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Allotment of Edible Peanuts Next Year Is Same As For 1942

However, Goal For Peanuts To Be Crushed Greatly Reduced

As the peanut threshing season draws to a close in the Carolinas-Virginia-Tennessee area, the United States Department of Agriculture announces national marketing quotas for edible peanuts in 1943 at 1,255,800,000 pounds. This figure is equivalent to an allotment of 1,610,000 acres, the same as in 1942.

In addition to this acreage, however, which is sufficient to supply the normal needs of the edible trade the Secretary of Agriculture has set a Food-for-Freedom goal of peanuts for crushing into oil at 3,890,000 acres, making a total of 5,540 million acres in the two classifications, a million acres more than it is estimated will be harvested in 1942 and half-a-million acres above the 1942 goal.

Farmers in this area responded magnificently to the Department of Agriculture's plea for excess peanuts in 1942 for crushing into oil, according to W. T. Parker, manager of the Growers Peanut Co-Operative, Inc., the agency which channels Carolinas-Virginia-Tennessee peanuts and soybeans into the oil trade for the Agricultural Marketing Administration, and added that while producers are being asked to greatly increase their peanut production in 1943 USDA officials point out that peanut marketing quotas divide the crop between edible and oil purposes, thus assuring the edible trade a reasonable amount with which to operate, and diverting the remainder into peanut oil.

While the 1943 quota will not be subjected to a referendum since peanut producers in 1941 approved marketing quotas for each of the three years—1941, 1942 and 1943—the Department of Agriculture has recommended a single price system for peanuts in 1943, whether for edible use or for oil. Such a program would assure growers of an average return of between 80 and 85 per cent of parity, meaning an average price of about 6 1-5 cents a pound in the old producing areas of this section.

A program of this type requires legislation which has already been introduced by Congressman Pace of Georgia, in a bill that would suspend marketing quotas in 1943 and 1944, with the referendum to be held for 1945. If a single price plan or its equivalent is not possible, price support programs for peanuts for both edible and oil purposes, similar to those now in force, will be continued in 1943.

Representative North Carolina and Virginia producers meeting in Tarboro, on November 30, favored 6 cents for excess peanuts and 7 cents a pound for quota nuts and sent a delegation to Washington on December 2 to submit that proposal to a House select committee studying the peanut situation.

Christmas Seal Sale In School

No detailed reports are available just now, but according to information coming from the local schools yesterday, the sale of Christmas Seals is meeting with marked success here this year.

The sale was boosted by a contest in the sixth and seventh grades where nearly \$100 worth of the little stickers were converted into cash for the control of tuberculosis. Bill Burroughs, selling \$12.07 worth and Sammy Rigas, selling \$11.70 worth, led the contest and were awarded stamp prizes.

Sales were reported by the several teachers for their rooms, as follows: Miss Clarine Duke, \$1; Miss Grace Talton, \$1.20; Mrs. Rebecca Crockett, \$1; Miss Mary Benson, \$1; Miss Estelle Crawford, \$1; Mrs. Lela B. Bunting, \$2; Miss Katherine Bradley, \$1; Miss Margaret Elliott, \$1; Mrs. Velma Coburn, 40 cents; Miss Emma H. Baker, \$1; Miss Edith Bradley, \$17.54; Mrs. Elizabeth Eagles, \$30; Miss Mary Whitley, \$23.43, and Mrs. C. B. Hassell, \$27.69, making a total of \$109.26.

Bangle day will be observed here, tomorrow when fourth grade pupils will take charge of the sea sale.

Send Number Of Kit Bags to the Soldiers

The Robersonville Red Cross chapter extends thanks to the auxiliary groups at Everetts, Oak City and Hamilton for the generous donation of articles to fill the soldier kit bags which they made. Also the chapter officials acknowledge with gratitude the gifts made for the bags by the numerous school children who contributed.

One hundred and thirty-one filled soldier kit bags were shipped to the ARC Depot, Sea Girt, N. J., last week. These will be distributed to soldiers at ports of embarkation for service overseas.

Christmas Cheer Fund Is Off To A Slow Start This Season

Despite an overflowing prosperity throughout the land, there are those who are in need of succor and sympathy. It is for those who are not quite so fortunate in this community that the Christmas Cheer Fund will still be maintained this holiday season. The cheer movement is being planned and advanced on a rather limited scale, but for the few it is just as necessary as it ever was. No general distribution of toys or extensive aid will be attempted in the community; in fact, it is hardly believed that aid on an extensive scale is necessary.

