

CHERRYVILLE CORN SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

A few years ago corn shows were very popular; one frequently heard of the great National show, and of State and local shows. These were of tremendous value in stimulating better methods of corn growing, and in distributing better varieties of corn. Through these shows, the corn grower learned the value of uniformity and the importance of using selected seed. The spirit of rivalry between exhibitors was passed on to other growers until there was a nation-wide interest in better methods of producing corn.

These large shows have their value; but, in the future, the community corn show will render a greater service. The community show which brings into competition the local varieties and local methods of culture is capable of a much greater service than the larger shows. It brings together corns that are adapted to the locality and when the growers meet to visit the exhibit and witness the contests there is an exchange of ideas which are adapted to local conditions. One of the most successful corn shows of this kind was held recently at Cherryville, in Gaston County.

It was given in the agricultural room of the First National Bank of Cherryville, under the supervision of the county agents of Gaston and Lincoln counties, and the Division of Agronomy of the Experiment and Extension Service. The bank at Cherryville furnished a room, thoroughly advertised the show, and furnished liberal cash prizes.

At a conference held early in October it was decided to make the show attractive, and at the same time to have features of educational value. In addition to offering prizes for the best-looking ears of corn, awards were made for single stalks and groups of six stalks that contained the largest amount of grain. In order to add further interest, a prize was offered for the poorest ear that was brought to the show. Liberal prizes were offered for the best talks by farmers of the community on "Selecting Corn," "Corn Culture," "Corn Judging," and "Rotations for Corn." The talks were limited to five minutes. To add fun for all, a husking and shelling contest was also held for the boys under 19 years of age.

When the entries closed there were 187 exhibits of corn made up of ten-ear exhibits of prolific corn, ten-ear groups of single-ear corn, ten-ear exhibits of yellow corn, ears with stalks accompanying the best single ears, the poorest single ears, and the stalks containing the largest amount of grain. When the exhibits were all arranged they presented a wonderful sight. Dr. R. Y. Winters, of the Division of Agronomy, who judged, pronounced it the finest lot of corn brought together in any portion of the State. The ten-ear exhibits of prolific corn were unusually good, it being very difficult to decide upon the best ten ears. All of the exhibits showed that considerable care had been used in their preparation. On Friday a large number of growers visited the show, and on Saturday there were over 500 visitors.

During both of these days Mr. C. Lee Gowan, the county agent, and Dr. Winters were in attendance to answer the many questions regarding corn growing and other farm problems. In the afternoon on Saturday the visitors assembled in the auditorium to witness the corn husking and shelling contests between the boys. Eleven bright boys were on hand for the husking contest. After the contest, the boys entered a shelling contest with even more enthusiasm.

After these contests, the meeting was addressed by Dr. R. Y. Winters. He showed charts which gave some interesting results from fertilizer experiments conducted by the Division of Agronomy in Gaston County. These results showed means for adding to the corn crop in this that nitrogen and phosphorus (acid phosphate) are the most important elements. The addition of potash gave very little increase in yield. It was recommended that the growers of the county produce their own nitrogen by growing vetch and clovers in the winter and cowpeas and soybeans in the summer. Other

charts showed the splendid results secured from selecting good seed corn in the field. By this method the Division of Agronomy had obtained an increase of 8 bushels per acre, due to selecting good seed in the field for three years. This increase was sufficient to pay the fertilizer bill and part of the labor used in making the corn.

A large portion of the corn on exhibit at the Cherryville show was of such good quality that it was thought best not to bring in varieties from other sections. The growers of the community agreed to bring the best varieties together on one farm to compare the yielding qualities of the different varieties. Next spring, the growers who had the best corn at the show will furnish a small quantity of seed so the different varieties may be grown side by side and their yields compared. After the test is made, the growers will secure good seed of the variety which yields best, so that the community can grow one good high yielding variety of corn.

Several growers entered the contest for the best five-minute talk on "Selecting Corn" and "Corn Culture." Each of the speakers showed knowledge of their subject. These discussions by local men are the most valuable part of a modern corn show. The best farmers of the community should know more about the practical details of corn production in that community than any one else, and their information, gotten by years of practical experience, should be taken advantage of.

This story would be incomplete unless something was said of the agricultural leader in this community. A large number of towns can boast of agricultural promoters, but few have an agricultural leader. In Mr. M. L. Mauney, Cherryville has an agricultural leader of the best type. The success of the Cherryville corn show is due to a large extent to his splendid influence among the farmers of this community.

