

State's Youth In Declining Prison Role, Says Ezell

The high percentage of minors among recent arrests by Raleigh police is almost twice as high as it is for the county jail commitments for the state as a whole, according to W. C. Ezell, director of the institutions division of the state welfare department.

"State department records show the criminal of today is older than he was a few years ago. Of the 28,000 persons incarcerated in county jails in the four months from November, 1936, through February, 1940, two-thirds were aged 25 years or older.

"These figures are confirmed by the U. S. Census Bureau which reports that 17.9 per cent of the jail arrests in 1936 were under 21 years old in contrast with 23.4 per cent in 1927.

"State prison admissions also support the contention that it is not the younger people who are the heaviest contributors to crime. One-half the admissions for the fiscal year ended in June, 1933, were 25 years of age or over. From then on the percentage of older persons gradually climbed up to 60.5 per cent in 1938 with figures for later years not yet made available.

"The total prison population has increased steadily over a long period. Prisoners under 25 years old in 1933 numbered 7,269 as against 7,452 in 1938. In 1933 there were 7,289 over 25 years in comparison with 11,421 in 1938.

"These figures can be offered in defense of youth today and other statistics are available to indicate that the young people present not a greater, but a less serious problem.

"The number of persons under 16 confined in county jails has declined from 1,231 in 1936 to 784 in 1939. Children in detention quarters dropped from 1,221 in 1937 to 1,040 in 1939, and the state training school population has been lowered from 1,061 in July 1933 to 894 in the same month of 1940.

Big Increase In New Peanut Crop

Prospective peanut production in North Carolina for 1940, although less than a month ago, indicates 291,500,000 pounds or about the same as last year's crop. If realized, this will be 21 per cent higher than the ten-year average production. The per acre yield, estimated at 1,100 pounds, is 40 pounds greater than last year but 52 pounds greater than the average from 1929-39. High water during August destroyed a considerable peanut acreage in Bertie, Martin, Halifax and Northampton Counties along the Roanoke and Meherrin Rivers.

The September estimate of production of peanuts for picking and threshing in the twelve producing states is placed at 1,511,150,000 pounds by the Department of Agriculture, the estimate being 28 per cent above the 1939 harvest. The heavy rains in the Virginia-Carolina area caused loss by damage and acreage abandoned. The prospective production for picking and threshing this year in the Virginia-Carolina area is 479,925,000 pounds as against 485,875,000 pounds last year; Southeastern area, 825,650,000, as against 832,340,000; Southwestern area, 214,575,000 as against 161,390,000.

Estimated production for 1940 are: Virginia, 173,225,000 pounds; North Carolina, 291,500,000; Tennessee, 6,200,000; South Carolina, 14,400,000; Georgia, 522,600,000; Florida, 61,100,000; Alabama, 213,150,000; Mississippi, 14,400,000; Arkansas, 13,250,000; Louisiana, 6,175,000; Oklahoma, 28,200,000 and Texas, 166,950,000.

Nineteen Million Forest Trees Planted In State

Nineteen million forest trees have been planted in North Carolina since the start of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Fighting Bomb Fires in London



Firemen play their hoses on the smoldering wreckage of a building in London after a German bombing raid which caused widespread damage to the British capital. Photo was flashed by cable to New York.

Award for Heroism



Captain George E. Price, of Los Angeles, Cal., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for landing a disabled army plane safely during a test flight, according to the war department. The craft represented two years intensive research and development.

Margolis Brothers Offer Special Buys

The special advertisement of Margolis Brothers in this Dollar-Days section of The Enterprise will prove unusually interesting to thrifty shoppers throughout this territory. It is quite evident that the firm is stretching points to see that its store ranks high in the values that are being paraded before thousands of shoppers on September 19, 20 and 21 in Williamston. The buying public will see countless opportunities to effect substantial savings even on small purchases of articles in combination and unusually attractive bargains in articles ranging higher in prices.

This event has been planned for weeks, and the store, anticipating increased demands, has made added purchases direct from the northern markets to supply its customers during the three day trade event.

The store operators invite everyone to visit them during the special dollar days and see the great opportunities to buy dependable merchandise at sacrifice prices.

Over Million Persons Are Eligible For WPA Relief

At present there are over a million persons eligible for relief but cannot be employed because funds are not available. WPA does not have an unlimited amount of money; it must operate within a specific appropriation of Congress. It can furnish only those jobs for which it has funds.

