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WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH PEANUTS—AN ATTEMPTED ANSWER

Mr. John King, Peanut Man of Suffolk Attempts to Give Trouble.

This question has been put up to me so many times recently by farmers and dealers in peanuts to solve that I have attempted to give my views or to solve this problem as best I can.

We can grow and harvest enough peanuts in the United States since Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas and Florida and a few other southern states account of the boll weevil having infested their lands to destroy the cotton crop to supply this country but we cannot consume all the peanuts grown in China, Java and almost the entire Orient.

Our trade up to February were taking all the peanuts the dealers could supply at a fair price, and the dealers were paying the farmers ten cents for their peanuts. Since that time they have dumped enough foreign peanuts in the Coast to supply the United States without using a bag of domestic stock. They are selling them about five cents per pound less than the price of our home grown nuts. The dealers could not interest the trade, only by cutting the price about one cent per pound above the price of foreign nuts.

I have heard that foreign nuts could not take the place as a substitute for our home grown product but I have lived long enough to find out this is a great mistake. You cannot put this over on the trade any more. They have tried their out and you know proof of the pudding is tasting it.

You remember last year the Government placed an embargo on foreign peanuts to get the ships to use in the program of the war with Europe. This kept them out and you will remember that a large portion of the farmers sold their peanuts for twelve and one half cents. This was the highest price ever paid since my thirty-years experience with the marketing of peanuts.

The embargo was not lifted in time for peanuts from the other side to enter during last season; consequently peanuts started up last November at ten cents and remained at this price until they began to receive large supplies from China, Japan, etc., on the Pacific Coast.

If you are familiar with the Government reports of the arrivals for the past five months you will understand what is the matter with Peanuts, as well as what is going to be the trouble with the sale and price of peanuts in the future.

This is the most serious proposition the farmer has to solve now. I believe in laying the axe at the root of the tree and not criticize the cleaner for not paying more for peanuts. Go after your Congressman and other representatives and put men in office regardless of party who will protect the Goose that Lays the Golden Eggs—the farmer. Put men in office that will protect your home grown products instead of going there now to make appropriations to create heavy taxes, to employ an agricultural agent to send down to you as a farm demonstrator from a hot house in Washington that never walked behind a mule and ploughed a furrow. Leave this to the farmer. Treat him right and he will feed the country. He doesn't ask you to shorten his hours of labor. He will work for you 18 hours out of twenty four and raise enough food and clothing to feed this country. If you will give him a show.

Don't elect governors in your State or Congressman to Washington to give the laboring men shorter time and more pay, or to say to the farmer when the country begins to clamor against profiteering that you have got to reduce the price of your corn, bacon, wheat, eggs, etc., so these people in the towns and cities can buy food cheaper; so that they can save a part of that ten or fifteen dollars they get for six hours work so they can have something left to ride in his new four thousand dollar automobile while you are working from sun to sun six days in the week and walk

EX-SERVICE MEN WILL MEET HERE

All ex-service men (whites) of Hertford County are asked to meet in Ahoscie on Friday afternoon, July 30th., at half past three o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to form a County Post of the American Legion. Ahoscie and Winton both had made preparations to organize a Post but upon consultation at Ahoscie on Tuesday night, it was decided to cooperate and thereby create a larger and better Post, composed of the former service men of the entire county. A charter has already been obtained and the purpose of the meeting at that time will be to elect permanent officers and deciding upon the location of the permanent headquarters of the Hertford County Post.

Every former service man should make arrangements to be on hand at that time and enlist your support in an organization that will develop into usefulness and probably become well worth the effort.

Do not forget the date which is on Friday afternoon, July 30, at Ahoscie.

or drive a mule to church on Sunday.

I tell you that it is time the farmer sat up and took notice. You have the opportunity in your hands and you can make some of these fellows who are leaving the farms to go to the cities to set a pace for you to feel the pangs of a hungry stomach. You can say to those fellows that tell you you must raise more food you must buy more high priced fertilizer and pay \$3 per day for labor and raise a big crop to feed the world at an awfully high cost, and when you have worked eighteen hours per day and taken your girls out to school to help raise this crop, and at the harvest time you are confronted with big arrivals of peanuts and other nuts used for food from foreign countries to cut the price of your crop, which you have labored so hard to grow. You could then say the next year to those fellows, I will only grow enough hog and hominy for me and my wife, my son John and his wife. We four and no more.