Reviewing the needs of the few less fortunate cases, the Christmas Cheer committee estimates that approximately \$75 in cash could be used to a marked advantage in behalf of needy humanity in our midst. Anticipating a willing response on the part of local people, the committee has already obligated itself in

the amount of \$25 for the purchase of clothing. To date, the treasurer, Rev. John W. Hardy, reports contributions in the sum of \$11.55, contributed by the following: American Legion Auxiliary, \$5; Mrs. C. A. Harrison, \$1; Mr. J. M. Saunders, 50 cents; Mrs. G. H. Harrison, 50 cents; Bill Burroughs, five cents; Junior Philathea Class, Christian Church, \$2.50.

The committee is making no direct canvass for funds, but they will be gladly received in behalf of the less fortunate by Rev. J. W. Hardy, or contributors may leave their donations at the Enterprise office for delivery to the treasurer.

The toy canvass made last Saturday was very successful considering the fact that the discarded items had been fairly well rounded up in past years. The collection, it is planned, will go to special cases and will not be included in a general distribution.

EARLY EDITIONS

Working to crowd in as many days as possible into the Christmas holiday—the only one enjoyed during the year—The Enterprise force plans to step up the schedule of the two editions next week. The regular Tuesday edition, is, it is planned, to appear next Monday, followed on Wednesday by the regular Friday edition. There'll be no edition on Tuesday after Christmas.

Those having public announcements or other items for the editions next week are earnestly urged to get them into the office as soon as possible — on Saturday, preferably.

Goodly Number Of Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

Board Will Hold Its Regular Meeting Next Week On Tuesday

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County rationing board allotted a goodly number of tires and tubes to applicants. Interest in tire rationing is rapidly becoming a secondary worry as the shortage of gasoline looms as the big problem confronting motorists now.

The board plans to hold its next regular meeting next Tuesday instead of Thursday, Chairman Martin announcing that the office would be closed promptly at noon on Thursday for the holidays. The office will not reopen until Monday, December 28.

Recapped car tires were issued to the following: Dennis Holliday, Oak City, four tires for farm.

W. A. Daniel, Williamston, three tires for business.

W. H. Britton, RFD 3, Williamston, two recapped tires for farm.

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Heaviest Snow In Years Falls Here

One of the heaviest snows in the past two years fell here last Wednesday afternoon, but even then it was no record snow by any means. Officially, the fall was slightly under four inches, but it was pointed out that much snow melted before a foothold was gained. It was the largest fall since March 24, 1940, when 4 1-2 inches were reported at this point.

In the upper part of the county the fall was believed to be some larger than it was here and in the lower part of the county it was some higher. It was enough every where to make travel difficult and to force the closing of the schools two days ahead of schedule for the Christmas holidays. There were no wrecks on the highways in this county that were reported, but there were two minor accidents on the river fill, and in some parts of the state accidents were numerous.

AUTO LICENSES

The sale of State automobile license tags is progressing rapidly at the local bureau of the Carolina Motor Club on Washington Street, according to R. H. Smith, manager. While the sales, as a whole, are greater than they were a year ago for the same period, very few local people have made their purchases.

"We are short of help this year and to avoid a last-minute rush, all local car owners are urged not to wait until the last minute to get their tags," Manager Smith said in appealing for orderly purchases now. It has been announced that no days of grace will be allowed for buying the tags for 1943.

Homes Here Will Be Opened To British Seamen for Holiday

First of Approximately Fifty Sailors Will Start Arriving Here Next Monday

Advised of the opportunity to brighten the holiday season for a number of British lads who recently landed in Norfolk for an enforced stay of a few weeks following many months of action on the high seas, local people and others in the county immediately offered to open their homes to them. It is apparent that all of those who welcomed the opportunity to receive the Allied service men into their homes are anticipating with keen pleasure their arrival next week and the week following. It is also apparent that the Christmas spirit will be expanded to include the special guests as regular members of the family.

No extensive entertainment program will be advanced, but it is understood that the whole town will in one way or another cooperate in the effort to make the youths feel at home and to make their stay here an enjoyable one. Already several persons who had made other plans and who could not receive any of the men into their homes, are making cash donations to help offset certain expenses. Complete plans for entertaining the men have not been definitely learned, but it is understood that in some cases travel expenses will have to be met along with a few other incidental costs. One or two wishing to enrich his own holiday season and to play a part in strengthening the ties that bind two great nations together may make a cash contribution. Rev. John W. Hardy, already charged with handling the monies for several organizations and agencies, has willingly agreed to accept another job as treasurer for the British Sailor Fund. Leave your contributions with him, and do make them liberal. Mr. Hardy points out that most of the men will leave their ship in Norfolk with only a few dollars in their possession, that it will be up to the local people to go all-out with their entertainment program.

