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Stabilized Peanut Market Is Assured For Coming Season

Price Schedule in Effect Last Season Has Been Retained

Under a surplus removal program similar in nearly every respect to the programs of the past two years, and one that follows the recommendations of the peanut growers through the North Carolina Farm Bureau, peanut farmers are guaranteed a price for their peanuts this year equal to the price paid last year, it was learned this week when the Department of Agriculture announced that peanuts would be purchased for diversion purposes by the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative at its warehouses throughout the peanut belt at the same scale of prices paid last year.

This announcement guarantees to the farmer a minimum price of three and one-half cents for U. S. No. 1, Class A peanuts; and three and one-quarter cents for No. 3, Class A, this latter class being the grade in which the larger portion of the crop produced in this section falls.

The only change made in the schedule of cash prices which will be paid at the cooperative warehouses this fall was the addition of a new grade, to be known as Sample D, with a price of \$51 per ton. This grade will cover peanuts of not less than 50 per cent sound meat content and not more than 3 per cent damaged nuts. Addition of this grade will permit the cooperative organization this year to buy a low grade of peanuts which it was not permitted to buy previously and which for this reason heretofore the producers in this area have had much difficulty in selling to millers at any price. There was a considerable quantity of peanuts of this grade last year, when quality was low throughout the belt, but with the prospect of a higher quality yield this season it is believed that the greater part of the crop will grade 65 per cent sound meats, the minimum for Class C grade.

Following is the complete schedule of prices which will be paid by the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative at its conveniently placed delivery warehouses scattered throughout the territory:

Virginia: U. S. No. 1, Class A, \$70 per ton; Class B, \$66 per ton; Class C, \$61 per ton; No. 2, Class A, \$67 per ton; Class B, \$63 per ton; Class C, \$58 per ton; No. 3, Class A, \$65 per ton; Class B, \$61 per ton; Class C, \$56 per ton; and Sample D grade, of not less than 50 per cent sound meat content and not more than 3 per cent damaged, \$51 per ton.

Southeastern Spanish: U. S. No. 1, \$65 per ton; No. 2, \$61 per ton; No. 3, \$56 per ton.

Southwestern Spanish: U. S. No. 1, \$63 per ton; No. 2, \$59 per ton; No. 3, \$54 per ton.

While all details for the operation of its warehouses this season have not yet been completed, R. C. Holland, president and manager of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, which has its headquarters at Eden-ton, stated Monday that the cooperative was fully prepared to serve the farmers this season and that its warehouses would be open and ready to receive farmers peanuts at all points where warehouses were in operation last year, thus guaranteeing the farmer against the possibility of a steady market regardless of the uncertainties in prices that are prevailing in all farm commodities at the present time.

Definite announcement of the date for opening the warehouses and their local management would be made by the cooperative well in advance.

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Benjamin B. Warren Dies Near Parmele

Benjamin Blake Warren, retired farmer and well-known citizen of the Parmele community, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lela Nelson, there Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. His condition became critical about two months ago and during the past two weeks he was confined to his bed. Cancer was assigned as the cause of his death.

The son of the late Henry Warren and wife, he was born in this county 73 years ago. Mr. Warren was married twice, his first wife preceding him to the grave by nearly 40 years. His second wife died five or six years ago.

Seven children, Messrs. Henry, Jack, Kelly and William Warren, all of Robersonville, Mrs. Mattie Roberson, of Williamston; Mrs. Clyde Williamson, of Greenville, and Mrs. Lela Nelson, of near Parmele, survive. He also leaves one brother, James Warren, of Hobgood.

Prominent Farm Leaders Will Review Leaf Marketing Plans

One of the most important farm meetings ever called in this county will be held in the courthouse here next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock when recognized farm leaders will review the tobacco marketing problem and discuss the plight now facing agriculture. E. Y. Floyd and Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, and J. E. Winslow, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, will attend the meeting, it was announced today.

Unusual importance is attached to the meeting in that the basic plans for approaching the serious agricultural situation will be advanced. A direct report on the tobacco conferences held in this State and in Washington City during recent days will be reviewed, and a course of procedure for attacking the farm problem will be outlined. The three men are in a position to present a complete picture of the farm situation, and it is of great importance that farmers and business men attend. It is quite likely that the courthouse will be packed, and farmers and others are urged to be on time for the meeting.

A partial solution to the farm problem has already been advanced, but the complete solution of that problem rests with the farmers and others interested in the welfare of agriculture. The meeting, called by the Martin County Farm Bureau, is expected to take some action toward solving the farm problem.