The Talkers.

Where one man wants to work his way to the top there are a dozen who hope to talk themselves in that general direction.—Atchison Globe.

Prepare to Be Shocked.

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Where the Clown Would Shine.

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WILES KERO OF AUTO GLASSES

Driving North Carolina Owned Car, Columbia Wins—Essex Takes All Four Events—With Haynes Car in Second Place.

Walt the Observer, January 2.

Will Wiles of Columbia, S. C., driving a North Carolina owned Essex racer, won all the individual honors at the New Year's day automobile racing meet at the fair grounds track yesterday afternoon. There were four races on the program, one for two and a half miles one for five and two for 10 miles each. The Essex, driven by Wiles, captured first honors in every one of the quartet of events and therefore carried off the major portion of the \$1,000 offered in prize money.

Only one accident marred the afternoon's pleasure. This occurred on the last lap of the five mile contest, when the Pa kard entry, driven by L. Marino, ran into the fence and the driver was thrown from his car. He received a badly cut lip, but was able to participate in a later event.

Jasper Gibson of Laurinburg, was the only Tar Heel to enter a car in the races, all the others being the property of South Carolinians. Gibson's car, driven with great skill by Billy Wiles, was never headed, however in any of the events and considering the condition of the track, made fast time on every start.

A Haynes car, driven by Tourneau and owned by T. Garren of Columbia, S. C., won second money in all four races. In the final 10-mile event John Elliot drove a Charlotte-owned Buick against the field, but finished in the "also ran" class.

Just to show that he was getting about all out of the Essex at his command, Driver Wiles finished the two 10-mile events with less than 10 seconds difference in time, which in itself was quite an achievement.

Only a small crowd of racing enthusiasts witnessed the program. The results were as follows:

2 1/2 miles—Essex (W. Wiles), first; Haynes (Tourneau), second; Packard (Marino), Oldsmobile (Massey) and Oakland (Brown) also ran. Time—2 m.37-3/4 s.

Five-mile race—Essex (W. Wiles), first, Haynes (Tourneau), second, Oakland, Oldsmobile and Packard also ran. Time 6 m. 34-1/2 s.

10-mile race—Essex (W. Wiles), first, Haynes (Tourneau), second, Oldsmobile also ran. Time—13 m. 50 s.

10-mile race—Essex (W. Wiles), first, Haynes (Tourneau), second, Oldsmobile, Packard and Buick also ran. Time 13 m. 40-1/2 s.

Mr. W. Hugh Wray is the Essex dealer in Gastonia.



GASTON COUNTY SHOWS ITS CORN.

One of the most successful community corn shows to be held in North Carolina was the one at Cherryville, in Gaston County, during the latter part of November, when the First National Bank, of Cherryville, co-operated with the county agents of Gaston and Lincoln counties to give a demonstration of the corn growing possibilities of these two counties. Co-operation in the movement was rendered by the Division of Agronomy of the Experiment Station and Extension Service, which furnished expert judges for the occasion.

Because of the particular interest of the people in this show, a detailed report of the meeting is given in this issue of The Extension Farm News.

Our Progress--Our Goal!

Before we close our books for the year 1919 we want to first thank our customers and friends for their support and co-operation. The year 1919 has been very successful and gratifying to the officers of this institution.

We want to grow only by the Steady, Progressive and Confident method. We believe that our principles of banking are meeting with the approval of our customers, friends and the public.

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SERUM FOUND THAT MAY ERADICATE YELLOW FEVER

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 1.—Science has not discovered a preventive of epidemic diseases but a serum is being formulated that may eradicate yellow fever, according to delegates attending the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in session here.

Delegates warned against influenza, spinal meningitis and infantile paralysis. These diseases have not been wiped out,

but are having "a recess," delegates asserted.

Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, and president of the association, explained that scientists were progressing in their fight on cancer, saying that medical research "gradually was getting into a position of strategic superiority" in its attack on this malady.

"It seems possible that yellow fever may be the first disease to be eradicated by science," he continued. "It is in-

sect-borne by a particular kind of mosquito. Noguchi, a Japanese scientist, is working on a serum that may rid the human race of this affliction."

Automobile tires can be more easily re-device to hold them in any position on a work bench.

The Italian government will add to its educational system a national institute for the instruction of illiterate adults.

