

## Two-ton Peanut Contest Planned

**Aim of Contest to Produce 4,000 Pounds Per Acre**

"The Board of Directors in their meeting on March 16th authorized the sponsoring of a two-ton per acre peanut growing contest in cooperation with the N. C. Agriculture-Experiment Service," announced Joe S. Sugg, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association. The prizes to be awarded consist of:

1st Prize (to highest producer)—Engraved Gold Watch.  
2nd Prize—\$50.00 Defense Bond.  
3rd Prize—\$25.00 Defense Bond.

For all persons producing more than 4,000 pounds per acre—a Certificate will be issued, certifying their membership in the North Carolina 2-Ton Per Acre Peanut Club.

According to Mr. Sugg, it is hoped that this contest will stimulate interest on the part of peanut growers to increase their yields by following sound, recommended practices as to fertilizer, culture, harvesting, etc., that have proven practical in producing high yields of peanuts. "Two tons per acre sounds like a lot of peanuts," said Sugg, "but it is being done by certain individual producers, and the Association hopes that through the contest many producers will be encouraged to try to increase their yield beyond the 4,000 pounds per acre mark."

The contest is open to any North Carolina farmer producing peanuts within an ASC allotment. The final date for entry is September 10, 1955. Rules and regulations and application forms for entering the contest may be secured from the County Agent's Office, or by writing to the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Rocky Mount, N. C.

### SLIGHT DECREASE IN CORN ACREAGE IS INDICATED

Reports from North Carolina farmers on 1955 prospective plantings indicate that 2,085,000 acres of corn will be planted. A crop of corn would be 4 per cent less than the 2,172,000 acres planted in 1954 and 7 per cent less than the 1911-53 average plantings of 2,233,000 acres.

Corn acreage allotments are in effect in 23 eastern North Carolina counties this year. The 1955 acreage allotment, in counties with allotments in both 1954 and 1955, is about 10 per cent above last year.



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### WOMEN AND WHEELS

## Your Automobile and Your Income Tax

By Mary Lou Chapman

Did you know that you can deduct from your Federal income tax certain expense items relating to your car? You can, and, one of these things are worth checking into before you file your return for 1954, which is due not later than April 15, 1955.

**State Gasoline Taxes**—Ask your gas station attendant the amount of the tax in your state. It may be anywhere from three to seven cents on a gallon. (Be sure to ask for State tax only, as Federal tax is not deductible from Federal income tax.) Then estimate the number of miles you traveled in 1954. Divide that by the average number of miles your car goes per gallon. Multiply total gallons by the tax. If you use a lot of gasoline in a year, it might really be worthwhile to deduct this.

**License Fees**—Are deductible. This includes city and state license fees, and even the cost of your driver's license.

**Car Loan Interest**—If you bought a car on time payments, the interest on your installment contract is deductible. Also, you can deduct all state or local sales taxes on purchase of a car. Ask your dealer for information on the specific amount of the sales tax you paid.

**Loss from Fire, Theft or Collision**—If these were not covered by your auto insurance. Also any damage to your car from lightning, storms, hail or

freezing is deductible, if this was not covered by insurance.

**Not Deductible**—Expenses for travel between your home and your job, regular finance charges, or traffic fines.

**Business Use**—If you use your car in your business, you can deduct the full cost of the car's upkeep. This includes just about everything: gasoline and oil (including federal tax), repairs and maintenance, insurance, parking and storage, toll charges, washes.

If you use your car for business occasionally, estimate the miles used for business and divide by total miles driven in 1954. This gives you a percentage for computing the business ratio to the total car expense. Deduct this percentage of your cost in computing your tax.

You still can deduct state gas taxes for all your driving, whether for business or pleasure. Be sure to attach work sheets with your tax report, showing how you figured it out.

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**WASHINGTON REPORT**

**Trade.** The old question of what to do about foreign trade is one of the toughest and most controversial issues facing this session of Congress.

A general tightening of the domestic economy has thrown considerable support behind the high-tariff school of thought. The so-called "protectionists" argue that high tariffs are needed to keep cheap, foreign-produced products off the American market at a time when competition is keen among domestic producers.

