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# Southenn Railway Lends Aid To All Farmers CORN CUP GIVEN EACH YEAR---ALWAYS BIG EVENT

WARD OF THE SOUTHERN FARMING IN SOUTH RAILWAY'S CORN CUP IN 1925 ON SOUNDER BASIS



Winning Corn in the 1926 Contest for the Corn Cup offered by the Southern Railway System.

handsome silver awarding the prize the judges said: Southern Rail- "The committee of fudges feel that rewer of the best the exhibits assembled in the Southmoduced in eight ern Railway Corn Contest were very PRTE and exhibited at creditable throughout and that the economic error of buying from other listrict fairs, was Southern Rallway itself, especially its in 1925. It was Development Service, is to be heartily the fairs within commended for this forward step it this much to stim- has taken toward the development of among the corn Southern agriculture.

"We feel that offering the trophy did it adjudged to be is distinctly in the interest of the each fair was put farmers generally throughout the enkage by the offi- tire southeastern section of the counand forwarded to try and are of the opinion that the vericultural Agent, contest is worthy of the continued sup-System. Atlanta, port of the farmers and agricultural rtifying the name leaders in the south. We were pleas iress of the grower to find so large a number of exhibits the corn and the representing so wide a territory, inwas grown. Twen- dicating the wide-spread interest in corn which had won the contest."

The cup was formally presented to the fairs were forward-William Pitton Boland in the Gov-At the investion of Southern Rail- ernor's office at Columbia on Decem-System Mr. John R. Hutcheson, ber 23, by Governor Thomas G. Mc-Agricultural Extension, Lood of South Carolina. Mr E B Ferris Di- In conformity with a

DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL PLANS FOR DIVERSIFICATION

## COW, HOG AND HEN PROGRAM

AND SOIL BUILDING.

Combination of Dairying and Poultry **Raising Provides Current** Income for Farm.

By Roland Turner, General Agricultural Agent, Southern Rallway System, Atlanta, Ga.

The future of the South's farming industry, and the general business prosperity of the Southern country insofar as affected by agriculture, is secure.

In the development of any important enterprise the first step is the careful, thoughtful formation of plans Southern agriculture is a great enterprise, the plans for which have been perfected in every important detail, and the work of construction is now under way, as is evidenced by the wide diversity of interest in production in practically every Souhtern farming community. The South has engaged in sounder thinking since the advent of the cotton boll weevil and has set about the correction of the

be grown at home. In the cotton belt, east of the Mississippi river, since the advent of the cotton boll weevil, the development of improved methods and of wide diversification of production, including live stock, has been most gratifying The fine strides along these lines were not made without real effort The service of the newspapers in

"selling" the idea of the value of a current cash income for every farmer cows, poultry and hogs, has been fine indeed. Cow, Hog and Hen Program.

No plan ever suggested has proved

reference to the market for poultry SOUTHERN'S CORN CUP products and for pork. Pastures throughout the South of superior carrying capacity to those known in any other parts of the country are now common and may be observed on many farms in any section of the cotton belt. The introduction of leguminous grazing plants, especially

the winter growing kinds and of grasses, including Bermuda, Dallis grass, carpet grass and lespedeza, has converted many a pasture from one of poor production of indifferent quality grazing to one of the highest excellence.

Greater Preduction Needed.

Southern farmers are not producing anything like the annual volume of wealth they might produce, considering strength of soils, rainfall, its distribution and general climatic conditions. While diversification already reached is considerable and most gratifying, the many phases of farm production now in evidence should be added on a greater proportion of the farms and are, as a matter of fact very rapidly being added.

