

ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF CORN MEDALS IN RICHMOND DISTRICT

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN

A total of 559 men in 58 Indiana counties finished the 5-acre corn contest in 1921 with an average yield of 74 bushels per acre, which is twice the state average. Twenty-one counties are represented in the 100-bushel class. This contest was inaugurated in 1914 and a larger number completed the work this year, despite drouth, chinch bugs, etc., than in any previous year. Of the men who finished 342, or 60 per cent, produced over 75 bushels per acre, while 43 grew 100 bushels and up. The 100-bushel men will receive gold medals; 133 will be presented with silver medals for producing 85 to 99 bushels and there are 166 bronze medals due men who raised from 75 to 84 bushels per acre.

King of Corn Growers
R. H. Hardin, of Henry county, has been acclaimed king of the Indiana corn growers in 1921, with an average yield of 129.7 bushels on a 5-acre tract. The record was made on a first bottom piece of overflow land on the Blue river. Roy Schoeberger of Carroll county, ranked second with 121.9 bushels. S. E. Henry county, came third with 120.9 bushels.

Silver and Bronze Medals
The winners of silver and bronze medals in Wayne county, and in the Richmond district, covering Union, Henry, Fayette and Rush counties, are reported from Purdue, as follows:

Wayne county—Silver medal, V. S. Wilson, Greenfork, 82.8; Bronze medals, William Wessel, Milton, 79.5, and Gar Elison, Centerville, 82.9.

Union county—Silver medals, George Quick, Liberty, 84.5; Roy Carson, Liberty, 87.5; John Schrader, Kitchel, 90.3; Lee Huntington, Liberty, 91.8; Morton Jones, Liberty, 92.1; James Boyle, College Corner, Ohio, 96.7; Paul McCray, College Corner, Ohio, 97.1. Bronze medals—James Eaton, Liberty, 77.4; J. E. H. Sears, Carthage, 90.3; Russel Baker, Lewisville, 86.6; Ernest L. Stuckey, Falmonth, 92.5; Capp Miller, Rushville, 88.9. Bronze medals—Fred D. Pike, New Salem, 78.3; C. H. Kirkham, Knightstown, 78.7; G. V. Spencer, New Salem, 79.7; Howard Edbank, Rushville, 74.4; Claude Sears, Mays, 82.5; Frank Humphrey, Milroy, 75.5.

Fayette county—Silver medal—Elmer L. School, Connersville, 94.7. Bronze medals—Carl K. Edwards, Connersville, 75.6; W. E. Brown, Connersville, 81.8.

Gold Medal Winners
Henry county led the state in the number of gold medals won, six men having achieved that honor. Delaware county boasts five men who grew 100 or more bushels to the acre. Madison county next in line with four. Madison county has also won four counties each have three. Six other counties having more than one winner within its borders are: Adams, Carroll, Montgomery, Steuben, Tippecanoe and Tipton, each of which captured two gold medals.

In commenting on the results of the 1921 corn contest, R. S. Thomas of the soils and crops department at Purdue said: "The fact that 21 counties are represented in the 100-bushel class shows that the location of a county and the type of soil are not the only factors influencing the yield. The five-acre work in 1921 has served as a demonstration worthy of notice."

Prof. Thomas asserts that farmers are fast coming to realize "that if there is to be a profit in raising corn it will be necessary to increase the yield per acre and to limit the acreage. This can be accomplished only by using the best known methods of corn culture."

FREAK GROUNDHOG TRAPPED AT OXFORD
EATON, Ohio, Jan. 2.—J. L. Wright of Oxford captured in a trap last week the most peculiar freak seen in many years. His catch was a young groundhog with long tusks like those pictured on mastodons. The two from the upper jaw grew in a circular shape to the left side of the head, one six inches in length penetrating the eye and growing an inch or more beyond the eye, between the scalp and skull and destroying the sight of the eye, while the other passed over the head missing the skull. The lower ones were also quite long and extended down the throat an inch or more.

Mr. Wright can account for the length of the teeth, for he claims that those of any rodent will grow indefinitely if the jaw of the animal becomes injured so that the animal can not gnaw on hard substances, but what he can not account for is how the groundhog could eat with his jaws locked apart. It was in good condition of flesh and fur. The specimen is to be mounted.

TOWNSHIPS' SHIPPING ASSOCIATION ACTIVE
FOUNTAIN CITY, Ind., Jan. 2.—The first month of operation of the New Garden and Franklin townships' cooperative live stock shipping association has resulted in the shipment of two double-deck and six single-deck cars of hogs—700 head in all—officials announced today. Costs of shipment have ranged from 42 to 50 cents a hundred, and shrinkage has ranged from nothing to five pounds, with some hogs registering gains.

