

CORN CLUB PRIZES AWARDED.

BOYS GIVEN REWARDS FOR YEAR'S WORK IN CORN FIELDS.

Large Number of Awards Made—Eighteen Boys Make Exhibits and Twenty Reports are Turned in by Members of Boys' Corn Club.

From the Daily Item, Nov. 7.

Today was the Boys' Corn Club day in Sumter. A large list of prizes to the members of the club for their faithful work during the year, the most successful of the boys getting one or two prizes each. There were twenty reports handed in by the members of the club and eighteen of the boys had ten and single ear exhibits to be judged as the best for seed corn and as high grade corn, respectively.

Mr. S. M. Welch of Lee county, demonstration agent, judged the corn and the winners of prizes were announced by Mr. J. Frank Williams, demonstration agent for Sumter county, who is at the head of the boys' corn club work.

The following is the list of prize winners and what they were given as prizes by the business men of Sumter.

Paper on "How I Selected My Seed Corn."

1. Horace Prescott—Rifle from W. B. Burns.
2. Norma Andrews—Prize by Durant Hardware Co.
3. Richard Wells—Cultivator by W. B. Boyle Co.

History of Crop.

1. Norma Andrews—\$15 deposit at Bank of South Carolina.
2. Richard Wells—\$10 deposit at Bank of South Carolina.
3. Thomas Brunson—Suit clothes at Wreck Store.

Best Single Ear.

1. Horace Prescott—Set of harness from D. C. Shaw.
2. John Outlaw—Pair of gold cuff buttons by L. W. Folsom.
3. Wesley McCoy—Pair of shoes, Levi Bros.

Best Ten Ears.

1. Frank White—Suit of clothes by D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.
2. John Newman—Corn sheller from S. M. Pierson.
3. Wesley McCoy—Riding bridle from Epperson-Harby Co.

Largest Yield.

1. Wesley McCoy—82 bushels, 3 weeks' course at Clemson College with all expenses paid by City National Bank.
2. Richard Wells, 77 1-4 bushels. Trip to Clemson College with all expenses paid by City National Bank.
3. Robert W. DuRant, 76 1-2 bushels, first premium on 20 year policy in Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., by W. B. Uphur.

SILVER TROPHY CUP LOST.

Girls' Canning Club Honor Disappears from Court House.

The beautiful silver trophy cup purchased as an award of honor for the tomato canning club which did the best work in the county has disappeared from an office in the court house and Miss Lemmon, the county tomato club organizer and the members of the girls' canning club are very much worried over the loss. The cup was a very handsome one costing about \$65 and its disappearance means quite a loss to the club and Miss Lemmon.

The cup was given to Miss Clella Terry, president of the Oswego Tomato Club, last year to be kept in that vicinity as evidence that the Oswego club had done the best work of any club in the county during the year, the conditions being that it should be kept for a year by any club which did the best work. Miss Lemmon desired to take the cup to Columbia to display it in the Sumter County booth and sent word to Miss Terry to send it to her, or to leave it at the clerk's office in the court house. It was brought from Oswego to Sumter by Mr. Michaux, who placed it in the office of the supervisor of registration, where Miss Lemmon had been preparing her exhibit to send to Columbia. No one was in the office at the time and Mr. Michaux notified the sheriff, who was in a neighboring office, that he had left the cup in the office for Miss Lemmon. Since then it has not been seen. Miss Lemmon, failing to get it from the clerk's office, sent a message to Miss Terry to send it to her at Columbia, and it was then found that the cup had vanished. Its disappearance has been a source of much worry to those concerned, especially as they have no way of tracing it.

The Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in securing the promise from a big grain concern to purchase all of the surplus grain raised in this county next year, although the concern does not promise to have a grain elevator or warehouse here. The Chamber of Commerce has been working on this matter for some time and is still working to make arrangements for the best advantage of Sumter county farmers.

THE ACREAGE REDUCTION LAW.

How It Will Affect South Carolina Next Year.

Columbia, Nov. 8.—The cotton acreage reduction law passed by the extra session provides that not more than one-third of the land planted in all crops shall be planted in cotton in 1915, the fall-sown grains to be taken into consideration. Using the census of the United States as a basis for the consideration, it is evident that the cotton crop will be reduced from 35 to 40 per cent next year.

The last census report shows that about 2,500,000 acres were planted in cotton. There were a little over 6,000,000 improved acres in the farms of the State. Basing an estimate on these figures the cotton acreage in 1915 will be about 1,700,000 acres or a reduction of about \$838,000 acres.

The extra land in South Carolina must be used for some other purpose. On the size of the grain crop will largely depend the size of the cotton crop. The farmers must grow foodstuffs. The cotton crop under normal conditions will not be more than 300,000 bales. The corn, wheat, rye, oats, vetch, clover, alfalfa and other crops must be increased to meet the deficit caused by the reduction in cotton.

