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Chowan Peanut Growers Hear Stabilization Proposal

R. C. Holland Explains Plan Guaranteeing Price

3 1/4c ASSURED

Plan Provides For Distribution of Profits If Any

In continuation of the series of county meetings in the State-wide peanut stabilization price campaign sponsored by the federal government, around 300 Chowan growers were in attendance at a session in the Court House here on Saturday afternoon to hear the mechanics of the cooperative plan explained to them and to subsequently give unanimous endorsement to the idea.

R. C. Holland, Edenton lawyer and extensive Chowan farm owner, is president and general manager of the State "Peanut Stabilization Cooperative," and as such presided at the local gathering as he has been doing in other sections of eastern Carolina and as he will continue to do until the first of the year. Monday night Mr. Holland headed a delegation from 40 counties in an appeal to Congressman Harold D. Cooley in Nashville for peanut control by acres and pounds, and on Tuesday he addressed meetings in furtherance of the control cause in Gatesville and Hertford.

Besides Mr. Holland, who talked specifically here as to the way the cooperative plan would work, last Saturday's meeting was addressed by E. F. Arnold, secretary of the State Farm Bureau federation, of Raleigh, and N. K. Rowell, Chowan County farm agent. They were the only speakers at the session, and well-listened to attentively by a crowd which filled the Court House.

The cooperative plan is the outgrowth of the government's effort of last year to force peanuts into usage for oil, and in this connection is intended to set a price selling basis this year for U. S. No. 3 peanuts at a varying scale of \$65, \$61 and \$57 per 100 pounds according to grades. As Mr. Holland explained the procedure to the Chowan growers those joining in the movement will sell direct to the Cooperative Exchange—\$1,000,000 has already been made available, he said, for payment purposes—the Co-operative in turn to dispose of the purchased crop at the highest possible prices. At the end of the season the sales will be aggregated and the bulked profit, if any, will be divided up among the growers in additional bonus payments.

Actually the guaranty, it was expounded, assured the growers 3 1/4 cents a pound for peanuts which will sell 65 pounds to the 100, instead of the gamble they meet up with each season in facing competition through private sales. Mr. Arnold said the program was but part of the State federation's and federal government's plan of compulsory crop control. Mr. Rowell, who had sent out notices of the meeting, took advantage of the gathering to discuss the general soil conservation program of which this peanut price stabilization is but one phase.

Especially were the growers told the program was not a lending procedure but had to do with outright sales to the Cooperative.

Mr. Holland stated after the meeting that there were no dissents from any of the gatherers and that everyone, naturally, gave hearty assent to the movement.

Betsy Shepard, Billie Bond Lead In Contest

Forty-eight little girls and 38 little boys are listed in Leggett & Davis contest, the prizes to be given away Christmas eve, for the ones securing the most votes on purchases and money paid on account. The first week's standing places Betsy Shepard in the lead for the girls and Billie Bond leading the boys.

Bishop T. C. Darst At St. Paul's On Sunday

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, D. D., of Wilmington, N. C., will preach and confirm a class at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Monday, November 1, is All Saints' Day. There will be a service.

E. H. S. Matches Wits With R. Rapids Friday

Edenton High School's undefeated football team will journey to Roanoke Rapids Friday afternoon to match wits and strength with the Halifax County team in one of the most important games of the season so far as the Edenton team is concerned. A victory over Roanoke Rapids will make Edenton northeastern Class B champions and entitle Coach Holton's boys to compete for district honors on their way toward another State championship.

By comparative scores Edenton has the edge, Elizabeth City having defeated Roanoke Rapids earlier in the season. This fact, however, hasn't caused a let down in practice and Coach Holton has warned his boys against over-confidence.

A large crowd of Edenton fans is expected to accompany the team.

Placements Made During Week Thru Employment Office

Total 141 New Applications During Week In District

PLENTY JOBS

District Manager Keil Has Many Calls For Workers

According to Philip K. Keil, district manager for the N. C. State Employment Service, the following workers were placed for the week ending October 23:

Edenton—29 common laborers on highway and bridge construction, 2 highway traffic recorders.

Elizabeth City—8 tray waiters and 2 finish carpenters.

