

Peanuts Moving To Market In Larger Volume This Week

Several Buyers In Eastern Part Of State Indicted For Ceiling Violations

With favorable weather prevailing during the past few days, peanuts are beginning to move to the local market in increasing quantities...

Keen competition continues to exist with prices averaging around \$9.40 per hundred pounds. As far as it could be learned officially no sales have gone over 10 cents in recent days.

The crop is moving directly from the pickers to the market, reports declaring that few farmers are storing them for later delivery.

Unofficial but reliable reports received here yesterday stated that at least two buyers in northeastern North Carolina had been indicted for allegedly violating the OPA ceiling prices.

During the meantime, a new wrinkle has been mentioned, but the rumor could not be traced to its original source.

Farmers in this county declare that the crop will hardly run more than one-third to one-half of normal production.

Picker operators are withdrawing from the fields in some sections, refusing to make additional contracts.

While the government reports still maintain that the crop in the nation is larger than it was last year, the heavy producing areas have not been located by the buyers...

Hamilton Reports \$216.76 For Fund

Hamilton citizens, including the school children, raised \$216.76 for the United War Fund during the drive just recently ended.

Plans Completed for Holding Triple-A Elections In County

Plans are just about completed for holding the annual election of Triple A committeemen and delegates to the county convention at the various polling places in the county on Friday of this week.

For the most part the elections will be handled at the regular voting precincts in the county. According to incomplete information the votes will be cast as follows: Jamesville, in the town house; Williams, in the county house; Griffins, at Stephen Manning's store in the Piney Grove community; Bear Grass, in the community house; Williams, at Poplar Point, in the agricultural building; Cross Roads, at Everetts; Hamilton, in the town house; Hassell, in the regular voting place; Goose Nest, Ayers' store in Oak City; Robersonville, in the Masonic hall in Robersonville; and Gold Point at Forbes Service station.

ROUND-UP

Six persons were rounded up and jailed in the county over the week-end. A few others were allowed bond and in one or two instances alleged violators escaped before officers could make arrests.

An unusual crime, the killing and theft of a hog from a farmer's field, was traced to the pork shortage, or possibly it was purely meanness or down-right cus-

Tires Allotted By Board Last Friday

Seventy-three tires—sixty for passenger cars and pick-up trucks and thirteen for large trucks—were rationed by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday.

County Young Men Praised For Work

Aboard Supply Ship USS Harcourt in Tokyo Bay—William Beach, Jr., seaman, second class, 22, Route 3, Williamston, N. C., came in for praise by the commanding officer for the speedy handling of air freight moving in and out of the Yokosuka Naval base.

FARM BUREAU

Meeting in the courthouse Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock, Martin County Farm Bureau members are scheduled to elect their officers for the new year.

Three Auto Wrecks Reported In County Over The Week-End

No One Badly Hurt But Property Loss Runs Well Over \$1,000 In Two Days

No one was badly hurt, but property damage exceeded \$1,000 in a series of automobile accidents reported on Martin County highways during the week-end.

Farm Security Plan Meets With Success In County This Year

Several clients pay off farm mortgages and others are ahead of schedule.

About 8:30 o'clock that night a 1938 Ford driven by Walter Raleigh Higgs and a 1941 Chevrolet taxi owned by W. R. Banks and driven by Lloyd Howard Vick sideswiped each other on the Williamston-Hamilton Highway near Butler's bridge.

About the same hour on Sunday night, two cars sideswiped each other on the same highway in the vicinity of the Roy Taylor farm.

Urges Large Vote In AAA Election

Agriculture Commissioner Kerr Scott urges North Carolina farmers to go to their community centers and vote in the annual election of AAA committeemen on November 30.

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Goose Nest Raises \$202.27 For Fund

With a quota of \$475, Goose Nest Township raised \$202.27 for the United War Fund this year.

Alleged Rapist Held Under A \$1,000 Bond

Billy White, Jr., young Goose Nest Township colored man, was returned to the county jail last Friday night in default of \$1,000 bond after he had been given a hearing before Justice J. B. Whitfield in Oak City on a rape charge.

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Steals To Relieve His Meat Shortage

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Early Mailing Of Parcels Is Urged

The necessity for early mailing of Christmas greetings and gift parcels is most imperative this year due to the shortage of trained postal employees throughout the service.

Because of the many advantages that will result patrons are urged to send their holiday greetings at the first-class rate of postage.

On the other hand, printed Christmas greetings mailed in unsealed envelopes at the third-class rate (1-2 cents) which cannot be delivered as addressed, because of the removal of the addressee or for some other reason, must often be destroyed as waste, thereby causing disappointment.

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Planning Christmas Party For Children

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a toy drive Sunday at 2:00. The jaycees are planning a Christmas party for the underprivileged children and the toys will be used for this occasion.

The jaycees, with the help of the Girl Scouts, will renew these toys. Be sure to look around and see if you have some toys that your children have outgrown or discarded and get them out so they will be collected by the jaycees Sunday afternoon at 2:00.

Anyone living out of the city limits having old toys they would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause please bring them to the welfare department. The jaycees are being assisted in this project by Miss Mary Taylor of the welfare department. There are about 50 children that will attend this party.

Those persons who have toys that can spare are asked to call No. 35 and leave their names and addresses. Direct solicitations will follow next Sunday, it was explained.

FIRE CALLS

Fire calls came thick and fast for local firemen last Saturday and Sunday. Saturday morning at 9:45 o'clock the volunteers were called to the home of Mrs. Bettie Harrell on Williams Street.

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Eye Clinic Held In County Last Week

The Martin County Welfare Department, in cooperation with the County Health Department, the State Commission for the Blind and the local Lions' Club, held its annual eye clinic for indigent school children last Wednesday in the Woman's Club building at Williamston.

The next eye clinic for this county will be held during October or November of 1946.