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## Decision of Corn Contest—Names of Winners Announced at Last.

The State: The South Carolina commission appointed to judge the result of the corn contest in this State announced its decision yesterday. The commission was appointed last year after a special appropriation had been made by the general assembly for the contest in the State, there being a national contest also on hand, which by the way, resulted in the prize coming to this State.

The following statement was issued by the commission:

"The commission has had some difficulty in arriving at what they considered a just and proper distribution of the prizes in accordance with announcement originally made on the part of the management of the national contest on the one hand and on the other part of the State commission on the other. However, after thoroughly canvassing the situation and going over all of the data in connection with the contest the commission has determined to award the general prize as follows:

First prize—A. T. Tindal, Manning, \$200.

Second prize—B. E. Moore, Bennettsville, \$100.

Third prize—T. C. Willoughby, Florence, \$50.

Fourth prize—W. B. Chitty, Olar, \$25.

The above prizes are general results, including yield and all other points going to make up the total score.

For the best work of any competitor on one acre of corn, which, of course, includes the methods of culture, the scoring has resulted in the awarding of the following prizes.

First prize—A. J. Tindal, Manning, \$50.

Second prize—B. E. Moore, Bennettsville, \$20.

Third prize, divided between T. C. Willoughby of Florence county and J. B. Moss of Orangeburg county (\$10 each), \$20.

Fourth prize—W. B. Chitty, Olar, \$10.

In addition to the above prizes the commission has determined to award two prizes to school children, there having been only two entries in this portion of the contest. The commission has provided \$25 for these two prizes. These names will be announced in a few days.

In view of the above announcements the final awards, therefore, by the commission cover the \$500 appropriated by the State for the purpose are as follows:

A. J. Tindal \$250, B. E. Moore, \$120, T. C. Willoughby \$60, W. B. Chitty \$35, J. B. Moss \$10, school children \$25.

Mr. Tindal, as will be seen, as a reward for his efforts and success in placing South Carolina at the head of the columns of the United States for yield of corn per acre, has been awarded by the commission one-half of the prize money allowed by the State.

## Lancaster's Great Need: Better Roads—Ahead of Union Co., N. C., in Matter of Schools.

Ed. Lancaster News: Let me say a few words from Oseola.

I read in the papers recently about the progress of Union Co., N. C. I am certainly glad to see those good people making the rapid strides along the various lines of improvement that they are now making, because I was born and raised in old Union county and am not sorry of it, for as good people as are to be found anywhere are among them. But for the last 22 years I have been casting my lot with the good people of Lancaster county and they are in nowise to be duplicated. And I might as well say that with one exception Lancaster county has made as much progress as Union county. Lancaster county has more schools with special levy tax and more schools in the country with longer terms than Union county has. Our people have waked up along the lines of education and farming, but the bad roads we have offset many of the other good features of our county. When our people take this road question in hand (which I hoed will be soon) and build better roads, our county will then be second to none.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of hearing a fine speech at Pleasant Grove from our friend Mr. A. M. Stack. He spoke 1½ hours on his travels in the Holy lands, the habits of the people, their religion and religious customs. He insisted on us as a people to send money to spread the Gospel among the heathen. He can speak as well as he can write, and it will pay anyone to go many miles to hear him.

T. W. Secret.

## Three Persons Narrowly Escape Death from Lightning.

Monroe Journal: Mrs. W. E. Helms and her son, Mr. Richard Helms, and her little daughter, Etta, who live about six miles southwest of Monroe, came very near being killed by lightning during the storm last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Helms and her son and daughter took refuge from the storm in a dwelling Mr. Richard Helms is building. There are no door shutters or window sash in the house, but it is covered and weather boarded. During the storm Mr. Helms was sitting in a window and his mother and sister were sitting in a room a short distance from him. There was a blinding flash of lightning and all three of the people in the house were rendered unconscious, their faces burned as by fire and Mr. Helms was knocked from the window where he was sitting and fell heavily on the floor. All three of the injured ones soon regained consciousness and were able to walk home after the storm was over.

## A Model Junior Order Council—Mt. Pisgah's Fine Choir and Flourishing Sunday School.

Editor News: On last Saturday and Sunday it was my privilege to be in the Mt. Pisgah and Macedonia neighborhoods, and to visit on Saturday night the Council of Junior Order recently mentioned in your paper. There were present thirty-five members and four visitors. It was the night for the election of officers, and the brethren were in the best of humor with themselves and with the world. The councilor, Bro. D. L. Catoe, was re-elected, though there were numbers of others who would have made excellent presiding officers. A challenge was sent out recently through The American, the official organ of the Junior Order, for another Council which had never lost a member, and whose presiding officer had never missed a meeting night. Though a \$5 Bible awaits the one who answers, no one has claimed it yet. The rapid improvements made by this Council have placed it among the very first in the United States.

At Mt. Pisgah was a large congregation of people on Sunday. This church is noted for the excellency of its choir, which is the largest and most complete of any country church that I ever visited. One young convert was baptized here Sunday. The Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. The Primary class taught by Bro. D. L. Catoe, is unique. In it are about fifty little boys and girls who group themselves around their teacher, who has a novel way of imparting instruction.

