

Control Program Is Being Advanced For Peanuts Next Year

Preliminary Plans Approved By Recent Meeting Held In Washington

A proposed program of production control legislation for peanuts designed to promote orderly marketing and permanent elimination of wide fluctuations in prices during the marketing season and from season to season was tentatively agreed upon by AAA committeemen and farm leaders from the peanut producing areas of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Texas in a conference with officials of the Department of Agriculture in Washington last week, according to a story just released by Mayor Parker, president of the Growers' Peanut Cooperative, Inc.

The proposed legislation, which will be drafted within the Department of Agriculture following the suggestions received at the conference, will be introduced in Congress as soon as it convenes for the new session in January. Quick passage for the bill will be sought, after full hearings have been given, in order that the program may become effective for the 1941 crop year. Approval and support by the Department of Agriculture for the proposed legislation has been indicated. The proposed legislation combines acreage control under a program of marketing quotas, similar to the control programs for cotton and tobacco, with continuation of the present program of diversion into oil of any surplus peanuts that may be produced. If congress passes the bill, the program must be submitted to the growers in a referendum and be approved by two-thirds of them to become effective. If approved, the quotas will be in effect for a period of three years.

The national allotment of acreage will be determined, under the proposed bill, from the average national acreage during the preceding five year period, but in no year can the national allotment be reduced by more than ten per cent of the 1941 allotment. Allotments to the various peanut producing states are to be determined in the same manner, upon the average acreage for the five years preceding, with adjustments allowed for trends in yields and abnormal production conditions, but in no year may the allotment to any State be reduced more than ten per cent from its 1941 allotment. Allotments to individual growers will be handled through the local committees, with allotments granted to farms on which peanuts have been grown for as long as three years. All peanuts produced on acreage allotted under the program may be sold without penalty.

Penalty for marketing peanuts produced on farms without acreage allotments or in excess of acreage allotted will be three cents per pound, the penalty to be paid by the party who buys the peanuts.

It is provided in the proposed bill, also, that each year in which the program is in effect that a diversion program, similar to the program in effect for the past four years with a price fixed by the Department of Agriculture. Through this provision all peanuts produced on allotted acreage will be guaranteed the fixed government price without penalty. Peanuts produced in excess of allotments or on farms without allotments may be marketed without payment of the three cents per pound, however, if these peanuts are sold through the government diversion agency at open market prices for crushing into oil. Under this provision, the farmer growing peanuts within his allotted acreage is guaranteed a fixed price for peanuts produced for the edible market, while all peanuts produced in excess of allotments must be sold to the oil market or pay a penalty of three cents per pound before coming upon the edible peanut market in competition with the peanuts on farms

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New Store To Open Here At Early Date

While a definite date for the opening of Eagle's new store here on the corner of Main and Washington Streets has not been definitely determined, Manager Fitzgerald stated that remodeling work on the structure is nearing completion and that fixtures and stocks would be placed in the modernized store building possibly by Friday of next week.

It was fairly certain ten days ago that the new store would hold its formal opening on Friday of next week, but heavy rains last week delayed the remodeling work. Since that time work has been carried on night and day, and the installation of the fixtures is progressing rapidly at this time. There is yet much work to be done, however, and the management will hardly announce an opening date before the early part of next week or at least not until everything can be placed in readiness for the formal event.

Large stocks of goods are being unpacked in a warehouse here, and special employees will be transferred here to make ready for the opening, Manager Fitzgerald stated.

Fifty Farmers Losing 1941 Cotton Acreage

RED CROSS BOOTH

Far from reaching the quota assigned the Martin County Red Cross chapter, representatives of the local Junior Woman's club will establish a booth next to the Guaranty Bank tomorrow and direct an earnest appeal to the general public for an increased support of the humane agency.

In this time of world turmoil and when hundreds of thousands are suffering, the need is greater than ever for an increased Cross support. Members of the club are volunteering their services; the public is urged to do its bit by making liberal contributions.