Most of the visitors will be cared for here.

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Fuel Oil Rationing Brings Big Change

Gasoline, sugar and coffee rationing brought forth much grumbling, but the fuel oil program is recognized as being far more serious and will, it is fairly apparent, bring more protests. Allotments, based on actual figures and not on wild estimates, have been reduced from one-third to one-half their former size with some few exceptions, of course.

The action, based on schedules effected by the rationing machinery in Washington, will hardly cause any one in this section to freeze to death, but it is calling for big changes in heating practices. It is predicted that with a severe winter large numbers of oil burners will be yanked from their moorings and stored away for the duration. Wood- and coal-burners are being installed, but the change does not solve the problem in its entirety. The price of a tin box ranges around \$7 and wood-burning heaters are selling for from \$35 to \$40, if one can find them. The one so fortunate as to get a heater, then faces the problem of getting fuel. There is a scarcity of wood and the price is high.

Aggravating the situation is the prospect that the reduced fuel oil allotments can't be filled. While the fuel oil situation is heading into an acute stage, the "C" cards are being abused, the beer, wine and liquor trucks continue to run possibly on more frequent schedules, and some small trucks are allowed any where from 10,000 to 20,000 miles of travel a year.

The fuel oil rationing is out of the hands of the county rationing board. The allotments are based on some arbitrary base established by the federal rationing authorities.



THE 53RD WEEK OF THE WAR

An estimated 660,000 essential war workers in the Detroit area have been held at their jobs by an agreement announced by Montague A. Clark, Michigan Director of the War Manpower Commission. The agreement—intended to prevent labor pitting and dislocations caused by shifting of workers to higher-paying jobs—lists 34 categories in which employees may not leave their jobs without specific governmental authorization. President Roosevelt's executive order setting up the new War Manpower Commission under the chairmanship of Paul V. McNutt had provided that, when the effective prosecution of the war required it, all war workers be hired, rehired and recruited through the U. S. Employment Service, and had prohibited employers from retaining workers more urgently needed in a more essential occupation. Mr. McNutt said the new program embraces the allocation of manpower to the armed forces, war industries, agriculture, and other essential civilian activities, the efficient use of labor for war industries, the mobilization of the country's labor reserves, the transfer of workers from less essential activities to more essential activities, and the providing of labor needed for essential agriculture. He announced the establishment of a Bureau of Selective Service—to include the selective service system and to be headed by Selective Service Director Hershey—within the new WMC, and said that by the end of 1943 one out of every five men in the civilian labor force, instead of one out of every nine, as now, would be in the armed services.

The WMC and the Selective Service System are helping the country's war plants draw up manning table forms to enable the employer to plan for his future labor needs and give the government upon which to base the orderly withdrawal of workers who must be released to the armed services. Secretary of Labor Perkins reported 3,200,000 women employed as factory wage earners in mid-October, as compared with 2,700,000 in October, 1941, and said that in the same period total factory wage workers increased from 11,400,000 to 12,700,000. Under Secretary of War Patterson said the average work

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Peanut Market Is Stronger Today

After holding to around eight cents for several days, the peanut market here today showed added strength. The basic price, however, was still eight cents plus a premium. It was rumored that eight and a quarter cents had been offered, but the report could not be substantiated immediately. However, the trend apparently points upward.

Deliveries have been unusually light since the snow last Wednesday, but a few are moving today. Government warehouses are reporting very little activity, and they will close next Wednesday at the usual time until Monday, January 4th. The open market will continue receiving right up until Christmas, it is understood.

Gas Shortage Now Stares Motorists Of Nation In The Face

Limited gasoline sales in seventeen eastern States went into effect early this afternoon by special order of the government, the action virtually denying owners of A, B and C cards to any gas rations. Sales are permitted to commercial vehicles bearing "T" stickers, and holders of A, B and C cards may use one ticket when they prove an emergency.

The order virtually freezing the gas sales brought a big run on filling stations this morning, and even before the order was scheduled to go into effect filling station pumps were empty. As many as a dozen cars were lined up around a single station at one time, the line blocking traffic in the streets for short intervals.

Declaring that the campaign in North Africa was taking much gas and requiring most of the tankers, President Roosevelt said this morning that he hoped it would be possible to lift the ban within 48 hours. No definite time for lifting the ban on the sales was announced, however.