The plans that have been formulated and that have taken such definite shape in the minds of Southern farmers for the building of a great corn must first have been exhibited agricultural industry have included soil building. The long growing season, coupled with a wide range of suitable legumes, makes it entirely qualify to compete for the Southern's practical for the farmer to include a soil improvement crop in connection with every important money crot

grown in the South. He may thus add to the soil, either through plowing in the crop or its residue of humus sections foods and feeds that could making material each year. One phase of Southern farm pro-

duction that has not been given the attention it is entitled to is that o mutton and wool. At this time, however, interest in sheep raising is rapidly developing. Sheep may be pro- Georgia State Tair, Savannah, Ga.; duced on Southern farms most economically and conditions of climate lumbus. Ga.; Alabama State Fair, Birwhich are almost ideal make it pos- mingham, Ala .: State Fair of Alasible to put on the early spring market lambs of finest quality. The almost ideal conditions in the South sissippi State Fair, Jackson, Miss. and the splendid way in which this will enable farmers to produce lambs, might be secured through adding mutton and wool more cheaply and to realize a finer margin on sheep noted will be asked to forward the raising than in other parts of the ten-ear exhibit adjudged to be the country.

Poultry as a substantial source of income to the farmer is being appre- Agricultural Agent, Southern Railway favor as has the "Cow, Hog and Hen clated and greater interest taken in System. Atlanta, Georgia, together In the same period cattle have shown Program," embracing a few cows or this line of husbandry than has ever nostoffice address of the grower and known before in the South. With improved breeds and better care pigs. It has been most effective in in the matter of housing and feeding in which it was grown. In cases in helping farmers and relieving their poultry is becoming, on many farms, greatest necessity, that of a current an important source of current in- fair shall require the shelling of one

**OFFERED TO GROWERS** PRODUCERS OF BEST TEN EARS WILL WIN THIS HAND-SOME TROPHY.

CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

To Compete for Southern's Cup, Corn Must Have Won at Fair.

Atlanta, Ga .- To encourage the growing of more and better corn in the territory it serves, the Southern Railway System has offered a handsome silver cup, to be competed for annually. The cup will be awarded for the best ten ears of any variety of field corn grown and exhibited by a farmer in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina South Carolina, or Virginia.

Competition will be open to all growers in the states named, but the by the grower at one of the designated fairs in his state. The designated fairs at which exhibitors may cup are as follows:

Virginia State Fair, Richmond, Va. Central Fair, Greensboro, N. C.; South Carolina State Fair, Columbia, S. C .; Tennessee State Fair, Nashville Tenn.; Tri-State Fair, Memphis, Tenn.: Chattanooga Interstate Fair. Chattanooga, Tenn.: East Tennessee Division Fair, Knoxville, Tenn.; Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, Ky .; Southeastern Fair, Atlanta, Ga.; Georgia State Exposition, Macon, Ga.; Chattahoochee Valley Exposition. Cobama, Montgomery, Ala.; Mississippi-Alabama Faft, Meridian, Miss.: Mis-South Mississippi Fair, Laurel, Miss. The officials of each fair desigtest entering competition at that fair in a sealed package to the General with a letter certifying the name and an increase of 2,808,000 head.

(5) Tips of ears..... (6) Butts of ears..... (7) Kernel uniformity (8) Kernel shape ..... (9) Color of corn and cob...... 5 (10) Trueness to type of variety represented ..... 15

(11) Per cent of grain ...... The name of the winner of the cup. with his county, state and year of winning, will be engraved on a silver plate to be attached to the base of the cup. Title to Southern Rail- trol the machinery of the Democratthe prize winner pending its award to the prize winner in the next fol-



HAD FOR EARLY SPRING LAMBS.

By G. W. Humphrey, Agricultural pedominance of the town in all Agent, Southern Rallway System, phases of life. Says he: Atlanta, Ga.

In the general live stock program for Southern farmers, there is one branch of meat animal production, which, as a whole, has been sadly neglected, namely, sheep. Therein lies a branch of animal husbandry offereration.

most favorable and the sheep farmer enjoys many advantages in economical feeding, housing, etc., because of the long grazing season and moderate winters.

Earlier in our history the South was an important sheep raising section of acter and favor. It will take its the country and sheep were found to be on many farms and upon the of Commerce, and Manufacturers' ranges.

In 1880, there were in the ten Southern states traversed by Southern Railway System. 4.155,000 head of sheep, while in 1923 the number had dwindled down to 1.951,000, showing a loss of 2,204,000 during these years Small Outlay Required.