Shippers have had sufficient experience to determine the cause of the shrinkage or gain and to handle the stock to prevent excessive shrinkage in the future.

It is stated that a double and a single-deck car will be shipped soon "to start the new year."

The association owns its own scales with a building erected to shelter them, and an overhead storage room is provided in the scale building also.

Livestock Judging To Be Popular Feature of Purdue Short Course, Jan. 9 to 13



Glass in livestock judging at farmers short course at Purdue university.

Live stock judging, the very first principle in successful live stock production, always is one of the popular features at the annual farmers' short course at Purdue university and will be again this year at the course which will be held, Jan. 9 to 13.

"Many men can tell a good animal, of one which they believe is good, but too few can tell why one individual is better than another," said a local farmer recently in discussing the art of live stock judging. "To be a good feeder or breeder of hogs, cattle, sheep or horses a man must know what con-

stitutes a good individual and then strive to produce it."

This farmer sized up the situation well. The authorities at Purdue have taken cognizance of this fact and the various judging demonstrations on both dairy and beef cattle, hogs, horses and sheep, are made so plain and are of such a practical nature that no farmer can help understanding them and getting the help that the instruction offers. Animals from the university herds and flocks are to be used in the demonstrations.

Besides the live stock and poultry judging, instruction in judging corn is given for both beginners and for advanced students or farmers who have taken the work in other years. These judging demonstrations are popular with all the farmers and many farm women who attend and they likely will be again this year.

What is probably the strongest program in the history of the short courses has been prepared and an unusually large crowd is expected to take advantage of the week. More economic production and marketing are the two biggest items on the program for discussion.

The Farm and the Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

The state farm bureau offices at Indianapolis will in future occupy the entire fourth floor of the Public Savings Insurance building, at 147 East Market street. Not that the farm bureau needed more room, but because it was thought best to house all representatives of our agricultural interests under one roof, and in closer touch.

The marketing service, which has been located in the Board of Trade building, has been assigned space at headquarters. The Farmers' Grain Dealers' Association of Indiana have also been given space on the same floor. Office room also has been provided for James K. Mason, director for Indiana of the U. S. Grain Growers, Inc.

A private branch telephone exchange will facilitate intercommunication between all these parties and departments. In commenting on these changes and new facilities the Hoosier Farmer emphasizes the need for increased co-operative effort.

"The continued harmonious co-operation of these closely allied organizations is one of the very gratifying features of farmers' coalition in Indiana," says the Hoosier Farmer. "There is ample opportunity for more co-operative elevators, greatly increased patronage of the federated marketing service and more rapid development of the U. S. Grain Growers' campaign, all of which are earnestly desired and actively supported by the Indiana federation of farmers' associations."

The President's New Suit.
It now seems certain that President Harding will get one new suit of clothes in 1922; made of virgin wool, at that. And it won't cost him a copper. The Ohio wool growers have promised to present the suit, woven from Ohio wool, and made up just as real clothes should be built, sewed with silk and trimmed accordingly.

This reminds us that the truth-in-fabrics bill has seemingly been lost sight of. But not so, for no matter what the final result may be, the friends of the bill will again present its merits at the proper time.

It is a far cry from California to New England, so far indeed that one would hardly expect to find California alfalfa in the stalls of eastern dairy cattle. Water shipment is the answer. It costs but \$12 per ton to ship alfalfa to eastern seaports via the Panama canal, which is exactly the rate charged on shipments of alfalfa from central Nebraska points to Chicago. The farmer farthest from competitive water transportation is hit the hardest by freight rates.

A Fountain County Pumpkin.
Blomer Meyers, of Fountain county, Ind., has on exhibit in the Farmers' bank, at Wallace, a pumpkin weighing 98 pounds. Stories of large pumpkins on display are often found in the rural press and one Illinois paper tells of two pumpkins which grew on the same vine, having a joint weight of 118 pounds. They are displayed in the Menard county farm bureau office. A few hefty pumpkins and squashes have decorated windows in Richmond this winter, and some have also been shown in banking rooms.

About Democrat Corn
The chinch bug editor of the Prairie Farmer has been enlightening his readers as to the bug-proof merits of "Democrat" corn. He says that he recently received 56 letters about this corn in a single day, and then proceeds to say: First, Democrat corn has one outstanding merit—it is not seriously damaged by chinch bugs, no matter how thick they are. That makes it possible for a farmer to grow a good crop of corn, in spite of the bugs."

"Democrat corn should not be grown north of a line drawn through Springfield and Decatur, Ill. It requires a long season and may not mature. The chinch bugs are 50 or 60 miles north of this line, but that won't make it safe to grow Democrat there."

The bug-proof corn has been tested by the Illinois experiment station and the claims of bug-resistance verified. It will allow many farmers to raise a crop next year who would otherwise raise nothing but bugs," says the editor.