For the first time, the value of orderly rationing and the damnable abuse of allotments are being brought home to many. Highway patrolmen were instructed to notify all filling stations of the new order.

More Martin County Men Called By Army

Group Leaving Soon About The Largest To Go From County

Colored Boys Will Not Leave For Induction Center Before Christmas

About the second largest group of Martin County colored men to be called by the Army will leave "soon" for an induction center. The selectees were notified this week to make ready for the trip which will be made after Christmas day.

Quite a few in the group reported previously to the induction center and were rejected. They are to undergo further examinations, and it is quite likely that many of them will be rejected for military service. The names of those notified to report and their addresses follow:

Seth Needham Boston, RFD 1, Jamesville

John Daniel Everett, Williamston

Neal McNair, Washington

William Blount Hill, RFD 2, Robersonville

James Watts Rhodes, RFD 1, Jamesville

Geo. Daniel Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City

Willie Grover Mason, RFD 2, Williamston

Richard Davis, Oak City

Cornelius Jenkins, RFD 2, Robersonville

Paul Grimes, Hobgood

Oscar Everett, Hamilton and Norfolk

Whit Jones, Jr., Hamilton

Ernest Turner, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville

William Baker, RFD 1, Robersonville

Ernest Staton, RFD 1, Oak City

Neal Coburn, RFD 1, Robersonville

Elijah Brown, Jr., Williamston and Portsmouth

William Arthur Rhodes, RFD 3, Williamston and Elizabeth City

Leamon Sherrod, Oak City

Lee Ward, RFD 1, Robersonville

William Bess, Parmele

William James, RFD 1, Jamesville

James Andrew Moses, Williamston and Newark, N. J.

Julius Peel, RFD 1, Williamston

Bennie Wilkins, RFD 1, Robersonville

Weldon Bonner, RFD 3, Williamston and Baltimore

Levi Jones, RFD 3, Williamston

Jasper Roland Howell, RFD 1, Hobgood

Marion Knight, Williamston and Virginia Beach

J. D. Swaner, RFD 1, Robersonville

Vance Brooks, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston

Edward Bennett, RFD 3, Williamston

Junior Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville

Robert Lee Neal, RFD 3, Williamston

Warren Utah Reddick, RFD 2, Williamston

BONE DRY

Although temporary, a dry period descended upon the little town of Oak City last Wednesday afternoon even when the snow was falling and the ground was wet and partly covered with snow. Making a run on the liquor store, patrons did a better job than was accomplished by prohibition, for long before mid-afternoon they had drunk the store dry. Reports state that the town was bone dry for a few hours, at least. Supplies were reduced in other stores, but sales were maintained in some brands.

Liquor trucks, operating when the fuel supply is not adequate to keep people warm, were seen replenishing the wholesale depots.

Drunks Ordered To Surrender Whiskey Ration Books Here

Thirteen Defendants Appear In Justice J. L. Hassell's Court This Week

The liquor rationing system went on an all-out basis for three defendants in Justice John L. Hassell's court here this week when they were ordered to surrender their coupon books. The justice did not necessarily revoke the licenses of the three men, but he propositioned them with going to the roads for thirty days or surrendering their books and paying the case costs. The three men, Lonnie Rogers, Fred Harrison and James Smith, booked for being drunk and disorderly, paid the costs and surrendered their ration books.

Mayor H. S. Everett, of Robersonville, while not necessarily revoking a license, confiscated the first liquor ration book for safe keeping when the owner appeared before him for alleged drunkenness.

Justice Hassell has written to the Attorney General for a ruling, and if there isn't sufficient authority for revoking the licenses, the books will be returned to their owners. If authority is established, then the books will be forfeited for the duration of the contract. The same problem will face Judge J. C. Smith in the county court next Monday when Henry Godard is scheduled to appear before him for alleged drunken driving. Godard was given a hearing before Justice Hassell this week and bound over to the county court in \$100 bond.

While the three defendants, Rogers, Harrison and Smith, were losing their liquor ration books for being drunk and disorderly, Willie Williams, Luther Bond, Sam Dickens, Dave Rogers, Ernest Godard, Herman Peel and Tom Perry, facing similar charges, lost no books. They explained to the court that they did not register. The records are subject to be checked to substantiate their claims. The seven men were sentenced to the roads for 30 days.

