

Around The Farm

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At the peanut production meeting held in Chowan County, Astor Perry, Extension agronomy specialist, stressed many points. One of these was that peanut farmers should select well drained soil to plant peanuts on. He should also think about his rotation in order to take advantage of fertility of the crop before and to reduce the possibility of diseases. In the case of peanuts following soybeans, many of the disease organisms that attack peanuts can be carried over from the soybeans. For this reason we suggest that deep plowing of the peanut land with trash turners should be a standard practice. The purpose of this is to get the trash buried as deep as possible and to leave it buried throughout the peanut growing season.

A soil sample is also needed so that if lime or fertilizer is recommended it can be applied early and thoroughly mixed with the soil. Many of the soil samples this year have a suggestion for manganese. One method of using manganese is to mix it into the fertilizer and apply it at the time fertilizer is ap-

plied. You should discuss the amounts needed with whoever you purchase your fertilizer from and tell them that it is needed for peanuts this year.

One of the most important factors in a good peanut crop is a good stand and to try to insure a good stand, good seed should be planted. Therefore, we are suggesting that you pay special interest in your seed and try to get the best that is available in the variety you select. For those who would like to harvest early or have many acres of peanuts, we are suggesting two or more varieties. Early varieties, of course, are Florigiant, 56R and 61R. With NC-2 intermediate and NC-5 being late maturing.

Joe Sugg, N. C. Peanut Growers Association, presented the awards to the three top peanut producers in Chowan County. They were Benjie Gibbs, first place; Graham Bass, second place, and Walter Moore, third place. The following merchants contributed \$5.00 each for part of the prizes awarded to the three top producers in Chowan County: Valhalla Produce Company, Albemarle Peanut Company, Jimbo Jumping Company, Edenton Tractor Company and Edenton Feed & Livestock Company.

Mr. Beltrami Attends Event

M. E. Beltrami, 1201 North Oakum Street, was one of several ministers from Eastern North Carolina that attended the meeting of Watchtower convention officials in Rocky Mount Sunday.

The ministers met with circuit supervisor, Walter B. Johnson, and assembly director, Phillip Searcy, Sr., to discuss plans for the upcoming convention of Jehovah's Witnesses to be held at the Josephus Daniels Junior High School in Raleigh, March 13-15.

Each minister will hear one of the 23 departments necessary for the organizing of the semi-annual gatherings. Area Witnesses, including members of the local congregation, will take part in the three-day program.

A similar convention at the Dorton Arena in 1967 was attended by over 10,000 persons from all parts of the country. This spring seminar will be on a smaller scale, involving congregations from Raleigh to the Outer Banks.

According to Johnson, the program will deal with the role that active Christians should take in the face of the polarizing issues that marked the sixties as one of the most turbulent decades in history. The assembly's theme, "Sacrifices That Please God" will highlight how expending time, energy and resources in constructive rather than disruptive efforts can work for the lasting good of those interested in a happy future.

The main lecture, entitled "Withstanding the Pressures of Our Day," will be delivered Sunday afternoon by D. J. Thomas, Watchtower district director.

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