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PEANUT TARIFF HEARING BEING HELD IN CAPITAL

Growers and Business Men Ask Tariff Commission To Raise Duty

SEVERAL FROM HERE

Meeting Is Being Held in Washington, D. C. Today; Fight Led by Growers' Association

The cause of the Southern farmer was advanced by hundreds of business and professional men, as well as farmers themselves this morning when they assembled in Washington, D. C., to demand an increase in the tariff on peanuts. Led by the Peanut Growers Association, people from all over the peanut sections left for Washington Sunday and yesterday to be at the hearing before the United States Tariff Commission this morning.

For two years or more the raisers of the lowly goober have pleaded for an increase in the tariff on the peanut, but their pleas have been of no marked effect. And while there has been nothing learned relating to the outcome of the meeting this morning, the road for protection was probably prepared, and if it wasn't the cause of the farmer has undoubtedly been turned down again.

Should the facts given at the hearing meet with approval of the Tariff Commission, favorable recommendations will be made to the President, who has the power to declare a tariff in order provided it is not over 50 per cent of the tariff then in effect.

Sponsored by the Peanut Growers Association, a meeting of business men and peanut growers was held in Norfolk the 26th of last month. There the Virginia and Spanish Peanut Tariff Association was organized, and it was through that body that the cause is being presented before the Tariff Commission this morning.

Several months ago, the Peanut Growers Association filed a petition with the Tariff Commission, asking for a 50 per cent increase in the duty on peanuts. The commission investigated the costs of the production of peanuts in the United States and foreign countries and called a hearing for this morning.

This is probably one of the most important movements that has ever been inaugurated affecting the peanut-growing sections of the United States, and in answer to its call, hundreds of business and professional men and farmers have answered. Several people left here yesterday and attended the hearing today.

The officers of the organization presenting the case this morning are as follows: Chairman, Charles J. Shields, of Scotland Neck; secretary, S. M. Lawrence, Suffolk.

Those who presented the case at the hearing this morning include: P. D. Bain, American Peanut Corporation, Norfolk, Va.; Roger I. Beale, Franklin Peanut Co., Franklin, Va.; L. Rivers Worsham, manager of the Peanut Growers Association, Norfolk; and Charles J. Fields, farmer, of Scotland Neck.

Many local people contributed to a fund that was used in prosecuting the case, and it is with anxious purport that the people of this section await the outcome of the hearing.

Race Program for Fair To Be Good As Ever

With Mr. W. L. McDonald serving as race secretary for the Roanoke fair again this year, another splendid program is expected. Mr. A. E. Leatherman, of Philadelphia, will start the races this year. These two men are track enthusiasts, and they will see that the best horses in the country are entered in the races here.

The program has just been announced by the association, and approximately \$3,000 make up the purses.

WILL ABANDON HALF HOLIDAY

Tried It For First Time Last Week; Several Objections

After trying out a half-day holiday schedule each week for the first time here last Wednesday, several of the merchants stated yesterday that they do not plan to close their stores tomorrow afternoon, in accordance with the petition circulated several days ago.

The first objection advanced was when the petition circulated was not signed by all. Others claimed that while practically all the front doors were closed, many of the rear doors were left open. It was generally agreed that it was all right to open one's store for a few minutes to wait on a customer who had come in from the country. In defense of this, the merchants stated that the afternoon holiday had not been established in the minds of all, and that after a few closings, there would be very few cases where special calls would make it necessary to open the individual store a few minutes.

Just what action the store owners will follow tomorrow afternoon is not definitely known, but it is believed that if one or two hold their doors open, all of the others will do likewise.

NARROWLY MISS GOING IN RIVER

Young People From Windsor Barely Miss Going Into Open Draw

Messrs. Peck White and Bill Powell and Misses Cecelia Bell, Catherine Fox, and Edla Best, all of Windsor, narrowly escaped death when they missed by a very few seconds running their car into Roanoke River here last Friday night about 10:30 o'clock.

Driving the car, a new Nash, belonging to Mr. G. C. White, of Windsor, Bill Powell failed to see the red light hanging in the middle of the bridge and drove through the safety gate. Realizing the danger of an open draw, the driver turned his car to the left and knocked one of the big concrete corner posts and several guard rails off. The tender had just pulled the bridge back into its useful position but had not locked it when the car rolled on, where a few minutes before, was an open passage into the muddy water 20 feet below.

The occupants escaped injury and the car was damaged to a very small extent.

Senior Epworth League Holds Annual Election

At a recent meeting of the Senior Epworth League of the local Methodist church, officers for the coming year were elected.