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Volume Of Mail Is Increasing Here

The volume of mail handled by the local post office is steadily and rapidly increasing, Assistant Postmaster F. E. Wynne stating that it was possible the peak would be reached three or four days before Christmas day. It is fairly apparent that the Christmas card deluge will not come with such force this year. However, rural mail carriers stated that the "fad" had struck in some areas, that they were bringing in hundreds of the cards one day and taking them back out the next.

In an effort to keep up with the rush, the post office will remain open here tomorrow afternoon until 6 o'clock and offer a complete service, including stamp sales and parcel post deliveries at the window.

HOLIDAY CHANGE

Man-made schedules crumpled under the largest snow of the year Wednesday afternoon when all county schools, white and colored, suspended classes several days ahead of the date announced for closing the schools for the Christmas holidays. Authorities were certain that the old schedule could not be maintained under the heavy snow, and the order to close came late Wednesday afternoon.

Classes will be resumed in all schools on Wednesday, December 30, weather conditions permitting.

The early closing interrupted plans for Christmas parties, and many of the teachers could not complete their plans for immediate departures.

Rommel Continues In Full Retreat on Road To Tripoli

Leon Henderson Resigns Post As War Price and Rationing Administrator

Encouraging reports were heard on most of the battlefronts throughout the world today, but reverses and costly fighting are to be expected on possibly an even larger scale in the future than in recent weeks.

Possibly the most encouraging reports are coming out of Russia and in Africa. In the central Don area, the Russians are pushing a drive back of the German lines and threatening to trap a vast number of the enemy. In the Stalingrad area, the Germans were counterattacking fiercely and slowing down the Russian drive. According to unofficial estimates, approximately 400,000 Germans are about to be trapped in the central Don area.

Supplementing a previous announcement of a huge victory west of Surovskino, inside the Don River bend on the Stalingrad-Likhaya railway, the Russians said today a total of 580 German tanks, 15 tanks, 26 small tanks and armored cars, 65 mortars, 203 machine guns, 650 anti-tank rifles, and huge quantities of ammunition and supplies had been captured in that action, which apparently occurred more than 90 miles at the rear of the Nazi siege army on the Volga.

Rommel's retreat, described by some as the greatest military catastrophe in history, is continuing, but detailed reports are lacking. One report states that General Montgomery's forces had overtaken one-half of the German army and are rushing to overtake and annihilate the other half. Rommel is fighting a desperate fight in an effort to avoid annihilation, and the British Eighth Army can only guess what he will do or attempt to do. It is still apparent that he will pass by Tripoli without offering to make a stand there, and push on toward Tunisia to join other German forces.

In North Africa, the Allies are barely holding their own on land; in fact, they have been losing ground gradually. Late reports state, however, that the Allies are moving ahead in the air and are tearing at German-held ports, especially at Tunis on an around-the-clock schedule. It would appear that the German air force has been virtually wiped out in some areas.

In New Guinea, the Allies are pounding the life out of Buna Mission in the Buna area and are closing in on the Japs in narrowing positions along the coast.

There is some talk of another Jap attack being planned against Guadalcanal. The enemy is concentrating forces in the New Georgia area, giving credence to the prediction that another stab at the island will follow.

Aside from the war front, the resignation of Leon Henderson as war price and rationing administrator held the spotlight in Washington late

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Charge Colored Boy with Robbery

Hubert Wiggins, 16-year-old colored boy, was arrested Wednesday by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks and formally charged with breaking into and robbing Modlin's service station on Washington Street during the early hours of that morning.

Picking up a lead in the case soon after it was discovered, the officer rounded up Wiggins and recovered about \$60 in cash from him. At a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell, the youth was bound over to the superior court for trial next March. Bond could not be arranged immediately for the boy and he was lodged in jail.

James Purvis, 18, was implicated in the case, the justice booking him for trial in the county court next Monday for receiving money known to have been stolen. About \$30 in cash was taken from Purvis. Bond was filed in the sum of \$100.

Breaking through a rear door, Wiggins took the small tin cash box, pocketed about \$90 in cash and threw the box and about \$36.18 in checks away.

Bandage Room Will Close Here Tonight

Activities in the local Red Cross bandage room will be suspended tonight, Mrs. Tom Barnhill, director, announcing that work would be resumed on Monday, December 28.

With the help of auxiliary workers in Bear Grass and Jamesville, the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross has produced 46,200 bandages, and is now engaged in a much larger project. It is estimated that the chapter now has enough material on hand to make close to 100,000 bandages and surgical dressings, and it is apparent that more volunteers will be needed after the holiday if the urgent work goal is to be met. It is believed that after the holidays, more people will find time to participate in the program.