Everybody is invited to attend, including business and professional men.

Plans Go Forward for Fair Here Next Week

GRADING

Although no definite date for reopening the tobacco markets has been set, many farmers are continuing to grade their tobacco, incomplete reports stating that nearly thirty per cent of the growers never stopped the work. Peanut digging has caused a further slackening of the work, but it is believed that enough of the crop is now ready for market to cause a serious glut when selling activities are resumed.

It is possible that unusually heavy deliveries will have some bearing on the prices when the markets reopen, and farmers will possibly find it to their advantage to promote orderly marketing.

Grand Jury Files Routine Report In The Superior Court

Lone Recommendation Included in Report Submitted Wednesday

Making an extensive survey of county properties and handling its other assigned duties, the Martin County grand jury completed its work here Wednesday afternoon with the submission of its report to Judge Leo Carr in open court. Considerable time and attention was given to the inspection of school buses and a study of bus drivers' qualifications. Several minor property defects were listed in the report, but only one recommendation is listed. The report does not mention the condition of buses serving the Williamston school, but it is thought that they were inspected.

The report filed over the signature of A. B. Ayers, foreman, follows:

All bills have been disposed of that came into our hands. We find that all justices of the peace have filed their reports, and all fines have been paid to the county treasurer with the exception of Mr. J. T. Wildman, of Parmele. We inspected the offices of the county treasurer, sheriff, and clerk of the superior court, and found all records filed in good order and general condition very good. We have also examined the office of the register of deeds and found that all bonds of the county officials have been filed and approved by the commissioners.

We have inspected the jail and find same in very good condition. We examined the county home and went over same with the keeper and found general conditions good and the inmates were very well satisfied with the treatment they are receiving. We also visited the prison camp and found same in good condition.

We have inspected all school buses of the county and beg leave to report the following:

Bear Grass—All trucks were in good condition except horns are needed on Truck No. 11, Truck No. 17, Truck No. 28.

Oak City—All trucks were in good condition except broken glass in Truck No. 12.

Hamilton—All trucks were in good condition except broken glasses in Truck No. 4 and Truck No. 26 had a leaking top.

Farm Life—All trucks are in good condition except Truck No. 24 had bad brakes and needed bushing and Truck No. 31 had bad brakes.

Jamesville—All trucks were in good condition except Truck No. 5 had bad brakes and broken glasses and Truck 13, 14, and 19 were found with bad brakes.

Robersonville—All trucks were in good condition except Truck No. 23 was found with no stop sign.

We recommend a public drinking fountain for Negroes in the hall of the courthouse.

Management Will Accept Tobacco For Admissions

Art Lewis Shows Will Offer Entertainment Program On Midway

Fair week, accompanied by rain during the past four years, opens here next Tuesday under the management of N. Y. Chambliss, of the North Carolina Fair Operating Company, reports coming from the fair office today stating that arrangements for holding the annual event were nearing completion.

Facing what have been described as unfavorable economic conditions, the fair operators are announcing that tobacco will be received for admission at the general gate. This method of exchange was placed in effect this week at Tarboro, the fair management there stating that over 1,000 pounds of the golden leaf were received the first day.

No extensive array of exhibits in prospect for the fair, but quite a few exhibitors are planning to compete for the awards, according to Mrs. J. E. Harrison who has charge of the exhibit halls. The grounds will be open for exhibitors during the week-end, it was announced.

The Art Lewis shows, comprising fifteen rides and ten shows in the entertainment field, will be on the midway. The carnival will be brought here on truck during the week-end and early Monday.

One of the high spots on the week's program will be Suicide Hayes and his Hell Drivers, a former employee on the Williamston tobacco market, who ranks at the top in the dangerous business of thrill driving and daredevil stunts. His program is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Another feature during the week will center around the midjet auto races. Brought to the eastern section of the State for the second time and appearing here for the first time, the races have created great interest.

Explaining the delivery of tobacco as an entrance fee, the fair management states that this method of admission will be in effect each day until 5 o'clock, and will not be in vogue on Wednesday.

Tuesday has been designated as school children's day, and the little folks will be admitted free until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Announce Ratings Of County Cafes

For the second time in recent months there has been a marked improvement in cafe ratings in this county, a recent report of the Martin County health department showing that ten of the twenty-one cafes held Grade A rank and that the general average has been advanced.

The ratings made over a period of slightly more than thirty days were announced this week by Sanitarian Charles Leonard, as follows:

George Reynolds Hotel, 91.0; Welcoming Inn, 93.5; Rumba Dream, 80.0; Atlantic Hotel, 82.0; Sunny Side Inn, 84.5; Williamston Cafe, 91.5; Leggett's, 91.0; Jones Service Station, 90.0; Roberson's Cafe, 90.0; Pickwick, 91.5; Modern Lunch Room, 82.0; Fred and Steve, 84.0, all of Williamston; Bullock's Cafe, Robersonville, 92.0; Bullock's Lunch, 85.5; Jim's Quick Lunch, 88.5; Grey's Cafe, 88.5; Wilson Hotel, 92.0; James Soda Shop, 91.5; Whitman's Cafe, 88.0; Big Apple Cafe, 82.5, all of Robersonville; and Glass Lunch Room, Jamesville, 74.5.

In addition to announcing the cafe ratings, the sanitarian pointed out that there are four grade A dairies operating in the county at the present time.

Trial Of Criminal Cases Is Completed In Superior Court

Young County White Boy Is Sentenced to Roads for Drunken Driving

After three days of tedious proceedings, the Martin County Superior Court completed the trial of the criminal docket and made ready to start work on its civil calendar yesterday morning. The court has been without its high spots this week, the number of spectators dwindling to a mere half dozen or so before the court took a recess late Wednesday afternoon.

Proceedings not previously reported are, as follows:

Lester Meeks, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. Starting the trial of the case Tuesday afternoon, it was finally cleared from the docket Wednesday about noon. Judge Carr sentenced the defendant to the roads for thirty days, but suspended execution of sentence upon payment of the case costs and \$17 to the prosecuting witness, Joe Freeman, for medical attention. The defendant was given until the December term of court to pay the amount which totaled around \$75.

A motion for a verdict of not guilty was granted at the conclusion of the state's evidence in the case charging Hilliard Knight with attempted arson.

The case charging Ralph Dugger with violating the liquor laws was nolo-prossed.

Jeremiah Wilkins was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months in the case charging him with breaking and entering. The sentence was suspended upon payment of the cost.

The case charging Turner Hines with breaking and entering with intent to "commit some crime" in the home of Caroline Faulk blew up when the court directed a verdict of not guilty when the state rested.

Kid Jones, facing two counts of breaking and entering and larceny, drew 18 months in one case and from two to three years in prison in the second one, the sentence to run concurrently. Jones was the only defendant facing the court this term to draw a prison sentence.

Papers were issued for the arrest of George Perkins, who stands charged with breaking into the Peele Jewelry Company here, and bond was ordered forfeited in the case.

"I hate to send you to the roads, son, but you need to be punished. You drove a car drunk and you damaged another's property. It is bad that you can't pay a fine," Judge Leo Carr said in passing judgment upon William Ward, young white boy, for drunken driving. "Let the defendant be confined to jail for a term of 90 days and be assigned to the roads," the jurist instructed the clerk.

A notation was ordered made on the commitment pointing out that the defendant was a victim of arthritis and could not do physical work. The criminal court brought to the surface the bad state of economic conditions existing here just now. During the three days that the criminal proceedings held the attention of Judge Carr, he listened patiently to the pleas based on near poverty. Every consideration possible was shown by him, but it was quite evident that he was interested in meting out a just punishment. Days of grace were granted defendants who could not meet the costs of the court. Sentences imposing fines were altered and road sentences substituted, the jurist suspending the execution of the road terms in some cases.

Painfully Injured In Auto Wreck Wednesday

W. J. Norris, Gatesville man, was painfully injured and his automobile was considerably damaged last Wednesday afternoon when he tried to straighten out the curve just this side of the river bridge. The car tore through the guard fence, turned over several times and landed in Bridge Keeper Hugh Spruill's collard patch at the foot of an embankment. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150.

Suffering a shoulder injury and a bad gash on his forehead, Norris did not seem to remember much about the accident. "I don't know what I hit," he was quoted as saying.

EXIT

Summer is making its last stand, and tomorrow at exactly 5:50 p.m. autumn will make its appearance, in accordance with the calendar scheme. Less than ten days ago, local residents sweltering under the highest temperature of the year, wondered how autumn could be so close at hand. The first evidence of the approach of a cooler period came a night or two ago when the chill of night chased one from his bed in search of a buried blanket before morning, a pair of cotton pants haphazardly thrown across the foot of the bed failing to bring any great amount of comfort.

