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PROPER CARE OF PEANUT CROP TO PAY DIVIDENDS

Buyers Receive Word Not To Buy Until Crop Is Thoroughly Dry

EXPECT FAIR PRICE

No Contracts To Be Made Until Peanuts Have Been Threshed and Are Ready for Market

With the proper handling of peanuts this year, it is the belief of many acquainted with the industry that the farmer will receive a fair price for his goobers this fall. "The farmer picking his peanuts while they are wet or green will have much to do with the price this year," stated several buyers who have received warning from their companies urging them not to buy peanuts until they are thoroughly dry. It was further stated that wet or green peanuts will be heavily penalized in price this year, and those in the business are urging the growers to market their crop dry.

According to statements made by many buyers, no contracts will be made before the peanuts have been threshed and are ready for market. There is an adequate supply of old stock on hand, it was pointed out, and purchases will not be made until the crop is ready. The practice of buying the crop in the fields has depressed the market, and it is understood that no market will be established until the peanuts are ready for sale.

While local buyers have no information on prospective prices this fall, they believe that with the cooperation of the grower in putting his peanuts on the market well cleaned and dry, he will get a fair price.

The crop has been stacked in its entirety in this section, and it is understood that there will be at least a 35 or 40 per cent decrease in the pound age. Some farmers are planning to start picking the crop within the next week or two, but it is generally believed that the work will not be in full swing within the next 30 days.

HOLD MEETING AT EVERETTS

Livestock Agent for Railroad To Conduct Meet Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, B. W. Lewis, livestock agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company will hold a meeting in the Everetts school auditorium in the interest of more and better livestock raising in this section.

Mr. Lewis, who has made a prolonged study of stock raising, will be prepared to discuss the problem intelligently and offer valuable help and suggestions to all farmers who attend. The farmers from all sections of the county are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Mr. Lewis is urging the farmers in this section to grow more and better livestock, says it is a sure means of establishing a permanent prosperity.

Bath Suffers \$50,000 Fire Loss Wednesday

The town of Bath suffered a fire loss estimated at \$50,000 Wednesday night when several stores and residences were burned to the ground. The fire originated in the Junior hall located on the second floor of the Marsh building and could not be checked until three stores, a residence and several out-houses were burned.

The postoffice and several other buildings were saved by the heroic fight waged by the citizens who turned out in mass with buckets and other equipment that could be collected.

The Washington fire department was called and responded quickly and sent a stream of water on the mass, checking the flames.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY REX BELL

in "WILD WEST ROMANCE" Added COMEDY AND SERIAL "The Yellow Cameo"

To Build 30-Room Addition To Hotel

Make Large Shipments Of Produce By Boat

Shipments of tobacco and cotton this month over the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Boat Line total over 700,000 pounds of tobacco and 1,000 bales of cotton, it was learned from the local agent here yesterday. The majority of the tobacco was billed for points in Germany and China, while the cotton, in the main, was stored in Norfolk bonded warehouses. The number of hogheads shipped was more than 650.

The boat company placed on its regular schedule more boats, and shipments have been going and coming almost daily during the past few days.

TOMORROW LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Sixty-Five New Names Are Put On Books In This Township

Unless there is a decided pick-up this afternoon and tomorrow, there will be very few new names on the registration books this year, according to reports coming from many of the registrars throughout the county. In one or two precincts no names have been added at all, and in others the number ranges from 1 to 65, it was stated.

The number of people registering for the coming election is to be much smaller than was at first expected by many leaders in both parties. In the majority of cases, it is said that those who have registered this time are planning to support Smith and the entire Democratic ticket. Of course, the person registering will make his own decision November 6, and it might be that the voluntary statement issued at the time of registering will not hold true when the time comes.

The total number to register in this precinct is about 65, it was stated by Registrar J. L. Hassell yesterday afternoon. "We will fall a few under the 100-mark first mentioned, but numbers are expected to enter their names on the books before they close tomorrow at sunset," Mr. Hassell said.

After the books are closed tomorrow at sunset they will be reopened tomorrow week for challenge. No one will be allowed to register at that time, however, according to the election laws.

