

More About Homemaking

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FLAVOR IN FROZEN PEAS

Frozen peas rank first, both in value and in tonnage, among commercial frozen vegetables, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The reason they have held this top place is that research has aided quality of fresh peas. For example, processors to preserve the fine studies by scientists of the Bureau of Agriculture and Industrial Chemistry showed that the bruising of peas in the pod by mechanical vipers starts an internal chemical change that soon gives peas an off-flavor, although it does not

affect their attractive appearance. The scientists found that the longer bruised peas were held before freezing, the greater the change in flavor. Chilling helps save the fresh flavor by slowing up this change.

As a result, some processors have moved their vipers near freezing plants so that peas can be frozen promptly after vining. Others use rapid cooling by crushed ice or by hydro-cooling to help keep the fresh quality.

Peas from local or home gardens are better in flavor if they can be saved from long standing before cooking or kept cold, if they must wait.

CRIME DOES NOT PAY

Abel Buell, the Connecticut cartographer, engraved the first map of America after the Revolution. He also dabbled in counterfeiting and served time in jail for altering 5-shilling notes.

The bituminous coal industry in 1953 will spend more than one-half billion dollars for equipment, repair parts, and operating materials.

"The Man Who Pays the Freight"—Samuel Davis Hardware, Inc. Clarksville, Va. O 28 ea. fr. 14



DELAY . . . One of the biggest and finest schools of its kind in the world is N. C. State College. It has students enrolled there this spring from all parts of the globe.

Many people other than North Carolinians place it on par with the famous Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It reaches now into widely varying fields of endeavor. That's why the committee selected to choose a successor to Chancellor J. W. Harrellson has requested more time to think over the matter. A man is needed to carry forward the various activities.

Two weeks ago we heard that the top man at that time was none other than L. Y. Ballentine, North Carolina's popular commissioner of agriculture.

A decision will be reached by June 1. Despite its interest in many technical subjects, the number one pursuit of State is still agriculture.

FOOTBALL . . . Nothing much is being said about it, but State College also faces a decision on the future of football. There are three schools of thought on the road which State should take. There are scattered alumni who would not weep if the school should get off the gridiron entirely, except for intramural games. A second group takes the position that a school should not hope to be prominent in more than one sport; and this group wants basketball to be continued—as the big boy—and this is certain to be the case for three years to come. No school in the South had a finer freshman five last winter.

But the third school of thought wants basketball kept as it is, with much more emphasis placed on football than has been the case for the past decade. These thinkers seem to be winning out. From what we have been able to dig up within the past few days, it is only a matter of time until State becomes as well known for its football coaches, and engineers, and scientists, and county agents it has been sending out with increased regularity for the past ten years.

THE APPOINTMENTS

With 15 highway divisions, North Carolina is getting set for a long haul on improved highways. This applies particularly to the big primary roads which carry heavy commercial traffic and tourists by the thousands each summer.

New Highway Chairman Sandy Graham gave the hint shortly after his appointment last week when he said that maintenance of the recently built farm-to-market black tops and the primary system will receive immediate attention. Nobody knows—and this is what scares the new highway commissioners—just how much money it's going to take each year to keep the Scott roads in tip-top condition. Some of them are already breaking down. Contractors who had no part in the construction of a large percentage of the rural roads are already coming up with the I-told-you-so's. A long look will be taken at Scott roads.

Governor William B. Umstead is receiving praise in all quarters for his highway appointments. By and large, they come from counties which have not figured prominently in the highway appointive realm. They know the needs in their respective areas.

It is apparent that the Governor disregarded in some instances heavy political endorsements and selected men who were for him from the "little" counties in order to reach down into the grass roots for the basic needs of agriculture and industry.

By naming Sandy Graham, the Governor made happy some of his most loyal friends. Mrs. Graham didn't want her husband to take on the back-breaking job which he handled so capably in 1944-48. He had a good, solid law practice. He does not need the job. The two main factors which sent him back to his old position are that he has a good law partner in Dumon Eskridge—a Yadkin-Surry native who can handle the business—and he wants to get on with some ideas which he had in 1944-48. A war and post-war prevented his getting going.