### INDUSTRIALIZING THE SOUTH

In the South as well as the North the drift is toward industrilization. There is already a marked tendency for wealthy manufacturin gand commercial interests to capture and conway Corn Cup will remain permanent- ic Party here as they have captured ly with Southern Railway Company. and controlled the Republican mach-Possession of the cup will remain with inerv in many Northrn states. In a recent primary election for the state tegislaute in a county half rural the write found not a single famer on the ticke for either House or Senate, seven of the nine candidates were city men and the others a smalltown merchant and a small-town lawyer. This industrializing of the South was the subpect of a recent article by E. C. Lindeman in which he warned against the disposition to GOOD PRICES CAN ALWAYS BE bury our superb Anglo-Saxon population in cotton mills, leaving the Negroes in increasing proportion on the farms, and against the growing

"Unorganized agricultural produc ers must give way step by step as the industrializing process goes forward. Cooperative associations are doing something toward orderly n:arketing of both cotton and toing most splendid returns, and one bacco but these organizations are which should have much more consid- none too sure of continued existence they have from the start fought an Climatic conditions in the South are uneven battle with the merchants, bankers and speculators of the towns and in one or two significant cases they show signs of defeat. In any case, the domiant culture of the coming South will be urban in charcues from Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber Associations and not from the country store, church, or school. Tt those who regard all human rural products as 'yokels' this will be a welcome shift. They should remember, however, that wherever the shadow of the machine has fallen in the past the ensuing civilization has become stereotyped, standardized dull, and uninspiring. Southern cities already show signs of these infections." As for our cooperative marketing associations, Mr. Lindeman might have added that even there farmers have been to much inclined to choose dirrectors and officials from commercial life and allow bankers and business men to dominate affairs. And yet if the South can be saved. from this over-industrialization, if agriculture can be revived and strengthened and a poper balance take his product. However, there are between town and coutry preserved plenty of instances where farmers here what a superb flowering of civilzation the South might achieve. The raw materials for it are all at hand says Mr. Lindeman; who concludes by saying: "And there is something about the people - something deep and frightening at times, something which has grown out of suffering, something indigenous which might, if it were creatively released, provide the most potent stimulus for cultural advance since New England civilization disintergrated. A few of the socially minded leaders of the South are aware of the portentous changes going on about them, they see that material progress is fast outrunning social resources, and they would, if they could, maintain the balance. Their task calls for rare qualities of vision, indepenence win-exciting thought-" The South needs, as America needs, an active, vital, aggressive agriculture to offset the lopsided industrialization that threatens us. dence, and courage. If they could South and West should work together to efefct this result .-- Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farm-

th Mississippi Branch resolution adopted by the legislature Station, Poplarville, Miss., of South Carolina, the cup was put A. Cobb. Editor of the on exhibition in the lobby of the Ruralist, Atlanta, Ga., met State House. It was shown at Charleson December 7 to select ton, S. C., during the meeting of the of the twenty-seven lots National Foreign Trade Convention in orn and award the cup. Each ten- that city, April 28-30, 1926, and was was given a number and taken to Washington, D. C., and shown erhi hudges had no means of knowing during the meeting of the United the it was grown or by whom it. States Chamber of Commerce, May d been exhibited.

whether so many uni- attention. By invitation, young Boexhibits of corn had ever land took the cup to the White House, tten together in the where he was congratulated by Presthem were good, but, ident Coolidge and where photographs going over each ex- of the president, the cup winner and ring it on the schedule the cup were made on the White and s ming the award, the House lawn

isly agreed as to one . It is interesting to note that the p should be awarded, corn which won the prize in 1925 and that this exhibit was a variety originated in Georgia in by William Patton and improved by Mr. T. M. Mills, beer ar-old Corn Club boy, County Agent. Newberry County, wherry County, South South Carolina, a real expert in seed d been awarded the selection and production. The variety South Carolina State is a single-eared white dent type of He was accord- fair uniformity and good quality. It the cup for 1925. In is a heavy producer. 7 BWH- 7

every farm, the sale of cream and the cash income to meet running ex- come. penses of the farm and family.

