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Any Increase in Acreage of Peanuts Will Be Disastrous

"Any increase in the peanut acreage of Virginia and North Carolina for 1922 will be most disastrous," says Manager Birlsong of the Peanut Growers Exchange. "So apparent is the necessity for the growers to cut their peanut acreage that any efforts to get them to increase it rather than to decrease it must be taken as opposed to the best interests of the growers. With a surplus for 1921 and with prices at a low level, there is every reason why the peanut acreage should be cut 20 to 30 per cent to bring it back to normal. The probabilities are that it will be cut that much or more."

"According to carefully tabulated figures from over 1,000 growers the total production for 1921 was about 30 per cent more than in 1920. However, with this increase in production our reports further show that the total production for these two states was not over 3,000,000 bags; which is 1, half as many bags less than the exaggerated estimate of four million bags, which has been scattered broadcast by certain bearish influences. The Exchange itself had 500,000 bags either in warehouses or already reported to be delivered. In the reports of the Bureau of Markets up to March 15 showed that a total of 50,000 bags had been shipped out of this section; and 400,000 bags are estimated to be in the hands of growers outside the Exchange and of country merchants. These figures account for 2,100,000 bags. So for there to be a total of 30,000,000 bags the clearest and warehousemen would have to leave in their factories and warehouses in the way of farmers stock and cleared goods as men, peanuts as have already been shipped out or a total of one hundred thousand bags. It is hardly probable that they have any such large quantity."

The last movement of peanut in both the Atlantic and southern sections is up. When following the lines of the great Southern Railway, beginning at New York and going south through our own state; South Carolina; Georgia; Alabama; Mississippi and Louisiana and you see financial depression and distress written upon everything. You see storehouses permanently closed, builts firms struggling and property not worth fifty cents on the dollar. You see farms that can be scarcely sold at any price for cash. Take a train from New York to New Orleans and make a note of everything you see that is higher than before this depression and you will find none. The average is perhaps fifty per cent lower but when you look at the railroad's property, you will find that it is more than 20 per cent higher. Why is this? It must be that the railroads have a better organization. They are at least nearer New York and Washington than we are. A twenty per cent rise in other sections much more than offsets the decrease of 13 million pounds in this section. Reduced to 100 pound bags these figures would show a total movement for the first six months of the 1921 crop of 370,000 bags more than for the same period with the 1920 crop.

These same reports further show that in the southeastern section fully 95 per cent of the peanuts are now out of the farmers' hands. The quantity of peanuts held by the cleaners and warehousemen of Virginia and North Carolina refuse to furnish the trade of details with reports of their holdings. If these peanut people would only give this information as the cotton mills and grain elevators do, the peanut growers and the trade would have the advantage of doing business in terms of open knowledge rather than according to hidden secret. Such reports as the government now issues on peanuts were made possible through the activities of the growers, who placed their demands before Congress."

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT EASTER DAY

Order of Music 11:00 A.M.: "Welcome, Happy Morning"—Sullivan "Christ Our Passover"—Mornington Sequence-Antem "The Resurrection" —Nevin "The Strife Is O'er"—Palestrina Offertory Anthem: "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"—Morrison. Sanctus Taylor Gloria In Excelsis Gregorian "Come, Ye Faithful" Sullivan Much of the music will be sung at the Choral Eucharist, 8:00 A.M. Choral Eucharist, 8:00 A.M.—This is the Holy Communion for the performance of the Easter duty. Church School, 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer and Sermon—11:00 A.M. —chenu A.M.—Sermon Subject: "The Easter Answer." A cordial welcome to all

SCOUT ACTIVITIES

The Williamston Troop of the Boy Scouts held their regular meeting last night. After the disposal of all business the boys drilled for an hour. The first real hike of the Scouts will be enjoyed (?) Monday. They start from here at six o'clock for Everett, have breakfast some where between here and there, then continue their journey to Robersonville, a total distance for the walkers of thirteen miles.

LEADER OF DOUKHOBORS

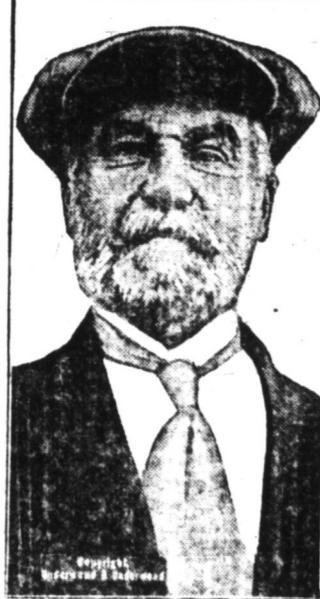


Photo of Peter Verigin, acknowledged leader of the Doukhobors (a Russian religious sect) of western Canada. According to newspaper reports, Verigin has proposed that children of less than ten years of age, the aged and the infirm be tossed into the Columbia river—just to enable the Doukhobors more easily to dispose of their property and wander about the country in vagrant bands, as a protest against what they style excessive legislation.

On several previous occasions the Doukhobors have staged nude parades, both of young children and adults, sometimes in bitter winter weather.

RAILROAD STOCK

MUCH STRONGER

The prices of articles hauled by the railroads are down but the charges of the railroads for hauling those articles is up. When following the lines of the great Southern Railway, beginning at New York and going south through our own state; South Carolina; Georgia; Alabama; Mississippi and Louisiana and you see financial depression and distress written upon everything. You see storehouses permanently closed, builts firms struggling and property not worth fifty cents on the dollar. You see farms that can be scarcely sold at any price for cash. Take a train from New York to New Orleans and make a note of everything you see that is higher than before this depression and you will find none. The average is perhaps fifty per cent lower but when you look at the railroad's property, you will find that it is more than 20 per cent higher. Why is this? It must be that the railroads have a better organization. They are at least nearer New York and Washington than we are. A twenty per cent rise in other sections much more than offsets the decrease of 13 million pounds in this section. Reduced to 100 pound bags these figures would show a total movement for the first six months of the 1921 crop of 370,000 bags more than for the same period with the 1920 crop.

