

PEANUT TRADE REPORTS ARE DISAPPOINTING

Inactivity in General Lines of Business Depresses Goober Prices

POOR QUALITY CROP

Quality of Crop Said To Be Unusually Poor In This Section This Year

The peanut trade reports are very disappointing both to the factory and to the farmer. It is said that there are many causes for the depression in the trade, inactivity found in business being given as the main one. The dullness in general business is said to have slackened the buying trade until factories are finding no market for their output. On the other hand, the general poor quality of the crop in this section is limiting the price average to a very small figure. Buyers generally complain that the crop was dug too soon in many cases, resulting in sun-dried peas and an immature crop.

It was stated that, in some cases, one end of the hull contained a good kernel while the other only a peg, which naturally results in a great loss in milling. Much complaint is made by the trade at the excessive amount of hay, stems found in the sacks. Peanuts picked since the storm more than two weeks ago are said to be badly damaged as a result. Buyers generally express the belief that if peas are picked cleaner of vines, pods and trash, and only when thoroughly dry, a better price will be the result.

EVENTS IN OAK CITY SCHOOLS

Observe Educational Week With Appropriate Programs

Oak City, Nov. 17.—(Special to the Enterprise).—Observing Educational Week, the local high school and the various grades met during the period each morning and rendered well-selected parts, bringing back in contrast the methods and work of yesterday and today.

The high school brought the subject, "The Schools and the Enrichment of Human Life" in a vivid manner. The sixth and seventh grades prepared a program on "Patriotism" connected with the Armistice program. Flowers decorated the stage and wreaths were sent to the graves of soldiers of the World's War. Rev. Barr, of the Missionary Baptist church, Bethel, was the principal speaker.

Fourth and fifth grades gave a program, "The Schools of Yesterday." This was thoroughly appreciated as the first days of teaching being presented by some of the older teachers of the community. Mrs. Nathan Worsley and Miss Hattie Everett had some very interesting papers on former methods of teaching. Mrs. Worsley having taught just after the Civil War. These papers are being prepared for publication and will be read with great zeal in contrast with modern day methods.

The second and third grades gave the program, "What the School Helps the Individual to Achieve." This was made in a health program by dramatizing little plays of health.

Splendid cooperation was given each teacher doing her part and pupils acting accordingly.

The senior play, entitled "Handsome Is As Handsome Does," was given by the senior class Friday evening to a small but appreciative audience. The collection amounted to \$18.70. The play was a great success and speaks credit to the class and its coach, Miss Myrtis Zetterower.

The hot lunch in the Oak City school is growing. The soup served for the first time recently was relished by all. Miss Sleeper, the county home demonstration agent, is giving her leadership in this needy cause.

Change Time for Holding Woman's Club Meeting

The Woman's Club will meet at 3:30 p. m. Thursday of this week, instead of Thursday of next week, which is Thanksgiving. All members are urged to note the change and attend the meeting Thursday of this week.

Prayer Meeting Announced at Local Christian Church

The regular mid-week meeting will be held at the Christian Church Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M. The pastor will conclude the series of talks on the Beatitudes as a way of life. Immediately after this service there will be choir practice. All singers are asked to be present to help develop a more efficient ministry of song for the Sunday services.

Local Tobacco Mart Sets New Poundage Record for Season

The local tobacco market broke all records for the 1930 season here yesterday, when it received approximately 300,000 pounds of tobacco. The Planters and the Farmers Warehouses sold 200,000 pounds, but the sale blocked when it reached the Roanoke-Dixie, due to the late hour of the day. The block sale was sold this morning, and, judging from the size of the sales today, there is lit-

tle indication of another block sale this week. The smoking types of tobacco sold good, and according to reports of tobaccoists who have a record of the yearly sales, the smokers sold as high this week as they have in the past five years. The heavy types and the common grades, including tips, are extremely low; and better prices on these types of tobacco are not expected this season.

Sharp Decrease in Number Claim and Delivery Papers Issued In Martin County

LOCAL SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOR

Daily Attendance Averages Show Slight Drop In The Past Month

The number of pupils receiving honorable mention for scholastic work in the local schools for the second month ending recently was greater by five than for the first month, it was announced this week by Principal Wm. R. Watson. For the four weeks ending November 7, there were 93 pupils' names appearing on the roll.