**Stocks.** The argument over trade policy is taking place under unique circumstances. Sentiment for high tariffs is increasing at a time when surpluses are piling up in all agricultural products—at a time when increased exports are sorely needed to reduce the backlog of commodities now stored in warehouses.

**New Approach.** In an effort to help break the logjam now choking world trade, Senator W. Kerr Scott has proposed what he calls a plan for a "World Food Bank".

Under his plan, free countries of the world would set up a food bank along the lines of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Under Senator Scott's plan, countries with abundance of food, fiber and other agricultural products would loan needy countries, through the world food bank, food and other raw material to fight hunger and famine.

Such a plan, Scott said, would permit countries with over supplies of food to get it to areas where

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program," he said. "That's what I like about the bank approach to the problem. It would be a business-like way of getting wider distribution of the world's food and fiber production. The same approach is working very well as to financial needs through the international bank. If it can work with dollars, it can work with food."

Scott said a world food bank would go a long way toward turning back the tide of Communism. "Communism spreads like wildfire in areas where people are hungry. Asia is a perfect example. A world food bank would provide the machinery for helping five millions of hungry people and give countries with broken economies a real shot in the arm," he said.

### Sports Afield

By TED KESTING  
Editor Sports Afield Magazine

**WORKING DIPLOMAT**—It's a striped apron, not striped pants for Liberian Consul William H. Jones, as he makes up a form on a Chicago, Ill., newspaper. When not inking visas for his government, he's busy with printers' ink, which tells the world the doings of other diplomats.

When a man's fly or plug casting is consistently bad, there's a good chance that the trouble lies not with the tackle but with himself—that he hasn't learned the proper technique of casting. But spinning is so intrinsically simple that if after your first couple of hours at it you're still having trouble, it must be the fault of wrong tackle, not of anything you're doing.

The unfortunate fact is that there are on the market some spinning reels, and some rod-and-reel combinations, of erroneous design. Fortunately, it is a simple matter to avoid buying a misbegotten cross between a spinning and casting reel. Jason Lucas, angling editor of Sports Afield magazine, points out that with a properly designed spinning reel the spool does not revolve in retrieving; there is a device to wrap the line back around the spool in the exact opposite of how it came off, so when the line is all back on it's as straight and untwisted as before you cast. You just make sure, when selecting a spinning reel, that some pickup gadget is wrapping the line back on and that the spool does not revolve.

In spinning reels Lucas prefers



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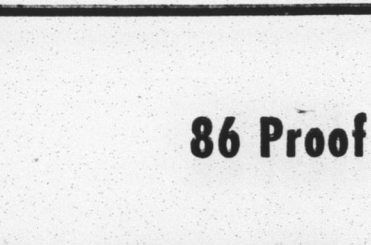
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**EPISCOPALIANS RESETTLE 610 REFUGEE FAMILIES**

New York, N. Y.—During the past year 610 refugee families have been resettled in the United States by Episcopallians. The figure is the largest for any church participating in Church World Service, the international relief agency of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

**KITCHEN KOMMENT**  
Brighten up your kitchen with gay cafe curtains. They are simple to make, but they can add a great deal of charm to a kitchen. Colorfully printed cotton chintz is ideal for these attractive curtains.

Home economists report that fabrics treated with crease-resistant finishes retain their qualities best when washed in warm—not HOT—water. Excessively hot water may remove some of the finish after a number of washings, they say.

Some experts maintain that it's a trifle easier to learn spinning with braided line, but practically all that I know use monofilament. For really good casting with fresh-water spinning lures, one shouldn't

use line over four-pound test. But when it's necessary to hold larger fish from dense weeds, snags and boulders, a six-pound test works quite well, and an eight-pound can be used. Anything heavier is just begging for short, difficult casts, snarls and other troubles.

One more important point—proper adjustment of the drag. Set the drag when you have line way out in the water and are retrieving. This way you allow both for guide friction and for a small diameter of line on the spool. Set the drag at what you consider safely below the test of the line. You can get a good idea of what that is by first breaking a piece from the end with your hands.

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