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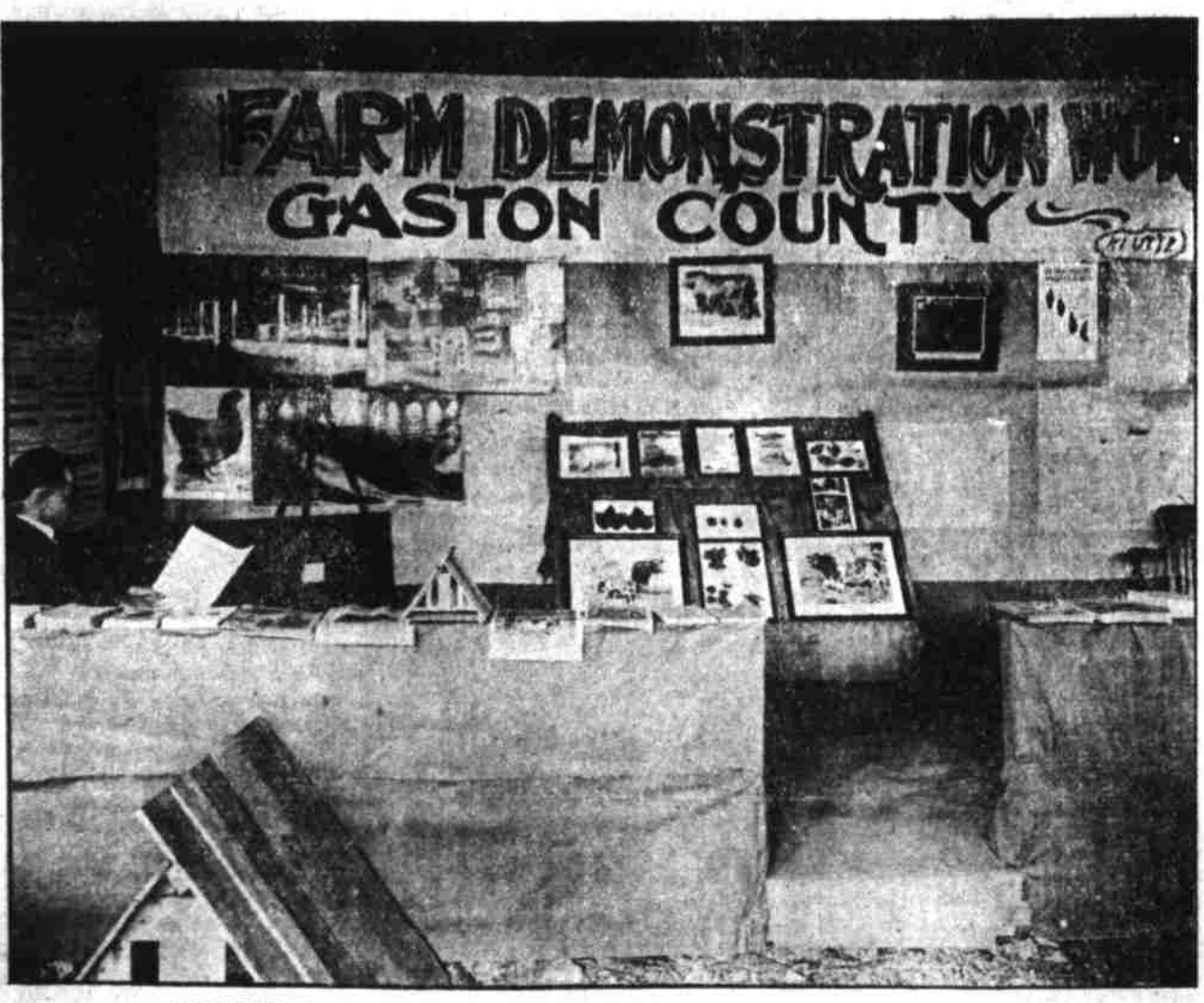


EXHIBIT BY FARM DEMONSTRATION AGENT AT GASTON COUNTY FAIR.

Mr. C. Lee Gowan, who has some excellent ideas about keeping his work before the people of his county, used an exhibit at the recent Gaston County Fair to show visitors just the different lines of work in which he is engaged. Neatly arranged and well prepared, this exhibit caused considerable comment, and as a result the farm demonstration work of the Agricultural Extension Service is now better known in Gaston County. The above cut gives some idea as to the appearance of Mr. Gowan's booth. It was put up at little expense, yet the result in advertising was invaluable.