The league has just completed a very successful year, its success being especially evident in that it was pronounced 100 per cent at the Louisiana assembly, at which the league was represented. The present aim is to enlarge the membership, render interesting and worthwhile programs, and retain the 100 per cent standard.

The officers for the coming year: Mrs. J. E. Harrison, president; Mrs. W. H. Booker, vice president; Miss Helen B. Sumner, secretary; Miss Mary Leggett, social service department; Miss Sue Leggett, devotional department; Miss Grace Page, literary department; Miss Julia Ward, missions department; Martha Leggett, era agent.

Would-Be Suicide Gives Birth To Her 10th Child

Washington, N. C., July 14.—Less than four hours after Mrs. John Harris, mother of nine children, had been rescued from an attempted suicide by jumping in a ditch on Third and Harvey Street, she gave birth to a child. When she was revived by physicians she seemed in a dazed condition and did not realize what she had done.

Club Girls Return From Ten Days' Camping Trip

Thirty-five Martin County Club girls returned home today from a ten days' stay at Camp Leach. Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, under whose supervision, the girls went to camp reports a splendid trip. Miss Sleeper was assisted by Mrs. J. E. Harrison, of this place, and Miss Bernice House, of Farmale.

Two-Year-Old Girl Dies in Bear Grass

Little Christine, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitehurst died last Thursday, following a week's illness of colitis. The funeral services were held at the home and interment was made in the Cowing cemetery at Bear Grass. Elders Jno. N. Rogerson and B. S. Cowing conducted the services.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT OAK CITY TO END WEDNESDAY

Students Who Did Not Attend Summer Course May Take Examinations

"EXAMS" WEDNESDAY

Superintendent Ainsley Announces That All Taking Examination Will Be Given Credit

The summer course in the Oak City school will be completed tomorrow when the pupils take their final examination, it was stated yesterday by Professor H. M. Ainsley, who has given the instruction during the past six weeks. Besides the regular pupils taking work in the summer school there, Professor Ainsley states that those students in the district who hold conditional promotion cards and who were not able to attend the summer course, will be given credit for work done during the examination. All pupils in that district desiring to take the examination should meet at the school building tomorrow, July 18, at 1 o'clock, with regular examination paper and pencils.

The professor stated yesterday that the school had kept him busy practicing all the summer, but seeing the handicap that many pupils were under, he arranged the school and offered instruction in algebra, literature, and English grammar. In many cases the work will prevent the loss of a year, Mr. Ainsley pointed out, and as a whole the school has been a decided success.

COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Two Vacancies Remain in Faculty of Elementary School

With the election of Mr. L. C. Thornton and his contract acceptance, the faculty for the high school here for the coming term was made complete last week, according to Principal L. H. Davis. Mr. Thornton, who will teach science and history in the school, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, having won honors there in his chosen studies.

All teachers for the 1928-29 session have been elected and contracts filed with the exception of two grades, one for a section in the seventh grade and another for a section in the second grade. Teachers for the two grade sections will be appointed within a short time, Mr. Davis stated.

"Honeymoon Hiker" Loses \$4,000 Bracelet

Mrs. Frederick B. Johnson, wife of the heiress to the Palmolive Soap fortune, and who hiked through Williamston the early part of this year with her husband on their honeymoon, lost a \$4,000 bracelet in New York last week. She advertised for the bracelet, and the finder, a taxi driver, carried it to her apartment after a threatening telephone call. After the telephone message Mrs. Johnson provided herself with an unloaded revolver belonging to her husband, and when the chauffeur appeared and made advances to her she flourished the gun. He wrestled it from her and pressing it against her side, pulled the trigger twice. When the man found the gun was empty, he fled, carrying the expensive bracelet with him.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Eli L. Williams Dies Monday

At the home of its parents in Cross Roads township, Emma Williams, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Eli L. Williams, died last Monday and was buried at the family cemetery on Tuesday.

The child was ill only a few days, dying with colitis.

Pig Near Jamesville Born With Only Two Legs

Mr. Clarence Wallace, of Jamesville, has a month-old pig with only two legs. The animal is apparently normal in every way except it has only two legs, located at the front of the body.

Professor W. T. Overby, head of the agricultural department in the Jamesville school, says the pig is healthy and all right, that it can move about with ease. Its weight is about the same as that of the litter mates.

