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NORTH CAROLINA PEANUT CULTURE

The "Goober" One of the East's Principal Crops of Big Commercial Value

Seven million bushels of peanuts are consumed annually by the people in the cities of America, and the largest profit from the crop goes to the farmers of North Carolina, this State out-ranking all others in peanut acreage and production. The palatableness of the peanut has caused its spread, and it has high commercial value as a luxury and as a food. Originally the food value of the "goober" was known chiefly to the slave dealer, before the Civil War, but today it is celebrated not only by the circus crowd and theatre gallery complement, but universally is a favorite nut. Its uses are multitudinous, and the culture of this crop brings handsome returns to the grower.

The March bulletin of the Department of Agriculture, issued this month, is on "Peanut Culture," and was prepared by B. W. Kilgore State Chemist, and T. E. Browne, of the department. The following excerpts are some of its principal features:

The peanut is a native of Brazil, although authorities have endeavored to trace its origin to the Eastern Hemisphere. It was known to planters of the old country at an early date, having been used as a staple food on board the slave ships in the trade with America. It was introduced into North America soon after colonization but it was not until about the close of the War between the States that it began to spread throughout the South and become of importance as a commercial crop. It was carried to various parts of the country by the soldiers traveling throughout the peanut sections of North Carolina and Virginia. They found how good it was to eat and took some home in their pockets and planted on their own farms. From this the cultivation of peanuts began to spread, until today it is grown in nearly all of the Southern States and several of the Western States.

North Carolina and Virginia are the two largest peanut-growing States, these two States in 1899 producing 7,173,786 bushels or 60 per cent of the entire peanut crop of that year. In North Carolina in 1889 there were planted 17,776 acres in peanuts, the production in bushels being 421,138 and in 1899 there were planted 95,856 acres, with a production of 3,460,439 bushels—an average of 36.1 bushels per acre as against 23.2 bushels for the entire United States, the value of the North Carolina crop being estimated at \$1,852,110.

In the decade of 1890 to 1900 the largest gain in area and production of any State in the Union was in North Carolina, where the area cultivated increased 439.5 per cent and the production increased 721.7 per cent. The acreage for North Carolina in 1899 was 18.6 per cent of the total acreage and its production 28.9 per cent of the entire United States. There has been a marked increase in acreage and production since the figures referred to above were collected.

There are several varieties of peanuts known, however, those of most importance to the farmers of North Carolina and Virginia are the Virginia and Running varieties, the North Carolina Bunch and Running (much the same as the Virginia), the Spanish and the Wilmington or North Carolina. Some of these varieties are more adapted to certain sections than to others. For instance, in Brunswick and New Hanover counties the Wil-

lington pea is grown to the exclusion of all others. Along the Roanoke river the Spanish is grown more than any other. The latter is the best to grow for hogs and stock, for the reason that it will grow on any soil that the cowpea will, and without the use of lime and land plaster. The large varieties are the best sellers, as the bulk of the American crop is sold by vendors on the streets, and the large peas are prettier and fill up faster than the small.—News & Observer.

Roberson to Hang

The Supreme Court has affirmed the verdict in the Superior Court in the case of the negro, Roberson, who slew Chas. Whichard last year at Robersonville. Gov. Kitchen will now appoint a day for his execution. It would be a good thing for the county if the same was delayed until the installation of the electric chair.

Tax List Takers

The Board of County Commissioners appointed the following as tax list takers in the several townships for the year 1909: Jamesville, E. Glasgow. Williams, J. H. Riddick. Griffins, A. J. Manning Bear Grass, Nathan Rogerson. Williamston, B. F. Godwin. Cross Roads, Jule Barnhill. Robersonville, E. James. Poplar Point, J. R. Ballard. Hamilton, J. T. Waldo. Goose Nest, J. C. Ross.

Do It Now

If you have a flower to give—give it today. One throb of gladness is worth more to the living heart than a wealth of costly bloom laid, however tenderly above the dead one.

If you have a kindly visit to make, make it today, lest another step in and lay his quiet hand upon the longing heart, and still forever its fret and pain and power of glad response. In the city of the dead, in the silence of the grave, hearts are never lonely any more. They have no heed nor need.—Ex.

You who have occasional trouble from indigestion, such as sour stomach, belching of gas, sour risings and weak stomach, should not delay a moment to help the stomach digest the food for all these little ailments, annoying both to yourself and to others, are caused simply by undigested food in the stomach. Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion taken occasionally will soon relieve you of all the simple stomach ailments that you now have, but may be more serious later. Try Kodol today and take it on our guarantee. We know it will do what we say it will do. It is sold by Biggs' Drug Store.

