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THE PEANUT CROP  
OF MARTIN COUNTY

As Reported to Holmes and Dawson is Not Up to the Standard--John D. Simpson the Veteran Peanut Raiser--Crop Seriously Damaged by Rain

The world's supply of peanuts is furnished by Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina, though Japan has a share in the production. The soils in the three States are well adapted either for the Virginia or the Spanish peas. The growing and cleaning of the nuts for commercial purposes has become a leading industry in Virginia and North Carolina. The crop is considered the best all-round crop in this Eastern section. The cultivation of the perfect Virginia, or large pea, is peculiar to Martin County, and in Williamston, as has been frequently stated, is found the biggest market in the world for the big nuts. A strong company is established here for cleaning the peas and this will probably be enlarged at an early date.

The condition of the crop this year is not as favorable as the early season indicated owing to the late rains. Mr. John D. Simpson, the pioneer in peanut raising, and who enjoys the distinction of shipping the first bag of peanuts to market and who is an authority on culture of the product, has been asked for a report of the crop in this section and writes as follows to Holmes and Dawson, Norfolk: Gentlemen:

I am writing you in regard to the peanut crop in Martin county. After having canvassed the county thoroughly I find that in some sections the acreage has been increased, some decreased and in others about the same as last year. In some parts of the county the grass seems to have almost taken the crops which will cause a decrease of at least 25 per cent. in those sections. Upon an examination of the early crop of the Virginia peanuts I find that at least 10 per cent. of the nuts are sprouting and rotting in the ground. In stiff land sections there are but few nuts to the vine, say 50 per cent.

In a great many localities there are lots of big, fine looking, vigorous vines; and I will suggest in regard to this that with my experience of thirty-five years in raising peanuts, we may expect very small and inferior grades. The vines seem to be just as good as any, however, the great mass of them is only a vigorous growth of suckers caused by the continued rainy weather, while the nut itself itself is not at all in keeping with the vine.

I think that on an average the crop will be at least ten per cent. short of last year's, which was poor. On my own farm I will not make over fifty per cent. of a crop.

Yours very truly,  
JOHN D. SIMPSON.

Missionary Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association will meet in the Baptist Church, September 27-28, 1910. All women of the different denominations are cordially invited to attend.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Sold by Saunders & Saunders and all dealers.

Entertained Class

Mr. J. Paul Simpson entertained his Sunday School class in honor of Misses Anna Beth Purvis and Hannah Vic Fowden on Tuesday evening at his residence on Main Street. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, whose home is always open for the pleasure of their young friends, were never more gracious in dispensing hospitality. Each member of the class invited a friend and the pleasure was appreciated by all.

To render the hours more enjoyable, a guessing contest had been arranged. Cards with questions, the answers to which must end in "ure," were given each guest. This was entered into heartily and a Bible was given Miss Anna Pope as winner. Music was furnished by Alexander's Orchestra.

At 10:30, the guests were ushered into the dining room where a delicious salad course with raw oysters was served, fruits completing the menu. The guests were: Misses Anna Beth and Mildred Purvis, Annie Kate Thrower, Anna Pope, Katie Blount, Eva Gainer, Hannah Vic Fowden, Della Lanier, Lettie Critcher, Eva and Annie Wolfe, Irene Smith, Frances Knight, Ruth Roberts, of Norfolk, Ida Jenkins, Mary Hassell, of Jamesville, and Miss Fagan of Dardens; Messrs. Don and Verner Godwin, Julian and Oscar Anderson, Walter Jenkins, Clayton Moore, Leslie Fowden, Roland Robertson, Willie and Maurice Watts, Louis Bennett, Joe Leggett, W. H. Gurkin, John Henry Thrower, F. F. Fagan, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson.

A Battle Royal

Mr. James A. Daniel noticed a place on Smithwick's Creek, about a mile from his home, one day last week which was torn up with the bushes knawed down, trees skinned, roots torn up with every indication pointing to a battle royal between some powerful animals. Near the spot he found the carcass of a large bear with every sign of warfare upon him. The beast had been dead for at least two or three days. These were numerous bites on him, one foot torn in pieces and one leg had nearly all the flesh torn from it. Upon close examination it was discovered that the bite which carried old bruin to his death was in the neck--just a case of "getting it in the neck." Nothing but the teeth of another bear could have inflicted such a wound, proving himself to be more powerful and the most scientific fighter of the two. This victor is now doubtless roaming the forest with many bruises and bites to annoy him.

A Man of Iron Nerves

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Betterment Association

The regular meetings of the Woman's Betterment Association will be resumed Wednesday next, September 14th.