Aunt of Mr. Cunningham Dies at Home in Pineville

Mrs. O. W. Tott, an aunt of Mr. E. P. Cunningham, died at her home in Pineville early yesterday morning. Mrs. Rena Cunningham, a sister, left with her son yesterday for Pineville, where interment will be made tomorrow.

YOUNG NEGRO DROWNS SUNDAY

17-Year-Old Boy Loses Life in Creek Near Here; Recover Body

Thurman Williams, 17-year-old colored boy, met with an untimely death Sunday afternoon while swimming in the Sweeten Water Creek, near here. His death was the second in the family in the past two weeks, the boy's father, Austin Williams, having died two weeks ago.

Leaving home shortly after dinner with a special request from his mother to stay away from the creek, the boy, with two others younger than he, went directly to the stream. Wearing his bathing suit under his clothes, he undressed and plunged into the water, and before his friends realized his danger, the boy went down a third time. Frightened badly, the two boys left the scene and ran for help, and after a three-hour search, the lifeless body was removed from the water.

During the search, both white and colored men lent their assistance, but their efforts were greatly retarded by the water's depth and the swiftness of the current. Before the body was found, the town's colored populace in its entirety, excepting possibly a few, had gathered at the new highway bridge, the place where the boy was last seen before he met his death.

The body was prepared and burial will be made today.

During the past three years, the boy had worked for Sam Faulk, ice dealer here, and was known as a hard-working and reliable employee.

OLD JAIL TAKEN OVER BY SCOUTS

Boys Clean Up Building And Will Use It For Headquarters

Last week the local boy scouts moved into the old jail, the second story of which they will use as Boy Scout headquarters until they build their shack in the near future.

The boys are greatly pleased with their temporary quarters and since they have given the upstairs rooms a thorough cleaning, the old jail looks surprisingly well. It was circulated that the building had been condemned by the State authorities. This was true, but only in so far as the building served for incarcerating prisoners. From that standpoint, it did not meet the State requirements, but as a building, it is perfectly safe.

The county has leased the property to the Woman's club to be used in connection with its park and swimming pool which the club is planning to build in the next year. The scouts are going to aid the club in the undertaking by cleaning and renovating the whole building.

Martin County Inwardly Dry According to Reports

According to reports current in this section, Martin county is not so very wet, certainly not as much so as many people say it is. One man, ripe in experience, could only find half a gallon after a diligent search of fifty miles. And it is reported that parties are unusually sober these days, that the song, "How Dry I Am," is being sung with all truthfulness.

It is understood that practically all the dealers in this section are busy with their crops and only those engaged in foreign trade are caring for the trade.

Organize Community Sing for Williamston

The junior club girls here, under the leadership of Mrs. A. R. Dunning and Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., have organized a community sing for the town.

The club held its first practice last night in the Woman's Club rooms. While only members of the club attended last night, a cordial invitation is extended to all the young people to join in.

Cars Collide On Main Street; No One Hurt

Two cars, a Ford and an Oldsmobile, collided on Main Street here last Saturday afternoon. The Ford, driven by Miss Lucille Hassell, was turning at the curve at Reuben Speller's and hit the Oldsmobile driven by a Mr. White, of Greenville. No one was injured.

While it looked to be badly damaged, the Greenville car was driven off under its own power, but the Ford with its front end smashed, had to be pulled to the garage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Daniel returned Sunday from Florida where they visited Mr. Daniel's father for several days.

NINE MORE ARE TAKEN FROM ICE BY RUSSIAN SHIP

Completes Rescue of All Known Survivors of Italia Expedition

12 ARE STILL MISSING

Russian Ice Breaker Returning to Port To Refuel and Search for The Twelve Believed Dead

Moscow, July 16.—The tragedy which ended the last voyage of the dirigible Italia was virtually liquidated today as far as the living are concerned when nine lives jeopardized in the search for survivors of the Italia were saved by the Russian ice-breaker Krassin.

The Krassin, taking aboard Soviet Aviator Chukhovsky and four companions stranded since July 12, and a Norwegian searcher and three Alpine chasers, was steaming for Advent Bay tonight to refuel. Then it will continue its search for 12 men believed to have perished long ago—six Italians blown away in the hulk of the Italia when it crashed and Raold Amundsen and five companions, who have not been heard from since they left Tromsø June 18 to search for General Umberto Nobile and his crew of the Italia.

Two of the men who left in the Italia were left dead on the ice—Dr. Finn Malmgren, Swedish scientist, and Vincenz Pomella, engineer of the Italia, who died in the crash.

