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Dillon Boy Leads In Corn Production

Claud McDonald, 17 Years Old, Makes 210 Bushels on Single Acre

HOLDS THE STATE RECORD FOR 1911

WENT TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY NIGHT UPON INVITATION OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WILSON. YOUNG McDONALD TELLS HOW HE GOT SUCH A YIELD.

"Yes, sir; he has made it," emphatically replied Prof. O. B. Haddon, of Clemson College, when the editor of The Herald asked him the other day if it were really true that young Claude McDonald, of the Pleasant Hill section had produced 210 and four-sevenths bushels of corn on an acre of land. "When the yield was reported by Supt. of Education Rogers," continued Prof. Haddon, "the information was so surprising that the government ordered me to investigate it and I have just returned with Supt. Rogers from a visit to young McDonald's home where I made a thorough investigation of the yield, and I am satisfied beyond a shadow of doubt that he really produced the amount of corn he claims. This is the record breaking yield for the State and the first prize will go to Mr. McDonald."

In company with Supt. Rogers Prof. Haddon went to Mr. McDonald's place Wednesday and submitted the witnesses who measured the corn to a thorough and exhaustive examination. Supt. Rogers was present when the corn was gathered and gave further testimony which greatly aided Prof. Haddon in reaching a decision in the matter. Before the wonderful production of Claude McDonald was brought to the attention of the authorities it was conceded that the prize for 1911 would go to a boy in Spartanburg county, who had produced about 202 bushels and it was only through the efforts of Supt. Rogers that an investigation of Claude's yield was made and the proper credit given.

A Modest Young Man.
Claude McDonald, who holds the State's record for corn production for the year 1911 is only 17 years of age. He is a modest young fellow, and when told that his achievement would be known all over the world he did not appear a bit enthusiastic over the fact that he would soon come into the limelight. He received the information with as much indifference as if the production of 210 bushels of corn were an every day matter. He stated that he had no idea of producing so much corn when he planted and cultivated the acre. The seasons were against him, and at one time he had given up hope of making more than 100 bushels to the acre. He was not looking for notoriety, and his only object in planting the prize acre was to see for himself just how much corn he could make by applying his own ideas to the method of cultivation.

Born Near Dillon.
Claude McDonald is a son of the late Jas. McDonald and was born one mile northwest of Dillon on the Dillon and Little Rock public road, Sept. 20th, 1894. When he was 8 years of age his mother purchased a place near Pleasant Hill church and the family moved over there where they now reside—the same place on which the remarkable acre of corn was grown. He attended the Dillon Public Schools, then under the direction of Prof. W. W. Nichols, and is now a pupil at Pleasant Hill school. He is a step-son of A. W. Grantham.

How He Did It.
When asked how he had managed to produce so much corn on one acre of land Claude modestly replied that almost anybody could do the same thing if they would work it right and "stay behind it." His methods he explained as follows: "I cut the stalks and then harrowed the land thoroughly before breaking it up. Early in the spring I broke the land about 12 inches deep; then I scattered about eight two-horse wagon loads of stable manure and harrowed the land thoroughly again to cover up the manure. Then I laid off my rows a 1-2 feet and then two two furrowed with a Dixie; then I bursted out bean with middle burster, then planted the corn six inches in the drill. Then I harrowed the corn with a Dixie two furrows to the row. Then I harrowed corn 1-2 times with sweeps, very shallow. Then I laved the corn by. I used 2,300 pounds of fertilizer, 8 2-horse wagon loads of stable manure. The division was made as follows: 1,000 pounds 8-4-4; 600 pounds fish scrap; 700 pounds nitrate of soda. My total expense was \$70."

33-1-3 Cents Per Bushel.
A statement of the expenses submitted by young Claude McDonald showed that it had cost him 33 1-3 cents per bushel to produce 210 bushels of corn. This was gone over carefully by Prof. Haddon who pronounced it to be correct. This would leave a net profit of \$140 at the present price of corn which is so much more than the proceeds from an acre of cotton at present prices that between the two there can be no comparison.

Dillon county is proud of the record made by this young Pleasant Hill farmer. It keeps Dillon right in line with the great corn producing counties of the world. Claude is spending the week in

Washington, the guest of the government officials. He left Dillon Sunday night and arrived in Washington Monday morning, where he was met by the Secretary of Agriculture. While in the capital city he will be taken to the White House where he will receive the congratulations of President Taft.