Members are earnestly requested to attend this meeting, as it will be most important. There will be a reelection of officer, outlining of work for the year, etc. All who are not members but are interested in the work are also cordially invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in the Graded School building at 5 p. m. Mrs. W. H. Harrell, President.

DARDENS ITEMS

Miss Hilda McCaskey is visiting here.

Miss Jennie Davis is visiting relatives here.

Achie Lilley, of Jamesville, was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Biggs, spent Sunday here.

Miss Martha Clark has returned to her home in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coburn spent Tuesday in Plymouth.

Macon Norman and family, of Plymouth, spent Sunday here.

Miss Ida Jenkins visited in the home of C. C. Fagan last week.

Mrs. Louis Harrison and children, of Williamston, are visiting here.

Miss Mattie Fagan and Roy Smith are visiting in Williamston this week.

Master Joe David Thrower, of Williamston, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Donnie Belle Gardner is visiting Miss Martha Lilley near Jamesville.

Mrs. John Tyndall, of Kinston, visited in the home of James Jackson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Gardner has for his guests his daughter and family of Pungo.

Mrs. Pattie Peel, of Buell, Va., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Swinson.

Miss Allie May McCaskey, of Williamston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Preston Swinson.

E. S. Mizell has had a large quantity of peas this week, and they are selling very low.

Mrs. John McAllister, of Roper, has returned home after a visit to her brother, H. C. Spruill.

Miss Lessie McCaskey, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home at Norfolk.

Owing to illness, Rev. Mack Ange did not fill his appointment at Roanoke Grove Church Sunday.

The young people went on a hay ride to Cedar Branch Thursday night. They took lots of melons, grapes and other fruit, and reported a grand time.

School closed here Friday. Prof. John Eason left for Robersonville, where he will be principal of the Graded School. Miss Janie Jenkins left also for her home in Williamston. The whole community regretted to see them leave, and quite a number of school children gathered at the home of C. C. Fagan to bid them good bye.

Will Wed Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, Miss Carrie Alexander Biggs will wed Mr. Samuel Ferebee Williams, Jr., Rev. George J. Dowell, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. The marriage will take place at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Dawson Biggs, in East Williamston, and a reception will immediately follow the ceremony. A large number of cards has been issued to friends out and in town.

The bride and groom will leave on the 5 o'clock train for a Northern tour and will be at home in Williamston after October the 20th.

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HAMILTON ITEMS

Miss Vivia Rives was in town this week.

Edwin Darden went to Scotland Neck Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprite Dowell visited here last week.

Walter Perkins, of Baltimore is visiting his parents.

Darrell Baker went to Roanoke Rapids Wednesday.

Mrs. S. D. Matthews is spending the week in Grifton.

Miss Alice Powell is visiting Mrs. B. B. Sherrod.

James Pritchard is out again after a few days illness.

Miss Eulala Perkins went to Scotland Neck Sunday.

Miss Lillie Way Baker returned from Enfield Thursday.

C. H. Baker and son went to Williamston Wednesday.

Mrs. T. B. Stude left Wednesday to visit friends in Macon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Salisbury went to Baltimore Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Boyle are at Black Mountain for several weeks.

Harry Smith and wife, of Tarboro visited friends here this week.

Pat Davenport and sister, Miss Sallie, went to Robersonville Monday.

Mrs. Cordon, of Washington, has been visiting Mrs. John Davenport.

Mrs. Sallie Rogers, of Winton, is the guest of Mrs. John Davenport.

Mrs. B. B. Sherrod and little daughter returned from Tarboro Friday.

The young people enjoyed a dance Tuesday night in the Masonic Hall.

Miss Castine Purvis left Wednesday for Norfolk to resume her business course.

Elmer M. T. Lawrence attended the funeral of Mrs. J. L. Roberson at Robersonville Monday.

Prof. Vance Norman arrived Tuesday to take charge of the school which opens Monday.

Nature's greatest gift to the human family is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. With it your family is fully protected. Best baby medicine in the world. 35c Tea or Tablets. Saunders & Fowden.

Rev. Mr. McWhorter on Sunday

Special services at Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening to which every one is invited. Mr. McWhorter will speak especially to men and men only Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

All the men are invited to attend. Sincerely,  
C. L. READ.

To the People of Martin County

Because and on account of the peculiar and extraordinary conditions prevalent in the politics of the county, and for reasons, which, upon a cursory reflection, will be apparent to my friends, I hereby withdraw my name as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Superior Court.

In doing so, I desire to express to my many friends and constituents my sincere gratitude and keen appreciation of their very kind consideration and support, and to assure them that their efforts in my behalf will ever be gratefully remembered.

