

**THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY'S CORN CUP IN 1925**

Selecting the Prize Winning Corn in the 1925 Contest for the Corn Cup offered by the Southern Railway System.

Atlanta, Ga.—The handsome silver cup offered by the Southern Railway System to the grower of the best ears of corn produced in eight states of the South and exhibited at certain state and district fairs, was first competed for in 1925. It was shown at most of the fairs within the territory and did much to stimulate competition among the corn growers of the South.

The ten ear exhibit adjudged to be the best shown at each fair was put up in a sealed package by the officials of the fair and forwarded to the General Agricultural Agent, Southern Railway System, Atlanta, Ga., with a letter certifying the name and postoffice address of the grower and exhibitor of the corn and the county in which it was grown. Twenty-seven lots of corn which had won first prizes at the fairs were forwarded to Atlanta.

At the invitation of Southern Railway System, Mr. John R. Hutchinson, Director of Agricultural Extension, Blacksburg, Va.; Mr. E. H. Ferris, Director of the South Mississippi Branch Experiment Station, Poplarville, Miss., and Mr. C. A. Cobb, Editor of the Southern Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga., met in Atlanta on December 7 to select the best one of the twenty-seven lots of corn and award the cup. Each ten-ear exhibit was given a number and the judges had no means of knowing where it was grown or by whom it had been exhibited.

It is doubtful whether so many uniformly good exhibits of corn had ever before been gotten together in the South. All of them were good, but, after carefully going over each exhibit and scoring it on the schedule of points governing the award, the judges unanimously agreed as to one to which the cup should be awarded. It was then found that this exhibit had been grown by William Patton Boland, a 15-year-old Corn Club boy, of Pomeroy, Newberry County, South Carolina, and had been awarded the first prize at the South Carolina State Fair, at Columbia. He was accordingly awarded the cup for 1925. In

awarding the prize the judges said: "The committee of judges feel that the exhibits assembled in the Southern Railway Corn Contest were very creditable throughout and that the Southern Railway itself, especially its Development Service, is to be heartily commended for this forward step it has taken toward the development of Southern agriculture."

"We feel that offering the trophy is distinctly in the interest of the farmers generally throughout the entire southeastern section of the country and are of the opinion that the contest is worthy of the continued support of the farmers and agricultural leaders in the South. We were pleased to find so large a number of exhibits representing so wide a territory, indicating the wide-spread interest in the contest."

The cup was formally presented to William Patton Boland in the Governor's office at Columbia on December 28, by Governor Thomas G. McLeod of South Carolina.

In conformity with a concurrent resolution adopted by the legislature of South Carolina, the cup was put on exhibition in the lobby of the State House. It was shown at Charleston, S. C., during the meeting of the National Foreign Trade Convention in that city, April 25-26, 1926, and was taken to Washington, D. C., and shown during the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, May 11-12, 1926, where it attracted much attention. By invitation, young Boland took the cup to the White House, where he was congratulated by President Coolidge and where photographs of the president, the cup winner and the cup were made on the White House lawn.

It is interesting to note that the corn which won the prize in 1925 was a variety originated in Georgia and improved by Mr. T. M. Mills, County Agent, Newberry County, South Carolina, a real expert in seed selection and production. The variety is a single-eared, white dent type of fair uniformity and good quality. It is a heavy producer.

**HELD ON CHARGE OF SLANDERING HIS WIFE****Husband Accused of Telling That Wife Was Mother of Negro Baby.**

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—Henry Sharpe, prominent Guilford county resident, was given a hearing before a magistrate here this afternoon on a charge of slandering his wife and bound over to Guilford Superior court. He was arrested and charged with spreading a report that his wife was the mother of a baby with negro blood.

His father, step-mother, brother and sister-in-law went on the stand and testified in favor of his wife, giving her a fine reputation. They were witnesses for the prosecution. Mrs. Sharpe was given an unblemished reputation by every witness called to testify.