Greeks Continuing Drive On Italians As Koritza Falls

Greek Territory Relieved Of Invaders by Determined Greek Warriors

While much attention is being centered on the war's diplomatic front, determined and brave Greek warriors continued to make hay while the sun was shining in their drive against the invading Italians. The fall of Koritza, chief Italian base in Albania, was officially reported this morning, and the Greeks were pushing forward to exterminate or run from their soil every one of Mussolini's men. A large portion of the huge military supplies gathered at Koritza, a town of about 25,000 people, for their drive into Greece was captured by the Greek forces.

Albanians, revolting against the Italians, are said to have materially aided the Greeks in the capture of Koritza.

On the diplomatic front, Hitler is still striving to line up the Balkan territory, but apparently all is not well following the showing made by the brave Greeks. That Hitler will have his way is still considered fairly certain, but just now Bulgaria is hesitating before granting Germany permission to move troops through her country toward Greece and later against Turkey. Hungary has lined up with the Axis group, but her action only carries moral significance for the Axis. Turkey is believed by some to be yielding to the Axis, one report stating that she will not act in behalf of Greece if German troops move across Bulgaria, but that she would act if Bulgaria attacked Greece. What Turkey will do if and when Hitler starts a march for the Dardanelles is yet to be determined. Franco in Spain is not rushing into the Axis partnership as rapidly as some had expected. But it is possible that a big push against Gibraltar, the Dardanelles and the Suez Canal is in the making.

In the air, the raids over England have subsided but not until big industrial towns, including Birmingham, had been badly damaged. Late reports state that the damage at Coventry and Birmingham was not as great as it was first stated to be soon after the costly raids.

On the home front, a drive is being stepped up against fifth column activities, and increased progress is being reported on the defense program. Large bombers are being released to Britain, and other aid is being arranged and extended on a larger scale.

Cotton Ginnings In County Reach New Peak This Season

Ginning 1,232 bales during the last twelve days of October, Martin County farmers boosted the cotton production in the county this season to 3,393 bales, according to a government report just recently released for the period ending October 31. The production of 3,393 bales ginned up until the first of this month establishes a new high record in the county in recent years. During the same period last year only 235 bales of the staple had been ginned in this county. No material increase in acreage was reported this year over the plantings a year ago, but yields were the largest of any during possibly the past decade. As a general rule, the harvest averaged close to a bale per acre this season.

It is estimated that the cotton farmer's income in the county this year will range between \$160,000 and \$200,000 as compared with about \$15,000 received for the entire crop last year. Other than picking and ginning, the production costs this year were not considerably greater than those incurred in producing what was close to a crop failure last season.

Cotton Allotments For Martin County Announced Today

Current Year Plantings Are Below Allotments For The Period

Including no cotton acreages in their farm program during the past three years or more, fifty-four Martin County farmers will receive no allotments next season, according to information coming today from the office of the county agent. It is reasoned that the fifty-four farmers by planting no cotton during the three-or-more-year period forfeited their right to tax-free allotments for next year. While similar allotments are prized by some farmers in this county and those in other states, it is apparent that Martin farmers still look upon cotton as a fill-in crop. Allotted 6,858 acres last year, the approximately 1,000 cotton farmers planted only 5,400 acres of the total, and only 5,155 acres of the total were actually harvested.

By forfeiting their claims to future allotments, the farmers are reducing the cotton allotment by 118.6 acres plus a small decrease of 16.6 resulting from minor changes in allotments for 73 other farmers. It was pointed out that in only a few cases will these variations be noticed since the farmers did not plant all the acreage allotted them before the small changes were effected.

After deducting the forfeited acreage and slight decreases resulting from a change in allotments for 73 farmers, the county will have an allotted acreage for 1941 of 6,731.1 acres.

