

Results Of Five-Acre Corn Contest Announced

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 18. — John Barnes, Jr., Brooksbury, Jefferson county, is the winner of the five acre corn growing contest in Indiana for 1925, capturing the title of production champion over an even 700 other Hoosier farmers and corn men who finished the contest this year. This was the announcement made today by M. O. Pence, of the soils and crops extension staff of Purdue University, which co-operates with the Indiana Corn Growers Association in conducting the contest. Barnes had an official yield of 149.99 bushels per acre on his five acre tract. It was judged as was all other entrants on the 16.5 percent moisture basis. The average yield of all contestants was more than 90 bushels to the acre against the state average for this year of 43 bushels.

Second place in the contest went to Ed Lux of near Waldron, Shelby county, of the famous family of Luxs who have produced champion corn in state and national shows for years. His son, Victor, is the junior corn king of America now, winning last week at the International Grain and Hay Show. The Lux yield was 133.83 bushels per acre. Last year's winner George Yarling, Shelby county, who grew 118 bushels to the acre then beat his own mark by growing 131.4 this time.

A check up on the figures today showed that of the 700 who completed the corn growing project, the largest number any year since the start of the contest in 1914, 603 will get medals for yields of 75 bushels or more to the acre. Gold medals for 100 bushels or more to the acre will be awarded to 191 persons which is almost equal the number to receive gold medals all together since the start of the contest. Silver medals will be given 282 men, twice as many as ever given before in one year. These medals go for yields from 85 to 100 bushels. The bronze medal winners, for those who grew from 75 to 85 bushels to the acre, will go to 130 farmers. For the first time in the history of the work, the number of gold will exceed the number of bronze medal winners.

Remarkable records have been made by a number of counties in corn growing this year. Eleven Jefferson county growers of 23 enrolled, produced more than 110 bushels of corn to the acre. Out of 44 enrolled in Shelby county, 22 drew gold medals, 18 silver and two bronze. This county drew more gold medals than any other in the state.

In Wayne county, 12 growers drew gold medals and four silver out of 16 competitors. Lawrence Lutz, of Gibson county, high man there, drew 132.23 bushels per acre and was one of the highest men in the state. Of 15 Henry county growers enrolled, 12 won gold medals and the other three

silver. Alvin Hardin had the top yield of 128.2 bushels per acre.

Grant county leads all others of the state with 67 growers completing the project this year, and also in number of medals awarded. Of 55 given there, 13 were gold, 32 silver and 10 bronze. Tippecanoe was a close second, with 51 finishing, and 42 medal winners, six gold, 23 silver and 13 bronze. Rush county had 20 to finish 10 gold, and 10 silver medals.

A total of 64 counties in the state carried on the five acre work this year, Mr. Pence stated. Of this number 48 produced gold medal winners or members of the 100 Bushel Corn Club, 61 had silver medal winners, and all 64 counties had men who grew 75 bushels or more per acre.

"This shows that it is possible to grow 75 bushels or more corn, to the acre in any county in Indiana. The contest points the way to more successful corn production in the state and the yields produced by these contestants should point the way to better farm practices in growing this crop in all counties of Indiana," said Mr. Pence.

Many of the medal winners will attend the annual meeting of the Indiana Corn Growers' Association during the Agricultural Conference at Purdue Jan. 13, as well as the Corn Growers' Banquet, Monday evening Jan. 11 and many of them will show in the state corn show to be held that week.

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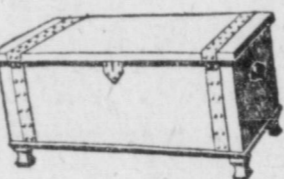
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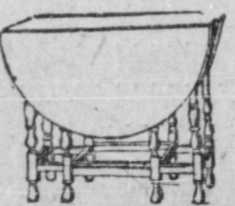
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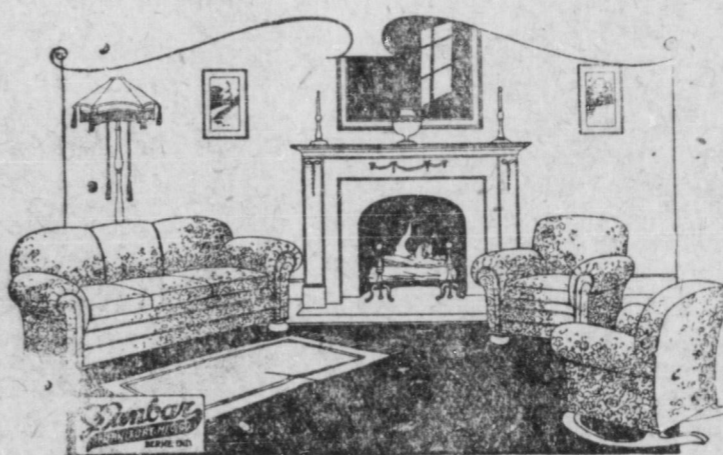
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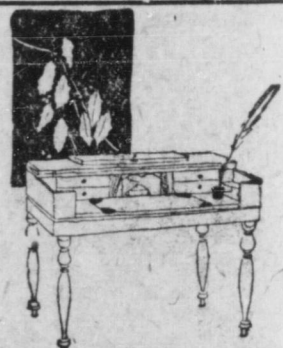
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