**Notice Trustee's Sale of Land.**

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust executed the 4th day of Jan., 1922, and recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Surry County, N. C., in book 75 page 166, default having been made in the payment of the note therein secured and at the request of the holder, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction in front of the Bank of Mount Airy, Mount Airy, N. C., on

Saturday, January 1st, 1927,

at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate:

Beginning at a granite post at the intersection of School Street and Gold Coast Avenue, and running thence with Gold Coast Avenue N.  $82\frac{1}{2}$  deg. E. 1175 ft., thence continuing with said avenue N.  $41\frac{1}{2}$  deg. E. 625 ft. to Lorraine St. S.  $45\frac{1}{2}$  deg. E. 645 ft. to Alisce St. thence with said Alisce St. S.  $62$  deg. W. 800 ft. more or less to a stone in the bend of said avenue thence continuing with said avenue S.  $87\frac{1}{2}$  deg. W. 1154 ft. to Terrytown road or street, thence with said Terrytown road N.  $61$  deg. W. 116 ft. to School street, thence N.  $13$  deg. E. with said School St. 228 ft. to the beginning, containing 18.2 acres more or less.

This being lot No. 10 as shown on the map of what is known as Marshall Ney Tract, said map being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Surry County, State of North Carolina, in book 59, page 594.

Sale made to satisfy a balance of \$150.19 principal, interest and cost of sale to add. This Nov. 29, 1926.  
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Tree Has 40 Years of Continuous Being Visible Only at a Few Places  
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(Washington News)—  
Probably the寿命树 in this section of the state is to be found at the home of H. B. Everett, at Palmyra. The tree, a giant oak, 14 feet in diameter, was hollow and showed many signs of decay until about eight years ago, when Mr. Everett had the tree doveled. First of all, he had it reinforced by heavy iron rods, passing entirely through the tree from side to side to hold the outside shell together. He then half the hollow plowed and scraped, removing all the dead and loose wood in the great cavity. After the tree had been thoroughly put in order Mr. Everett had 10 tons of concrete poured and packed into the hollow. The tree has since taken on new life and grows very rapidly. The hollow was formerly open to view for about 25 feet up the tree, has now almost totally been overgrown with good healthy fiber, the cement

being visible only at a few places. It is doubtful if there is another tree in the world that has taken on the form of a hollow that weighed 10 tons and still retains it and is thriving on it.

The tree is on Mr. Everett's "Washington" farm, one mile from Palmyra. Mr. Everett says he feels sure that the tree will not be cut with either axe or saw, for not only is the entire hollow full of concrete, but it is reinforced with iron and wood.

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Rev. A. C. Rennolds, rector,  
will have a service and a meeting  
of the vestry on the eve of the  
Christmas season at 10 a. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
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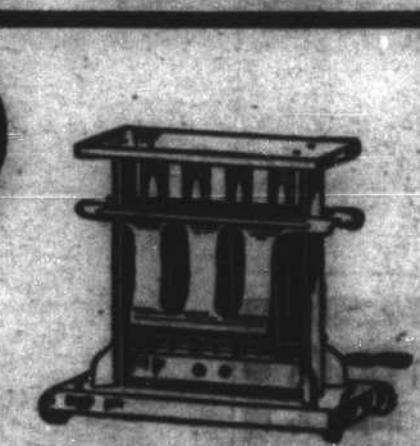
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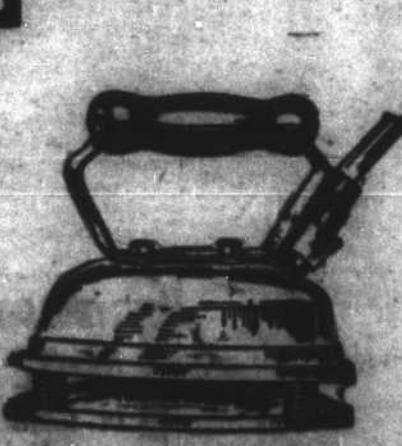
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