The farmer has no such desire. He has always been loyal to his country. When the call of war came who responded? The farmer's son. Who received the honors for bravery? The farmer's son. Did the world suffer for food? No. The farmer took his girl children with their fresh and their youthful beauty to the field to help save the world from hunger.

Put a tariff on peanuts and other food products sufficient to keep out foreign competition. Encourage the farmer and he will feed you and never complain over the long hours he has to work. I hear so much now from some aspirants for office about "back to the constitution", back to personal privileges, that I cannot but think they had better hallow back to the farmers before we perish.

He doesn't want you to give them privileges—distilling his apples in the brandy. He can sell the best grade for food and grind up the inferior grades into vinegar. I am paying \$1 per gallon for vinegar and the farmer is satisfied with this price. They do not import vinegar from Japan and China; but Peanuts Galore.

I am not a politician, neither am I seeking office. I am a farmer raising peanuts, cotton, tobacco, hog and hominy to the extent of five farms and I am in a position to know just where the shoe pinches. I am also supposed to have been a peanut cleaner but Japan and China have put me out of this line.

I believe I can safely predict that unless a tariff sufficient to keep the foreign peanuts from being imported in the near future the farmers will stop planting them entirely and you will then have to eat peanuts from some other country.

I hope the farmers will begin at once to realize the importance of protecting his interest against the dumpings of foreign countries.

JOHN KING,
Suffolk, Va.

Remember the Herald to pay your subscription.

PROMINENT DOCTOR FINED FOR VIOLATING SANITARY LAW

Raleigh, July 12.—As a result of investigation and prosecution by the State Board of Health Dr. J. E. Brooks of Blowing Rock has been convicted in five cases for failure to vital statistics law. In the first case a fine of five dollars was imposed and in the four succeeding cases a fine of ten dollars in each instance was imposed, making a total of forty-five dollars in addition to the court costs.

The law requires the prompt reporting of both births and deaths. The attention of Dr. Brooks was called to the fact that he had failed to file the necessary birth certificates in the cases mentioned but no response was received by the state vital statistics registrar. The prosecution followed.

Dr. Brooks is one of the most prominent physicians in the state, a man who has played a leading part in the state medical society. He was formerly superintendent of the State sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, and has been appointed whole time health officer for Chatham county, the latest county in the state to inaugurate a whole time health department.

Commenting on this and other recent prosecutions instigated by the State Board of Health Dr. W. S. Rankin, state health officer said:

"The laws with regard to the accurate keeping of vital statistics and the prompt reporting of contagious diseases are fundamental in health work. Their enforcement is a duty imposed upon the State Board of Health, and the board intends to continue its policy of making prosecutions when other methods of securing compliance with the law fails. In this the board is no respecter of persons. While there is no personal feeling against these health officials which are brought into court by this department, at the same time more good is accomplished through the conviction of some prominent citizen who is a leader in his community or section of the state than in the case of a more humble defendant. The entire purpose of the prosecutions that were brought by this department is to give warning and thereby deter others from violations of the law. It is for this reason that publicity is given to convictions secured."

EDITOR PARKER GOING TO BELGIUM.

J. Roy Parker, Editor of the Herald, will leave Ahoscie next Monday, July 19th., for Hampton Roads, Va., where he will board the U. S. S. Frederick, becoming a part of the crew, as yeoman. The Frederick will sail from Hampton Roads to Newport Rhode Island, and thence for Antwerp Belgium, on the 25th. This naval ship will have as passengers the American entrants in the Olympic Games which will be staged in Antwerp during the month of August. The cruise will last for about eight weeks, returning to the United States about the first of October.

In the absence of editor Parker Mr. Vinson will have complete charge of the Herald.

Subscription Rate Will Be \$2.00 After September 1.

The price of the Herald will be \$2 per year after September 1, 1920. We feel that it is hardly necessary for us to give the reasons for this increase as all of our readers must know that our operating costs have trebled and quadrupled within the past two years and that we are paying for newspaper prices that are from four to six times what it cost us twelve months ago; and indications are that it will go even higher. If we are to keep the Herald up to the standard and make other improvements the subscription price must be raised.