Individual allotments are being prepared in the office of the county agent and will be placed in the mails immediately preparatory to the cotton referendum which will be held the early part of next month. Those farmers who forfeited their claims to allotments will be notified to that effect.

Plans are now being advanced for a series of community meetings in the county for a discussion of the cotton referendum for 1941 and for a review of the 1941 cotton and tobacco and soil conservation program. The first of the meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 3. It has been pointed out that no loans will be advanced by the government on cotton if the referendum fails of passage on December 7, meaning that a price decrease can be expected.

It is generally believed that the referendum will receive a favorable vote in this county, but that it will be a difficult task to get more than a representative vote. The referendum is just two weeks away, and Martin farmers are urged to get behind the movement and work for a sizable vote on the seventh.

Mrs. Emma W. Ange Dies In Jamesville

Mrs. Emma Waters Ange, wife of B. O. Ange, died at her home in Angestown, Jamesville Township, yesterday morning at 5:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A sufferer of cancer, Mrs. Ange had received treatment in Duke hospital during the past three or four years. Her condition, regarded as critical for some time, became worse recently, the end coming gradually.

The daughter of Mr. J. L. and Mrs. Sadie Ange Waters, she was born in this county 34 years ago. In September, 1925, she was married to Mr. Ange. She had been a devoted member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church in Washington County for nearly twenty years, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was a devoted wife and a thoughtful neighbor.

No children survive the union, and she was the only child. Funeral services are being held at the home this afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. D. W. Alexander and interment will follow in the Ange Cemetery, Jamesville Township.

Seeks Term On Roads To Escape Service In Army

Will Modica, Robersonville colored man and a trouble maker for the law, is said to have admitted that he preferred a term on the roads to a year in the service of his country. Facing a charge in the county court for an alleged assault with a deadly weapon, Modica is now facing both a term on the roads and a stay in the army. It is likely that he'll be a popular man the early part of next month when the court calls him to answer for the alleged assault and when the draft board calls him for service.

Modica holds Order No. 87 and that places him in direct line for an early call, subject, of course, to a physical examination.

Draft Delinquents
Warned by law, the four registrants who did not return their questionnaires on time, have done so and their excuses have been accepted.

Red Cross Chapter Far From Its Goal, Chairman Reports

Less Than \$150 of \$400 Goal Reported To Chairman Here To Date

The response to the call of suffering humanity as it is heard from enslaved and battered war refugees and from the victims of catastrophes is, to be perfectly frank, proving disappointing in the Martin County Red Cross chapter here, a report from the membership chairman, Mrs. J. A. Eason, stating that only \$149.25 had been received to date in memberships and contributions. The local chapter has a quota of \$400, and the time is short for pushing the annual roll call to a successful close here. An urgent appeal is being directed to everyone to rally to the support of the organization as it reaches out to alleviate the suffering of helpless humanity over a world-wide front.

The people of Williamston and Martin County have not shared their means, even on a small scale, with the less fortunate. Other towns and sections have raised amounts double their quotas, and in addition that thousands of dollars have been raised for direct aid to those brave souls in England and Greece who are sacrificing property and event life on a large scale to hold high the torch of freedom and righteousness. But, sad to relate, not one penny has been diverted from our pleasure-bent paths for them.

In announcing the latest additions to the Red Cross membership here, donations made during the last August flood and duly placed in the hands of the Red Cross at that time were sizable contributions made by the Macedonia church and by the operators of the Kinston telephone exchange.

W. I. Skinner contributed \$3.00. Members are as follows:

Farmers Supply, Williamston Hardware, Lyle James of Asheville; Williamston Motor Co., John Pope, Mrs. Allie Roberson, Milton Goldman, Mrs. A. R. Roebuck, Lilley's Laundry, Leroy Savage, H. L. Daniels, Dr. Russell McAllister, Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. M. T. Simpson, C. C. Parker, Asa Crawford, Titus Critcher, Mrs. F. M. Manning, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Jr., Mrs. Abner Brown, Mrs. Joel Muse, Sara Cone, Earl Wynne, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, J. M.