Consensus here is that Governor Umstead will not make a finer appointment. Sandy Graham won't have 200 million dollars with which to operate, as did his predecessor, but he is expected to do as much proportionately to our primary system as the man he succeeded did to the secondary roads.

BANKING . . . You haven't been reading much about it unless you live in the areas involved, but new banks are springing up every few days now. Only recently two new banks were chartered for Ahoskie.

Governor Umstead is putting new blood into the banking Commission. This commission has been kicked around quite considerably within the past two years by charges that it was going out of its way to prevent the establishment of new banks. It has been compared at

times to some licensing boards which are frequently accused of setting up almost insurmountable obstacles for newcomers into the field.

If memory serves correctly, the Banking Commission until about 29 years ago was a part of the old Corporation Commission, which is now the much discussed State Utilities Commission. The depression made it seem necessary for a separate commission to work with the banks in keeping them in good condition, strong financially, etc. Thus it was that the State Banking Commission was established.

In reappointing A. H. Moonenham of Forest City to the commission, Governor Umstead not only retained a man just as able as some of the giants appointed, but rewarded a tireless worker in the Democratic Party.

But keep an eye on the Banking Commission, for it is in a good position to make some real news. And if economic conditions remain stable, you are likely to see more new banks and branches in the next two years than in the past five.

CALLING ON COOLEY

They are putting the heat on Congressman Harold D. Cooley to get in the race for the U. S. Senate. He doesn't want to do it, but he

just might—if the pressure continues. He would probably rather be chairman of the all-powerful Agriculture Committee in the House than take chances on going to the Senate. And, each time the Republicans make a bobble, Congressman Cooley is just one more step away from taking on Willis Smith. For as the GOP errs, Cooley's chances of getting back in there as head of the Agriculture Committee increase.

In other words, the Republicans must lose control of the House of Representatives for Harold D. to go back to the position which Eisenhower strength knocked him out of last fall. Right now, he is not much interested in changing jobs as between leaving the House and going to the Senate.

Meantime, however, evidence increases that the rank and file Democrats out in the counties feel that Willis Smith is not the man. But, in this rapid age, conditions change overnight and next month may find Smith the white hope of the South.

Richard Averett Host to RA Group

Richard Averett was host to the W. D. Poe RA chapter of Enon Church on Sunday evening, May 18, in Enon Community House.

Ben Woody presided, with Carl Puckett, Jr., presenting the program, "History of Royal Ambassadors." Taking part on the program were Richard Averett, Charlie Hester, Maurice Hester, Edwin Knott, Bobby Sadler, Sam Daniel, Jr., and Ben Woody.

After a study on the various ranks, the group was served delicious refreshments by Mr. and Mrs.

Fred Averette, New members were Durwood Hester and James Dickerson.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

S. Sgt. Samuel O. Beasley, Jr.

S. Sgt. Samuel O. Beasley, Jr., has reported to Mitchell Air Force Base, New York, after having spent a 33-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Beasley on Rt. 3, Oxford. Sgt. Beasley recently returned from 19 months of duty in the Far East.

Cpl. Earl L. Johnson BERLIN.—Army Cpl. Earl L. Johnson, son of Mrs. Olivia Wright, Route 2, Box 291 A, Oxford, recently graduated from the Berlin Command Non-Commissioned Officer's school in Germany.

The school is operated to insure well trained leaders as replacements for men leaving the command on rotation.

Units composing the strategic Berlin Command provide security for American installations in the former German capital.

Johnson, assigned to the 6th Infantry Regiment's Headquarters Company, arrived overseas in November 1951 and was assigned to Berlin in April of last year.

He attended Mary Potter High School in Oxford before entering the Army.

HIGH-SPEED BIRD Diving on his prey, a duck hawk, Falco peregrinus, often travels 180 miles an hour, says the National Geographic Society.

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