Williamston—1 soda fountain dispenser, 1 window cleaner, 1 finish carpenter, 1 inside salesman, 12 common laborers and 8 carpenters.

Men and women who are interested in securing positions and employers seeking qualified workers are invited to avail themselves of the free service offered by their local North Carolina State Employment Service.

The following new applications were taken during the week ending October 23rd: Edenton, 22; Elizabeth City, 55; Williamston office, 64, making a total of 141.

Despite the number of placements, Mr. Keil still has a large number of calls for workers which he is unable to fill. These include requests for business managers, secretaries, auto mechanics, tree surgeons, radio and refrigerator salesmen, cooks, glazed tile setters, bookkeepers and stenographers, crane operators, paver operators, form setters, concrete finishers and carpenters.

The Edenton office will gladly render any service possible either in the way of finding workers or furnishing jobs.

Schoolmasters Meet In Hertford Monday

The Schoolmasters Club will meet in Perquimans High School, Hertford, in regular monthly session on Monday at 6:30 P. M. The Schoolmasters' Club is composed of superintendents and principals of high schools and elementary schools of the seven Albemarle counties and the special charter districts of Edenton and Elizabeth City.

Dinner for the schoolmasters will be prepared and served by members of the home economics department of the Perquimans High School. The meeting is designated as guest night and every member of the Club is asked to bring a guest.

St. Mary's Guild Stages Style Show Tonight at 8

A Children's Revue and Style Show sponsored by St. Mary's Guild will be given Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the Parish House.

EDENTON'S TEAM HANGS UP FIFTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

Holton's Boys Experience Trouble Tripping Washington Friday

SCORE 6-0

Wet and Muddy Field Reduces Attendance And Interest

Playing an entire half in rain, Edenton High School's football team on Friday afternoon added Washington High School to its list of victims by a score of 6-0. It was the fifth win this season for the local school's undefeated team, which now has high hopes of entering elimination play, at least, for State honors. All during the first half the boys slid and wallowed on a muddy field, which, though it stopped raining for the second half, made playing very difficult and had its effect on interest in the game. Due to the rain, no doubt, or advance speculation that Edenton would win by a wide margin, a small crowd of fans were on hand at Kugler Field where the game was played. Edenton fans numbered in the neighborhood of 80, which was a larger number than were on hand from Washington.

Edenton scored in the first few minutes of play, but what appeared to be a walk-over turned out to be a hard-fought battle to maintain a clean slate. The Edenton team was somewhat off form and though on two or three different occasions they were within striking distance for touchdowns, once a matter of only a few feet, one touchdown was all that could be scored against the Beaufort County boys, who appeared very well pleased to accept a 6-0 defeat. They were expecting a terrible walloping by comparing scores made by both teams against Tarboro.

Washington kicked to start the game and taking them by surprise on the second play John Byrum flipped a neat pass to Clyde Spencer, who was brought down by Washington's safety man less than 10 yards from the goal stripe, but a fumble stopped a score at this time. On the return kick Chesson made a beautiful run with splendid interference, placing the ball on the 12-yard line. Pete Everett on the next play tore through the Washington team to score standing up. Clyde Spencer's kick for extra point failed. The remainder of the half resulted in the ball see-sawing up and down the field with Edenton easily out-playing Washington, but still unable to shove the ball over the counting stripe.

Edenton kicked as the second half opened and the rain having stopped, spectators emerged from parked automobiles. Each team punted all through the half as they failed to gain enough ground to march for touchdown. Washington's only threat came near the end of the game when several first downs were registered, with Chauncey making the most yardage, who, by the way, played stellar ball for his team.

Advertise For Bids On School Work

Contracts To Be Awarded November 9th At 2 P. M.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the formal advertisement for bids for construction work on the Edenton High School, indicative that work will be under way before cold weather arrives and that the new school auditorium which is first to be started will be finished by spring.

The bids have been advertised by County Commissioners Chairman D. M. Warren, and S. E. Morris, chairman of the County Board of Education, after preparation by Frank Benton, of Wilson, the architect, who first conferred with the Edenton school board as to the work planned.

The proposals submitted as a result of the advertisement for bids must be in by November 9 and will be received at the Court House in Edenton at 2 P. M. that day, and contracts awarded immediately.