Second Independent In County Announces Self

Following the announcement made last week in which it was stated that Mr. John E. Griffin, of Griffins township, would run on an independent ticket for road commissioner there, a second independent was made known this week. J. Raleigh Manning will run on an independent ticket for the office of justice of the peace in Jamesville township against O. G. Carson, regular Democratic candidate.

So far as it is known, these two independent tickets are the only ones that will be put before the people November 6.

Local Eleven Playing Washington Today

Coming through six games victories, the local high school football eleven will have to offer a strong defense to check up another win when Washington sends its team over today to do battle with the locals. While Coach Hood's boys are forecasting a seventh victory here this afternoon, they are taking the game a bit serious and a good one is expected.

Services at Episcopal Church Sunday Morning

Rev. Henry M. Green, Episcopal minister of Winton, will preach in the Episcopal Church here Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, it was announced this morning by an officer of that church. There will be only one service here Sunday, Rev. Mr. Green going to Hamilton that evening where he will preach in the Episcopal church there.

Members of the congregation are urged to attend and visitors are welcomed to hear Mr. Green, both in the service here and the one in Hamilton.

Dardens Man Says Few Attend Political Speeches

"People don't attend political speeches now in as large numbers as they once did," remarked Mr. Fagan, a business visitor here yesterday afternoon, from Dardens. "I haven't been to one in ten years, I don't think," Mr. Fagan said.

WILL BEGIN WORK ABOUT FIRST OF YEAR

Plans Call for Addition of Third Story to Present Building

MODERN EQUIPMENT

Building to Have Appearance of New One When Work Is Completed According to Owners

That Williamston will have a large and modern hotel within the near future was assured yesterday when member of the G. W. Blount firm stated that plans are now under way for the remodeling and enlarging the Britt Hotel. Contractors have been consulted and while it is not certain, the owners are planning to start the work the early part of the coming year, or as soon thereafter as possible, it was stated by Mr. E. P. Cunningham, a member of the firm, yesterday.

"While no definite plans have been made, we are going to remodel, the building and add another story to it," Mr. G. W. Blount stated while discussing the undertaking yesterday afternoon. With the addition of a third story to the present building, approximately 30 more rooms will be provided, making a total of around 50 rooms. The building, when the work is completed, will have the appearance of a new one, and will be modernly equipped, it was stated. "We will have practically a new hotel out and out when the project is completed, and it will be equipped with new and adequate furniture and fixtures," the owners said.

The cost of the remodeling work and the new addition is not exactly known at this time, the owners stating that the plans have not been advanced to that point where a definite cost could be estimated.

The announcement of more and better hotel accommodations by the company is in keeping with the town's progress and answers one of the greatest and most urgent needs here. For many months, the two hotels here have been crowded, and it has been through the courtesy of hotel proprietors that many guests have been cared for in private home as well as in the hotels.

While it is believed that the new improvements will not provide ample accommodations, it is certain that the crowded conditions now existing will be relieved to some extent.

RUSHING WORK ON TAX BOOKS

Will Probably Be Turned Over To Sheriff During Next Week

With two clerks busily engaged in writing tax receipts in the office of the register of deeds here, the books will be ready for the sheriff some time next week. And while the sheriff has had somewhat a vacation during the past few weeks, the task will cause him to make up for lost time and then some.

While the definite amount of the levy is not known, it is understood that the tax moneys will be greater this year than last and the collectors say they are going to equal or better, if possible, the record established in their last collections.

Everetts Woodmen Had Good Meeting Monday

Adding three new members to its roll last Monday night, the Everetts Modern Woodmen Camp held one of its best meetings in recent weeks. More than 50 regular members were present and after the initiations an oyster roast was enjoyed by them.

The camp there enjoys a large membership, and each meeting is well attended. The programs are said to be interesting and practically all the members take an active interest in the work.

Visit Relatives in Norfolk Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Roberson, of Bear Grass, visited relatives in Norfolk this week.

Anti-Smith Speaker Here Next Wednesday Night

W. F. Evans, former solicitor of Raleigh, will speak in the courthouse in Williamston Wednesday night, October 31, at 8:00 o'clock, according to an announcement received here today. Mr. Evans, an anti-Smith man, is being sent out by that organization in Raleigh.

From what angle the former solicitor will bring his attacks was not given in the announcement this morning.