Reports received from every county indicate that more grains are being planted than ever before in the history of the State. The State department of agriculture, Clemson College and the demonstration workers are being besieged with letters asking for information as to where to purchase the best seed. It is a hard matter to find good seed in the State.

Every effort will be made to have the corn crop doubled next year. The crop last year was about 35,000,000 bushels. The farmers will be urged to produce 100,000,000 bushels. That would save the State and strike off the balance.

Canning factories are to be established in many sections. One is forming in Aiken county. All of the little streams in the State should be used to drive flour and grist mills. Many of the farmers are discussing the question of erecting grain elevators to handle the crop.

The Pee Dee section is possibly in better condition than any other section of the State. The farmers have the tobacco crop to fall back on. The trucking section will be in good condition. Something, however, must be done to help the farmers of the Piedmont section secure good seed. If the grain is planted it must be put into the ground as soon as possible.

The farmers of the State have truly changed their occupation. They are going into a new business and the change is going to be quick.

Other States in the South have refused to cut down the cotton acreage and of course the reduction in South Carolina will have little effect on the cotton market. Cotton, however, can not be looked upon as a money crop. Every year South Carolina has been sending away more than \$6,000,000 to the western markets for foodstuffs. There will be no money for this bill next year. The farmers are for once in their lives to be forced to "live at home."

The general assembly refused to make an appropriation of \$25,000 to buy good seed for the farmers. They passed a reduction law and left the farmers to work out their own salvation. No encouragement was given by any law for the farmers to plant grains or other foodstuffs.

The situation in South Carolina is going to be watched with interest during the next year by the other States of the South. The farmers will be making history, history that will affect in a commercial way the entire South.

RECITAL IS MUCH ENJOYED.

Schedule is Carried Through as Advertised with Slight Change.

From The Daily Item, Nov. 6.

There was a large audience at Grace Baptist church last night in attendance upon the sacred recital at that place. The congregation seemed delighted with the excellent music which was rendered by the musicians. The offering for the piano fund was large comparatively, and will be of much aid to the piano committee and the church.

The program was executed as advertised with one exception, Miss Keller was unable to sing on account of indisposition. The music was most delightful and all who attended expressed their appreciation.

NEW COTTON WAREHOUSES.

Two Commissions and One Charter Granted Yesterday by Secretary of State.

A commission has been issued to the Sardinia Storage company, with a capital of \$1,000. The petitioners are R. E. McFadden and D. R. DuRose. A charter has been issued to the Cotton Warehouse company of Page-land, with a capital stock of \$1,000. The officers are: R. H. Blakeney, president; H. V. Mungo, vice president; L. L. Parker, secretary and treasurer.

LOCAL STORAGE NEEDED.

McLAURIN TALKS OF WAREHOUSE FACILITIES.

Policy is Liberal—Suggests Building Structures to Hold Eight Hundred Bales Each—Cost \$500—May Be Stored in Open, Even.

Columbia, Nov. 6.—John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, said last night:

"I shall be prepared next week to entertain propositions to receive local warehouses, and will publish the terms as soon as possible. With the limited funds at my disposal, however, I think it will be better for the farmers and merchants in every county to get together and provide such storage room as they can. I propose to accept corrugated iron warehouses in the country, where the insurance companies will take them, and I would suggest a type of warehouse which would hold about 800 bales of cotton, which could be erected very speedily for about \$500.

"It is very important if the people are to hold their cotton, that it should be placed in the form of some negotiable paper, so that the lien merchants and others may be able, through their banks, to discount it, when the federal reserve system goes into operation, November 15. A State warehouse receipt guaranteeing the title of cotton and the weights and grades, is a form of paper that has long been needed in the commercial world, and I am assured that it will find favor in the moneyed centres when it is properly understood.

"I believe that cotton can be stored more cheaply at home than at standard warehouses, which are charging 30 cents a bale.

"Secretary McAdoo has even gone so far as to say that cotton in the open on pine poles, covered with tarpaulin, would constitute prime commercial paper under the federal reserve act.

"I am endeavoring to secure storage facilities in Columbia for distress cotton, but in the meantime I hope that the people of the various counties will provide such storage facilities as they can. I will certainly go as far in accepting this cotton as the terms of the act creating the State warehouse system will permit.

"Cotton has advanced and I hope the holding movement will continue. The higher cotton goes, the better borrowing basis it forms, to the advantage of the farmer and his creditor."

SUMTER GIRL WINS HONOR.

Miss Theodora Bennett on Basket Ball Team—Miss DeLorme Elected to S. C. Club of Salem College.

