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Cumberland School Boys Growing Corn In Prize Contest

Boys' Corn Club for Every School District This Year

State Department of Agriculture Gives Prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20—Mr. David Gaster Gives Prize of \$10—Rules and Regulations for the Government of the "Boys' Corn Clubs."

Much interest is being manifested in the Boys' Corn Club movement in Cumberland county. Supt. B. T. McBryde's purpose is to have such a club organized in each and every rural school district in the county, and it is a laudable movement, which should enlist the interest and co-operation of every farmer in the county. Already clubs have been organized at Godwin, Glendale, Stedman, Eastover and Sunny-side, and Supt. McBryde, with Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, under whose supervision the corn clubs are established, is busy effecting organizations. The purpose of these clubs is to interest the boys on the farms in improved methods of agriculture and to induce them to use their own best efforts in the work of corn growing.

The State Department of Agriculture has offered three prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 for the three boys who produce the best, second best and third best yields of corn. County Treasurer Gaster has offered a prize of \$10.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following rules and regulations have been formulated by the authorities for the organization and government of the Boys' Corn Clubs:

- "This club shall be known as Boys' Corn Club.
- "Boys must be between 10 and 20 years of age and live on the farm. To compete for State prizes they must be between 12 and 17 years of age.
- "They must cultivate one acre in corn, doing all the work themselves, except the gathering.
- "The acre may be anywhere in the field, but preferably by the road side.
- "The acre must be land that has never produced more than 35 bushels of shelled corn per acre and will not make more than that now.
- "There must not be more than \$10.00 worth of commercial fertilizers used per acre. This includes cotton seed, cotton seed meal, acid phosphate and fertilizers not produced on the farm. There is no limit to the use of stable manure, lot manure, leaf mold and things of that kind.
- "The crop must be fertilized and cultivated according to the general directions furnished herewith.
- "Records must be kept of all the fertilizers, work and everything concerned in making of the crop. Blanks will be furnished for this purpose.
- "The crop must be gathered and measured or weighed in the presence of such witness as may be selected by the County Superintendent of Education.
- "Each boy in each corn club shall contribute 100 of the best ears of corn he grows as a reward of merit to the boy in that club who makes the largest yield. This boy shall contribute 100 of the best ears of the best variety to the Cumberland Boys' Corn Club fair this fall. Ten of these ears must be on the stalk. The county prize for the best yield will be \$10.00. The three prizes offered by the State Department of Agriculture through Mr. T. B. Parker are \$50.00, \$30.00 and \$20.00, respectively.
- "To make a good corn crop we must observe the following:
 - "Break at once to the depth of 6 to 8 or even ten inches without turning the soil bottom upwards and thoroughly pulverize it by immediate harrowing. It

is impossible to make a full corn crop on land that has been broken only three or four inches deep. In the spring, before planting, plow again, three or four inches deep this time, and harrow again immediately.

"Use plenty of stable manure applied before planting. For every 20 bushels of this use 100 pounds of acid phosphate. For commercial fertilizer use equal parts of cotton seed meal and acid phosphate, or other high grade guanos. We suggest applying half of it at or before planting and the other half when the corn is from one to two feet high.

"Make rows from four to five feet wide. Regulate the planting in the drill according to the fertility of the soil, ordinarily having hills from 12 to 20 inches apart, one stalk in a place. Plant thicker if necessary.

"Plant sound, well improved seed. Do not waste your labor, money, fertilizers, or lose your interest by planting scrub seed.

"Cultivate often. It pays. After the corn is 6 to 8 inches high let all cultivations be shallow. Save labor by using machinery in cultivating.

"Write to B. T. McBryde, County Superintendent, Fayetteville, N. C., for any further information.

LECTURE BY DR. HARTWELL

Hay Street Methodist Church Packed by Congregations of Baptist and Methodist Churches Sunday Night

A gathering that packed the large auditorium of the handsome new building assembled in Hay Street Methodist church Sunday night, when the Baptist and Methodist congregations joined in a union service to hear Dr. J. B. Hartwell, who spent 50 years of his life in China as a Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention and only returned to America last year at the urgent advice of his physician.

The venerable minister did not preach a formal sermon, but gave what would be better styled a lecture, in which he told of some of the tribulations through which the missionaries have passed during the last half century; something of the vast growth of Christianity in that land; something of the attitude of the Chinese toward the people; something of the methods by which the missionaries proceed with their work, and other phases of the Chinese mission subject. The address was replete with the relation of thrilling incidents and observations, and the whole was a powerful appeal for missionary effort in China now.

Important News Briefly Told

Events of General Interest Reported for the Convenience of Readers Who Are in a Hurry.

The present session of the National Congress will adjourn tomorrow.

Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson has secured a continuance of the Adams-Butler libel case in Guilford court until the next term.

As a result of conferences by prominent cigarette dealers throughout the country, the price of cigarettes, it is stated, is about to be raised.