Those who are in arrears or whose subscription expires between this date and September 1st., can renew for one year at the old price. No one will be allowed to pay for more than one year in advance at the old rate of \$1.50. However every subscriber will be given the opportunity to advance his subscription one year from September 1, at the old rate of \$1.50.

MANY WOMEN EXPECT TO GO TO FARM CONVENTION IN AUGUST

More women are expected to attend the Farm Convention on August 24, 25, and 26, this year than ever before, according to reports reaching Miss Myrtle Swindell, County Home Demonstrator of Hertford County. Preliminary announcements about the women's convention tell of a program of demonstrations including: baking cake in a fireless cooker; making of a gingham hat; how to fit a waist pattern; and the use of washing machines.

Among out of state speakers: Dr. Ruby Green Smith, leader of the successful home bureaus in New York State, will tell of the way home bureaus are helping to solve community problems and brighten farm homes in that State, and how they are organized. Discussions will be held on the question of merging county councils into state federation at this convention.

The problem of household budgets, a live one in these days of h. c. l., will be covered in talks and discussions by Miss Mulligan of Converse College South Carolina.

"Plan now to go for three days and you can look forward to a real treat," says Miss Swindell, who would like to see Hertford County well represented at this Convention in view of the plans that will be developed for a live state-wide organization of farm women.

Winton Community Club Entertains the County Summer School

Tuesday evening the ladies of Winton gave a most delightful picnic to the teachers attending the County Summer School. At six o'clock a large number of children accompanied by their parents arrived at the Winton Park and began spreading what proved to be one of the most beautiful spreads that the picnic table has ever had. The guests watched the unpacking of the numerous boxes and baskets until an enormous appetite was created and when the summons to supper was made all were eager to partake of this splendid meal.

After supper games of "Ye Olden Times" began and some joined the singing and kept time as they circled around in the Ring Plays, while others chased the children in dropping the handkerchief.

As night came on the little children became quiet as mice, while Mrs. Brooks, of Elizabeth City, one of the Summer School instructors told the wonderful stories to them. They begged for another and another until Mrs. Brooks summoned others to her relief; then followed the community singing led by Mrs. A. P. Mustian to which a whole hearted response was made by the grown ups. By this time the little tots were getting so sleepy that they scarcely heard the words of appreciation Miss Mina Holoman, a summer school instructor, who spoke in behalf of the teachers for the hospitality extended them on this occasion.

This marks the beginning of our picnic season at the park and we hope the good time enjoyed at that evening may be repeated many times during the summer.

Governor Settles Strike.

Raleigh, July 14.—Governor Bickett has never been more successful in handling an industrial dispute than he was in the recent troubles at Landis, Rowan County where he went last week for the purpose of conferring with the disputants in the cotton mill strike. While the Governor in all other industrial disputes which he has handled took the side of the laborers, he found that labor was at fault at Landis, and told the strikers and picketers that they had no right to interfere with other people who wanted to work.

Likewise the Governor told the pickets that if they persisted in disturbing people who wanted to work would use every power of the state to protect the people who wanted to work. The result of this very plain talk was that picketing stopped and the mills have resumed operation in full.

MOBILE SCHOOL WILL BE HELD AT CHOWAN COLLEGE NEXT WEEK

Murfreesboro, July 15.—Chowan College is fortunate in being chosen for one of the places at which one of the Mobile Schools will be held. It is greatly to the advantage of the people of our section to be able to attend these schools and they will no doubt show their appreciation by a full attendance.

The Host of the school, President Preston S. Vann, is at present very busy directing the remodeling of the College. In addition he has a thorough canvass on, yet he has the Mobile School on his heart and purposes to give it every attention in his power.

It is the regret of Professor Vann however, that the guests of the college will at this time have to undergo many inconveniences; but we feel sure that these inconveniences will be a joy to these good friends of the school when they see their great institution taking on renewed life.

The Mobile School for the West Chowan Association will be held in Chowan College, July 19-23. Each Baptist Church in the Association is expected to send several of its key men and women to this school.

The faculty of the school is as follows:

Pres. Preston S. Vann, Host.
Julius W. Whitley, Dean.
Rev. J. W. Kincheloe, Preacher.
Revs. J. E. Kirk, J. M. Arnette, R. B. Lineberry and W. H. Hollowell; and Mrs. Preston S. Vann.

The expenses of the school will be one dollar per day for lodging and board. Meals without lodging will be only 50c. each. Each person will be expected to furnish their own bed linen, towels, etc.