Little Rock.

Miss Mamie Young has returned home after a two weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Hartsville. Miss Bernice Davis is spending the week end with friends in Gibson, N. C.

Mr. J. H. Meadors, of Clio, spent a few hours in town yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Rogers, have returned to their home in Blenheim after a weeks stay with Mrs. Rogers parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Berry.

Miss Laura Lee Lumpkin spent the Thanksgiving holidays with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. S. U. Davis and family, of Marion, spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. D. O. DuBose.

Mr. W. A. Walker, principal of the Little Rock High School spent Thanksgiving with his parents in Gaffney.

Miss Earle Bethea has returned after a short stay with friends in Bennettsville.

Mr. M. S. Britt's commodious new home is nearing completion. When finished this will be one of the handsomest homes in town.

Miss Alleen Kilgo spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her home in Florence.

Rev. W. C. Owen and family are preparing to move to Fork, where he has been transferred. Rev. Mr. Dargan, of the Spartanburg circuit, will have charge of the Methodist church here.

Mr. J. T. Welch spent last week in Laurens on business.

Miss Linnie Sherwood visited her sister at Coker College last week.

Mr. C. T. Jackson has let the contract for his new cottage to Mr. J. E. Deibler. The work will be started in a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. D. O. DuBose spent Thanksgiving in Marion.

Mrs. Hamp Prince is reported much better.

A number of the Little Rock people attended the Methodist Conference in Bennettsville Sunday.

After December the 9th the Little Rock Ginney will be operated only on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Play at Kemper.

To-morrow, (Friday) evening local talent will present the drama, "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," at the Kemper school auditorium. The play will begin at 7.30 p. m. The admission fee will be only 15 and 25 cents, and the public is invited to be present.

Bingham.

Mr. Barnwell Stokes, of Timmonsville, was a welcome visitor in this community recently.

Mr. G. W. Atkinson is on the sick list this week. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. W. Clyde Parham and bride, of Mallory, were in this section last Sunday.

Mr. Walter Willis, who spent Thanksgiving with his mother, Mrs. C. L. Willis, returned last Monday to Orangeburg, where he is attending school.

Mr. Dal McCall and sister, Miss Annabel, and Mrs. Fennegan, of Little Rock, were pleasant visitors here last Sunday.

Misses Mae Belle Parham and Cindinna Atkinson won the Bible Class Sunday School prize recently for best recitations and attendances.

The Bingham School is progressing fine under the management of Prof. Richard McGee, of Virginia.

Mrs. Henry Parham and granddaughter, Miss Hattie, of Free State, spent one day last week with the former's son, Mr. W. W. Parham.

Mr. J. F. Berry and daughter, Miss Elise, attended conference at Bennettsville.

Glad to announce that Rev. J. J. Spinks is to spend another year with us.

Miss Mary Willis, who has been attending the Red Springs College, was taken very ill with pneumonia some time ago, and is now here at her home improving very fast.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. Jim McInnis is still very ill.

Mr. Bartow Pierce, of Mallory, and Miss Nora Brigman, of Brownsville, attended services here Sunday afternoon.

"Same Little Hustler."

Mr. D. McL. Bethen, of Latta, was a visitor in town last week.

DO IT EARLY



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COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY

COMING AND GOING OF PEOPLE

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers. Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.
Pages Mill.

Dr. C. G. Baker, of Mullins, was in town last Wednesday on business.

Miss Edna Harrington, of Marietta, was visiting relatives here Tuesday.

Mr. E. P. Smith, of Mullins, was in town last Thursday.

Mr. Barefoot and family left last Wednesday morning for Wilmington.

Mr. Charlie Hayes has completed his dwelling on South Railroad street and will move in next week.

Miss Catherine Murden, of Marion is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Wiley Lupo, of Gaddys Mill, visited her mother, Mrs. H. W. Powell last Wednesday.

Dr. Bolyn went to Mullins last Thursday on business.

Messrs A. W. Smith, Cecil and Brown went to Mullins last Thursday night to attend the Bazaar.

Mr. L. W. Temple, Dr. Lester and Mr. P. W. Townsend attended the land sale of Mr. W. J. Adams last Wednesday.

Miss Ellis leaves Sunday for her home at Sharpport, Md.

Work on the McMillan Hardware & Furniture Co's. building is being rapidly pushed. Manager H. H. Bailey says he will be able to open up business in his new store by January 1st.

There is a young man in town looking very serious these days. Look out; another marriage soon.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR DILLON CO.

DILLON MAN HEADS MOVEMENT FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY.

WILL PLANT AT LEAST 15 ACRES

Mr. E. L. Moore Employs Expert Truck Grower and Will Plant 15 Acres Near Town Next Year.

One of Dillon's most progressive citizens, Mr. E. L. Moore, has decided that cotton is not the only money making crop that can be grown in this section, and next year it is his purpose to engage in trucking to the extent of 15 acres. Fifteen acres is a pretty large truck farm and Mr. Moore has secured Mr. W. D. Ragsdale, an expert truck farmer from Virginia, to look after his trucking industry. Mr. Moore has some land in the western suburbs that will be used for truck growing.

The Herald has always believed that trucking in this section could be made a paying industry. The truck is marketed early in the spring and brings in enough money to tide over the dull summer months. There are several crops that can be grown and gathered in time to plant the same land in corn or cotton without using additional fertilizers.

Mr. Moore has lost faith in cotton as a money crop. He does not think the price of cotton will be any higher next fall and it is his purpose to prepare for low price cotton by making a start in the trucking industry.

Mr. Moore is setting the farmers a good example. There is no reason why thousands upon thousands of dollars should not be turned loose in this immediate section every spring for truck, and all that is necessary to get the industry started is for some progressive person to take the lead and show the people how much more money land

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Guy Rogers Badly Cut By Negro Farm Hand

Clerk At The Stubbs Co's. Free State Store Victim of Murderous Assault

KNIFE BARELY MISSES JUGLAR VEIN

BILL OWENS, A BAD NEGRO, LUNGES AT MR. ROGERS WITH A KEEN BLADED KNIFE AND INFLECTS UGLY WOUND ACROSS CHEEK.

Following a dispute over some change, Bill Owens, a negro farm hand, made a murderous assault on Mr. Guy Rogers, a clerk at the Stubbs Co's. Free State store, Saturday afternoon.

The negro slashed at Mr. Rogers with a keen edged knife and inflicted a wound which extended from near the lobe of the left ear to the chin. The knife blade missed the juglar vein by only a hair's breadth. While not necessarily fatal, the wound is serious and Mr. Rogers' face will be disfigured by an ugly looking wound the remainder of his life.

The cutting occurred in the store while Mr. Rogers was waiting on Owens and another negro. The negro had made some purchases and was not satisfied with the change he had received. A few words followed when, without warning, the negro pulled a long knife and slashed Mr. Rogers across the face.

There were no other persons in the store at the time and Owens and his companion made good their escape. A posse was immediately formed and pursuit was given but the negro had disappeared in a thick cane break and the pursuers had to abandon the chase. Sheriff Lane was called to the scene, but after following the trail until an early hour Monday morning the Sheriff abandoned the chase. Owens' companion was overtaken, but he could give the sheriff no information about the cutting except the facts as stated in the foregoing paragraphs.

Mr. Rogers home is at Mullins. He is about 21 years of age and prior to accepting a position with the Stubbs Co. was a flagman on the A. C. L. He is a quiet young man and those who know him feel that the assault was unprovoked.

DILLON COUNTY FARMERS.

Endorse Action of State Union Regarding Agriculture and Fertilizers.

The Dillon county Farmers' Union, in the meeting on Dec. 9th, endorsed the following resolution which was recommended by the State Union, and ordered their endorsement along with the resolution, to be published in the county papers, also a reduction of cotton acreage of at least 10 per cent for 1912.

Arch M. Bethen, President.

F. Sanderson, Sec. & Treas.

"President Dabbs Writes About Fertilizers."

"At a meeting last night, called by the President of the S. C. State Farmers Union to consider the fertilizer question, the following action was taken:

"The Farmers' Union recommend to the farmers to make fertilizer payments for 1912 in three equal installments, the first to be made not earlier than Dec. 1st, and the remainder at two intervals of not less than thirty days.

"The State Secretary and Treasurer was instructed to send this recommendation down to the local unions, and through the press to ask that all farmers insist upon such terms.

