

BOYS, JOIN THE PIG CLUBS!

THE Progressive Farmer has a deep interest in the welfare of our Southern farm boys, for the boys of today are to be the men of tomorrow, and the hopes and ambitions of these men in the making must be crystallized in the work of the men of the South of a few years hence. As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined; as the farm boy is given a true conception of the honor, dignity, profit and opportunities for clean, wholesome living that reward the really progressive farmer, so in like measure will he come to manhood with a love for the soil that the city's lures can never efface.

In a recent issue of The Progressive Farmer we discussed the Boys' Corn Club work and the Girls' Canning Club work, and urged that Progressive Farmer boys and girls enlist under the better farming banner by affiliating with these organizations. Now, stimulating and effective as has been the work of

the Boys' Corn Clubs, there has been inaugurated a new work that promises to be equally far-reaching in its effects. This is the Boys' Pig Club work, which is already well under way in a number of Southern states. We have never believed that the final aim of the Corn Club boys should lie merely in growing a big yield of corn, but rather that growing the corn should be a means to an end-a means of producing better farmers and better men. In promoting this work of preparing the future young farmer for his big job in helping to feed and clothe the world the Pig Club work has been organized, and it logically comes after and enlarges the field of the Corn Club work. For,



George Meriwether Gilmer and His Berkshire Pig, Alexis Climaxia No. 177377, Which Won First Prize at the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport

be it known, the most profitable disposition of the corn crop is a problem oftentimes as difficult as that of growing it, and it is this problem,

among others, with which this work is concerned.

It is our firm belief that the Pig Club work, conducted jointly by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural Colleges, is fraught with immense possibilities for good, and is deserving of the fullest measure of success. We suggest that our Progressive Farmer boys align themselves with this organization, holding in mind its relation to the principles of the Corn Club work, and the necessity for an adequate knowledge of growing and feeding farm animals if they are to become really successful farmers.

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And, too, boys, don't forget that what you get out of a thing depends upon what you put into it. There may be prizes offered

for the best pigs produced at the least cost, just as there have been prizes for the Corn Club boys; but don't ever forget that cash prizes after all are only incidental, and that the biggest prize of all comes to him to does his work best. If at the end of the year you have learned valuable lessons and gained valuable information that will help you to be a better farmer and a better man, then yours will be the richest prize of all.

On page 12 of this issue we give a list of the officials in charge of this work; write today to the man in charge for your state for full details.