Daily attendance averages for the period were slightly under those for the preceding month, but the drop was very small. For the entire school during the period, an average of 612 pupils attended daily, the high school leading with an average of 93 over the 91.6 for the elementary school.

The total enrollment was 674, of that number 488 were in the elementary school and 186 in the high school. The list follows:

Grade 1-A
Reg Griffin, S. C. Griffin, Mary Charles Godwin, Bina Jackson, Mary L. Manning, Elizabeth Parker.

Grade 1-B
Kathleen Nicholson, Martha Whitely.

Grade 2-A
Ben Barnhill, Stuart Critcher, Jerry Manning, Emory McCabe, Joseph Thigpen, Nina Bland, Nancy Biggs, Eleanor Brown, Marjorie Grey Dunn, Dorothy Harrison, Ray Leggett, Katherine Manning, Mary Gwen Osborne, Madeline Pope, Maude Taylor, Sarah Taylor.

Grade 2-B
Leslie Coltraine, Walter Hester, William Revels, Arna Wallace, McDonald Sarvis, Doris Bullock, Emma Lou Daniel, Dorothy Jones.

Grade 3-A
Julia Watts, Virgil Ward, Susie Whitley, Eleanor Taylor, Pearl Mae Robertson, Louise Melson, Doris Moore, Margaret Jones, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Mennie Chesson, Bernice Cowen, Elbert Peel, Jr., Gordon Manning, Julian Jackson, Jack Edmondson, Dick Dunn, Jerry Clark, Irene Spruill.

Grade 3-B
D. O. Bowen, Jr., Bennie Godwin, Burke Petty.

Grade 4-A
Thelma Griffin, Mary Barnhill, Grace Barnhill, Reg Manning, Jack Saunders, Billy Biggs, Robert Jones, Geneva Robertson.

Grade 4-B
Muriel Bland, Lucille Cowen, Delbert Stalls, Joseph Rogerson, Ben Hopkins.

Grade 5-A
None

Grade 5-B
George Grayiel, Willis McKeel, C. B. Rogerson, Nellie Grey Hopkins, Rachael Wynne.

Grade 6-A
Ella Wynne Critcher, Gwendolyn Watts, Jean Watts, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore.

Grade 6-B
Jessie Belle Swain.

Grade 7
Alta Critcher, Mary Bell Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Irene Rogerson, Annie Wynne, Marjorie Taylor, Billie Griffin.

Grade 9
Catherine Shute, Jennie Green Taylor.

Grade 10
No report.

Grade 11
Joseph Griffin, Raymond Gurkin, Frances Peele, Thelma Peele, Edith Peele, Annie Clyde Williams.

Aged Colored Man Dies In Hamilton Last Week

Whit Slade, 90-year-old colored man died at Hamilton last week. He was a grown man when the Civil war was fought, and commanded the respect of all who knew him.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT MADE BY COMMISSION

Would Increase Teaching Load And Do Away With Experience Increment

CHANGES PROPOSED

Consolidation of Schools Particularly Stressed In Report Submitted A Few Days Ago

Following a study of several months the North Carolina Educational Commission recently submitted its report to the Governor and members of the General Assembly of 1931, suggesting therein a number of major and minor changes in the schools and their operation. The report is based on a careful study of existing conditions, and was made mainly for use by the next general assembly in whatever action or antics it undertakes.

A brief study of the report proposing two bills for passage in the next general assembly, shows that in answer to the public demand for rigid economy, the commission sought to effect savings to the taxpayers by further increasing the teacher load, by abolishing the experience increment and by providing savings in administration. A direct reduction in the salary schedules was not advised by the commission, it was learned from the report. In other words, it was gained from the report that the salary pendulum has swung from that point where there was a loud outcry protesting low salaries of school teachers to a mid-way point, where salaries are considered in keeping with general conditions.

Consolidation of all schools for economy is particularly stressed in the report which, it is understood, would advocate placing the work of consolidation in the hands of school authorities who would, following the provisions in the report, affect any mergers wherever they think it would prove economical. To that end we read in the report Bill No. 1, section 7, "The State Board of Equalization may refuse to include in the State budget all or a part of the teachers in any school which is operated in close proximity to another school of the same type and class, when in the opinion of said board such school or schools could be operated more economically and efficiently if consolidated in whole or in part, but in all such cases, said board shall designate the school or schools in which teachers are disallowed and the number of teachers in each instance."