Reporting Smaller Tobacco Poundage

North Carolina's 1940 tobacco crop is now estimated at 428,470,000 pounds compared with 811,675,000 pounds produced last year. This is a reduction of approximately 2,000,000 pounds from one month ago. September 1 prospects point to a yield of around 840 pounds, 99 pounds less than 1939 and 5 pounds less than the August 1 estimate.

Heavy rains during August, following the abnormal growing season, caused further crop losses in the eastern Carolina belt and indicated production of this type decreased about 1 per cent from August 1. In the Old Belt where August weather was more favorable, prospects showed no change from the August 1 estimate. Border Belt farmers, after marketing part of their crop, now estimate a production about one per cent higher than a month ago. August floods in the mountain counties reduced the yield per acre of the Burley crop from 925 pounds on August 1 to the present estimate of 900 pounds.

Crowded Dwellings Cause Increase In Sickness

The National Health Survey shows that frequency of illness disabling the patient for at least a week is greater in a crowded dwelling, and pneumonia, tuberculosis, and diseases of childhood are much more common in crowded households.

Darden's Store Is Ready For Event

Extensive preparations have been made and Darden's Department store is all set and ready for dollar days in Williamston on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The

firm owner-manager, Dred Darden, has added special buys for the occasion, and is along with other firms offering a golden opportunity for thrifty shoppers to fill their merchandise needs.

Read the list of bargains appearing in the firm's advertisement today, and make your plans to be present for the biggest shopping festival in Williamston in many

months. Bargains galore in Williamston stores on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Dollar Days at Darden's will begin Thursday, September 19th, and continue through Saturday, September 21st.

State Ranks Forty-Eighth In Diphtheria Death Rate

North Carolina ranks forty-eighth in diphtheria death rate, but Dr. Thomas Farran, U. S. Surgeon General is of the opinion that the 1939 compulsory vaccination law shortly would afford some remedy for this situation.

Courtney Enters DOLLAR DAYS

WITH MANY OUTSTANDING FURNITURE BARGAINS

COME IN AND SEE OUR BARGAINS FOR THESE THREE DAYS ONLY

LIBERAL CASH DISCOUNT

OR CONVENIENT TERMS CAN BE ARRANGED.

Below Are Only A Few Items Priced For Cash:

9-Piece DINING ROOM SUITES \$79.75 <i>Special Prices On</i> INNERSPRING MATTRESSES	3-Piece LIVING ROOM SUITES \$37.95 METAL BEDS \$4.79	Full Size KITCHEN CABINETS \$18.95 FELT BASE (Linoleum) RUGS Size 9x12 \$4.89	RANGES \$35.00 To \$95.00 OCCASIONAL CHAIRS \$4.25 And Up
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Three Dollar Days

At Darden's Department Store in Williamston

Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Sept., 19, 20, 21

5 Pairs HANES 25c SHORTS \$1.00	FIVE TOWELS 25c Quality \$1.00	11 YARDS OUTING On Sale \$1.00	NEW FALL DRESSES 1.98 2.98	STUDENTS' Tweed SUITS All Wool \$14.95
5 HANES 25c SHIRTS \$1.00	5 Pairs MEN'S 25c DRESS SOX \$1.00	LADIES' WINTER COATS Carried Over 2.98 3.98	LADIES' High Quality FOOTWEAR 2.98 3.98	COLLEGE PARK SUITS \$19.75
12 Pair HEAVY WORK SOX Special \$1.00	2 BABY DRESSES Regular Price 59c \$1.00	NEW FALL COATS In Tweeds \$9.95	LADIES' Dress Slippers and Oxfords \$1.98	WEMBLEY'S NECKTIES Large Assortment 97c
17 Yards FATHER GEORGE SHEETING Dollar Days Only \$1.00	LADIES' FALL DRESSES One Group \$1.00	NEW FALL HATS 97c	LADIES' Beautiful House DRESSES 97c	CHESTERFIELD HATS For MEN \$2.98

DOLLAR DAYS

In Williamston At Proctor Shoppe Thursday - Friday - Saturday

SEPTEMBER 19, 20 and 21

One Group DRESSES Extraordinary Values \$1.00	One Group HATS \$1.00
One Group SWEATERS \$1.00	One Group BLOUSES \$1.00

Our new fall merchandise is more attractive than ever — Come in to see us today and the latest styles. Take advantage of these prices.

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