Encouraging Note Sounded for Tobacco Farmers by State Farm Bureau Worker Here Wednesday

Indications Point to a Long Drawn-Out European War

While uncertainty continues to surround the European situation, all indications point to a long-drawn-out war with its almost unbelievable horrors. Trouble flared up in Rumania yesterday when Premier Armand Calinescu and three of his assistants were assassinated by pro-Nazis. Just what effect the assassination would have on the war could not be immediately predicted, but it is possible, according to some observers, that it will provoke trouble between Germany and Russia. The observers state that it is possible that Germany and Russia will enter the little country to "restore" peace and then quarrel over a division of the oil production there.

Attention continues to center along the Western Front where Germany is lining up its millions of soldiers and centering the greatest collection of fighting equipment ever known in history. Brisk fighting has followed there, but indications point mass slaughter in the future along the front.

Destruction continues on the high seas, late reports stating that 28 English ships have been sunk and that Germany has lost at least ten. Neutral countries have lost six and the French have had one sunk.

This country asserted its rights and at the same time supported a peace plea in President Roosevelt's message to a special session of Congress yesterday afternoon. While a proposed change in the existing neutrality law will carry us no nearer war, it will mark a shift in our position as to Hitler and Democracy. While Senator Nye referred to it as a miserable failure, the speech was regarded as the greatest ever to fall from the President's lips.

Fate Of Markets Hinges On Success Of Control Vote

Cooper Explains Activities of Farm Bureau in Handling Tobacco Problem

An encouraging note for tobacco growers was sounded here last Wednesday night when J. T. Cooper, representative of the State Farm Bureau Federation, reviewed the activities of farm leaders and government officials in a Washington conference earlier in the week. Speaking briefly, Mr. Cooper, basing his statements directly upon information coming from J. E. Winslow, president of the Farm Bureau Federation, said that if control is voted, farmers can expect between 16 and 18 cents for the remainder of the current crop. If the control program is defeated, farmers can expect in the neighborhood of seven cents for the remainder of the current crop.

According to Mr. Cooper, the domestic companies have agreed to maintain an average of around fifteen cents for the remainder of the crop, and the government has promised to carry on the activities of the foreign companies with a guaranteed average of about 20 cents for those purchases normally made by the exporters. These arrangements, made in writing and signed at the Washington conference, are subject to a favorable vote in the referendum to be called between September 30 and October 7.

Plans have been well advanced to set up an organization similar to the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative and have it supported by the Commodity Credit Corporation. The cooperative agency plans to maintain the same organization as in effect under the Imperial Tobacco Company management, use its buyers, redrying plants and other facilities. The agency will give the Imperial Company an option on its purchases for one, two or three years. In the event the Imperial Company does not exercise the right of the option, then the agency will offer the tobacco for sale and accept whatever loss that might follow such a plan.

The following proposal has been agreed to in this connection, Mr. Cooper said:

"An attempt would be made to work out arrangements with the Imperial Tobacco company under which the buyers of this company would follow the markets as usual and purchase a quantity of tobacco for the Commodity Credit Corporation equal to that normally purchased by this company. This company, acting as agent for the Commodity Credit Corporation would grade, redry, price and store the tobacco as if purchased for their own account. The Imperial Tobacco Company would have an option for the purchase of this tobacco within a stated period of time if exchange became available. The commodity credit corporation and the Imperial Tobacco Company would work out an arrangement under which each would pay a part of the cost incident to the purchase, redrying and pricing of the tobacco."

The fate of the tobacco farmer, actual facts prove, rested in the crisis upon the work of the American Farm Bureau Federation and its various units, it was pointed out by Representative Cooper who appealed to the small group to support the organization. "In the last session of

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Child Loses Thumb And Three Fingers

Bettie Ayers, nine years old, had portions of her thumb and three fingers on her left hand blown off by a bursting dynamite cap at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ayers, in Cross Roads Township last Sunday noon. The fingers were so badly torn that it was necessary to amputate them at the first joint and about half the thumb was removed by Drs. Brown and Walker here on Wednesday afternoon.

Despite the serious injury, the child was said to have gotten along very well with the operation.

Finding the old cap in the Ayers yard, the child took a nail and hammer and burst it beside a brick. Part of the cap tore into her thigh but the injury at that point was not considered serious.

Mr. Ayers stated that it had been two years since he used any dynamite, and while there were caps on the premises they were out of the children's reach. The stray cap had turned almost black and it is possible that it had been unnoticed in the yard for many months.

