boys' corn growing contests in this State, that we have found that the contest has been won by A Bascomb Usher of Marlboro county, who made 152 1/2 bushels on one acre, keeping complete and detailed sworn records as to planting, cultivation, harvesting and marketing; wherefore we hereby award the first prize in this contest to A Bascomb Usher."

Some time was spent yesterday by the committee in going over the records of the boy which were very neatly and accurately kept. All of the papers submitted were characterized by system and it was a very excellent example of farming on paper. The feat of the young boy also shows just what can be done with land in South Carolina by intelligent application. From the records he had evidently planned every step of the work.

The 152 1/2 bushels produced by the young farmer will be sold to the government for seed purposes. The price to be paid is \$2 per bushel. The sum of \$305 will be received for the seed alone. One and one-half tons of fodder were produced, which sold at \$10 per ton, netting \$30, bringing the total amount received from the acre to \$335.

The land on which the corn was produced is in Brightsville township, in Marlboro county, and is a sandy loam soil. There was a subsoil of 10 inches. The land sloped to the southeast. The land was first cleared in 1907 and was planted in corn and peas. The same crop was planted in 1908 and 65 bushels of corn was produced. Prior to the large yield cotton-seed meal and 100 pounds of nitrate soda were used.

PREPARING THE LAND.
The acre was well fertilized this year. The following being used: 100 pounds of commercial fertilizer, 100 pounds German kainit, 300 pounds second grade Peruvian guano, 900 pounds nitrate soda. The land is considered worth \$75 per acre. On March 20 the land was broken. It was subsoiled with a Boy-Dixie plow. There was no barnyard manure used. Great care was exercised in the selection of seed, which is one of

the most important points about the contest. Garrett's prolific corn seed was used. This seed was secured from B E Moore, who won the State prize in 1908, by producing 137 bushels on one acre, and who won third prize in the national contest in 1906 with 125 bushels. This corn has been used since 1900.

The seed was planted on April 1 by hand, in rows 5 feet apart. There were no hills and only one peck of seed was used. The seeds were carefully hand picked before planting. No time was spent in germinating them. The cultivation commenced on April 28, a Boy-Dixie plow being used. The ground was stirred to a depth of 10 inches. The acre was cultivated five times: on April 28, May 17, June 1, June 18 and July 9. The corn was thinned by hand, one stalk being left to the hill, 8 inches apart. Hand labor was used in removing the weeds. The weeds were the rag weeds and the morning glory, which were removed in one day.

On October 13 the crop was harvested. The corn was pulled from the stalk by hand. The stalks were not cut and shocked. The corn was husked by hands.—*The State.*

Hymeneal.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place last Sunday, December 5, 1909, at the home of the bride, Lanes, S C., at 10 o'clock a m, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends when Mr Arthur Orvin of St Stephens and Miss Mabel Browder were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr W N Faulling officiating.

The happy couple boarded the midday train for St Stephens, where they will spend a few days with the groom's father, Mr S Orvin, and their many friends, when the groom will return to his business at Rosemary and the bride to her school near the same place, where she is much loved for her many estimable qualities.—*Berkeley Echo.*

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