We appeal to you brother pastors to come and bring with you some of your key men and women from each of your churches. We owe this service to the State Mission Board and we are sure that you as a pastor will be ready and glad to render it.

Seven Teachers Employed and Laboratory Being Added to School.

Seven teachers, including the principal, Mr. Wright, have been elected for the ensuing term of the Ahoscie High School. Other applications are now in the hands of the trustees and are receiving consideration. There are now four vacancies, as the faculty for the approaching season has been enlarged to include eleven instructors including the principal. The names of the teachers already employed are not available at this office, but it is generally known that those that have been employed are experienced and well qualified teachers.

Work will also soon begin on the new science laboratory which will be added before the opening of the next session in September. This laboratory is a part of the equipment that is necessary in order to make the local school a fully accredited A1 high school. This was the aim of the trustees at the closing of the last session, and they have not let up in their firm determination to carry out that program in time for the opening of the next term.

Little Tucie Phelps Entertains Party

On Monday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, little Miss Tucie Phelps entertained some of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Phelps, on Church Street, in honor of her 9th birthday.

The guests were received by the little hostess and invited into the living room where the numerous presents were displayed. They played several games which they all enjoyed. A post office contest was next entered into and two prizes were given, Jessie Harrell Mitchell winning the first prize and Nancy Green the booby. They next were invited into the dining room where refreshments were served.

The guests were: Misses Nancy Green, Nellie Mae Baker, Ernestine Hayes, Leonora Applebaum, Emily Sumner, Louise Mitchell, Helen Ben-thall, Ruth Jernigan, Iris Bellamy, Jessie Harrell Mitchell, Thelma New-some and Martha Vann Floyd.

PEANUT GROWERS ARE SIGNING CONTRACT MORE FREELY NOW

Southampton County in Virginia Has Furnished 800 Signers.

800 signers in the first county canvassed is the fine record of the peanut growers of Virginia and North Carolina in their efforts to perfect the organization of the Co-operative Peanut Exchange for the purpose of the cleaning of peanuts, and marketing them. This splendid showing for the county of Southampton, Virginia, not only gives that county the distinction of furnishing its full quota of signers, but practically assures the success of this organization movement. The 800 growers easily represent in their own names more than 50 per cent of the peanuts grown in that county in 1919, and readily control a much larger per cent. The quantity of the peanuts represented by this large number of signers is more than 200,000 bags, or one-sixth of the total number of bags it will be necessary for the Exchange to get in order to have control of the peanuts grown in these two States. The additional growers who will come in from time to time will probably bring the total number of Southampton signers up to one-fifth of the 1919 crop.

The next county to be canvassed in this intensive county-to-county campaign will be Northampton, North Carolina. The campaign in that county will begin Saturday, July 17, and will be pushed even more vigorously than that in Southampton, as the Exchange is arranging additional workers to assist in the future campaigns. Northampton is one of the largest peanut-growing counties in the two states and the growers of that county have been active in behalf of the Exchange. At a meeting recently held at Jackson 2 Out of 30 growers signed the contract. J. B. Stephenson, president of the Bank of Severn, is Northampton's member of the board of directors.

In the conduct of these intensive campaigns for signers special emphasis is being given to the provision that the contract does not become effective till growers representing 50 per cent of the 1919 crop have signed it. As it would be impossible to secure so high a percentage without the cooperation of the larger growers, this insures men of large and successful business experience on the Board of Directors to direct the affairs of the Exchange. It also assures large amount of working capital, as the real capital in the peanut industry is the peanuts themselves. In addition to the assurances of men and money, the two big factors in the making of a successful organization, this provision will also give the peanut growers through their organization the control of their peanuts to such an extent as will make it possible for prices to be stabilized.

The contract which the growers are signing so readily is based on the California plan of pooling products for a period of years and makes it compulsory for the growers who sign it, to sell their peanuts through the Exchange for seven years. The readiness with which the growers are now signing is proving a great surprise to even experienced agricultural workers and only emphasizes the great need on the part of the growers to come together man to man in a strong business organization for their self-protection.

Club Encampment

The boys and girls of Hertford County annual encampment this year. All men get ready for the details will appear week.

H. L. F.
Rub-my-It-relieve-by-Rhe-Adv-For-Abc