The bids, technical in character, speak for themselves and are directed heating, and electrical work.

Plan now to enroll in the 1937 Red Cross Roll Call. No dollar bill can be better invested.

LOCAL BARGEMAN MISSING AFTER FIRE ON SCOW

T. J. Burgess Believed Lost By Drowning In Roanoke River

GRAPPLING FUTILE

Coast Guardsmen, Logmen and Others Help In Search For Body

Although a sharp patrol by small boats and an almost continual dredging since by logmen, fishermen and coast guard enthusiasts has so far brought no results, searchers are confident that Thomas J. Burgess, 45, former West Eden Street resident here, has lost his life by drowning following a fire on a concrete mixer barge at the mouth of the Roanoke River across the sound late last Saturday night.

Burgess, an employee of the Tidewater Construction Corporation which is building the north shore end of the new Albemarle Sound vehicular bridge, was asleep in a small deck cabin house on the barge. Embers from a little stove in the cabin spilled on the floor and set the cabin afire. The flames, it is assumed, awakened Burgess, and in his fright, perhaps with his clothing ablaze, he jumped overboard. Anyhow, he has not been seen since.

Burgess was married and has two young children. His family has been living in Bailey, Wilson County for the past few months, while Burgess has been at work at the bridge and making his living quarters upon the scow.

On Saturday afternoon the barge was taken in tow by the tug boat B. F. Huntley and headed for Plymouth. A high sea was running so the sound and it is thought this may have upset the cabin stove. Just before the mouth of the Roanoke was reached the tugmen noticed the cabin was ablaze. They dropped back and tried to extinguish the flames, shouting the meanwhile for Burgess. There was no response and when they later searched the ruins no trace of the bargeman was discovered.

Word of the burning got to Edenton later and caused considerable excitement. Dredging crews from here and Plymouth and made up additionally of Washington County logmen went to work all day Sunday and E. L. Hansen, superintendent of the bridge work, sent off several small boats to watch should the body come to the surface. On Monday coastguardsmen from Elizabeth City came down with grappling irons and joined in the search, also.

Swing Billies at Chowan High School November 6

A treat is in store for all who will go to Chowan High School Saturday, November 6, at 8 o'clock, when a program will be put on by Blackwood's Swing Billies. This group broadcasts over Raleigh station WPTF and an evening of delightful entertainment is assured.

District Meeting Of Auxiliary On Nov. 3

Held 10:30 A. M. In Elizabeth City; Postponed On October 13

Members of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, are urged to attend the district meeting to be held in Elizabeth City on Wednesday, November 3, at 10:30 A. M. in the parish house of the Episcopal Church. This meeting was to have been held October 13, but was postponed, and any expecting to attend should notify Mrs. Roy E. Leary, district committeewoman or Mrs. W. B. Shepard, president.

Speakers on the program include Mrs. H. A. Newell, department president, and Mrs. Frank R. Miller, area vice president.

Activities for the coming year will be discussed and Mrs. Leary assures any local members who attend a pleasant as well as profitable meeting. Dinner will be served at the noon hour.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight in the lodge room. All members are urged to be on time.

County Clubs To Celebrate Achievement Day Saturday

STATE AGENT



Appearing in several counties recently, Miss Ruth Current will be the principal speaker for the Achievement Day exercises of Chowan Demonstration Clubs at Chowan High School Saturday afternoon.

Chowan Farmers Working Toward Peanut Control

Local Delegations Go to Winston-Salem and Nashville

WANT ACTION

Serious Plight of Peanut Growers Presented At Meetings

Twelve Chowan County farmers, all vitally interested in the status of peanuts in the government's agricultural bill, journeyed to Nashville Monday night to hear Harold Cooley discuss the proposed bill. Mr. Cooley is the only member on the House agricultural committee from North Carolina, and he outlined the bill before a gathering of representative farmers from all counties where peanuts is a major crop. Farmers told Mr. Cooley what they wanted, which in the main was to place peanuts in the bill as a basic crop in order to realize beneficial results by controlled production. The speaker realized the plight of peanut growers and promised to use his influence to have peanuts classed as a major crop.