Very truly yours,  
S. L. ROSS.  
Sept. 8th, 1910.

Theatrical Season Open

The City Opera House has been leased by Biggs and Meadows who have contracts with a strong company, the plays to be presented at certain dates during the winter. The first of the series will be presented on the evening of September 15. "Human Hearts," that powerful and impressive melodrama, will open the season. The Virginian-Pilot has this to say of the play: "Human Hearts" has been firmly established as one of the most original and interesting of modern dramas. The author has long been famous as a playwright, but in the recent instance, he has surpassed all his former efforts. For ingenuity, strength and brilliancy 'Human Hearts' is a marvel of stage craft, done by a master hand in stage adroitness. The author has poured out his entire store of theatrical knowledge in this play. He has produced a work of magnificent possibilities for a melodramatic public.

The characters are finely drawn, the dialogue is crisp, the comedy charming and the pathos sincere. Taken on its entirety, 'Human Hearts' is probably one of the strongest plays of its kind ever on the American stage."

People attending the County Convention can remain in town and see the best play that has been here. Don't forget the date September 15th.

Compulsory Vaccination

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board of Martin County on Monday, it was agreed upon recommendation of the Health Officer, Dr. W. E. Warren, that vaccination be enforced at Paimele. Several cases of small pox have been discovered in that community. Tuesday Drs. Warren and Smithwick went to Paimele and carried out the law in the matter. These precautions are necessary, but do not, always meet the approval of those who come under the rule. It is hoped that the disease which has attacked several negroes, may be checked, and not allowed to spread. The extremely hot weather has a tendency to stop its progress.

An Honored Citizen

The many friends of Mr. Milton Bennett were pleased to see him in town Monday. He resides with his son, J. A. Bennett, near Oak City and likes to visit his friends in this section. Mr. Bennett is eighty-five years old and remembers when the first railroad was built in the State, also the first discussion of a State bond issue. Speaking of the wonderful growth in railroad building in North Carolina, he told of how one of his friends went up the State on business and saw the first train and the only road in those days. Returning he was surrounded by a host of neighbors, who were filled with curiosity to behold again their friend who had seen such wonderful things. Being asked how the train looked, he replied: "It looked like a--hitched up in harness."

Bible Baseball

Cain made a base hit, Abraham a sacrifice, and Moses a home run. Eve stole first, Adam got put out, Esau made a costly error, Jonah played a whaling game, Samson brought down the grandstand. Physical Culture.

Don't waste your money buying plasters when you can get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment for 25 cents. A piece of flannel dampened with this liniment is superior to any plaster for lame back, pains in the side and chest, and much cheaper. Sold by Saunders & Fowden and all dealers.

ROBERSONVILLE  
NEWS ITEMS

Local Happenings and People who are Coming and Going, Here, There and Yonder as Gathered by our Regular Correspondent.

Godie Woolard went to Bethel Sunday.

T. H. Blight, of Tarboro, was in town Monday.

V. B. Gray, of Hassell, was in town Monday.

Miss Hattie James, of Everett, spent Sunday here.

Miss Rosa Baker, of Hamilton spent Sunday here.

Miss Benah Moore, of Bethel, spent Monday here.

Mrs. Geneva James, who has been visiting in Greenville, returned home Saturday.

Miss Nora Moore was here from Oak Grove Monday.

Misses Bessie and Mamie Van Nortwick, of Plymouth, have been here this week.

Mrs. R. T. Purvis and little son, Clarence, spent several days near Washington this week.

On Sunday night, September 4th 1910, the last summons came to Mrs. J. L. Roberson, who had for three weeks been seriously ill with typhoid fever. All was done that could be to relieve her suffering and to stay the hand of death, but to no avail. God knew best and took her.

She leaves a husband, three daughters, two brothers and three sisters. Miss Pedditt, a trained nurse from the Fowle Memorial Hospital at Washington, was with her during the last few days of her illness. The funeral service were conducted at the Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Thomas Lawrence, of Hamilton. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to its last resting place. The committal service was said by Elder G. D. Roberson. The deepest sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.

Graded School Opens

The Graded School will begin the fall term on Monday, September the 12th.

Parents seldom think how important it is for children to enter the first day. They forget that the foundation is of all things most important.

We believe that the coming session will be an excellent one. The Board has done everything in their power to secure an efficient corps of teachers and they have succeeded.

Everything is being done to get the grounds in excellent condition and make them as attractive as possible, besides work is being done on the building. Through the instrumentality of the Betterment Association, new benches have been provided for the Auditorium. Therefore, parents, send your children the first day so that they may get full benefit of the year's work.

A. M. JORDAN,  
Supt.

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