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Fire Wrecks Home On Harrell Street

Starting from an oil stove, fire wrecked the home of Caroline Eborn, colored, on North Harrell Street here Wednesday morning at 11:05 o'clock. Spreading rapidly to all parts of the house, the fire burned most of the contents. According to an unofficial estimate the damage to the two-story structure and contents will exceed a thousand dollars.

Phillip Bonds, a roamer-boarder, in the Eborn home, was preparing dinner. Lighting the stove burners and placing some potatoes in the oven, Bonds stepped out the front door and was making a short visit up the street when he heard an explosion and looked back to see the fire burst through the kitchen windows. By the time the alarm was sounded and the fire-fighting equipment reached the scene, the fire was burning through the main floor of the house. Firemen threw water on the fire for three-quarters of an hour before they could check it, leaving only a charred shell.

Deserted by the owners and ignored by others, the smoldering ruins of the home blazed up again that night about 9 o'clock and the fire department was called back. A third call to the charred structure was received twelve hours later and the building was drenched again and the fire finally smothered.

The Wednesday morning call was the first received by the company in nearly three months.

Local Bank Plans To Construct New Building Shortly

According to information released this morning by D. V. Clayton, cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and W. H. Woolard, vice president, plans are definitely underway to construct a modern new bank building on the vacant lot between the Watts Theatre and the Woolard Hardware Company on Main Street here.

Mr. Clayton stated that an architect was now drawing plans for the new building which he hoped would be a two-story structure. The building will probably be completed in the spring or early summer.

The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company opened a branch here in 1935. Their business has steadily grown, and due to the fact that larger quarters are needed, the officials of the bank considered constructing a new building here several months ago.

County Draft Board Classifies One Hundred Fourteen Draftees In Meeting Here Tuesday Night

Local Market Reports Heavy Peanut Deliveries Thursday

Peanut deliveries, interrupted by unfavorable weather last week, are again being advanced here on a large scale, an unofficial but fairly complete report from the warehouse district this morning stating that approximately 9,000 bags were handled at this point yesterday. The Williamston Peanut Company continues as the largest local buyer, one report stating that the newly organized firm was handling as many as 2,500 bags daily, on an average.

Independent buyers are proceeding slowly with their purchases, one buyer stating that they had found a few wet or slightly damaged peanuts following the heavy rains of more than a week ago. It is feared in some quarters that farmers started picking the goobers too soon after the rains. However, no great damage has been reported.

Opening hardly a week ago, government storage houses here are reporting increased deliveries daily. More than 1,000,000 pounds or about 12,000 bags have been stored in the two government houses here to date, a reliable source stating that about one-fifth of the crop is now being handled by the government. It is believed that the percentage ratio will be increased, and that the government will possibly handle 100,000 bags or more this year. Independent buyers are still on the market, one firm reporting more than 25,000 bags bought to date.

Prices continue at government levels. The top price is about three and one-quarter cents, and most of the crop sold to date are commanding that figure.

Hall-Mitchell Case Undecided by Jury At 3:00 P.M. Today

Judge Burgwyn Instructs the Clerk To Dismiss Jury At 5 o'Clock

The court opened the case for a second time yesterday morning. Drawing from a regular jury and a special venire of eighteen men, the counsel was half an hour in the selection of a dozen men, seven coming from the regular list and five from the special venire. Willie Keel, J. H. Terry, Lewis F. Taylor, Marion Hodges, H. H. Williams, D. L. James, Miles R. Lilley, J. B. Whitaker, R. R. Thompson, L. R. Osborne, D. Clarence Gurkin and James B. Harrington were accepted for jury service. Offering the testimony of seven witnesses, the plaintiff finished his case just before noon when the defense offered its first witness. The defendant, Hall, took the stand and the court heard his testimony before recessing for lunch. The defense completed its testimony at 3 o'clock, and Hugh G. Horton, for the plaintiff, addressed the jury. He was followed by Coburn and Critcher for the defense. Hallett Ward, Washington attorney who was recently employed by the plaintiff, had the last talk. The argument to the jury was ended at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn recessed the court until 9:30 this morning. In a fifty-one minute charge, he reviewed the evidence and explained the three issues to the jury, the case going to the juryman at 10:21. The three issues were: Was plaintiff injured by the negligence of the defendant? Did plaintiff contribute to his own injury by his own negligence? What damages, if any, is plaintiff entitled to recover from defendant?

