

CORN PRIZE AWARDED.

**E. P. ROBERTS, OF STEM,
THE RECIPIENT**

**Result of the Contest Put on
by the National Bank of
Granville**

The progress of corn ideals as plainly seen in the great difference of the character of the corn entered in the single ear contest for \$10.00 offered by The National Bank of Granville to the one exhibiting the best single ear of corn as compared with corn exhibited four years ago. This contest was open to every farmer in Granville county the only condition attached being that those ears adjudged to rank as worthy of special mention were with the best ear to become the property of the Bank giving the prize.

This is not the first unselfish patronage the National Bank of Granville has given as an expression of real interest in farm progress, its officials having taken a lively interest in the securing of the \$1000 from the Rosenwald fund for promoting agriculture in those counties which would from private sources contribute a like amount for the same purpose to be applied to its own need.

The writer has been told that the Bank has a plan to distribute the corn of the best ear to a number of farmers to be planted by them and cultivated for the purpose of producing from this seed another best ear, for which a prize will be given.

There were many splendid entries. Of these, the ear adjudged by Mr. C. R. Hudson, State Agent Farmer's Co-operative Demonstration work, to be the best, was that of Mr. E. P. Roberts, of Stem. The next best was that of Mr. E. C. Harris, of Route 3, Oxford.

The ears of three others were adjudged worthy of special mention as follows: C. G. Daniel, Route 6, Oxford; Marshall Newton, Route 1, Oxford; Lloyd Dorsey, Route 3, Oxford; J. T. Daniel, Route 1, Oxford.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, the State Agent of the Farmer's Cooperative Demonstration Work, made a special trip to Oxford for the single purpose of judging the corn. He is a highly competent and perfectly practical judge of corn, having performed this function for years.

His judgement was based on conclusions arrived at by comparison of all ears in such points as size, shape and weight of ear; filling of butts and tips of ear; conditions of cob as to size, shape, density as indicating soundness and color; uniformity of shape and size of kernels, also of color; arrangement and straightness of rows; depth of kernels, chaffiness or flintiness, plumpness of tips of kernels, discolorations from mould; color of germ or embryo, its size and fullness, shape of kernels such as to be in close opposition to each other allowing no space between the crowns, or tips next the cob.

Eight ears representation of the entries were weighed, shelled and then the cob and shelled corn weighed and compared to tell the percent of shelled corn to the cob; and the corn examined as to the market condition of it. The results are here shown:

Gross wt	Net wt.	P. C. CORN	Market condition
1-14.5 oz.	11 oz.	75.3	98 p.c.
2-14 "	12.75 "	91.	95 "
3-12 "	10.25 "	85.	98 "
4-16 "	14. "	87.5	98 "
5-17.5 "	13.5 "	70.	98 "
6-10.5 "	9.75 "	92.	100 "
7-9. "	7. "	77.77	95 "
8-16. "	13.85 "	86.	95 "
Av. 13.68	11.5	83.17	97.12

No. 5. of these ears deserves notice from the fact that it was a large ear weighing over a pound, but the furrows between the rows of grains were so broad, and the cob so large that its shelled corn weight as compared with the corn and cob weight was only 70 percent—very low.

Another ear deserves special notice from the fact that it was of a prolific variety, and therefore small, yet it shelled out 92.8 percent of shelled corn and its market condition was perfect—100 percent. This ear was No. 7 of the list and was entered by the twelve year old son of Mr. Lucius A. Carrin, of Hester, Route 1.

Many farmers came in while the study was in process and evinced the keenest interest in the work. It is certain to benefit as many as watched it through. The writer regrets that every farmer in Gran-

ville county could not see how accurately and practically true to its worth corn may be judged by one who is competent; so that every one might learn to select seed and grow and breed better corn. Mr. E. P. Roberts, the one winning first was asked how he learned, it is said, and answered, "I have been watching the judges every year at the fair."