"This was the action of the county business agents of the Union at the recent meeting in Columbia advising our people to buy no fertilizers except at substantial reduction from prices now prevailing and to be very conservative in the purchases regardless of the prices that may be offered, is regarded by thoughtful men in the order and business men and bankers who were present by invitation as being a long step towards preventing sacrifice sales of cotton that we so often see to meet the obligations increased to pay for excessive fertilizer bills.

"E. W. Dabbs,

"Pres. S. C. State Union.

"Sumter, Nov. 22nd."

INTENSE EXCITEMENT IN PERSIA.

Proclaim "Death or Independence" At Russia's Warlike Action.

Teheran, Dec. 2. — Persia is in a ferment over the warlike action of Russia, and the excitement in the capital to-day was intense at the news of the Russian advance. Placards were posted, proclaiming "death or independence," both on the walls of the city and on the legations. Thousands of persons formed in procession and marched past the legations.

To add to the excitement two prominent politicians were assassinated. Hadji Mohamad Tagi, a prominent reactionary, was killed here this morning. Prince Firman Firma, at one time minister of justice, was assassinated at Kasbin, a town 90 miles northwest of Teheran. Persia's reply to Russia's ultima-

tum is calm. It gives the reasons for the rejection of Russia's demands, and invites the Russian government to examine into the facts more closely and then reformulate her demands.

Messages from the province assured the Persian government of unlimited support. A general boycott on Russian goods has commenced and the people are preventing the use of the Russian railway.

Mr. Lecoffre, whose appointment was employed as an argument against W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general, was not appointed by Mr. Shuster, but has been in the Persian northern service for two years. Mr. Shuster merely transferred him to a new post at Tabriz.

The treasurer general has decided to dispense with the services of British officials appointed by him in northern Persia with the exception of one man who has a contract approved by the National Council. This is Mr. Shuster's reply to the charge that he is trying to anglicize the service. In an interview to-day he said:

"Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, accuses me of endeavoring to Anglicize the Persian service. This is absolutely false. It is true that I am seeking here for employees familiar with modern accounting and with knowledge of the Persian language and customs. I have found several Britishers who were available and also two Belgians now in the service. Had any Russians possessing the necessary qualifications presented themselves I should gladly have engaged them.

"My desire for Major Stokes's service has been explained. Sir Edward Grey's baseless accusation against me of political bias, and the attitude of the two powers now oblige me in the interest of Persia to dispense with the service of Britishers in the revenue administration, except the one whose contract has been approved by the National Council.

"We have accordingly released Maj. Stokes from the promise made under conditions formulated by his government and have revoked the appointment of Lecoffre at Tabriz; Haycock at Isphahan and Schilder at Shiraz."

FORMER DILLONITE DEAD.

C. Heyward Jervey Passed Away at Charleston Thursday.

Mr. C. Heyward Jervey, for several years a resident of Dillon, died at his home at Charleston Thursday from a complication of diseases. Mr. Jervey had been in ill health since last April. He was buried at Charleston Saturday morning. For several months after coming to Dillon Mr. Jervey was associated with Mr. Benj. Huger in the management of the Dillon Wholesale Grocery. Later Mr. Huger withdrew from the firm and Mr. Jervey continued to manage the business for several years. From Dillon he returned to Charleston where he was wedded to a Miss Chisom who survives him. Mr. Jervey had many friends in this section who will be pained to hear of his death.

Silver Wedding.

Invitations have been issued to the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Sellers and the happy event will be celebrated to-morrow night at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers in East Dillon. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers' friends are legion and a large number of guests are expected to gather at their home tomorrow night.

A Colored Marriage.

On the plantation of Mr. John A. Nicholson, near Free State, on the afternoon of the 3rd, Arthur Kidd and Josephene Jackson, were married by Rev. P. T. Willis, Kidd and his bride are highly respected colored people and their marriage was witnessed by a number of their white friends. The Herald wishes them happiness and prosperity on their journey through life.

The Dillon Athletic Club.

A new and welcome club is having its birthday on Friday, the 15th of December. This club will be no more than a physical culture school, open to all willing to join. You will find when regularly open everything needed in the development of young men. Our mayor, Mr. F. Grove, will address the audience before the preliminary exhibition by Prof. LePage at School Auditorium. Let us make it a duty to attend.

Only ten days until Ch



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