An election is to be held in Kershaw county tomorrow to determine whether or not the county will have dispensaries. Let us hope that the prohibitionists may win.

The crops in this section are late and are not good in prospects. A fearful hail storm has damaged some of the farms. More anon.

R. T. B.

## Safe Crackers at Work in North Carolina.

The large safe of the St. Clair Mercantile Company at Norwood, Stanly county, was blown open and robbed about midnight Monday night during a terrific thunder-storm. The cracksmen took advantage of the storm and broke the front door of the store open with a crowbar, after which they blew open the safe with nitro-glycerine. An unknown quantity of cash and a number of valuable checks were taken. A number of tools belonging to the robbers were found in the building.—Monroe Journal.

### A Fortunate Texan.

Mr. E. W. Goonloe, of 107 St. Louis St., Dallas, Tex. says: "In the past year I have become acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, and no laxative I ever before tried so effectually disposes of malaria and biliousness." They don't grind nor gripe. 25c. at J. F. Mackey and Funderburk Pharmacy.

## Shot Girl Because She Refused to Marry Him, and then Committed Suicide.

Pocomoke City, Md., June 20. —Miss Bessie Lambertson, daughter of John Lambertson, a well-known farmer of Worcester county, was shot last night by Lodie Davis, a rejected suitor, and is in a precarious condition. Davis afterwards committed suicide, his body being found near the place where he attacked Miss Lambertson. The shooting occurred while the couple were out driving, a short distance from the young lady's home. According to Miss Lambertson's story, Davis asked her to marry him and on her refusal he shot her. He then demanded: "Will you marry me now?" and on her reply: "I'll die first," he fired again. One ball entered her head and the other penetrated her left lung. She fell out of the buggy, breaking her collar bone by the fall.

## Mr. H. M. Parks Celebrates His Fifty-fifth Birthday.

Mr. Editor: Please allow space in your valuable paper for a few of the Bethel happenings.

The most enjoyable social function of the month was the annual celebration of the birthday of Mr. H. M. Parks, on the 18th inst. On Tuesday morning the crowd began to assemble at this hospitable home to which they had been previously invited, and at an early hour men, women and children could be seen coming in all directions, mainly by the pedestrian mode of travel, as they chose this means of transportation rather than reduce the ranks of the army against Gen. Green, and ride. But regardless of the way, they came. By the noon hour fully seventy-five eager faces were turned on the large table which was being spread in the beautiful grove in front of the house, and when it was announced that all was ready, this festive board literally groaned under its weight of good things to eat. Your correspondent was not permitted to witness the work done by any except the first table, but when those who know Rev. Mr. McKissick, R. P. Plyler and Geo. Phillips, are told that they went away lamenting the fact that they could not even taste of all the varied assortment of good things, it is sufficient evidence to convince them that plenty was there in abundance.

The afternoon was spent in pleasant lounging and conversation and all went away feeling that it was good to have been there that day.

Mr. Parks is one of our most industrious farmers and a good citizen. May he have many happy returns of this pleasant occasion.

"One Present."

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## The Capital City.

The Columbia Base Ball Team has at last Found Something it can Lick-- Present Popularity of Parks

Mr. Editor: "The good old summer time" has come again. The weather is beginning to feel like June now, though we had some "co'd days in June" for a while. The schools and colleges have closed. The Hyatt Park Casino has opened and many people flock there and to Redgewood, these being Columbia's two magnificent parks. The people are going off for their summer visits and everything reminds us that summer is again with us.

The State Association of Fire Insurance Agents is in session in the capital now.

Oh, Mr. Editor, there is joy in Columbia now. June 10th Jay Kanzler resigned as manager of the Columbia base ball team and "Col." Billy Hallman is now "chief cook and bottle-washer." Not a bad game since he took charge. But, Mr. Editor, and Lancaster fans, the Macon team came over here last Friday for four games. They had won twelve straights and who can tell when they had been shut out? They were confident of "fixing" the "cellar artists", but when the ninth inning was over the fans left the park as jubilant as a three months old colt, for with the assistance of Jay, our former "boss," who is still a player, and others we shut 'em out 3 to 0 and we took 3 out of 4 from the Maconites. What does "Former Lancastrian" think of that?

There is a camping party composed of the junior members of the Y. M. C. A. at Blaneys, 23 miles from Columbia. Picnics are very much in evidence. These also tell us of the "good old summer time".

The Sowell Furniture Co has sold out to the F. M. Lykes Furniture Co. Mr. J. C. Sowell will stay with the new firm for awhile at least.

Yes, Mr. Editor, Lancaster is growing. Hurrah for her energetic citizens! They are hustlers in a hustling town—I mean city.

Lancastrian.

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## Another Homicide Near Fort Lawn.

Johnson Cunningham, colored, is dead, and his slayer, John Cunningham, is in the county jail, all as the result of a negro fracas near Fort Lawn about ten days ago. The wounded man lingered until Friday and then passed away. The other Cunningham, the negro who did the shooting, immediately came to the city and surrendered to Sheriff Peden. He alleges self-defense, and it is understood that there is some testimony going to bear out his claim. The tragedy occurred on the plantation of Mr. C. L. Dunlap near Fort Lawn.—Chester Reporter.