Small Cyclone

Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock a severe cyclone struck through Griffins Township, striking the new residence of Cornelius Lilley, who was with his brother Thos. Lilley was in the piazza of the house when the storm struck, which completely demolished it, carrying many of the heavy timbers fifty yards away. Mr. Tom Lilley was caught under the falling mass and badly hurt perhaps fatally. He could not be rescued until the timbers of the demolished building were cut and removed.

Change in Schedule

The Atlantic Coast Line has made a change in the midday passenger train by which it will be one hour and forty-four minutes later, arriving at 1:14 instead of 11:30 as before. Persons leaving Norfolk at 8:30 a. m. can reach Williamston at 1:14 p. m. The schedule of the train going North remains the same.

ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

People Coming and Going--As Gathered By Our Regular Correspondent.

By JOHN D. EVERETT

Mrs. R. J. Nelson went to Bethel Thursday.

Mrs. Jesse Coburn went to Tarboro Friday.

Mr. John Gurganus of Stokes was in town Friday.

Robert Salstury, Jr., of Hassell was here Sunday.

Messrs. Claud and Charlie Roebuck were here Sunday.

Mr. W. D. Jordan of Hassell spent Sunday here.

Mr. Pitt Roberson of Gold Point was in town Sunday.

Miss Varina Ross spent Saturday and Sunday at Stokes.

Mr. Geo. Daniel of Oak City spent Wednesday here.

Miss Irene McNab and Miss Bost went to Bethel Sunday.

The Shoofly comes at 1 o'clock now instead of 11 a. m.

Mr. C. H. Fleming of Hassell was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Church Barnhill of Everetts was in town Wednesday.

Mr. A. S. Roberson and family visited at Hassell Sunday.

Misses Doña Johnson and Effie Price were in town Friday.

Miss Lucy Manning spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mrs. Martha Gurganus is spending this week in Pitt County.

Mr. W. G. Lamb of Williamston stopped over here Wednesday.

It is reported that five brick stores will soon be erected here.

Mesdames J. C. and J. L. Roberson went to Bethel Wednesday.

Mr. T. L. Moore and daughter of Oak City were here Wednesday.

Mr. W. L. James spent Friday night with his brother at Everetts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Everett and children spent Wednesday in town.

Messrs. Walter Taylor and Will Grimes of Bethel were here Monday.

Jeff Aushson and Bonnie Andrews have returned to Robersonville.

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Rev. E. C. Andrews filled his appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. A. R. Dunning of Williamston is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. L. Smith.

Elder G. D. Roberson went to Farmville Saturday to fill his appointment.

Miss Myrtle Brown spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister near Bethel.

Mrs. D. F. Roberson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Purvis of Hassell this week.

Mr. J. L. Robertson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie James near Grindool.

Mr. D. F. Roberson is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Ed. Purvis at Hassell.

Misses Emma Robertson and Lillian Smith were the guests of Miss Marie Robertson Sunday.

Miss Florence Johnson of Oak City is visiting her brothers, W. L. and C. T. Johnson this week.

Mesdames W. T. Grimes and J. P. Boyle and Miss Hattie Darden of Hamilton were in town last week.

Mr. L. T. Roberson was home from Charleston, S. C., Saturday. He took his son Henry back with him.

Messrs. G. D. and Ira Roberson spent Tuesday at Spring Green, placing stones at the graves of relatives.

Misses Roberson, Chandler, Malone and Krids spent Saturday in Greenville, attending the Teachers' Association.

Miss Bertha Barnhill and little sister of Grindool were the guests of Miss Annie Mooring Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of young people went over to Bethel to-day to witness the game of ball between the second nines of Bethel and Robersonville schools.

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Sunday School Festival

The Episcopal Sunday School held its Easter Festival at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The interior of the Church was beautifully decorated with white and purple flowers and potted plants. The pupils, led by George Howard Kent bearing aloft a golden cross, marched in the church with banners flying and singing "We march, we march to victory." After entering their seats, two pupils from each class carried up a rung made of violets which helped to form a ladder at the chancel rail. The effect was very sweet, and the emblematical significance impressive. Superintendent A. D. Mizell conducted the devotional services. Four pupils of the infant class sang "Rise, the risen Saviour saith," with suggestive motions, the entire school joining in the hymn. Mr. W. C. Manning delivered an appropriate and instructive address, drawing helpful lessons from the representation of the ladder upon which each must climb to Heaven, emphasizing the truth that at each step upward the climber would get a broader vision of life and of Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the address, the choir sang "Tell it out," and every member of the school laid a mite box at the foot of the ladder. After prayer and benediction, the procession was formed and all marched out singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The amount collected from the mite boxes during Lent was \$55.00. Miss Laurie Ellison made a greater sum than any pupil, her offering being \$5.10.