Capt. Einar-Paal Lundberg brought General Nobile and his dog away from a precarious encampment on the ice several days ago. The Krassin, which for weeks pushed its way stubbornly from Leningrad to the scene of the disaster, saved four of Nobile's companions and picked up two others who had accompanied Malmgren on a trek to land.

The Swedish government, with reports at hand from Malmgren's companions that he had been left at his own request to die on an ice floe without sight of land, today was preparing to send airplanes to find his body and bring it home for burial.

SNEAK THIEF SACKS HOME

H. D. Harrison's Home Entered and Ransacked Yesterday

Yesterday, between nine o'clock in the morning and three o'clock in the afternoon, a thief entered the home of Mr. H. D. Harrison on Hassell street, searched practically every room and left with clothes, a pistol and thirty-seven silver dollars.

With all the members of the family away, the thief entered a back window. He removed his shoes and made for the trunks and dresser drawers. While he left untouched all women's wearing apparel, the thief put on a pair of Ira Harrison's shoes and took several other neckties.

The robber left his old shoes, a tan pair that had been practically worn out. Ira who was rooming with his brother, also lost the thirty-seven silver dollars, and had his trunk lock almost torn off when the thief prized it open.

Mr. Harrison has no clue as to who the bold thief is.

Grounds Are Leased For Washington Fair

Washington, N. C., July 14.—The grounds for the annual Beaufort County Fair were leased Thursday by the Beaufort County Agricultural Fair Association.

The fair grounds are located at the corner of Fifth Street and Hackney Avenue close to the city and within easy access of the entire county. The work of fencing in the area to be used for the fair began Friday. This space is 1,000 feet by 600 feet.

When the fair is not in progress the grounds will be offered for rent for ball games, carnivals, circuses, and other outdoor events.

The Beaufort County Agricultural Fair Association was organized by the Beaufort County Post of the American Legion. While the fair is considered an American Legion activity, it was necessary to comply with the law to form a separate corporation.

This year's fair is expected to exceed in size and interest any of the previous exhibitions.

Daniel Peel Hurt in Automobile Accident

Mr. Daniel Peel, brother of Mr. Abram Peel, of this place, is in a Greenville hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident on the Greenville-Washington highway last night. The extent of the man's injuries and the details of the wreck could not be learned at noon today.

CARS TORN UP IN COLLISION

Several Slightly Hurt When Ford and Chevrolet Meet Head-On

A Chevrolet touring car belonging to Mr. C. O. Godard and a Ford touring car belonging to a Greenville negro were completely torn up Sunday afternoon when they ran together just beyond the Sweeten Water Creek bridge on the Jamesville road. No one was badly hurt in the wreck, but several of the occupants in the Ford car were cut about the face.

According to indirect reports, the radius rod on the Ford tore from its hold and making it impossible for the driver to handle it he ran too far to the wrong side of the road and hit the Chevrolet car. It was also reported that both cars were going at a rapid rate of speed when they smashed one into the other.

Managers of the Chevrolet garage here stated yesterday afternoon that the Chevrolet car was the most complete wreck they had ever seen and that it would take around \$200 to repair it. The damage to the Ford is so great that the garageman state it would be foolish to attempt to repair the car.

3 COUPLES WED HERE SATURDAY

Dan Cupid Begins Making Up For Last Month's Sorry Record

Dan Cupid failed miserably in his work in this county last month, and it was beginning to look as if he was going to mark up a failure on his list this month, but last Saturday J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, issued three licenses and that many couples were married here that day. The weddings were not at all elaborate; there was no church to decorate, and there were hardly enough witnesses to sign the contract.

Justice of the Peace Asa T. Crawford tied two of the knots, and J. L. Hassell, another justice of the peace, performed a ceremony. Joe H. Litley and Miss Annie Gray, Wynne and Kennie Lee Lewis and Miss Irene Wynn, a sister to Miss Annie Gray, were married by Mr. Crawford in his office about 8 o'clock. James Bowen and Miss Nora Swain were married in the register of deeds' office by Mr. J. L. Hassell with a large number of witnesses attending the ceremony.

The several contracting parties are residents of the county.

EXPLAINS AIM OF DRY TICKET

Says Ticket Represents a Protest Against Law Enforcement

Washington, D. C., July 14.—The Prohibition Party's presidential ticket was described today by the vice presidential nominee, James A. Edgerton, of Fort Lyon, Va., as representing a protest against lax law enforcement.

Returning from Chicago, where he was named running mate for William F. Varney, of Rockville Centre, N. Y. Mr. Edgerton said the ticket "will be gladly withdrawn whenever we are convinced that the cause will be defended and the law strengthened and adequately enforced."