When the jury repaired to its room to deliberate the issues, only two spectators were in the courtroom. During the trial itself little interest was shown in the proceedings by the general public.

Placed in the courts in May of last year, the case was continued until last March when a mistrial resulted, the jury failing ten to two to reach an agreement. The jury majority was said to have favored the defendant at that time. In subsequent sessions, the case was continued until this week.

Proceedings not previously reported.

In the case of A. E. James against Mrs. Minnie Leggett and others, the plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit.

A divorce was granted Ethel A. Simmons against Robert L. Simmons, the action being based on adultery.

J. R. Harrison was granted a judgment in the sum of \$40 in his case against M. L. Wynne.

Based on two years' separation, a divorce was granted Ransom Green in his case against Vernice Hodge Green.

Suing to collect judgments bought by him from the late Mrs. Della Clark, W. M. Long received nothing in his case against Roy Clark, administrator.

A mistrial was considered a possibility at 3 o'clock when a jury in the Martin County Superior Court had failed after more than three hours' deliberation in reaching a decision in the \$10,000 damage suit brought by Jimmy Mitchell against G. P. Hall, local fire chief, as a result of an accident on the main street here in March, 1939. The jury, receiving the case at 10:21 this morning, was said to have answered at least one of the three issues at 3 o'clock but seemed hopelessly deadlocked on the other two.

Quitting the court shortly before noon, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn instructed Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne

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SANTA COMING

The curtain on the Christmas shopping season here will be raised by the Martin Supply Company on Washington Street next Monday afternoon, meaning that old Santa won't be long in starting his annual pilgrimage.

Manager Eddie Trahey states that the store is stocking one of the largest and most complete toy displays seen here in some time, and the kiddies are invited to the opening next Monday afternoon when favors will be distributed to the first several hundred tots entering the store.

Joint Meeting Of Kiwanis Clubs Is Held Last Evening

Scotland Neck Kiwanians and Special Guests Hear W. R. Dixon

"To protect our spiritual heritage, we must make an important decision... we must give up everything that we consider sacred and important or assist in putting down the threat that is covering the earth," Mr. W. R. Dixon said, in speaking to a joint meeting of the Williamston and Scotland Neck Kiwanis clubs here Thursday night.

Mr. Dixon, a member of the Scotland Neck club, a Methodist minister and instructor in Louisburg College, was speaking of the Axis powers and particularly Germany.

"Germany's philosophy is her religion and her philosophy means nothing. An individual's character and intellect are subservient to the state and government. One's character is determined by his obedience to the existing order," Mr. Dixon stated.

"We face a threat from the totalitarian states that is real and significant. They deny everything that we accept. Their ideas and ideals are most primitive. They are sold on the idea of destruction and due to the fact that they are masters of

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Marketing of Sweet Potatoes In This County Tomorrow

The marketing of the current sweet potato crop is scheduled to get underway in the county tomorrow, a report from the buyers this morning stating that arrangements had been completed for warehouse facilities with J. G. Staton and that the crop will be received in the Union Storage House just back of the Roanoke-Dixie tobacco warehouse. As far as it could be learned today only one company has made arrangements to maintain a market here this season. Horace Corbett, representing a Wilmington firm, will be in charge of the marketing work in the Union Storage building.

