

Harvest Of Peanuts Ends

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Peanut harvesting is practically completed. The demand for cleaned peanuts continues to run somewhat ahead of available supply. Due to some shortage of available shelled peanuts, the trade is becoming more active in purchases of peanuts. The market remained active and steady with prices unchanged from a week ago. Sales of raw, in-shell peanuts, Virginia-Carolina Virginia, continued to show a decline from 14 cents to 13 cents, and No. 1, mostly 14 1/2 cents, and No. 2, 13 1/2 cents.

Cleaning up, about 100,000 bushels of peanuts are expected to be cleaned in the next few weeks. The demand for cleaned peanuts is expected to be steady, and prices are expected to remain unchanged.

The next harvest of peanuts is expected to be in the spring of 1944. The demand for cleaned peanuts is expected to be steady, and prices are expected to remain unchanged.

continue fairly heavy. At most Middle West markets plans have been put into effect to partially control incoming shipments and the plan is meeting with some success with some markets held down to capacity of buying outlets.

Despite the unusually heavy flow of hogs to the markets all local buying stations are again open and report a steady market with prices unchanged from a week ago at 22.00 in Rocky Mount and Southfield, 22.15 in Clinton, Fayetteville and Lenoir, and 22.20 in Florence and Whiteville.

With a large supply of hogs yet to be marketed during the coming weeks producers are urged to continue marketing their hogs. The price differential here for the market is about 1 1/2 to 2 cents. The demand for hogs is expected to be steady, and prices are expected to remain unchanged.

Cotton Strangle
 Cotton prices are showing signs of a slight recovery, according to reports from the last two days. The demand for cotton is expected to be steady, and prices are expected to remain unchanged.

that the Japs apparently are fleeing from the southern part of Bogalusa island in an obvious effort to concentrate their forces further north on that island.

"There is some evidence," he told a news conference, "that the enemy is evacuating the southern part of Bogalusa island and moving up to the north bank."

The Secretary added that it seems the very serious threat for the enemy to attempt to combine all of his forces on Bogalusa where the task of cleaning up opposition has been turned over by the Marines to Army forces under Major General Oscar Gray.

None of the enemy's once strong holdouts on Bogalusa is disabled now, Kirby said. They are being kept out of action by constant United States bombing.

Across the Vicksburg strait in New Guinea, Australian forces landed tanks and other heavy armor. The Japanese were completely out of action and were being evacuated.

Russian Army Advances To Point Near Vitebsk
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 Moscow, Dec. 20.—The Soviet army has advanced to a point near Vitebsk, according to a report from the Soviet press.

Balanced Research



Dr. Ralph E. Constock, Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, announces that he has been selected to head the department of Experimental Statistics and Animal Industry. Dr. Constock received his education at the University of Minnesota and was employed in animal husbandry. After his graduation he worked at the Minnesota Experiment Station in the department of animal husbandry and animal improvement.

German Garrison in Kherson Salient
 Detailing action in the Soviet drive south of the Moscow front, it was reported yesterday that the German garrison in the Kherson salient.

AROUND CAPITOL SQUARE

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Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The once popular custom of granting a flock of paroles and pardons to State prisoners at Christmas was abandoned when the present paroles system was established. Now every prisoner's case is under constant study by the paroles commissioner and he is released just as soon as his record seems to justify such action, without regard to calendar dates.

However, the governor is getting the usual number of sentimental appeals for clemency at Christmas. Governor Broughton said Monday the only concession that would be made to the spirit of the season will be to let every prisoner whose term would end by expiration of sentence before December 31 go home Christmas eve. The same course has been followed for several years and has proven satisfactory.

KEROSENE—Governor Broughton has been greatly concerned about a serious scarcity of kerosene at several points in the state. He said Monday he is appealing to oil companies and others in position to offer relief to exert every possible effort to keep every community supplied. The governor remarked that too few people understand the vital importance kerosene in the country. Notwithstanding the network of rural electric lines and increasing use of electric lights on the farm, kerosene is still the only source of lighting in many homes and is also the direct dependence for cooking. Lack of kerosene may not affect as many people as shortage of gasoline, but when it is the sole dependence for lighting and cooking it can be very serious. Durham almost suffered a kerosene famine last week; Kirby reports distressing shortages, and other communities are faced with the same problem, the governor said.

DANIELS—Not many of the "puckish reporters" who cover the Capitol had were personally acquainted with Mrs. Josephine Daniels. Since her return from Mexico she has not been able to participate in public activities, and the present news staffs came on the scene too late to have known her father. But because these youngsters have heard so much about the companionship and close sympathy between the "old man" and "Mrs. Addie," there was a feeling of personal loss among them when Mrs. Daniels died Sunday night.

PROMOTION—Miss May Davidson, for several years chief assistant in the division of public relations of the State Department of Agriculture, will leave State employ soon after Christmas to take over management of the Charlotte office of the Research Institute of America. That is an outfit that attempts to take government regulations, orders, directives and what have you, and interpret them in terms of understandable business English so businessmen can tell what they mean.

FIRE—Sherwood Brockwell, State fire marshal, was in a group the other day when the talk got around to the recent burning of a school auditorium in Forsyth county. "That was one of those WPA projects," said Brockwell, "and in construction of which we had no control. Fortunately, no lives were lost in that fire but we might not be so lucky next time. When the WPA building program was at its height a few years ago, Governor Hoke and I were talking about it. We wanted more conformity with our State building code, but there wasn't anything we could do about it."

TOBACCO—With all tobacco markets in North Carolina except a few in the Old Belt closing this week for the season, it is interesting to note that overall average prices paid during the season have approximated legal ceiling about as closely as could be figured in advance. With a positive ceiling price fixed by the government of 41 cents a pound for all sales of the-cured tobacco, figures for the three belts in this State show an average of 40.80 for the Eastern Belt, 39.81 for the Middle Belt and 40.85 to date for the Old Belt. That is just about as close as any buyer could be expected to come with 600 million pounds of tobacco involved.

MELTING POT—Comes now a news release from Camp Davis suggesting that some sort of record may have been established in the anti-aircraft artillery school there. One unit in the organization boasts members with 17 distinct national ancestries, including most of the present Axis powers as well as those under their domination. Significant point is that all these fellows are now good Americans, without regard to where their parents or grandparents came from.

COMMUNITY—The Hawfields community in Alamance county reports that it is doing something about the postwar planning idea. The community finds itself interested in a consolidated school where the building cannot be used for lots of purposes, and with a historic Presbyterian church dedicated only to religious purposes. So—a fund of \$30,000 is being raised to erect a school as possible after the war, a community building to hold such meetings as the State school authorities think do not belong in a school house and the church officials feel might not be appropriate for the church edifice.

Seven hundred thousand people in Britain lost their clothing books and asked for new ones in the first year of clothes rationing.

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Fresh or Cured
Picnic HAMS lb. 29c

Swift, Armour, Wilson or Rath
Cured HAMS lb. 34c

Center Cut PORK CHOPS	Center Cut PORK ROAST
29c lb.	29c lb.

T-Bone Steaks lb. 29c

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