And again in Sec. 9, we read, "The county board of education in each county in the State, in addition to the duties in connection with the preparation of the regular budget, is hereby authorized and directed to provide, prior to May 15, 1931, the said plan of organization and operation shall embrace the following: The regrouping of the public school pupils of the county into school units so as to provide for the proper instruction of said pupils in the most economical way.

The rearrangement of the transportation system so as to provide the necessary transportation at a less expense. The full and complete use, as far as practicable, of any modern school plant that may have been erected in the county.

The county board of education in each and every county of the State shall have ample authority to transfer pupils across district lines if in their opinion, by so doing, better school facilities may be provided at the same or at a lower cost. The report, covering 21 type-written pages, would provide for a flexibility in attendance records where there are epidemics and other causes that can't be controlled. Many other features are found in the report, such as superintendents' salaries, centralization and handling of school funds, meeting of superintendents, state allotments and others.

These are some of the recommendations that will be placed before the next general assembly, and are to be taken as such at this time.

TWO MEN DIE BY ELECTRIC SHOCK

Norman Taylor Pulls The Wrong Switch and Sends Men To Their Deaths

Henry Frisbee was instantly killed and Ellis Benton was fatally injured by electric shocks while working on high tension lines of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, near Tarboro Sunday morning. Frisbee was thrown about 30 feet from the line on which he was working, and it was said that his body was literally torn to pieces by the shock. Benton was burned badly about the body and died in a Tarboro hospital.

Electric current users here noticed that the current was cut off from this point for about four minutes shortly after nine o'clock, but not until later in the day did they learn that the wrong switches had been pulled and that two men had lost their lives. It was stated that the accident occurred when Norman Taylor, an electrician employed by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, made a connection and accidentally threw the wrong switch. Both Frisbee and Benton lived in Petersburg, but had made several visits to this section in the interests of the V. E. P. Company.

Winton Will Not Collect Any Taxes This Year

Winton, N. C., Nov. 17.—It has been said of man's fate that only two things are certain—death and taxes. But in this little county seat, it seems the only certain thing is death.

The town board of commissioners had resolved not to levy and collect any taxes for the year 1930, it having been found that the collection of additional revenue was unnecessary.

Winton was first incorporated in 1766, ten years before the Declaration of Independence. It has a population of between six and seven hundred and the town owns and operates large farms.

Martin Superior Court Opens Two-Weeks Session Monday

RATE OF SCHOOL COST DECREASES

Expense Increase in Year 1928-29 Amounted to \$1,380,845.45

The annual rate of increase in the current operating costs of the public schools is less for the last school year for which figures are available than for any previous year during the past decade, according to the current issue of State Facts, monthly publication of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The increase in current expense for 1928-29 amounted to \$1,380,845.45 or 4.9 per cent, and was next to the lowest increase record of 4.0 per cent made in 1927-28. The current cost of operating the public schools in 1920-21 showed an increase of 40.8 per cent over that of 1919-20. In 1921-22 the amount of annual increase in current expense decreased to 15.3 per cent.

The next year, 1922-23, there was a 11.1 per cent increase in current expense, which percentage dropped to 10.6 per cent in 1923-24.

In 1924-25 there was a still further decrease in the percentage increase in current expense, this time to 10.2 per cent. The following year, 1925-26, current expense increased 8.5 per cent; and in 1926-27 it made a 12 per cent increase. The increase in current expense in 1927-28 was approximately \$1,000,000, or four per cent. In 1928-29 there was an increase of five per cent in current expense.

The average cost of current expenditure per pupil enrolled, according to School Facts, is \$32.67 for the State as a whole. This represents an increase of \$1.35 over the per pupil cost of the preceding school year. There is a tendency, it says, for the per pupil cost of education to increase in both rural and charter schools. In 1919-20, the first year of the operation of the six months school term, the average annual expenditure per rural child enrolled was \$11.62, or less than half of the present expenditure of \$28.57. The average per pupil expenditure in charter schools, on the other hand, was \$22.26 in 1919-20, whereas now it is \$44.50.

Few Attend Cotton Association Meet Here

Very few farmers attended a scheduled meeting of the Cotton Growers Association held here last Saturday, there being very little interest shown.