The sale of whole milk can be made profitable only by those farmers most conveniently located with oference to the cities and centers of population The farmer farther removed from the fresh milk markets should establish himself in the dairy business upon the basis of the sale of cream and should carry on the companion industries of poultry raising and hog raising in conn :tion so as profitably to utilize skim milk on the farm.

Dairying on the basis of the sal of cream encourages the raising of young stock, as the farmer has abundant skim milk on which to feed his calves and it pays him to carry them as a means of utilizing his byproduct. The market for butter the South is, practically speaking, unlimited and the same is true with

SOUTHERN ENGINES IN COLOR SET NEW STYLE

11-13, 1926, where it attracted much

STRIPING GREEN LETTERS & GREEN NUMBERS\_ GOLD LEAF

some New Passenger Locomotive of Southern Railway System, Painted Green and Gold.

Much attention has jackets, driving rods and other run-|for water. They run through between the brightly painted ning parts are highly polished, add- Atlanta and Greenville without stoping greatly to the attractive appear- ping for either coal or water. Likeance of the locomotives. The photo- wise no coal or water is taken beb the Southern Railputting in service to graph shows No. 1393, the first of tween Greenville and Spencer, N. C., the passenger trains. the new engines to reach Atlanta, where engines are changed. The ensembre black which ready to pull No. 38, the "Crescent gine put on at Spencer runs to Monalversa garb for lo- Limited," from Atlanta to Spencer, roe, Va., without taking on coal or

unerican railways in N. C. Four of the engines which will hanme of Virginia green dle Nos. 37 and 38 between Atlanta run of 637 miles between Atlanta and passenger engines and and Washington have their tenders Washington, each of them stopping of the heavy Pacific lettered "Crescent Limited" and three only once for coal and water. to run between Chattanooga, Birmingham and Meridian have their tenders gines now in service on the Southern lettered "Queen and Crescent Lim- the new engines have 73-inch driving ming from the Richhe American Locomodressed in the new are a part of an order ited." A distinctive feature of these new

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drivers and truck The tenders have twelve wheels, be- The engines alone weigh 300,00' the rich Virginia green ing mounted on two six-wheel trucks, pounds and the tenders when loader the rich Virginia green ing mounted on two six-wheel trucks, pounds and the tenders when loader the gold start striping. The boiler and were designed to eliminate stops 256,000 pounds.

D. C. Two engines thus make the

Like other heavy Pacific type en wheels, cylinders of 27-inch diameter and 28-inch stroke, and such moders locomotives is the size of the ten- improvements as mechanical stokers ngines have tenders, ders which have capacity for 14,000 power reverse gears, feed water heat projections above the gallons of water and 16 tons of coal. ers, superheaters and brick arches

#### Leaving One-Grop System.

crops or unfavorable market condi- way System. tions, had frequently been much disemerging from this unsound, unfavorparticularly dairy cows, poultry, hogs vegetable crops, from which they are vance.

realizing current cash, which is being used for taking care of the houseproving most valuable and helpful in final judging. the important matter of improving the condition of the land and increasing its producing capacity.

USE NEGLECTED ASSET

SAYS SOUTHERN FIELD

COMMUNITIES URGED TO HELP

GRADUATES OF AGRICULTURAL

SCHOOLS ACQUIRE FARMS.

Washington, D. C .- An issue of The

Southern Field just published by the

Development Service of Southern

Railway System, is devoted to the agricultural and herticultural upbuild-

Its most important features are an

editorial and an address by Mr. Ro-

land Turner, General Agricultural

Agent, Southern Railway System, di-

recting attention to the opportunity to put graduates of Southern agricultural schools and colleges on farms.