NEW \$12,500 FIRE TRUCK IS PUT INTO SERVICE

Service Man Is Here This Week Demonstrating New Equipment

TO KEEP OLD TRUCK

No Arrangements Yet Made for Housing of Trucks; Firemen Greatly Pleased With New Apparatus

Added fire protection for the property owners here was made possible this week when a new \$12,500 fire truck was unloaded at the Coast Line station here. Messrs. R. H. Zachary and H. P. Williams, representatives of the American-LaFrance Co., supervised the unloading of the new machine and will be here for several days instructing the firemen as to the use of the truck.

Chief Henry D. Harrison is calling the members of the company for special practice almost every night and will continue to do so until they are well acquainted as to the proper care and use of the new machine.

Next Monday representatives from Edenton, Belhaven, and Scotland Neck are expected to attend a special demonstration which will be given by the factory representatives, it was stated by Chief Harrison this morning. The first real test of the machine will be made at that time, according to those in charge.

The fire company's new members are greatly pleased with the equipment, and where they once were ashamed to answer the call of the fire alarm they will run to offer their services now.

It is the plan of the fire chief to assign individual duties to the members and to perfect one of the best volunteer companies in the State.

The old Ford truck will be held in reserve so as to meet a new insurance rating requirement.

For the present time and until some arrangements are made by the town commissioners for housing the two trucks, the Ford will give up its place in the town hall to the new machine and take a canvass cover for protection. No definite plans have been advanced as to the proper housing of the fire-fighting equipment, but it is thought that by remodeling a part of the town hall the two trucks can be placed together there.

Two Services Sunday at Everetts Baptist Church

Rev. A. L. Baker, pastor of the Everetts Baptist Church, will preach both morning and evening there next Sunday, it was announced yesterday. Mr. Baker will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 o'clock that night.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services.

Says Meat Costs More to Produce Than It Sells For

"I can't understand how the big meat packers sell side pork for around 21 and 22 cents a pound in this section when it is a problem to sell home-raised meat for less," stated Mr. N. P. Roberson, of R. F. D. 4, yesterday afternoon. "I generally raise more than twice as much meat as my family needs, and sell the remainder; but I am planning to stop that practice, for it costs more to raise it than it will sell for," he stated.

Featuring Sermons on Ten Commandments

"The Ten Commandments in Sermon," is what the local Baptist church is featuring for its evening services during the autumn time.

Beginning last Sunday evening, a good-sized congregation was present; and it is expected that more and more people will attend these special services.

Cecil B. DeMille's presentation of this theme on the screen proved that the people's interest is still high in these laws, which have done so much to give direction to the course of the civilized world.

One commandment will be treated each Sunday evening, until the entire number has been presented.

At Sunday morning's service, the pastor will preach on the theme, "Bringing the people to meet God."

The second study on "Prayer" will be had at the church next Wednesday evening.

To the large number of newcomers to our community, we extend a special welcome.

The local congregation and its pastor regret that the Hamilton Baptist Church was destroyed by fire last Sunday; and they are invited to worship with us if they will.

Rush Work on Theater After Delay of Weeks

Work on Williamston's new \$35,000 theater is being rushed at this time, and it won't be many more weeks before the building will be in use. A delay was caused when it was impossible to secure certain timbers for the structure.

Local Market Averages \$27.69 For Whole Week's Offerings

SECURE SEVERAL GOOD SPEAKERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Six Democratic Speeches Next Week in Addition To Regular Canvass

TWO MONDAY NIGHT

Tam Bowie, Judge Dunn, Charles U. Harris, Warren, Winborne, Nell Battle Lewis on Program

Six speeches besides the regular canvass have been placed on the campaign schedule by the Democratic executive committee for the coming week in this county. Other speakers will be scheduled later, it was announced. The six speakers coming to this section from various parts of the State will address the voters in representative communities in the county.

Two speakers have been announced for Monday night, Judge Albin Dunn, of Greenville, addressing the voters in the Hamilton school auditorium at 8 o'clock and Hon. Charles U. Harris, of Raleigh, addressing the Democrats at Jamesville at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium there.

Judge Tam C. Bowie, one of North Carolina's foremost citizens and ablest speakers will address the voters of Goose Nest in the Oak City school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

At Bear Grass the same night and same hour Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will make an address in the Bear Grass school auditorium.