A Cow-Testing Record
The Tri-County cowtesting association of Belmont, Harrison and Jefferson counties, Ohio, ended its 1921 season with an average record per cow of 6,693 pounds of milk for the past 12 months. The production of the average cow in Ohio is said to be around 4,700 pounds a year.

The herd of W. G. McClain, Bellair, was first. Each cow averaged 15,199 pounds of milk and 44 1/2 pounds of butterfat for the year. Mr. McClain also had in his herd the three highest

DINNER AND PROGRAM ENJOYED SATURDAY BY POMONA GRANGE

ELDORADO, Ohio, Jan. 2.—The meeting of Preble county Pomona Grange in the Monroe schoolhouse Saturday was attended by about 300 Grangers of the county.

The Jackson township drill team gave fifth degree work to 43 candidates, and after a liberal dinner served from the school kitchen, a program of entertainment was presented by the Monroe township Grange.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Hapner, lecturer, and was her final program in several years of service as county lecturer. She is succeeded by Mrs. Ed Weidner, of Eaton.

The program opened with a vocal solo by Rev. Murray of the Eldorado church, which was followed by a piano solo and a performance by "The Old Band," recruited from the countryside and led by the violinist, C. F. Laird. Old fashioned tunes were played by the band, and met with a cordial reception.

The speaker of the afternoon was Frank Blackford, who talked on the St. Lawrence River project. The next Pomona meeting will be held in Eaton on the last Saturday in February under the direction of the new lecturer. Officers will be installed at that time. Drill work for next year will be taken over by the Dixon township grange.

PRODUCTION OF EGGS STIMULATED BY TRICK

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The scene in the chicken house on the farm of C. J. West, agricultural statistician for Ohio, near Reynoldsburg, Time, any evening around 9 o'clock. Chickens are fast asleep. Enter West with big pans of corn. On goes the lights in a blinding flash, and chickens, galvanized into action, dig madly around on the floor for their "midnight lunch."

Feeding them at this time of the night increases egg production, West asserts. West has 750 White Leghorns. At 11 every evening, he turns the lights out, and the chickens go back to roost. This is the way it works, says West: A chicken can eat at one time only enough to last eight hours. In winter, when it begins to get dark at 4 p. m., and chickens take to the roost early, their food supply is exhausted by 11 or 12 o'clock. After that, the hen must draw upon its reserve strength which otherwise could go to producing eggs. The night lunch prevents any drain upon the reserve, is the theory, hence there should be an increase in egg production.

Farm Sale Calendar

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Henry Toschlog & Son, on what is known as the William Lewis farm, one-half mile east of Williamsburg and 3 1/2 miles west of Fountain City, general farm sale at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, Jan. 10
James Shank, 1 mile south of Wernle Home and 3 miles southeast of Richmond on Boston pike. Closing out sale.

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LOCAL YARDS EXPECT SCARCITY AND HIGHER MARKET FOR HOGS

The eight car loads of stock received at the Glen Miller stock yards the last week of the year consisted of 618 hogs of a weight of 128,500 pounds and value of \$10,055.90, and 43 veal calves valued at \$900. The \$8 market during the first part of the week, brought in several large bunches of hogs.

Some of the larger deliveries were made by Lon Harris of Green's Fork, with 94 head; Adam Eby, Boston, 79; George Miller, 49; A. S. Parant, Crete, 30; Sam Gable, Centerville, 45; O. E. Love, Lynn, 30; Jesse Plankenhorn, Green's Fork, 30; C. H. Duke, Hollansburg, 29; Everett White, Arba, 33.

Other deliveries were made by Park Elwood, Harry Newman, L. A. Hill, Osro Blose, Joe Pardieck, Omer Wright, Verl Shaffer, James Dishner, O. M. Jennings, Clarence Paddock, Fred Hill, Ot Rich, J. A. McClure, Isaac Ramey, D. R. Funk, William Erk, W. P. Bond, Ed Deitemeyer, and Glen Love.

Practically all the butcher hogs have been sold off in this neighborhood," said Rome Shurley, Monday. "The hog cholera scare, combined with the high cost of vaccinating induced many farmers to let their hogs go, even though they were not finished."

"It is probable that a similar scarcity exists in other hog producing states, as Indiana only had a seven per cent loss from hog cholera against an eight to 10 per cent loss in states farther west. We expect scarcity and a higher market for butcher hogs in January and February."

"On the other hand, commission merchants in their letters state that a large number of feeders were bought by farmers in the western states as an outlet for their cheap corn, and they believe that a large number of hogs are in reserve on these farms, although no definite figures are available."

An instance of the surprises possible in the hog market was cited by Mr. Shurley in a story of a two-cent drop in the Pittsburgh quotations between the time hogs could be started from Richmond and the time they would arrive in Pittsburgh. The yards had bought 470 head of a total weight of 208,120 pounds while the price was up.

MANY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS ENROLLED

The end of the membership drive for the farm bureau has resulted in more members at the beginning of the year 1922 than were enlisted during the whole of last year. County President Everett Hunt stated Monday:

"Up to Saturday," said Mr. Hunt, "the reports from all the country showed not only more members than at a corresponding time last year, but more than we had enrolled at the end of our membership campaign last year, while in all the townships, the officers state that there are additional farmers whom they think will join later."

Queen Marie of Rumania is known as the "business queen," because of her keen practical interest in the trade and commerce of her country.

NEW CHARGE SEES GERMAN AFFAIRS GETTING SOUNDER



Karl Lang, photographed since his arrival in U. S.

Karl Lang, the new German charge d'affaires at Washington, has arrived and taken up his duties. He succeeds Baron Edmund von Thurmman. Conditions in Germany are becoming sounder. The new republic is established on safe principles, says Lang.

OHIO FARM WAGES DOWN 30 PER CENT

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—The state average wage paid by farmers for help by the month was \$33 and board on Dec. 1, according to reports received by C. J. West, agricultural statistician of the state-federal crop reporting service. The rate one year ago was \$47 per month, which is a decline of 30 per cent. During the same time the price of corn and wheat each dropped 40 per cent, with the average decline in the prices for farm crops amounting to about 37 per cent.

Day wages for farm help have declined about 34 per cent, which is somewhat more than the drop in the monthly wages. The average paid for harvest hands was \$270 this year and \$411 last year. This year the average for day labor on the farm for more than harvest work was \$2.07, as compared with \$3.19 last year. These figures are for labor where the farmer furnished board.

Wages where board was not furnished are naturally somewhat higher than where board is furnished by the farmer, and show about the same decline over last year as do the rates with board. The monthly rate without board was \$48 this year, and \$66 last year. The harvest season rate without board was \$3.25 this year, and \$4.35 last year. The average for day labor other than for harvest and without board was \$2.62 this year and \$3.88 last year.

The average wage for yearly contracts declined from \$36 in 1920 to \$34 in 1921; for day labor in harvest from \$4.25 to \$2.93; day labor and other times, wages dropped from \$3.14 in 1920 to \$2.20 in 1921. All these figures are in addition to board which is furnished.

For Darke county wages for labor and hired by the year, dropped from \$43 per month to \$30; day wages in harvest, \$4.10 to \$2.64; day wages at other seasons, \$3.03 to \$2.02.

RAINS, MILD WEATHER PROVE BENEFICIAL TO WHEAT AND RYE

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—Good rains and mild weather have proved beneficial to growing wheat and rye in Indiana, according to the semi-monthly report of George C. Bryant, agricultural statistician for Indiana to the United States department of agriculture, made public here today. He adds that both the wheat and rye crops will go into the winter in splendid condition. The report continues:

"Temperatures averaged somewhat above normal for the period and precipitation was excessive in some sections causing many streams to overflow their banks and do considerable damage in bottom lands and wagon roads."

"Corn husking is practically completed but corn is moving to the market very slowly. Prices are slightly better than last month and trading among farmers continue fairly good. Heavy feeders are doing their buying now."

Butchering Progresses.

"Butchering and other farm work progressed favorably. Potatoes continue to hold a fair price but farmers generally have none to sell."

"Pastures and roughage continue to furnish some feed and young clover is looking better than usual for this season of the year."

"But little tobacco has been sold to date. Most of the Burley producers have joined the Kentucky Growers' association and are waiting for better prices."

"All live stock is in good condition; but little fat stuff is left on the farms. Farm labor supply is considerably in excess of the demand, as farmers are doing most of their own work."

Everyday Ad-Ventures

Thoughts of a Vacant Room—

"The thing I mind most about this business of standing empty is that the heat is always turned off. I've been as cold as a barn for weeks. Br-r-r-r!"

"And then again, it's lonely—shut off all by myself like this. I never see anybody any more. I heard my owner say she put up a 'Room To Rent' sign in the front window, but I don't notice her bringing any applicants to look me over."

"I'm used to a lot of noise. I like it. That young man who left me last month always had a crowd in here singing and playing cards. But everything's quiet now. He got married. I guess he's quieter, too."

"Well, say—here're some signs of life! Two young men have come to see me. Gee, I hope my owner pulls up the shades and shows them what a bright, cheery sort of room I am. I know they'll like me."

"But what I can't figure out is how they came to hear about me. What's that? They say they'll take me—and that they saw an ad about me in the 'Rooms and Board' column of the Palladium's classified section."

"That explains everything—and I'll have some company these long winter evenings. Hurrah!"

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For the New Year 1922

make this resolution:

Banish Wash Day Worries

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