At present a very small proportion of these trained young men becom dirt farmers for the simple reason

that the great majority of them lack sufficient money to enable them to

take over a farm and run it in the

way that they have been taught

farming ought to be done. It is sug-

gested in the Field that organizations

or individuals can do real construc-

tive work in their communities by

preparing groups of attractive farms

and offering tham to these splendidly-

equipped young men on terms that will

enable them to pay out and own un-

This issue also includes articles on

Southern Horticultural Development;

on Southern Apples, with special ref-

erence to marketing advantages and

freight rates as compared with West-

ern apples; on Opportunities for

Growing Grapes in the South; on

Profits from Sheep, with special ref-

erence to spring lambs; on Dairy

Cows and Poultry; on Hauling the

1926 Peach Crop to Market; on As-

paragus as a Profitable Crop; and

on a remarkable transportation rec-

ord made by Southern Railway in

Handling Mules for the Spanish Gov-

encumbered farms.

ernment.

ing of the South.

which the corn judging rules of the corn and the cobs from which it was shelled shall be forwarded with the Those farmers of the South who unshelled ears. All expense of packing had practiced the one-crop system and forwarding exhibits from each and who, in seasons of poor cotton fair will be borne by Southern Rail-

As soon as the exhibits have been tressed with the burden of debt, are received from all of the fairs designated, the awarding of the cup for able economic condition. They are that year will be made by three imgradually adding phases of production, partial judges. The names of the judges, together with date of the and, in certain sections, fruit, and judging, will be announced in ad-

Any competittor whose corn shall be forwarded to Atlanta from his fair hold and farm expenses, leaving the can have his corn returned to him proceeds from the main crops as a after the final judging by notifying bankable surplus. The rotation of the General Agricultural Agent. fields incident to the cultivation of Southern Railway System, Atlanta, a wider range of farm crops is Georgia, at least five days before the

The following schedule of points shall govern judging for the award of Southern Railway Cup: Points

(1) Uniformity of exhibit ...... (2) Shape of ears, taking in

consideration the variety. 10 (3) Length of ears, taking in consideration the variety.. 10

(4) Circumference, taking in ount on a one hundred per cent lam consideration the variety., 10

A small flock of sheep may be exhibitor of the corn and the county started without a large outlay of cap ital and they are a great producer of revenue in the form of lambs and wool. The main object with farm

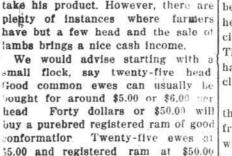
> production of early lambs, and to obtain a good market it is necessary that there be sufficient flocks in a given ocality so that the lambs may be assembled and raded, then ship ped in carload lots to the best mar kets. A farmer with a small flock by himself is at a disadvantage ut less he has sufficient for a carlot shipment or a local market which can

lambs brings a nice cash income.

flocks in the South should be the

We would advise starting with a small flock, say twenty-five head Good common ewes can usually be bought for around \$5.00 or \$6.00 per head Forty dollars or \$50.00 will buy a purebred registered ram of good conformation Twenty-five ewes at 55.00 and registered ram at \$50.00 would be an investment of \$175.00 crop. These lambs should weigh sixty-five pounds by May 1st to 15t

gregate \$267.50 or \$92.50 more that



With good attention the farmer ma. and at prices prevailing the past sea son should be worth about \$9.50 per head. T enty-five lamb: a this price would be worth \$237.50 and the woo! clip, estimated at \$30.00, would ag.

the initial cost of the flock



Chaplain Arthur Stone christening William R. Dillow, Jr., in the pres ence of the parents on the deck of the historic frigate Constitution at Boston The baby is the grandson of the chief electrician of the Boston navy yard and the ceremony was a feature of a program for raising funds to restore the old vessel.

#### GARDEN-HOME BUILDER

#### To Carry Article on Tryon

Doubleday-Page & Co., interesting Magazine Garden-Home and Builder have an advance notice in their October issue that the November number, which will be released and on the Newsstand about November the 20 will be devotedly exclusively to Southern Gardens.

In this interesting collection will be fould an article by Mrs. Mary H. Phifer, probably the best known writer in this section on Gardening and Flowers, entitled the Garden of Tryon.

Extra copies of the above magaine have been ordered by Missillines as no doubt there will be keen local interest in this descriptive discussion of the beauty we are accustomed to passing each day.

We believe that the world may yet produce some prodigy who can keep up on the world's athletic championships.