Those at the meeting from Chowan County included A. D. Ward, E. G. Blanchard, I. R. Blanchard, O. M. Blanchard, E. L. Brinkley, K. C. Holland, N. K. Rowell, Dr. J. A. Powell, T. C. Byrum, John Harren, S. E. Morris and L. E. Francis.

Seven farmers the previous Monday traveled to Winston-Salem to hear Senator Smith, who is chairman of the Senate agricultural committee, outline the bill as it affects North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky. At this meeting R. C. Holland explained that due to increased acreage further south, unless some sort of control is included in the government's program, peanut growers in these three states would be wiped out of the picture.

The seven men attending this meeting were Mr. Holland, N. K. Rowell, W. H. Winborne, L. W. Beich, A. J. Ward, E. G. Blanchard and Willie Spivey.

Robert B. Oliver Victim Of Stroke Of Paralysis

Following a stroke of paralysis, when otherwise he appeared to be in good health, Robert B. Oliver, 60, died at his home on Mosely Street at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Oliver was stricken about 9 o'clock Monday night and never regained consciousness.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hollowell, and two sons, James and John Oliver.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at the home at 3:30 o'clock with interment following in Beaver Hill Cemetery. The service will be conducted by Rev. E. L. Wells.

Demonstration Clubs to Put on Big Display at New High School

PRIZES AWARDED

State Agent Will Make Address; Lively Program of Interest

Accomplishment will be the keynote at the annual "Achievement Day" celebration of the Chowan Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs next Saturday afternoon, and it is safe to say that the entire countryside will turn out at the Chowan High School at Small's Cross Roads, where the celebration will take place, starting at 2 o'clock. The results of a year's effort by the different organizations, both as units and by individual memberships, will be on display, competitive prizes will be awarded, Miss Ruth Current, of Raleigh, the State's Home Demonstration Agent, will make an address, and an interesting program otherwise has been arranged by Miss Rebecca Colwell, local club chieftain and guiding factor in club work hereabouts.

Primary interest will center naturally upon the exhibits by the different clubs, and in the awarding of prizes. The exhibits will be arranged about the main auditorium of the new school and will consist, as Miss Colwell views it all in advance, of one section devoted to flower arrangements, another to book case arrangement, still another to a desk unit, another indicative of gifts for each month in the year, another to refinishing furniture, as well as many other types of display all illustrative of the way the clubs have vied with each other in keeping their spare time efforts up to a high superlative degree of excellence.

In addition to awards in all these instances announcement will be made at the celebration of the successful winners in the Kerr and Ball canning contests which have been running through the summer. First and second prizes of \$3 and \$2 will be announced in the contest sponsored by the Ball concern, while the Kerr competition allots 1 dozen jars to each of the first three successful competitors.

The big prizes for general club efficiency will again be announced, also, and there is much expectancy as to whether the Rocky Hock Club, which has scored twice in the last two years for the first prize, a Pressure Cooker, will win again and by so doing obtain possession of the coveted honor. Under the contest rules a club must win three times straight to hold this valued prize.

The second prize award in the general efficiency contest, a candy and jelly thermometer, will, likewise be made known during the afternoon.

These two prizes are based on 17 orders of club excellence, tabulated from a varying score of perfection (Continued on Page Eight)

Many Children Attend Eye Clinic Wednesday

Dr. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, and Miss Mary Williams, a representative of the State Blind Commission, were kept busy Wednesday conducting an eye clinic, sponsored by the Lions Club. The clinic was held in the Citizens Bank Building and of the examinations made by Dr. Sawyer it was discovered that the biggest proportion needed glasses to correct vision faults.

The clinic is the third to be held in Edenton by Dr. Sawyer, and the Lions at their meeting on Monday night agreed to appropriate at least \$15 toward expense of securing glasses for indigent children of the county.

Though the exact number to be examined would not be divulged Wednesday afternoon by Miss Williams, the nurse in charge, a steady stream went in and out of the bank building all day Wednesday, reflecting the popularity of eye clinics in Chowan, which is one of the major projects of the local Lions Club.

Cotton Ginning Ahead Of Last Year's Figure

F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 2,066 bales of cotton ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1937 prior to October 18, as compared with 1,649 bales ginned to October 18, of the 1936 crop.