Swept Over Niagara

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies Dropsy Diabetes or Bright's disease Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," write J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at All Drug-gists.

The True Wife

Do you ask from whence comes the beautiful word "wife?" It is the great word in which the English and Latin languages conquered the French and Greek. I hope the French will some day get a word for it, instead of that dreadful word "femme."

But where do you think it comes from? The beautiful characteristic of Saxon words is that they mean something. Wife means "weaver." You must either be housewives or housemoths; remember that. In the deep sense, you must either leave men's fortunes and embroider them, or feed upon and bring them to decay.

Wherever a true wife comes, home is always around her. The stars may be over her head, the glow worm in the night-cold grass may be the only fire at her feet, but home is wherever she is, and for a noble woman it stretches far around her, better than house ceiled with cedar or painted with vermilion, shedding its quiet light far for those who else were homeless. This, then, believe to be the woman's true sphere and power.—Ruskin.

William E. Taylor

William E. Taylor, a resident of Bear Grass Township, while at work in his field on Monday morning was stricken with paralysis, and death came in a few hours. He leaves a wife and five children, among them Jesse L. Taylor of Behaven, N. C.

A PLEASANT EASTER DANCE

At Opera House Yesterday Evening--Many Couples Present

The first dance of the season was given by the young men of Williamston at the Masonic Opera House on Thursday evening. F. Crocchia's Italian Band of Wilson furnished delightful music throughout the evening. The enjoyment of the dancers was depicted on every face, and that with the attractive ladies becomingly gowned, made the occasion a most delightful beginning of social festivities in the town. Mr. W. B. Watts with Miss Annie Lamb led the dancers through the beautiful figures. Among those dancing were: Miss Martha Taylor with John W. Hassell; Miss Anna Crawford with Dr. J. S. Rhodes; Miss Nora Fowden with J. Paul Simpson; Miss Irene Smith with Nicholas Mobley; Miss Essie Peel with Leslie Fowden; Miss Eva Gamor with T. J. Smith, Jr.; Miss Eva Wolfe with W. H. Gurkin; Miss Louise Fowden with W. F. Lipscomb; Miss Anna Beth Purvis with Irvin Coffield; Miss Hannah Vic Fowden with Grover Godwin; Miss Della Lanier with Geo. L. Whiteley; Miss Lillie Wynn with Budd Everett of Robersonville; Miss Katie Blount with Will Everett; Miss May Bennett with Dr. I. A. White; Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hassell, and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Coffield.

Stags: H. A. Biggs, J. W. Watts, Jr., and C. A. Baker. Chaperones: Mesdames T. J. Smith, M. E. Peel, W. R. Fowden, and P. H. Brown.

The 20th of May Celebration

(Special to the ENTERPRISE.) Charlotte, N. C. April 15th.—All committees of the Twentieth of May celebration, which is to be held in this city next month commemorating the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, are rapidly completing their programme for the big event. The several parade committees, including the floral, the colonial and others, are making preparations for the most spectacular affair in the history of the city. The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the Confederacy, the Colonial Dames and other historic organizations will participate in the procession. The Chairman of the floral parade committee is anxious that all members of these organizations who do not live in Charlotte shall be present on "Tafts Day" and take part in the parade.

Definite plans have been made to erect an immense reviewing stand on the Mecklenburg County court house grounds from which President Taft and his party, including Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, will review the parade.

M E Church Services

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Rev. C. L. Read will select for his theme: "Sin in Believers." Every member of the church is expected to be present at this service and to remain five minutes after adjournment to an important meeting. At night the subject will be: "Judgment." Everybody cordially invited to attend all services.

Most cough cures and cold cures are constipating, especially those that contain opiates. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup is free from all opiates and it cures the cold by gentle moving the bowels and at the same time it soothes irritation of the throat and lungs, and in that way stops the cough. It is especially recommended for children, as it tastes nearly as good as maple sugar. We sell and recommend it. Sold by Biggs' Drug Store.