

'Nothing Much New To Report' Say Peanutmen Who Went To Washington

(March 7.)

Addressing the gathering of almost 75 Joe Sugg said, "I can't tell you much more today (Wednesday) than I could have told you yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

Sugg's presentation to the

Mr. Chairman:

"On behalf of the North to inform you and your committee, Mr. Chairman, that we are opposed to the three proposals to change the price support program on peanuts by the Secretary of Agriculture, as published in the Federal Registry of February 14, 1973.

"We offer to you the following arguments to requirements. support our strong opposition to the three proposals: **Proposal A**

Eliminating the Sheller Purchase Program.

"The sheller purchase program was instigated by the Department of Agriculture several years ago in an effort to reduce the cost of the peanut price support program the government by permitting shellers to sell ack to the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) certain grades of peanuts which were of lower qualities than the best grades which could go to the of peanuts and to reducing the 1969, which states in effect consumer. It was felt at the cost of the peanut program to that the Secretary is directed time, and we continue to support the idea, that the government than any one to make support available on pasture plants fail. It also inasmuch as CCC purchases of other part of the program peanuts to cooperators at a

JACKSON - A delegation encounter if they were clean-up program among the from North Carolina, led by involved in taking the total shellers that growers could Joe S. Sugg, executive farmer stock crop. Not only likewise take their secretary of the N. C. Peanut does this permit CCC to save Segregation 3 peanuts home Growers Association, money, but the CCC program and to some degree clean appeared before a public would contribute to getting a them up, possibly enough to hearing last week in higher quality peanut to the put them in the lower side of Washington, D. C. The hearing consumer, thereby the Segregation 1 category, pertained to the proposed contributing to an increase in but even if this were done, it changes by U.S. Dept. of the consumption of peanuts, would not put the same quality Agriculture in the peanut thus helping to reduce the of peanuts, would not put the same quality Price Support Program for overall surplus. Another the regular Segregation 1. 1973. Results of the hearing feature of the sheller purchase There would be a strong were relayed to Northampton program was to give a tendency on the part of the Peanut Growers Wednesday program where shellers could farmers to take them home, more closely cooperate with run them through a cleaner, the price support program and and try to make them meet the make a prime incentive for Segregation 1 regulations, the shellers to cooperate in the rather than take oil price, handling and storage of price which is approximately onesupport peanuts. Without the half the support price of the sheller purchase program Segregation 1 peanuts. This there would be no obligation particular price support Sugg's presentation to the on the part of the sheller, to operation, even the committee's Subcommittee on Oilseeds and Rice appears to below store price support advantageous to the shelling to help store price support advantageous to the shelling peanuts. In the Virginia- and manufacturing segments

Carolina area storage is of the industry in assuring Carolina growers, I would like critically short and the them of receiving the higher growers would encounter quality peanuts for the end innumerable problems in product.

trying to market the crop if **Proposal** C there were not some type of Require producers to incentive to the shellers to assume storage, handling and require or encourage them in Inspection costs of peanuts an affirmative manner to placed under warehouse handle the CCC loan peanuts Storage loan.

at the same time as they were buying their own purchase upon the grower with the been removed from trouble statutory minimum of 75 per **Proposal B** cent of parity in effect would

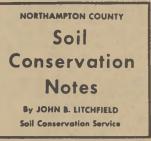
Eliminating Price Support reduce the farm receipts for on Segregation 3 Peanuts.

his peanuts below the 'We oppose this proposal statutory requirement of 75 because the Commodity per cent of parity. When a Credit Corporation price surplus condition is existing, supports on Segregation 3 the loan price is the market farmer stock peanuts have price. All the peanuts which he been one of the greatest tools would sell would be at the 75 Water Conservation District the industry has ever had to per cent minimum price includes treatment for other eliminate undesirable peanuts support less the storage, cropland fields based on land when discovered at the handling and inspection cost, grading station from entering which is estimated at this time management practices. the first step in the channels of to be approximately \$15.00 per trade. This phase of the price ton. We question the legality of support program in our the Secretary's proposal in opinion has contributed more view of the wording in Section to the increase in consumption 101 of the Agriculture Act of

parity is in effect, it would put support level to arrive at the administrative route is one legislative program for himself and tell them of our the Secretary in position of loan level for CCC loans on means which he has to peanuts." supporting peanuts at less peanuts. If my memory serves

than the 75 per cent to 90 per cent of parity level, as directed in Section 101. Prior to the inauguration of

President John F. Kennedy, there was a \$9.00 per ton deduction to cover grading, handling and storage costs from the announced price



By JOHN B. LITCHFIELD SoilConservation Service

Reuben A. Stephenson, of Murfreesboro, recently had 1820 feet of sub-surface drains installed. The plastic drainage tubing was used to relieve several wet spots in his fields. In spite of recent excessive rains, which have left many fields waterlogged, the effects of the improved drainage can "To impose these charges be seen. Surplus water has spots. He expects to have more uniform moisture conditions throughout the entire field as a result of this addition to a previous system

of 1512 feet of drains. The conservation plan he is working out in cooperation with the Northampton Soil and capability and also woodland

Travis Taylor, of Seaboard is planting coastal Bermuda grass on one of his sandy fields for summer pasture. grass does especially well on sandy soils where many other produces abundant grazing

during the hot months of

summer when cool season

plants such as fescue and

ladino clover are slowed

On another part of his farm

a layout survey was made for 2550 feet of subsurface drains.