Messrs. M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, and C. C. Hilton, field representative of Greenville, were here and talked to the few farmers attending the meeting. The two men explained the various operations of the association and answered many questions of importance to the grower.

OLD TESTAMENT EXHIBITED HERE

Book Printed In England By Oxford University In Year 1762

Printed by the Oxford University, England, way back in 1762, a Bible, exhibited here yesterday by J. Raleigh Manning, of Jamesville, proved to be a real curiosity.

The book which apparently has had rough treatment in years past, is still distinct however, and is easily read except in those cases where they fall at the end of a word and where the new-style is used.

According to information advanced by Mr. Manning, the book was purchased at a sale of household goods by his father, the late W. Edwin Manning. It was the family Bible of Edward Salter, a name now unknown in this county. Within the covers of the book was found an order issued to Mr. Manning's grandfather in 1864, which reads as follows:

"Captain E. Manning or Sergeant Lilley, 'You are hereby commanded to report at this place on Thursday, 25th inst., with all the white men in your district between the ages of 17 and 50 years, also all free Negro men between the ages of 18 and 50 years. The Medical Board will be here on that day. 'W. A. WEATHERS-BEE, Lieutenant, and Enrolling Officer. 'N. B. The men will not report at Tarboro as ordered. 'Williamston, N. C. 'August 21, 1864.'"

LOCALS IN TIE GAME FRIDAY

Play Windsor Here Next Thursday Afternoon on High School Field

Meeting on the local high school field last Friday afternoon, Williams and Rich Square battled to a scoreless tie in a well-played game. The squads were about evenly matched, with the advantage resting with the locals. Rich Square, however, showed a strong defense, at times, holding the locals for downs on the 2- and 8-yard lines.

In the first quarter the locals were off to a good start, carrying the ball to their opponents' 2-yard line where they were held for downs. The visitors offered a stubborn defense and after receiving the ball worked their way to safety, but they never threatened to score during the game. In their passing, the locals met with much success, completing several long shots for substantial gains, but they could not be turned in for points.

This afternoon the locals journeyed to Columbia to play a return game with the high school there.

Thursday afternoon of this week, Coach Gooch and his Windsor team come here for a game, the visitors' coach to take part in the play, it was stated.

FIND LARGE TREE IN THIS COUNTY

Tree With Circumference Of 48 Feet Is Located In Cedar Landing Swamp

Although loggers and owners have made a heavy charge on the timberlands in this part of the State there are a few valuable tracts left and a small number of unusually large trees standing deep into the large swamps of this county. According to Mr. O. J. Godard, lumberman, a cypress measuring 48 feet in circumference one foot from the ground and 42 feet around six feet from the ground, was found in the Cedar Landing Swamp, Williams township, a few days ago. Mr. Godard stated that the tree holds its size well for as many as fifty feet from the ground where it forks.

Other large trees have been felled in the swamp by lumbering interests, but the particular tree found by Mr. Godard is believed to be the largest that has been discovered there recently.

BIG GAIN MADE IN POPULATION

Last Decade Gain Second Greatest In State In 140 Years

North Carolina's population showed a larger percentage growth from 1920 to 1930 than in any decade during 140 years past with one exception, 1870 to 1880, the gain in that period being 30.06 per cent as compared with 23.88 per cent during the past ten years. The percentage increase in population in this State is 12.78 per cent greater than the United States average.

The State ranked 16th in population in 1910, 14th in 1920 and 12th in 1930.

BEGINS 2-WEEKS TERM MONDAY FOR CIVIL CASES

Moore, Administrator, Vs. Sanatorium Case Is Non-Suited

SMALL CROWDS HERE Plaintiff In Hospital Suit Appeals His Case And Will Go Before State Supreme Court

With a very small crowd attending, the Martin County Superior Court opened the regular November session here yesterday handling but very few cases during the day. Scheduled for the trial of civil cases only, no criminal cases will be heard during the term which goes into next week. Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, is presiding.

Working a greater part of the day on the cause of Whit Moore, administrator of Hubert Moore, deceased, against L. W. Korggag, trading as the Rocky Mt Sanatorium, the court non-suited the case. The plaintiff, charging that negligence on the part of hospital attendants contributed to the cause of his son's death in Rocky Mount about a year ago, appealed the case to the Supreme Court and was given 30 days in which to prepare it. The defense was also given 30 days following the expiration of the plaintiff's time to prepare its counter case. According to the facts in the case, Hubert Moore, a student in the Everetts school just prior to his death, was carried to the Rocky Mt hospital for an operation, that his condition became suddenly worse, and death followed as a result of gross negligence.

