

# BINFORD FARMER GETS THE MEDAL

## Stahl Awarded Handsome Shield in Seed Growers Annual Contest.

Griggs county farmers, who entered samples of grain in the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers annual contest, have been amply rewarded for their efforts.

The contest was held at the auditorium in association with the Tri-State Grain Growers meeting in Fargo, Jan. 15 to 18. There were not many entries this year as in the past contests but the quality was exceptionally good.

In submitting his report of the results of the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers annual contest, Prof. Wiley of the Agricultural college has particular attention to the care taken in making awards and points that every feature was taken in consideration. The samples were, for example judged for germination, freedom from weed seed content, purity as to variety, freedom from disease affects and upon their weight, quality, uniformity of form and color, etc.

The following Griggs county farmers had exhibits in the contests and won prizes:

- Marquis wheat—Joe Stengele, of Cooperstown, first place; Joe Stahl, Binford, Geo. Pratt, Cooperstown, and Stahl, Pekin.
- Durum wheat—Otto H. Bruns, Binford.
- Swedish Select oats—Joe Stahl, Binford.
- White Russian oats—Joe Stahl,

Binford; Otto H. Bruns, Binford.  
Flax—Joe Stahl, Binford; R. S. Lunde, Cooperstown; Geo. Pratt, Cooperstown; Joe Stengele, Cooperstown.

Rye—Otto H. Bruns, Binford.  
Emmer—Jos. Stengele, Cooperstown.

Peas—Geo. Pratt, Cooperstown.  
Timothy—Otto H. Bruns, Binford; Geo. Pratt, Cooperstown.

Wheat Grass—Geo. Pratt, Cooperstown.

Early Ohio potatoes—R. S. Lunde, Cooperstown, grand championship.

Early Triumph potatoes—Otto H. Bruns, Binford, championship.

Each year since the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers' association put on its annual contest there has been given by the association a shield. This is a beautiful piece of raised metallic work on a mahogany base inscribed with the purposes of the shield, name of the association, name of the winner and the year of the crop. To get this shield means that the winner is the person who has exhibited the highest scoring lots of seed. In awarding the shield all features are taken into consideration. The amount of seed the man has grown and saved for sale as seed for sowing purposes in each lot and the grade of his samples as shown by the averaging of the scores made on the different lots exhibited. The shield has been won by people living in widely different parts of the state. Last year the winner was Mr. F. W. Keitman of Lakota. This year it goes to Mr. Joseph Stahl of Binford. Mr. Stahl exhibited grain in four classes with an averaged scoring of 98.83 per cent.

Lost—Sheep skin driving mitten.  
—Julius Thorn.