He has used drain tile

successfully for many years in

relieving wet spots in his

fields. Additions have been

made from time to time to extend the benefits of improved drainage to areas

with excess water problems.

Joseph L. Gay and Garland Barnes, of Severn, are

building a diversion and

down

me correctly, we were never accomplish this; however, we at the statutory minimum of sincerely feel that there are 75 per cent of parity when this other methods available to local of Peanut Growers, in was applied, and the loan rate, accomplish the cost reduction addition to Sugg, was even though the \$9.00 per ton in the program that would not Marshall Grant, was deducted, ended up above have the potential disastrous Davenport, and Mutt Barnes. the 75 per cent statutory effect against the entire All, but Barnes, had been to minimum.

'The President and the Secretary in varied public other methods and proceudres somebody in Washington now statements have expressed should be sought out, with the knows we are being affected their interest in maintaining cooperation of the industry, by some of their proposals and farm income and it certainly the is inconveivable to the peanut Agriculture, and the Sugg said. growers of North Carolina Congress, rather than The growers are expected to that net farm income can be exploit ing the se have their reports on acreage maintained when it is administrative routes. The and type in by this month and proposed that we be forced to North Carolina peanut the Department of Agriculture take less than 75 per cent of growers have always been may wait as late as next parity for our peanuts when willing to work with other August to tell them just what parity for our peanuts when willing to work with other August to ten them just when the cost of production is segments of the industry in is expected and what they will accelerated at the rate of 100 per cent parity. still stand ready to assist in support. "We submit that the every way possible to seek "All growers and interested

Secretary is apparently solutions, legislatively or parties are urged to write dedicated to cut the cost of otherwise, that will assure their congressman and farm programs and this improvements in the senators and the president

peanut indsutry.

"Mr. Chairman, we feel that Department

Addressing the meeting L the Washington hearing.

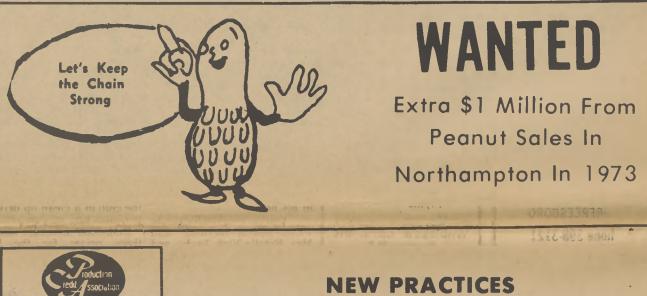
"If nothing more, at least of we are objecting to them,'

feelings," Sugg concluded.



CHOW TIME HAS ARRIVED ON THE FARM for this bumper crop of next fall's pork chops. Each of these sows were supplying nourishment to her full complement of piglets. The farm, which appears to raise hogs and beef cattle, is located on the road from Ahoskie to Rich Square and is in

Northampton County. Last winter this same farm provided the photographer with an excellent opportunity to get a picture of birds joining the hogs and cattle at their feeding stations when the heavy snow storm covered up their natural food supply.



yield and quality.

Other Comments

farmer stock peanuts because the very best to the very the poorer grades, these stages of processing. We know grades would be handled at a from many years of lesser price than CCC would experience in the normal

permits the level of between 75 per cent incorporate all grades from diversion of the lower grade and 90 per cent of parity. If the peanuts to the oil program at grading, storage and handling the earliest possible stage, charges are assessed against permitted to purchase the thereby preventing the the grower when the statutory entire lot of farmer stock and sell back to CCC for diversion peanuts through the later

N'ampton Forestry **Meeting March 7**

Northampton County Forestry Association held its fourth Manager, and John Nicholson, annual forestry District Forester with N. C. meeting March 7, at the Forest Service, reported the Conway Community Building cancellation of the REAP and guests attendance. cnjoyed a delicious meal of report was substantiated with chicken and barbecue a report from Fred Liverman, sponsored by Albemarle second Vice President of the Paper Company.