He added that the Prohibition ticket also opposed "the threat to soft-pedal the issue by at least one major party, and that we are taking care that there shall be no division of the dry vote."

11 Acres Wheat Grown in County This Year

According to the farm census report in the hands of the tax supervisor here, there were 11 acres of wheat planted in this county this year. Bear Grass planted 5, Cross Roads 1, Robersonville 4, and Goose Nest 1 acre.

Last year there were 26 acres planted to wheat, and the year before there were 48 acres. The total value of the 1927 crop in this county was \$515, according to figures advanced by Farm Forecaster, a bulletin issued by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

To Be No Meeting of Kiwanis Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club will not hold its regular luncheon tomorrow, it was announced by the club's president, Mayor R. L. Coburn, yesterday. The meeting for the day was called off in view of the fact that many of the members are planning to go to Coleraine for the union Sunday school picnic, and that being true the meeting would interfere with plans of those who serve the luncheon as well as crowd the plans of the club's members.

Mr. G. D. Taylor, of Everetts, was a business visitor here yesterday.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL PICNIC WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

Union Picnic Committee Changes Time of Departure

LEAVE HERE AT 1:30

Change Is Made From 10:30 In Order To Secure Larger Attendance; Go To Coleraine

Upon the suggestion made by many of the church people, the committee in charge decided to change the time of leaving for the union picnic at Coleraine from 10:30 in the morning until 1:30 in the afternoon. The change in time, the committee pointed out, will make it possible for a larger number to attend the picnic who otherwise could not get away in time.

A meeting of the committee was called last night when it was decided to change the hour. The plans advanced by the committee in the meeting will have the members of the various Sunday schools meet at the school building at 1:30, drive to Coleraine, enjoy swimming until about 5 o'clock when dinner will be served, the parties returning home shortly afterwards.

The postponement of the picnic until another day was considered by several, but after reviewing the situation, it was decided by the committee that tomorrow afternoon would be the most appropriate time, and that the change in the hours would make it possible for practically every one to get off.

OAK CITY SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 3

Faculty for Whole School Has Almost Been Completed

Vacation days for the lads and lassies in this county are fast fading, Professor H. M. Ainsley having announced yesterday that the Oak City schools will open the 1928-29 term on Monday, September 3. The early opening, the principal explained, makes possible a closing in April, which is decidedly better for the farming people having children in the school.

With the exception of one or two vacancies, the faculty for the school there is complete. Teachers for the two positions, one in the fourth, and another in the lower first, yet unfilled, have been appointed, but no definite acceptance has been made, the principal stated. Mr. Ainsley will be assisted in the high school department by Mr. H. B. Russell, of Granite Falls. Mr. Russell will teach history and science. Miss Myrtle Zetterower, of Statesboro, Ga., will teach French and English in the high school. Miss Ina Bishop, of Jacksonville, will head the home economics department; and Miss Ray Heath, of Grifton, will be in charge of the music department. Pupils in the seventh grade will have Miss Julia Holloway, of Georgia, for their teacher. Teachers in the grammar and primary grades include Miss Annie Woodley, of Creswell, sixth grade; Miss Mamie Whiteley, of Faison, fifth grade; Mrs. Bell, of Scotland Neck, third grade; Miss Alice Mallard, Teachey's, second grade; Miss Leona Newton, first grade.

RAIN HOLDS UP WORK ON ROAD

Detour to Chowan Bridge At Eden House Is Also In Bad Shape

Windsor, July 14.—The rainy weather for the past few days has seriously impeded work on hard surfacing the State highway from Windsor to Chowan bridge, and has also caused the detour that is being used to be cut up very badly. However, road forces are doing all that can well be done to keep the road used as a detour in condition so that the public may get over it without difficulty, and the bad places are soon repaired. It is hard to know just when the work will be finished on the road, but it is estimated that it will require from six to seven weeks to complete it and allow it to be opened for use.

Child Smothered To Death By Another

Friday afternoon while the mother was assisting in the housing of tobacco the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mobley was smothered to death by an older child while both were sleeping. When Mrs. Mobley returned to the house she found the 4-year old child stretched across the younger one. The older child was still sleeping when the mother found the baby dead.

Mr. Mobley is a tenant farmer on the J. H. Purvis plantation, near Hamilton.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY TOM MIX in **'HORSEMAN OF THE PLAINS'**

Also **2-REEL COMEDY** And Serial **"The Jungle Goddess"** and **FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY**