

PEANUT MARKET IS OFF QUARTER CENT; FEW SALES

Estimate About 60 Percent Of Crop Marketed In This Section

Peanuts are now ranging around 2 3-4 cents in price, the quarter of a cent drop from the price in force on January 6 bringing closer home the apparent distressing effect following the invalidation of the AAA by the United States Supreme Court. Very few peanuts are moving at that figure, however, as the farmers are cooperating, unintentionally probably, in holding their crops off the market. The market action is even more disappointing because some farmers were of the opinion that with the elimination of the processing tax, the price would increase in favor of the grower. Numerous growers are determined to withhold their crops from the market until there is an increase in price.

Conservative estimates indicate that at least 60 per cent of the crop has been sold. Reports from over the county state that between 10 and 15 per cent of the crop remains un-picked, and that in many of those cases the farmers will incur substantial losses because the weather has damaged the peanuts.

The bad condition of the roads has delayed the marketing of the crop to a great extent, and some time will be required to get those peanuts to market where sales were made weeks ago. When those peanuts are moved, a lull in marketing activities is expected unless the price trend is upward.

Hauptmann Gets 30-Day Reprieve

Bruno Richard Hauptmann, scheduled to die in New Jersey's electric chair tonight at 8 o'clock for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh child in 1932, was granted a 30-day reprieve by Governor Harold Hoffman, of New Jersey, yesterday. The governor held secret any reasons for granting the condemned man the reprieve.

The action had the effect of giving Hauptmann at least eight more weeks to live. After the reprieve expires, he will be re-sentenced by Justice Thomas W. Trenchard, who already has told him twice that he must be electrocuted. The law specifies that Trenchard must set the execution date not less than four weeks or more than eight weeks from the date of re-sentencing.

Bad news was mixed up with the good for Hauptmann yesterday. Earlier in the afternoon the news hummed up the wires from Washington that the United States Supreme Court had denied Hauptmann's application for a writ of habeas corpus. Legal experts believed this action exhausted Hauptmann's resources in the federal courts.

Work on Building Program Progressing Rapidly Now

After a slow start last week, work on Martin County's \$100,000 school building program was well under way at several points this week. Preparations for the foundations are being completed at this time, and with favorable weather prevailing the program should be taken a definite shape within a very short time.

Work on the Farm Life addition is being delayed by the bad condition of the roads, but Construction Superintendent C. W. Buchanan states that building activities would be started there just as soon as possible.

The program is to be completed in about six months, it is understood.

4-Year-Old Child Is Lost in Swamp

Following his father into the woods near Hamilton last Wednesday afternoon, a four-year-old colored child lost its way, reports reaching here late yesterday stating that he was still missing. Large numbers of searchers were dispatched to the area, but 30 hours after its disappearance no trace of the child had been found. Officers were called there, but they were helpless to act. The child is said to have followed its father into the swamplike woods where he was cutting wood. Williams, the father's name, instructed the child to return to the house, and it is believed the boy lost his direction, took the wrong path and wandered off into the swamps.

Present Indications Are That Acreage To Tobacco Is Likely To Show Increase Despite All Efforts To Hold It Down

While there is no doubt but that many farmers will plant no more tobacco than allotted under their invalidated contracts, there is a creeping prospect for an increase in the crop as a whole. Reports indicate that there will be an increase not only in this belt but also in other belts and states. Plans for a number of new barns are being considered generally, and most of them are not planned for replacements. From down in Georgia comes a report that one farmer declares he will increase acreage from 700 last season to 2,000 acres this season. While the report was not official, its source was considered fairly reliable.

Tobacco Favored in New Farm Program

POULTRY CAR

Arrangements are now being made for the operation of a co-operative poultry car in this county week after next, County Agent T. E. Brandon said today. If the plans materialize, the car will receive poultry at Jamesville on January 28, Williamston on the 29th, Robersonville on the 30th, and at Oak City on Friday, the 31st. Definite announcements and prices will be announced within the next few days.

Cooperative loadings are bringing around 18 cents this week, or about 3 cents more than the prices paid by truckers, according to reliable reports. However, the price might fluctuate a cent or two either up or down before week after next, the trend to determine the loading schedule, the agent explained.

Sanitary Project Is Going Forward Rapidly in County

Number of Sanitary Privies Awaiting Orders For Immediate Delivery

Despite unfavorable weather experienced during the past several weeks, Martin County's sanitary project, handled in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration, is moving along fairly rapidly, Mr. J. E. Hedrick, of Jamesville, who is in charge of the work, stated yesterday.

During the past seven days a number of modern type privies have been constructed at the Williamston Supply Company plant here, and many of them have been delivered.

Constructed to meet stringent sanitary requirements, the privies are available to property owners and others for just the cost of the material, Mr. Hedrick explaining that \$16 covers the cost to the purchaser. This price calls for installation of a turn-key job, it was pointed out. The new type of house is considered worth more than twice those constructed and installed by the old CWA, which charged \$13 a unit to cover the cost of material. Orders will be taken for delivery anywhere in the county, and it is certain that the property owners can find no better or cheaper way to improve sanitary conditions on their premises and in their communities than under the program now being carried on cooperatively by the government.

Orders left with Mr. Hedrick or his representative at the Williamston Supply Company will receive immediate attention, it was stated.

Waters In Roanoke Fall Very Slowly at This Point

Reaching a crest of 14 feet at this point last Sunday, the Roanoke continues to fall slowly, the weather station reporting this morning that it would be some time the early part of next week before the stream would be within its banks. The water was just above the 12-foot mark on the gauge at noon today.

Traffic on the river is increasing already, the bridge keeper stating this morning that he was looking for at least a dozen boats here within the next three or four days.

Henry Gibbs, of Dana, Henderson County, reports killing a hog weighing 1,515 pounds net and therefore claims producing the largest hog in this State.

BRIEF SESSION OF COUNTY COURT IS HELD THIS WEEK

No Fines Imposed, But Several Defendants Taxed With Costs

The last Tuesday session of the county recorder's court proved not quite so profitable, but Judge H. O. Peel upheld justice with several substantial jail and road sentences. Not a single fine was imposed, but the costs taxed against the defendants in several of the cases defrayed expenses of the court all right.

Probably the feature case was that brought by a father against his own daughter and her paramour. Posing as man and wife, Theodore Freeman and Bertha Hilliard spent several nights at the home of the girl's father. The man became suspicious and when he learned they were not married he had them carried to the bar of justice. Freeman apparently did not think so much of the solution to the case, but before he left the courthouse he and the girl were legally "hooked up" at the direction of the court.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Paul Cherry with passing a school bus while discharging passengers.

Charged with the illegal removal of certain property, T. S. and John Hadley were found not guilty, a jury having decided the case.

Action was dismissed in the case charging Leggett Roebuck with drunken automobile driving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs in the case charging Robert Mobley with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

The case charging Esther Woolard with violating the ABC law was dismissed.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Nellie Davis was sentenced to jail for 30 days.

In the case charging Robert Lee Jones with carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon, the court not propped the case as to the first count, and he was found not guilty as to the second.

Tom Powell drew six months on the roads and Buck Powell drew nine months for the alleged theft of a hog from Farmer Downs in Hamilton Township.

ALL AAA CHECKS WILL BE PAID TO CONTRACT FARM

Government To Keep Faith With Farmers Who Kept Faith with the Contract

All AAA benefit payments due North Carolina farmers up to January 6, 1936, will be paid, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

The treasury department has announced that all AAA checks now being distributed are good and may be cashed at any time.

The dean could not say just when checks for payments now due will be distributed, as preparations for these payments had not been completed at the time the AAA work was suspended.

The tobacco marketing cards used during the past season had been checked over at the State AAA tobacco office at State College and were almost ready to be sent to Washington for final approval.

The marketing cards are necessary in determining the amount of the tobacco adjustment payments for each grower, the dean said.

The State AAA cotton office was making preparations for the cotton price adjustment payments which were offered to assure growers at least 12 cents a pound for their lint.

Dean Schaub expressed his belief that some way will be worked out for completing these and other payments within a reasonable time.

Farmers who kept faith with their crop adjustment contracts up to the time the Supreme Court invalidated the AAA deserve to get the payments promised, the dean said, and the government intends to keep faith with these farmers.

Special Meeting Local Masonic Lodge Tonight

A special meeting of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., will be held tonight at the regular hour in the hall here. There will be work in the first degree. Members and visiting Masons are invited to attend.

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TWO PROJECTS

Two Martin County projects, the widening of Highway 64 in the town of Robersonville and the surfacing of the road from Robersonville to Highway 125, near Spring Green, have been included in the next contract letting to be held on the 28th of this month.

The widening of the street through Robersonville will cost approximately \$11,000, the distance being nearly one mile. The other project to be included in the letting is estimated to cost nearly \$100,000. The road project is about 6 1-2 miles long.