This is an educating force he has not neglected with the result that he has become a regular winner of first in contests; but better than this, his crib is full of more and better corn, and he is going to be able to dispose of as much corn as he can spare at seed prices. We take off our hat to him! There are others doing this same thing, a long list of them, and we are in the beginning of what promises to be a most interesting era of friendly rivalry of corn growing. Granville is getting up speed. All honor to the Bank, the business man and the farmers who are coming together to help! J. A. M.

'Pine Ridge Puffs'

Farmers around here are getting ready to burn plant beds.

Murray Hinton, of Durham, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Russell.

Miss Lessie Burnett, of Chapel Hill, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Burnett.

Mrs. L. B. Crews and daughter, Ethel, have returned home from a visit to relatives at Lyon.

Mrs. A. M. Cash and son, Otis, have returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Durham.

Mrs. R. W. Adcock spent the week end with her brother, R. F. Murray, of Oxford, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson, of Brevard, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cash have returned home.

Miss Blanche Adcock and brother, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. A. Hinton, of Durham, have returned home.

Stem Stemming

J. H. Gooch was an Oxford visitor Tuesday.

M. R. Stem, of Oxford Route 1, has moved to Knap of Reeds.

W. S. Gooch and W. R. Farabow attended the Grand Lodge at Raleigh last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Minor, of Route 1, moved last week to the neighborhood of Wendell.

Alex Roberts, of Lawrenceville, Va., is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts, of Route 1.

Elder John Hall, of the Raleigh district, filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Master Hardee Averett, of Providence, is on a visit to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stem.

W. H. Hedgpath, of Route 1, went out hunting last Thursday and killed five wild turkeys at one shot.

Rev. Kennerson, pastor of Geneva Presbyterian church, will preach at Tally Ho next Sunday night.

Mrs. S. W. Bowman, of High Point, is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stem, of Route 3.

Plans are rapidly materializing for the erection of a new Masonic Hall, which work will commence in a short time.

Frank Thomasson, of Route 3, returned Friday from the hospital in Durham and we are sorry to say is improving slowly.

Misses Flesie and Myrtle Whitaker, Fredda and Sadie Bragg, of Creedmoor, spent the week end with Miss Janie Pearl Rogers, of Route 3.

Quite a pretty marriage occurred at the residence of Squire W. S. Gooch Sunday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Ollie Bullock, of Route 2, and Miss Ida Oakley, of the same neighborhood. Accompanied by a number of friends they arrived at eleven o'clock and in a few minutes entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Katie Lee Gooch. Squire Gooch in his usual forceful manner spoke the solemn words which made them one. Immediately following the ceremony the happy couple repaired to the home of Dave Mitchell, of Oxford Route 6, where a sumptuous dinner had been prepared. They will reside in the neighborhood of W. H. Washington, of Route 1. Our best wishes go with them on the journey of life.

FOR RENT—I wish to rent the old B. F. Taylor place near Hunt's woods. Howard Dorsey, Rt. 3.—2p

COTTAGE FOR RENT, with five rooms, on King street. Apply to E. G. Crews. 3t

LOST—Lamp front, two tubes and one jack, lost between Bullock and Clarksville Saturday. A small reward if returned to Sam Booth, Oxford, N. C.

**SOMETHING
for the
LITTLE ONES**

BIRD'S NEST CHANGED ROAD

Thousands of Men, Horses and Wagons Turned Aside to Avoid Doing Harm to Songster's Home.

Some years ago, Gen. David S. Stanley of the United States army was leading a force across the plains. He was laying out the route for a great railroad. There were 2,000 men, 2,500 horses and mules and a train of 250 wagons heavily laden.

One day the general was riding at the head of the broad column, when suddenly his voice rang out, "Halt!"

A bird's nest lay on the ground directly in front of him. In another moment the horses would have trampled on the nestlings. The mother bird was flying about and chirping in the greatest anxiety. But the brave general had not brought out his army to destroy a bird's nest.