Review Agricultural Situation In Meeting Here This Morning

Production Control Offered As Only Salvation For Farmers

Meeting with a half hundred farmers and county business men, Messrs. J. C. Broome, Triple-A Committeeman, and B. Troy Ferguson, of the State Extension service, reviewed the agricultural situation from the year 1913 to the present. While the facts offered by the two men clearly pointed to the need for a planned farm production, the speakers urged the members of the group to reach a definite conclusion for themselves.

The review made by the speakers proved of much interest in that it offered a splendid comparison of farm production and prices for the period beginning in 1913 and coming on down to the first of this month. The meeting was strictly of an educational character, and dealt with a possible solution for solving the present farm problem.

Commenting personally on the farm outlook, Committeeman Broome stated that the present need points to production control as the only salvation facing the tobacco farmer.

Conducting similar meetings throughout this section of North Carolina, the farm leaders explained that they had encountered little opposition to the control program, but they admitted that little is known about the support the program will receive in Virginia, South Carolina and along the border.

The meeting here this morning was a forerunner for one that will be held in the county courthouse next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Farmers and business men from the entire county were present and listened attentively to the agricultural review.

Make Preparations For Collins Festival

The Junior Woman's Club met at the club house on Monday night for the purpose of further acquainting the members with the Collins Entertainment Festival which they are sponsoring here for four consecutive Thursdays, beginning October 12.

After briefly explaining the purpose of the meeting, the president, Mrs. Irving M. Margolis, presented Mrs. Frank E. Wilson, chairman of the point system, who explained that to the new members.

The program was then turned over to Mrs. J. Paul Simpson, chairman of the Collins Festival. Mrs. Joseph H. Saunders, Jr., gave a brief description of the program of the Mordella Merry-Makers, the first to be presented in this series, after which Mrs. John Wier related facts concerning Dr. Frank G. Sayers, noted traveler, scientist, lecturer, sportsman and former minister, who will speak to the people of Williamston on "An American Cavalcade." Miss Ruth Norton explained the program which will be presented by the Doris Davison Melodians and Mrs. Joseph Griffin reviewed the drama, "Youth Carries the Torch," the final program to be presented by this group.

After formulating plans for the selling of tickets in Martin County and surrounding towns, and the entertainment of various members of this group after their arrival in Williamston, the meeting adjourned with a final plea by the tireless and energetic president to every member to do all possible to make this series of entertainments a success.

VIOLATIONS

The flagrant violation of the tobacco scrap law has partially been checked in this section of the State this week, according to reliable reports coming from sources close to the State Department of Revenue. Operating without paying the \$250 licenses imposed on truckers canvassing the low grade of tobacco, quite a few persons have been carried into the courts. In a test case over in Pitt, one trucker was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs, the court suspending a 30-day road sentence.

While several canvassers were at work in this county a few days ago, most of them have withdrawn from the field. Only one license has been sold in the county so far.

Nine Cases Cleared From Civil Docket In Superior Court

Court Catches Up with Work And Adjourned Thursday until Monday

Clearing nine cases from the civil docket yesterday after completing the trial of criminal cases on Wednesday, the Martin County Superior Court recessed early yesterday afternoon until Monday when the trial of civil cases will be resumed. Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the two weeks' regular term, left yesterday for his home in Burlington to spend the week-end.

None of the civil cases has attracted much attention, and few spectators are likely to be on hand when the court resumes its work next week.

Most of the cases handled yesterday were cleared from the docket by consent judgments, quite a few others having been continued for the term.

The proceedings. Judgment was granted in the sum of \$789 for the plaintiff in the case of Harrison Brothers and Company against Ira S. Price.

A consent judgment was entered in the case of Roberson Chemical Company against H. H. Cowen and others.

The referee's findings were accepted in the case of H. B. Bennett against Keel, the plaintiff receiving \$195.53 with interest from September 20, 1939, and \$62.30 with interest from December 24, 1938.

A non suit was ordered in the case of C. C. Rawls against Effie Purvis.

A voluntary non-suit was accepted by the plaintiff in the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against C. W. Moore.

Vallie Andrews recovered nothing in his damage suit against E. L. Whitehurst.

In the case of Mrs. Minnie Leggett and others against Roy Coburn, trustee, it was pointed out that the parties had agreed to facts in the case and on motion it was ordered by the court that the defendants have a first and valid lien upon certain lands. The court appointed B. A. Critcher and Paul D. Roberson, attorneys, to offer the land in question for sale.

The case of Yellow Manufacturing Acceptance Corporation against D. L. Harrell was settled by agreement.

The case of Joe Woolard against Harrison was also settled by agreement.

Few spectators were present for the proceedings.