A third speaker has been announced for Tuesday night, Hon. Stanley Winborne, of Murfreesboro, district elector, addressing the voters of Griffins township in the Farm Life school auditorium.

During the mean time, the regular county canvass will be underway.

Thursday night, November 1, in the Robersonville school auditorium, Miss Nell Battle Lewis will address the Democrats of the county. Every effort is being made to have every woman voter in the county present, it was stated this morning.

SPECIAL CAR TO GAME PLANNED

Pullman To Be Secured for Virginia-Carolina Game At Charlottesville

It might be that a goodly number of the people in this section will have an opportunity to see the annual Turkey Day battle between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia football eleven this year, for tentative plans are being made to provide a special pullman car for those who care to go to Charlottesville to see the game. A special passenger road of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is expected here within the next few days to give the details of the proposed trip. While it is not definitely known what it will cost one to take the trip, round trip fare is expected to be around \$15. Should the trip materialize, the pullman will leave Parale Wednesday and return Friday morning, it is understood.

Local Seniors Fall Below State Median

With a class of 13, three of which were not eligible for graduation, taking the State examination last spring, the senior class here made a median average of 71.25 as compared with 82.91, the State average. The seniors here led in several subjects, but fell below in general.

The comparative medians for the State and the local school:

	State	W. H. S.
History	24.08	26.33
Language	8.79	9.16
Literature	12.24	9.60
Science	11.83	10.25
Reading	16.5	13.8
Mathematics	8.03	6.75
French	21.73	23.5

Four-H Club at Bear Grass Is Reorganized

The Bear Grass 4-H Club was reorganized last Tuesday when Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent for this county, met with the girls there and assisted them in starting the year's work. Miss Sleeper told of the camping trip at Camp Leach and the short course held at Raleigh last summer.

Miss Nossie Lee Taylor was made president of the new club and Miss Mildred Ayers was elected vice president. Miss Vara Green Rogers will serve as secretary and Misses Viola Harrison and Sallie Roebuck will act as news reporters for the club.

The girls are planning a successful year's work during the present school term.

Post Office Has Been in New Home One Year

One year ago this week, Postmaster Jesse T. Price and local post office employees packed their belongings and moved from the building on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets to the new quarters adjoining the Tar Heel Apartments. And while lower Main Street citizens regret the move, they have fallen in line and are patronizing Uncle Sam in his one-year-old home here. Time flies, no doubt, but several more years years will have to pass before all of us learn to love the combination boxes.

Business has shown a healthy and continuous growth in the new quarters, it is understood.

BANKERS HOLD MEETING HERE

Endorse Proposed Amendment Relative To Taxing Intangible Property

Fifty bankers of Group I North Carolina Bankers' Association discussed the proposed constitutional amendment that will, upon its passage, classify intangible property and impose a different rate of taxation on such property from that imposed on other property in a meeting held here last night in the Woman's club hall. Bankers from all parts of the First Congressional District attended the meeting and listened to the speakers as they pointed out the value of the ratification of the proposed system.

Mr. W. G. Gaither, president of the North Carolina Bankers' association addressed the meeting, explaining the proposed system and pointing out the good it will do for local communities throughout the State. Judge Clayton Moore and Mr. Charles Whedbee, of Hertford, also made short talks and endorsed the proposed system. Mr. H. C. Waldrop, chairman of the Group I, of Greenville, presided over the meeting.

In explanation of the proposed amendment the speakers at the meeting said, in part:

"The present system does not get enough intangible property on the tax books. The proposed system would get more. The present method of taxing intangible property (which means money, notes, bonds, stocks, book accounts, and other evidences of indebtedness) is to treat it like other property. The owner is asked to list his holdings, as of the first day of May. Bona fide indebtedness may be set off against his listings. The net amount is then taxed at the local property tax rate. It may be seen that the system is one which relies almost entirely upon the honesty and willingness of the tax payer to declare his ownership of such property. If he chooses to say nothing about such property, or if he denies that he has such property, nothing is done, as a rule. Occasionally, a tax official will search for evidence and demand that the citizen change his tax list. Ordinarily the tax payer's own word is taken without question. Where it is so easy to evade the tax, naturally it is evaded. And as our tax rates have been steadily going higher and higher, the temptation to evade has been growing stronger. Today with high tax rates, the person who is honest and pays the tax finds that it takes a large part of the intangible property. Naturally he seeks to avoid the tax. He may avoid it by telling an untruth, or by putting his money into tax exempt forms of investment, or by having debts offset his holdings. All of these ways are being used. The amount of intangibles on the tax books of the State has declined 22 per cent in the past seven years. Our high tax rates, together with the avenues of escape that are open, are causing intangibles to disappear from the tax books.