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COTTON CONSUMED SHOWS GAIN OVER 1921

Washington, April 13.—Cotton consumed during March amounted to five hundred and eighteen thousand, four hundred and forty bales of lint and forty thousand, one hundred and seven-eighths linters. This is in comparison to four hundred and thirty-eight thousand two hundred and eight bales of lint and forty-four thousand six hundred and forty-seven linters last year according to statement announced by the census.

BANK OF ENGLAND DIS- COUNT NOW 4 PER CENT

London, April 13.—The Bank of England has announced another reduction in their discount rate, making it four per cent now. This action was welcomed as another step in the restoration of more normal conditions.

HAMILTON ITEMS

J W Cuneo of Rocky Mount spent Sunday here with his mother Mrs. Lucy Cuneo.

Mrs Walter Roberson and daughter have returned to their home in Robersonville after visiting the former's parents Mr and Mrs J A Davenport.

Dr and Mrs M I Fleming spent Sunday with Mrs J P Boyle.

Mrs Codie Purvis has returned after spending some time in Edgecombe county visiting friends.

Miss Lou Council is visiting her sister, Mrs F L Haislip.

Mrs S D Matthews is at home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Council in Morehead City.

Mrs R B Watkins has returned to St Louis after spending some time with Mrs J P Boyle.

MAMMOTH YELLOW SOY BEANS
for sale. Recleaned specially for seed. J R Knowles, Dardens, N.C.

1 FARMER IN DISTRICT TO PAY INCOME TAX

Charlotte News.

Only one farmer in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Lincoln counties—the district presided over by Deputy Tax Commissioner A. Morris McDonald—paid an income tax to the state of North Carolina for the past year, that farmer being Walter S Pharr, of this college.

Mr McDonald's records do not contain the name of a single farmer in the three counties who was forced to pay this tribute to Caesar, because his net earnings during the past year, above his exemptions.

It was pointed out that Mr Pharr paid the income tax not on receipts from the operation of his large plantation east of this city but on sales of decorative trees etc., largely used on the development of the estate of J B Duke.

The unique discovery was variously commented on when made known by Mr. McDonald, it being generally agreed that it furnishes an index into the economic conditions of the farmers of these 3 counties—counties that are regarded as far above the average in the number of productive farms as well as in the number of intelligent farmers.

That not a single producer from the soil of this territory made enough money during last year above his exemptions to pay this tax to the state was regarded by many as clear indication of the misfortunes that have generally overtaken the agricultural interests.

BIG FIRE AT WHITEHALL

Goldboro, April 13.—Nine stores and their contents, three stables and five residences; as well as several head of livestock and a quantity of hay and fertilizer were burned yesterday at Whitehall, a village 17 miles east of Goldboro according to meagre advice received here last night.

The blaze, which authorities believe to have been of incendiary origin started in the stables of the Seven Springs Supply Company. The total loss is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$300,000 which was only partially covered by insurance. The fire spread from one side of the street to the other and was fanned by a 40-mile wind, which blew over this section. The entire citizenry of the village fought the blaze but was unable to check it.

The little village was practically wiped out by the fire, only a few homes being left standing.

PARKER-KNIGHT

Dr. and Mrs J Burke Maywood Knight announce

the marriage of their daughter

Frances Elizabeth to

Mr. William King Parker on Wednesday, April the twelfth nineteen hundred and twenty-two Williamston, North Carolina At Home

after May the first

Williamston, N.C.

The above announcement will be of interest to the friends of Mr and Mrs Parker in Williamston and the County. The wedding was at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride in the presence of a few invited guests and immediately afterwards the bride and groom left for Rocky Mount by motor where they took a train for Niagara Falls.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Circle Number Five of the Baptist Aid Society will give a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs P B Cone on Church street Friday afternoon, April 21st from four to six P.M. You are cordially invited to attend.

BEAR GRASS HAS FOREST FIRE

A forest fire, supposedly of incendiary origin, broke out in the Bear Grass section near the Sam Mobley place Tuesday and left destruction in its wake. Timber lands, pasture and fences suffered and had it not been for the almost superhuman efforts of the people in the community homes and property would have been burned by the fire which was being carried in all directions by the high winds of Tuesday afternoon and night.

Mr. Kader Perry spent Thursday in Rocky Mount receiving medical treatment at Park View Hospital

SHIPPING TIME FOR POTATOES

The shipping season for potatoes in this territory is almost on and is in a state of uncertainty. The potato shipments this season have been 207,515 carloads against 177,445 for last year. Already there have been shipped 664 carloads of new potatoes as against 515 cars last year. The most noticeable thing about potatoes is the price which ranged early in the week from 40¢ per bushel in some sections to as high as \$2.00 per bushel in others.

Speaker: W T Alexander; Music: W V Ormond; Reading: W C Chance. Come and bring your Bible and take part. Time Sunday April 30th from one to three P.M.

JOSHUA L. GRIFFIN.

GOOD TENANT WANTED: WHO can handle two-horse crop. Address "W" Care Enterprise.

Local News and Personal Mention

Charlotte News.

Miss Martha Cotton Crawford arrived Tuesday night from Lexington where she has been visiting her father Mr. Ben Crawford since leaving Salem College for the holidays.

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