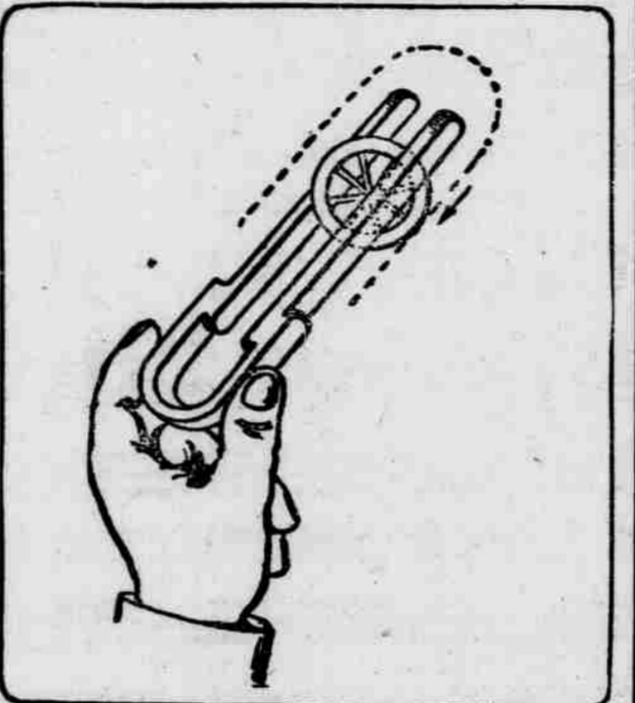
He halted for a moment, looked at the little birds in the nest below, and then gave the order, "Left oblique!"

Men, horses, mules and wagons turned aside, and spared the home of helpless bird. Months, and even years after, those who crossed the plains saw a great bend in the trail. It was the bend made to avoid crushing the bird's nest.—Young People's Paper.

LITTLE TOY IS EDUCATIONAL

Wheel Rolls Round Ends of Magnet, but Does Not Fall Off—Puzzling to the Uninitiated.

A toy that is both amusing and of educational value has been patented by an Ohio man. A horseshoe magnet with unusually long poles has the ends of these poles rounded. A single wheel, with a round steel bar running



An Educational Toy.

through it for an axle, rests upon this axle on the poles of the magnet, which form an endless track for it. The wheel, of course, is made light enough that the attraction of the magnet keeps it from falling off, yet the wheel can roll about easily on what is practically an endless track. To a child this toy brings home more forcibly than any lecture by his school teacher the power and principle of magnetism, and he will delight in "fooling" his friends with it. The uninitiated will naturally expect the wheel to roll off the arms of the horseshoe and will be amazed to see it merely roll down the ends and back on the under side.

Occasion for Pride.

Dorothy, Delia and Daisy, three youngsters of a New Jersey town, were discoursing about the baby brothers who had taken up their residence in the three families during the last year.

"My little brother Tom's got a lovely silver mug that grandfater just sent him," said Dorothy. "It's a beauty, and he had a silver knife and fork from grandmas, too."

"My little brother Harry's got a beautiful carved rattle that Uncle Dick sent him from Japan," said Delia. "It's the prettiest rattle that I ever saw."

"My little brother Willie's not as big as your brothers," said Daisy, with an air of endeavoring to conceal a feeling of triumph, "but the doctor says he's had more spasms than any other baby in the whole neighborhood, so there!"—Lippincott's.

His Reason.

Once when Phillips Brooks was recovering from a rather severe illness he ordered that no one whatsoever be admitted to see him. One fine day Robert G. Ingersoll called and the bishop requested that he be admitted and brought to the sickroom at once.

"I certainly appreciate this," said the mystified Ingersoll, when he had shaken hands with the reverend gentleman, "but why see me when you deny yourself to your friends?"

"It is this way," responded the bishop. "I feel confident of seeing my friends in the next world, but this may be my last chance of seeing you!"

The Mystery Revealed.

Little Ethel—I know why it isn't safe to count your chickens before they're hatched.

Mother—Why, dear? Little Ethel—Coz sum of 'em might be ducks.—Ohio State Journal.

A Vacuum Abhorred.

What is that which a young girl looks for, but does not wish to find? A hole in her stocking.

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