U. S. District Judge Anderson has broadly intimated that he will rule that the unit of offense in the Standard Oil rebating cases will be the 86 settlements of freight charges. This ruling would make a fine of only \$720,000 possible, compared with Judge Landis' fine of \$29,240,000 in the original case.

President Roosevelt was again flayed in the National House of Representatives Thursday. He was scathingly denounced by Congressman Cook, Republican of Colorado, while Congressman Smith, Republican of Iowa, seemingly employed all the invective at his command in an attack on the secret service.

The Southern Commercial Congress, through President J. M. Parker, of New Orleans, and Chas. H. Davis, of Petersburg, Va., chairman of the executive committee, have acquired title to the old St. Matthews Church property in Washington as a site for the magnificent and costly building to be erected by the organization.

The Rev. "Billy" Sunday, a former baseball player, who is now an evangelist, was horsewhipped Friday night in Springfield, O., where in the presence of 8,000 persons he was conducting a religious revival meeting. Sunday leaped from the platform and dashed his assailant to the floor, where they rolled and tumbled while women and children screamed.

The State Council Junior Order United American Mechanics, in session at Elizabeth City last week, decided to meet next year in Greensboro. The matter of establishing a Junior Order Orphanage in the State was referred to a committee which will take up the question with individual councils throughout the State with a view to amending the constitution if desired.

Baxter Shemwell, of Lexington, was convicted in Guilford court last week on the charge of making an assault with a deadly weapon upon Conductor Smithers on a Southern train last July and forcing him to stop the train and let him get off at Lexington. He was sentenced by Judge Long to five months in jail. He appealed and his bond was placed at \$1,500.

The application for the pardon of ex-Sheriff Aman, of Sampson county, under sentence of four years for the crime of embezzlement, was turned down by Governor Kitchin. However, an application to have the sentence changed to work on the county roads is being prepared, so that Aman could be held in Sampson until this was decided instead of being taken to the penitentiary Saturday.

A new water distribution system for the Haystack Canal was made by W. A. W. Bland, Virginia, formerly in charge of the old French canal, to the Commercial Club of Boston, which two years ago approved the lock system. He declared the only solution was a sea level canal, 500 feet wide and 45 feet deep, to be dug by dredges. It was declared that the Gatun dam would not withstand the pressure and that the giving way of the dam would destroy the canal in 15 minutes.

Clean Record in North Carolina

Select Committee Declares There Was Nothing Dishonest or Irregular in Transactions.

In both branches of the Legislature Friday was read the report of the select committee appointed to consider the sensational report of the auditing committee of the last Legislature that investigated the offices of State Treasurer, Auditor and Insurance Commissioner. The report is signed by all the members of the joint committee, including the Republicans, and is of great length. It finds that all the Auditor's warrants criticized by the auditing committee were fully authorized by law, and as to the voucher for the Goldsboro Hospital for money to repair building, it states that no such warrant and no such voucher number can be found on the Treasurer's and Auditor's books, that the hospital owes nothing for furniture or repairs, but does owe for supplies authorized by Governor and Council of State. As to Fish Commissioner Meekins, the report, after going exhaustively into the evidence concludes that while his renting of a house and boat from himself was technically in contravention of the law, it was all done with the approval of the board under which he served, was to the advantage of the State and under the circumstances was the only way in which he could have discharged his duties.

As to the Insurance Commissioner the report finds as a fact the statement of the auditing committee that no evidence of any character of dishonesty is disclosed on the part of any one handling the funds or securities, and that there is no suggestion of any such; that the securities have been kept according to law in safety deposit boxes in a vault in a bank in this city, the State having provided no modern vault for any State officer; that a more modern and easily understood system of book-keeping should be installed under which balances should be made at regular periods and that the commissioner is installing changes suggested by the expert accountant employed with the consent and at the expense of the commissioner. Which latter fact the auditing committee failed to report to the Legislature.

AFTER THE JUDGESHIP

Skinner, Robinson and Timberlake in Washington—All Three are Still in the Race

Thomas J. Penoe, in his Washington correspondence to the News and Observer of Saturday, says: The presence here to-day of District Attorney Harry Skinner, ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson and ex-Judge Timberlake, all of whom have been prominently mentioned for the vacant Eastern North Carolina Judgeship, revived speculation as to the selection of Judge Purcell's successor.

None of the visiting gentlemen would discuss the Judgeship. Attorney Skinner said he was here on official business before the Department of Justice; Judge Robinson is allowed as how he is here in connection with the Adams Butler suit, and Judge Timberlake said his mission was a private one. Some members of the North Carolina bar were disposed to state when they heard of the "club" of two or three judges that their old friends would be at the Department of Justice, but they were disappointed. The fact that they were here was a surprise.

Electric Lights at Pied Springs

Red Springs, N. C., March 1.—The electric lights were turned on for the first time last Saturday night and fully met the expectations of the public. The system is not complete yet, only Main street and a few residences being equipped.

The Index Prize Contest is Now Getting Lively

THE WEEK IN COTTON MARKET

Review of the Ups and Downs, Mostly Downs, and the Causes Contributing to the Fluctuations.