Miss Theodora Bennett, of Sumter, has won out in the competition for positions on the Freshman Basket Ball Team at Salem College and will take part in the annual Championship games on Thanksgiving day, this being the big athletic event of the year at Salem College, of Winston Salem, N. C.

Another Sumter girl, Miss Boucher DeLorme, has been elected a member of the South Carolina Club recently organized and which meets regularly for the discussion of matters of interest to South Carolina students of the Salem College.

Licenses to marry have been granted to the following colored couples: Leo Richardson, Oswego, and Sarah Williams, St. Charles; Frances Robertson and Addie Levine, Brogdon; L. W. Cuttino, Providence, and Delia Washington, Rembert.

The Wedgefield cotton warehouse, which was chartered scarcely a week ago, has already been completed and is now filled with some six hundred bales of cotton. So rapid has been the work that one has scarcely had time to catch his breath between the time this enterprise was begun, completed and filled with cotton. It is understood that now the incorporators are preparing to put on an addition to the warehouse to store the additional cotton which is constantly coming in for storage.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Daniel Davis and Willie McLeod of Rafting Creek, and to James Sanders and Rhodia Long of Dulzell.

The premium list of the Darlington Poultry Show, November 25th to 27th, has been issued. More than \$1,000 in premiums are offered in addition to numerous trophy cups and special prizes.

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STARTS WAREHOUSE SYSTEM.

McLAURIN APPOINTS WHITE DEPUTY, DRAKE INSPECTOR AND AULL SECRETARY.

Requirements are Made Public to Which Must Conform Warehouses Leased for the State. Commissioner Asks for Proposals Along With Descriptions.

Columbia, Nov. 7.—Appointments as follows were made yesterday by the State warehouse commissioner, John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville:

J. G. L. White, Chester, deputy commissioner, in special charge of all State-operated warehouses.

James A. Drake, Bennettsville, chief inspector of warehouses.

John K. Aull, Columbia, secretary to the commissioner.

Offices of the commissioner will be removed at once to the office building of the old State dispensary plant at Gervais and Pulaski streets. The premises are still State property, but are under lease to two storage concerns, the Columbia Warehouse and Transfer company and the Columbia Waste and Warehouse company. G. A. Guignard is president of the former company and J. A. Meetze of the latter. Senator McLaurin's temporary headquarters are at the Jefferson hotel.

Blank forms of proposals to lease to the State premises suitable for use as cotton warehouses were drafted yesterday by the commissioner, as was also a statement of requirements to which such places must conform to be acceptable.

"No warehouse can be accepted," this statement says, "which does not pay expenses. The State can charge no profit, but must be protected against loss. Operating expenses will vary with different types of warehouses and include interest on the capital invested in the property.

"The State will take over a warehouse at a rental which will include the fixed charge of interest on capital, salaries of manager and employes, all of which will be a matter of adjustment between the State and persons owning the property, charges for storage being adjusted to cover same in the individual warehouse.

"It is the purpose of the commissioner to encourage the erection of warehouses in each community, which said warehouses may be of brick or corrugated iron and which may be planked up at each end, with not more than 800 bales in a warehouse or compartment thereof. These can be taken over at a nominal rental and parties owning the warehouse can fix storage charges to include weighing, grading insurance and a small charge to defray expenses under this act.

"A bond will be required from these local officers guaranteeing weights, grades, condition and the safekeeping of the cotton in their charge, so as to protect the State against loss."

The blank form of proposal provides for information as follows: Location and description of building, number of bales now stored in it, rate charged, capacity, insurance rate, rating, number and pay of employes including laborers and watchmen, total receipts per month, cost of operation per month, net profit per month, names of officers if a corporation, amount of capital stock, dividends paid in 1911, 1912 and 1913; if privately owned, cost of construction, how long in use, profits in 1911, 1912 and 1913.

Warehouse receipts to be used will guarantee, in the name of the State, the title, weight, grade and condition of cotton which they represent. Senator McLaurin says he is using special care to safeguard these certificates, with a view to making them easily negotiable security in the money centres of the North as well as at home.

Senator McLaurin left last night for the Pee Dee. He expects to spend today at his home in Bennettsville.

Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 9.—The first real snow storm of the winter struck this section early today, and from two to three inches fell. The mercury dropped to 12 above zero.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEFEATED.

From the Daily Item, Nov. 7.

The Sumter high school boys returned from Marion last night, arriving here at 9.30 o'clock, after sustaining their first defeat of the season at the hands of Marion high school. The team, however, played a good game and gave their opponents a hard tussle for the victory.

In fact they claim that they won from the Marion team on deserved points. They say that one of Marion's touchdowns was made on an incomplete forward pass and should not have been counted. The Sumter players claim that they were handed a raw deal by the Swamp Fox men and are anxious to get them in Sumter so that they can show their superiority over them in actual knowledge of the game.

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