A project calling for the widening of Williamston's Main Street, will probably be included in a letting to be held within the next three or four months, it is understood. The proposed project here was just approved this week by local authorities.

Mrs. Nancy Suggs Dies Wednesday at Home Near Here

Burial Was In Ward Plot In Bear Grass Township Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Nancy Suggs, wife of J. A. Suggs, died at her home, Kelvin Grove, on the Washington road, near here, Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, following an illness of about three months' duration. During that time she had received treatment in a Washington hospital for about one month and a half, returning to her home the day before Christmas.

Mrs. Suggs, 38 years old, was a native of Greene County. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Suggs, later moving to Washington County, where they lived before locating in this county about four years ago. Mr. Suggs has superintended the Station Kelvin Grove farm since that time. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Besides Mr. Suggs she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Roy Ward, of near the Beaufort-Martin line, and Janice Ann, two months old. She also leaves one brother and one sister, of Greene County.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home yesterday afternoon, and interment followed in the Ward cemetery in Bear Grass township.

Welfare Office Moved from Courthouse To Town Hall

The Martin County welfare office was moved this week from the courthouse to the special offices on the second floor of the Williamston town hall. The director, Mrs. Wiggins, and assistant, Miss Ayers, are investigating needy cases over the county and are rapidly perfecting an organization for handling appeals from the less fortunate.

Burglar Is Routed From Home Here

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keel on Watts Street was entered by a burglar early last night, the man escaping empty handed when Mr. Keel tried to trap him in the kitchen. It was the second or third time the home had been entered during recent weeks, it was stated.

Returning home about 9 o'clock, Mr. Keel, as he was driving his car into the back yard, saw the colored man look out the kitchen door. After calling to members of the family, who were in the front part of the house, for his gun, Mr. Keel ran to the kitchen and held the door. The man on the inside wrung the knob off in an effort to get out, and after failing in his attempt to gain freedom there, he turned to another door that opened at the back and fled.

Forty Applications Approved Already, Representative Says

Farmers Required To File Applications Before First of February

Doubtful of finding credit available to them through the regular channels, many farmers in this county are turning to the Farm Resettlement Administration for loans to finance their farming operations this year, David G. Modlin, rehabilitation supervisor for the administration, said this week. More than 40 applications, averaging around \$400 each, have been approved already, and the administration is prepared to handle about three times that many, the supervisor said. However, under a ruling, applications must be filed before the first of next month, making it necessary for those who would rely on the resettlement organization for financial support to apply immediately for their loans.

Apparently supplanting the source of credit made available during the past several years by the seed and feed loan fund, the resettlement administration promises to be the main credit agency for a large number of farmers in the county this season, it is understood. In other words, the farmer, whether he be tenant, renter, or land-owner, who found it necessary to rely upon the seed and feed loan fund for his financing in the past, will probably find it to his advantage to turn to the resettlement administration at once with an application. While drifters, so to speak, will hardly qualify for loans, meritorious cases will receive every consideration, was stated.

Time is at hand for completing plans for the 1936 crop year, and those farmers who are doubtful of obtaining loans through regular sources or other agencies, will surely make no mistake in seeing the rehabilitation supervisor at his office in the town hall, Williamston, for all details at once.

The rehabilitation supervisor, Mr. Modlin, will be glad to explain fully the plans for advancing loans, but farmers planning to use this source of credit are warned to enter their applications before February 1.

Local Teams Win One And Lose Three Games

After dropping both games of a double bill with Columbia on the small court in the Tyrrell capital last Tuesday night, Williamston's basketball teams played their best games of the season with Elizabeth City here last night. The girls played their first real basketball game but lost by one point, the visitors taking the large end of a 19 to 18 score. The local boys won their game 21 to 14.

In the Tuesday night contests, the Columbia girls won 12 to 7, and the boys 23 to 16.

Bear-Grass Teams Win Three and Lose One

In two double-headers so far this week, the Bear Grass basketball teams won three of the four games, the boys dropping their first game of the season to Columbia, 29 to 10 last Wednesday evening. While the boys went down in defeat, the Bear Grass girls almost whitewashed the Columbia sextet, turning their opponents by a count of 23 to 2.

Earlier in the week, the girls and boys from out Bear Grass way defeated Windsor in a double bill, the boys winning 18 to 16 and the girls 26 to 13, with Rogerson and Rawls leading the Martin County girls.

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