Prices in the cotton market fell during the past week, contributing causes being the sharp cut in steel prices and the bad break in the stock market. Fears of tariff revision, dulness and depression in spot cotton, weakness in Liverpool, reports that Manchester was to adopt short time, and finally statements that the yarn manufacturers of North Carolina would do the same thing, have had some effect. With it all came heavy liquidation, apparently in part for big spot interests. The crop movement, too, has continued on a scale which has made believers in a yield of 13,500,000 to 13,750,000 bales more confident. Though the dry goods trade has been slowly improving, it has been so slow that bears have claimed dry goods conditions as a bearish asset. Meantime Liverpool has a very large stock, and it takes considerable to carry it, especially as the spot sales there have been very light, despite occasional spurts. Yet in spite of every drawback, there has been a certain under-current of steadiness. Spinners' takings go on at a rate which does not seem to suggest any widespread complaint at ruling prices, which continue to be much lower than those of a year ago, while the quality of the crop is much superior. Some large transfers of March cotton to October, on the eve of March notices, have been made without much affecting that month. Liverpool has been undergoing straddles between the two markets by buying in New York at a very good profit. The South has sold at times, but has also bought of late, especially New Orleans. The principal selling has come from spot people, Wall street and Chicago.

SENA ORS LEAVE TENNESSEE

Thirteen of Them Flee from the State in Order to Defeat the Purpose of the Election Laws Passed Over the Governor's Veto.

That 13 members of the Tennessee Senate have fled the State in order to defeat the purpose of the recent election laws passed over Governor Patterson's veto is believed in well informed circles. The 13 members were declared in contempt of the Senate by that body and the sergeant-at-arms was instructed to go in pursuit of the absentees.

It is declared that the absentees will remain away during the remaining days of the legislative session, thereby leaving in the hands of Governor Patterson the election machinery of the State and defeating the expressed will of the majority of both houses in passing over the protest of the governor laws intended to deprive him of this authority.

The joint resolution providing for a joint legislative session Saturday for the purpose of electing the members of the State election boards as provided for in the recently enacted laws, and a State Treasurer and State Comptroller, was vetoed by Governor Patterson. There was a considerable number of members of the Senate who were present at the time of the veto.

OLD TIME FIDDLERS

First was to have an old time fiddlers' convention to-morrow night. The fiddlers—but a few—will be there from far and wide are to be there. A treat is in store for those who enjoy the "old time" pure and unadulterated all wood and a yard-wide fiddle.

Miss Nettie Leslie is Leading; Miss Eula Phillips Second

List of Those Already in the Contest for the Seven Gold Watches with Elgin Movement and the Handsome Desk which The Index will Give Away on April 20th—Now for the Race!

Say, have you voted yet? You haven't? Well, it's election day and a lot of them have already voted. Why haven't you? Get a move on and rush in your vote quick. There's time enough but none to spare. Vote for whom? Why, haven't you a wife or a sister or a sweetheart or niece or a granddaughter of your own? If you haven't, why, sakes alive, vote for some other fellow's sweetheart or wife or sister or niece or granddaughter—just vote for any lady young or old that you would like to see get a fine prize—a beautiful gold watch with a genuine Elgin movement or a fine quarter-sawn oak writing desk for ladies—a desk with all the pigeon holes and compartments and fixin's that a lady ever needs.

And, say, you little girls, grown girls and married girls—even you who have been out of your teens for the last "steens" years—haven't you a husband or a beau or a brother or a nephew? Of course. Well, go right after him and "make" him subscribe to THE INDEX and give you the votes he is entitled to cast.

We are printing below the names of those already in the race. They will have to hustle to keep ahead of those who are going to get in now, because those who have lost time are going to make it up. But those in the list are going to do some fine work to keep the start they already have, and there's just no felling at this stage of the game who is going to win.

Read how it's done and then read the names of those who are doing it:

I. For the purposes of this contest we have arranged the territory into eight districts, as follows:

1. Cross Creek Township, Cumberland county.
2. All of Cumberland county east of the Cape Fear River.
3. Pearce's Mill, Gray's Creek and Rockfish Townships, Cumberland county.
4. All of Cumberland county west of the Cape Fear River except the townships named in the first and third districts.
5. Sampson county.
6. Bladen county.
7. Robeson county.
8. Harnett county.

II. Every dollar paid on subscription entitles the payer to cast 1,000 votes for any lady in the district in which the subscriber resides. Fifty cents entitles the payer to cast 500 votes and 25 cents to cast 250 votes.

III. Any reputable white lady may be voted for in this contest.

IV. Subscribers living outside of any of the districts named may vote in any district they choose. Persons who have already paid for the paper may vote now by sending in their ballots to THE INDEX. Those who have subscribed and do not pay can vote by sending in their ballots.

V. Each district will have a list of names of those who have voted for it. The names of those who have voted for it will be published in THE INDEX.

VI. Renewals will count just as new subscriptions.

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