After the supper, Henry reference to what efforts the Ricks, President of the State Association is making association, called the toward financial assistance in meeting to order. President forest management. Ricks welcomed guests and recognized several industry people that were present.

was committee reports, new officers elected were: Joe and Elbert Long, chairman of the A. Horne, President; Z. L. conservation practices. membership committee, Davenport, Jr., Vice reported 95 active members in President; and Charlie the association and stressed Taylor, Secretary and the importance of getting Treasurer. The directors Weekly other landowners to join. John elected for the new year were: Nicholson, chairman of Henry Ricks, Joseph Long, program committee, James Brown, and Jack presented the 1973 program Draper. The 1973 committee plans for the summer meeting consisted of John Nicholson, and the fall tour. There was John Litchfield, Frank some discussion in reference Deloatch, Jr., and Tim

to touring the furniture Bristow. VIRGINIA-NORTH CAR-factories at High Point. It was The highlight of the business OLINA SECTION — The decided to make the fall tour meeting was the presentation weather was mostly fair and water from wet spots. Grassed

School Documentary Is Available For Showing

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Jackson

JACKSON - The second and services provided at the documentary describing the school district's 14 schools. services and activities of the "Progress With Quality" was Northampton County schools will be released for public viewed by more than 6000 viewing after it is reviewed by persons throughout the County principals and supervisors in civic, church and other organizations. After its this week

The title of the documentary release next week, the new is, "Education Is Preparation feature will be available to all For Life.' recognized groups in the area.

The 30-minute documentary of color slides with sound was produced by the supervisory personnel of the County schools to inform the citizenry of the area with the activities

The plans at the summer meeting. Ben Mann, ASCS Office Ranger. were in woodland owners might The group expect in the future. Their N. C. Forestry Association, in

Vice

Last year's documentary

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of Tree Farmer certificates, grassed waterway on one of Leroy Wheeler, County their fields. This is a first step presented the in carrying out the certificates to Rod Jordan, conservation plan they are John Sykes, John Ricks, and working out in cooperation J. L. Taylor. These with the District. The grassed Approximately 80 members program, and what assistance landowners received waterway will replace an old recognition for outstanding ditch that had ceased to serve forest management work its purpose. It will collect conducted on their farms. After the business session, safely to an outlet in the Fred Liverman, Cooperative woods. The grass sod will Forester with Albemarle protect the land from Paper Company, presented a washing. very interesting program

During the presentation been causing erosion The main order of business members and guests had an was the election of 1973 opportunity to view a very The first order of business officers and directors. The colorful slide set of wildlife

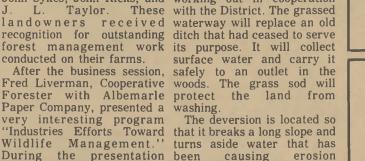
various wildlife

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were still very wet from rains outlets for surface water. received over a two-week rainy period that ended March surveys made for 1175 feet of 11. Offerings and trading were light. Prices were slightly higher on shelled extra large

and medium and about steady on other grades. Sales and quotations prompt and April delivery mostly prompt delivery cleaned Virginia jumbo very scarce 2512-26 25¹2, mostly cents. occasionally higher. Fancy 2212-2314 cents, mostly 2234-23 cents; shelled extra large scarce 3212-33 cents; Medium Any groups or organizations 29-2912 cents, mostly 2914 desiring the documentary cents; Number one 251/4-2512 the cents, mostly 2512 cents;

mostly 223/4-23 cents.



Vinson DeLoatch, of Seaboard, is adding to the drainage system on his farm. Several years ago, when he developed first his conservation farm plan, he started installing drain tile. The results were so good that he kept adding to the system to relieve the trouble spots. Tile drainage has not been the only practice he has used. Diversions have been used to good advantage to protect land from erosion and hold mild the past few days. Fields waterways provide improved

problems in the lower part of

the field.

Last week he had layout plastic drainage tubing to be added to his tile drainage system.

L. E. Davis, of Conway, is following a schedule set-up in his conservation plan for improving drainage on his farm. He started last year by installing 2210 feet of underground drains. Last week Soil Conservation Technician H. R. Bryant helped him with the layout survey for an additional 1400 feet. He expects to wait until the land is dry enough to superintendent's office in Number two 2234-2334 cents, insure a good job before the installation work is done.

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(2) INCREASE SEED RATES: Plant at least 125 pounds per acre of

reduce water damage, improve harvesting efficiency, and increase

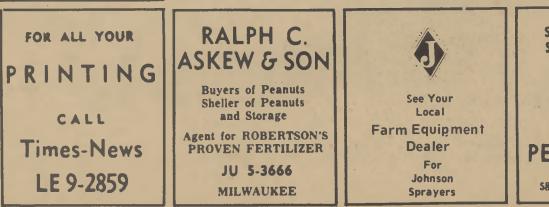
CONCENTRATE: Research has proven that broadcasting one gallon per acre of Nemagon or Fumazone — EC disced immediately 4 to 6 inches deep is more effective than chiseling at planting. This method also gives cocklebur control.

(4) FURADAN 10G: Furadan 10G should be used at the rate of 20 pounds per acre with 5 to 6 pounds in the boot with the seed and 14 to 15 pounds incorporated in a 14-inch band over the row. This treatment aids in controlling nematodes, sucking insects, and pod rot.

(5) MOCAP 10G: Mocap 10G should be used at the rate of 30 pounds per acre incorporated in the soil over the row. This treatment aids in controlling nematodes. Six to eight pounds of Thimet or DiSyston should be used in the boot with the seed.

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