"If the amendment passes and intangible property is taxed at a low rate there is little doubt but that the amount of such property on the tax books would be greatly increased. If vigorously administered, a low rate will yield as much revenue as the present system, perhaps more. A low tax rate on money, bonds, and the like, encourages people to bring their intangibles out of hiding. It enables them to be honest without being penalized for it. It encourages them to invest their money in the state rather than to send it out of the state. It helps make tax officials more zealous in enforcing the law, for they know that public opinion will back them up. If more revenue is obtained from intangibles the burden will be lightened on real estate.

"The amendment, if adopted, will

TOTAL OF 556,728 POUNDS ON SALE FIRST FOUR DAYS

Total Sales for Season Now Around Five and Half Million Mark

URGE SELLING NOW

Farmers Generally Declare Sale Best of the Season; Monday's Sale Averaged \$28.96

Averaging \$27.69 for 556,728 pounds of tobacco sold on the Williamston market the first four days of this week, farmers generally have declared the sales the best of the season. For a corresponding period last year, the average this week was larger than that of the past season. The highest point reached this week was last Monday, when the entire market average \$28.96, according to official figures given out by the local tobacco board of trade.

The total sales on the market this year are about the same as they were last year, approximately five and a half million pounds having been sold about this time last season.

Warehousemen are urging the farmers to market their best tobaccos as soon as they possibly can, stating that it is not at all likely that the prices now being paid will be better later in the season.

With the digging of peanuts completed, sales this week were larger and stronger than they were last week and the week before. Farmers, as a whole, have been well pleased with the prices this week, many making averages as high as 64 cents.

RECORDER HAD TWELVE CASES

Has Three Defendants for Driving While Under Influence Liquor

One dozen cases were called in Judge Bailey's recorder's court here on last Tuesday, and after a lull in the number of cases affecting drunken automobile drivers, they picked up again and three defendants were heard on that charge. Assault cases made up a major part of the docket, and two cases were continued until next Tuesday, and one was continued four months for final judgment to be made.

Wiley Lanier, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was released when the court examined the witnesses and found him not guilty. Cecil Modlin accepted a fine of \$100 and agreed to pay the costs when he pleads guilty of driving an automobile while he was intoxicated.

Jimmie Rawles plead not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, but the court differed with the plea made after the evidence was turned in, and he was fined \$15 and charged with the costs.

The case charging James Ruffin with non-support of wife and children, and in which Ruffin plead not guilty was continued four months for final judgment.

Henry Ellison was the second man tried for driving an auto while under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$100 and the costs.

Probable cause appearing in the case charging Robert A. Taylor with embezzlement, it was sent to the superior court with the defendant entering into bond in the sum of \$500.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging George M. Watson with simple assault, when he settled the costs and paid \$5 to W. H. Peel.

A 15 months road sentence, to be served in Edgecombe County, was given Roy Beacham, when he was declared guilty by the court for driving an automobile while he was intoxicated. Beacham plead not guilty, and when the sentence was imposed he appealed in open court, appeal bond being fixed at \$500.

Isaac Sutton and Gordon Salisbury plead not guilty in their cases charging them with simple assault, and when the court found them guilty and fined them \$15 and costs they appealed to the superior court.

New School Building Work Going Forward

The new high school building here is fast taking shape, the side walls and partitions having been raised as far as the second story. Fair weather has been favorable to the work, and its continuation assures steady progress on the structure.

place North Carolina in line with the most progressive states in the Union in tax reform. At present 31 states have constitutions permitting a classified tax on intangibles. Ten of them have adopted it since 1914. The trend is toward the proposal. North Carolina ought to have it."