Opening prices are being quoted here at 90 cents a bushel. This is an increase of five cents over the market at the beginning of last season.

Reliable reports state that there is a marked crop shortage in this immediate territory, but that the quality is far superior to that of a year ago.

A regular market will be maintained at this point during the next several months or until the crop has been moved virtually in its entirety.

Draftees In Class I Have Five Days To File An Appeal

Thirty-Six Men Given Number One Rating Subject To Examination

Classifying the first group of registrants under the Selective Service Act, the Martin County Draft Board last Tuesday night placed thirty-six of the 114 men whose questionnaires were reviewed in Group I, one in Group II, 75 in Group III, and two in Group IV. Final classification for several men was delayed pending an investigation of their claims of dependency. Between 25 and 30 questionnaires out of the 1-150 group had not been returned to the board, five-day extensions for preparing the answers to the questions having been granted by the board.

The 114 men have been notified of their classifications, and nineteen, twelve colored and seven white, have been instructed to report to the offices of Dr. J. S. Rhodes here for physical examinations. The first of the examinations are scheduled for next Tuesday.

Those men who are in Class I subject to physical examination have a right to appeal for a hearing and plead for a lower classification. These appeals must be filed within five days after the registrant has been officially notified of his classification. Official notices were mailed yesterday, giving the registrant until next Tuesday to perfect his appeal. Proper forms for filing the appeals can be had at the draft board office in the Lawyers' Building over the ABC store in Williamston. Appeal Attorney Wheeler Martin will handle the appeals and plead the cases before the draft board in announced meetings.

The classification of the first 114 men whose questionnaires were reviewed last Tuesday night in a three-hour meeting appears below. Those men whose questionnaires were not returned in time for the classification last Tuesday will be placed in their regular order of call at the next meeting of the board here Monday night, November 25. The classifications:

- CLASS I
- 2 Hursel Clyde Miller, w. Williamston
- 6 Chester Felton Davis, w. Williamston, Route 2
- 13 Lance Patton Hardy, w. Williamston, Route 2
- 15 Joseph Carl Williams, w. Dardens
- 23 Dalmar Mobley, w. Williamston, Route 1
- 24 Semmie James, w. Robersonville
- 25 Julius Melvin Warren, w. Robersonville
- 37 Roy Avant Gilbert, w. Williamston
- 39 Douglas Albert Currie, w. Jamesville
- 59 Wheeler Martin Ward, w. Williamston
- 64 Woodrow Wilson Ray, w. Williamston
- 85 Garland Cleo Bland, w. Robersonville, Route 2
- 92 Walter Andrews, col, Oak City, Route 1
- 106 Thomas Edward, col, Jamesville
- 108 William Henry Ange, w. Jamesville, Route 1
- 112 Marvin Theodore Roberson, w. Williamston
- 115 Rufus Council, col, Bethel, Route 1
- 120 Joseph Carnegie Ross, w. Oak City
- 125 James Elmer Stalls, w. Dardens
- 127 Archie LeRoy Perry, w. Williamston, Route 2
- 131 Arthur Nicholson, w. Williamston, Route 1
- 135 Mack Medford, w. Oak City, Route 1
- 138 Lorenza Council, col, Bethel, Route 1
- 142 James Spencer Pippins, col, Williamston, Route 2

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Elementary School Principal Resigns

M. B. Dunn, sixth grade teacher and elementary building principal in the Williamston school, has tendered his resignation to the local school board to accept a position with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Relinquishing his school duties here next Wednesday, Mr. Dunn will enter his new field of employment in Raleigh or Durham on December 2nd.

The local school board yesterday appointed Robert B. Cobb, of Rocky Mount, to succeed Mr. Dunn. Mr. Cobb is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, class of 1924, and for a number of years has been engaged in public school work in this state. From 1929-32 he was principal of Henderson High School and last year he was employed at Leland in Brunswick County. Mr. Cobb will report for work December 2nd.