The case of Peel Motor Company against Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was continued until the December term by agreement. Judgments favoring Abbot-Gwaltney Company, were given against W. B. and Eva Knox in the sum of \$400 and against Archie Wynn in the sum of \$350.

SCHOOL NEWS OF HAMILTON

Give Educational Programs During Past Week; Roll of Honor Students

Educational Week - Honor Roll - The Hamilton High School observed American Educational Week, presenting a public program each morning during the chapel hour, as follows:

Monday Nov. 10th—How Education Enriches Human Life, Eighth and ninth grades with Miss Bob Hill in charge.

Tuesday Nov. 11—How schools Promote Citizenship, Third grade with Mrs. M. D. Beach in charge.

Wednesday Nov. 12th—The Schools of Yesterday, Sixth and Seventh grade with Miss Louise White in charge.

Thursday Nov. 13th—The Schools of Today, Fourth and fifth grades with Miss Irene Sykes in charge.

Friday Nov. 14th—The schools of Tomorrow, Tenth grade with Prof. W. E. Plyler in charge.

On the last day as a climax to the week's program the Rev. E. P. West of the local Baptist Church delivered a very inspiring and beneficial talk picturing the possibilities and obligations of the Schools of Tomorrow.

Honor Roll - for Hamilton High School for October.

First grade—Melba Everett, Norman Everette, Delia Harris, Don Matthews, Hallie Pugh, Ruby Dell Whiteley, Don Bryant, Lucile Purvis, Louise Edmondson, James Grimes.

Second grade—Mary Elizabeth Gerwin, Mary Ward Slade, Ellen Taylor, Jimmie Deal, Richard Salsbury, Dorothy Hopkins, Annie Belle Holiday.

Third grade—Louise Deal, Alma Ewell, Doris Everette, Martha Lynch, Sallie Mobley, Jessie Vernon Edmondson, Leo White, Norman White.

Fourth grade—Martha Everette, Albert Station Beach.

Fifth grade—Maggie Jutry Cox, Madaline Edmondson, Elizabeth Haislip, Jennie Lou Williams, Julius Bunting, Frank Everette, Wilbur Hardee.

Sixth grade—W. E. Grimes, T. F. Davenport, Dolly Myers, Bessie Pugh, Robert Davis, Hilton Everette.

Seventh grade—Richard Slade, Herman Davenport.

Eighth grade—Elsie Rouse, Hazel Johnson, Corneia Deal, Fay Mobley.

Ninth grade—Paul Salsbury Jr., Stella Davenport, Selma White.

Tenth grade—Flored Cox, Glenn Grimes.

AGENTS MAKE SEVERAL RAIDS

Several Liquor Plants Destroyed, But No Arrests Are Effectuated in Raids

Friday and Saturday of last week and yesterday were busy days for Federal Prohibition raiders in this section.

In the Oak City section last Friday, the officers found a 50-gallon copper still near the home of W. H. Harrell. A case against Harrell is now pending, it is understood.

In Bear Grass swamp, near the Beaufort line, the officers raided Saturday and found a steam plant, 150 gallons of beer, five barrels and other equipment. A second plant was found near the Harris Mill, but it was cold and no one was in sight.

Going to the Tranters Creek section of Beaufort Monday, the raiders destroyed a steam plant with 200 gallons of beer. Continuing their work, the agents went into Pitt county where they found a steam plant with two copper worms. There were 800 gallons of beer there and the plant was hot when the officers arrived, but the operators made their escapes when signals were fired by friends.

Returning to this county late in the day, the raiders went into Poplar Point and destroyed about one hundred gallons of beer.

Makes Splendid Record In 16 Years of Service

Forced from work by illness, Mr. R. J. Peel, veteran clerk of the Martin County Superior Court, missed his first session in that capacity yesterday since he accepted the duties of the office in May, 1914, a little over 16 years. During that time he has only missed one or two sessions of the recorder's court, and in addition to his court record, the many and various other duties have been well executed.

It was with much reluctance that he missed the term now in session here, but his condition is said to be rapidly improving and he is expected to return to his post within the next few days.