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## Dixie Peanut Co. Plant Damaged By Fire On Saturday

### Fire Confined To Small Area But Water Floods Most of Two Floors

Starting on the first floor near a partition dividing the engine room and the peanut hull mill, fire did considerable damage to the Dixie Peanut Company plant here last Saturday afternoon. No official estimate could be had immediately, but the loss will run possibly several thousand dollars, including damage done by water. When discovered the fire had burned up a wall to the ceiling on the second story. The mill closed down at noon and no one was in the plant for an hour or more before several persons saw smoke leaking out the ventilator pipes. The office of the Williamston Lumber Company was notified and the lumber company's manager, Dean Speight, turned in the alarm. Just before the fire department volunteers reach there with their fire-fighting equipment, the plant's automatic sprinkler system went into operation and pushed the fire to one corner where it continued to burn its way on toward the top of the high four-story structure. Pulling a hose line inside the building to the second floor, firemen brought the fire under control there and moved back to the first floor and checked the spread of the fire in the engine room. The automatic sprinkler system spilled several tons of water in the plant, and large quantities of shelled peanuts, peanut hull meal and a few farmers' stock peanuts were wet and damaged. No great damage it is believed, resulted to the machinery, but possibly some of the belts were damaged. Insurance companies were notified, and adjusters were due to arrive Monday afternoon. After the plant closed for the day at noon, several workers remained in the plant to clean up. Possibly an hour or more before the fire was discovered they smelled smoke. A complete inspection of the plant was made from top to bottom, and finally they reach the conclusion that one of the shaft boxes had run hot, that since the plant had suspended operations there was no danger. The fire started under the main electric switchboard panel and right close to a trash can, the management stating that it was difficult to say just how the fire caught. The plant was out of operation Monday while workers finished cleaning up the mess, and it will be Wednesday or possibly later in the week before normal operations can be resumed. It was pro-

## Hungry Children Foraging Around For Bite To Eat

As Europe continues a long struggle against hunger and threatened mass starvation, bands of children roam the streets, forlornly seeking food. Hunger provokes outbreaks of child brigandage in Italy and Hungary. "In Hungary 30,000 derelict or small children stand without any aid. Babies are dying for want of milk..."

## Outbreaks of Brigandage Are Reported In Several Stricken Countries

This story of the widespread peril to children was told to a Boston newspaper in an interview at New York last week by Dr. Georges Thelin of Switzerland, General Secretary of the Save the Children International Union. Dr. Thelin, who holds the Order of Merit from the Finnish Red Cross, recounted figures from early this year which add up to overwhelming tragedy. "In Budapest, Hungary, 60,000 babies have no milk," he said. "In Milan, Italy, 14,000 derelict children are left to forage in the streets. . . . 2,500,000 small Poles need food and clothing. . . . About 32 per cent of 25,700 children in Vienna are underfed, 30 per cent to a dangerous degree. . . . In Albania 70,000 children are undernourished."

## Opening Market Dates Mentioned

According to rumors heard here over the week-end, the Tobacco Association of the United States will be asked when it meets in Raleigh this week to consider opening the tobacco markets in this belt on or about August 15. It was also rumored that the Association will be asked to limit sales for the first two weeks from about one and one-half to two hours daily. It was pointed out that by opening the markets in this belt on or about the 15th it will head off the movement of tobacco from areas near the border to the markets there which open a few weeks ahead of this belt. There is no assurance that the request will be recognized.

## TENTATIVE

Martin County's general tax rate for the 1946-47 fiscal year has been tentatively fixed at \$1.05 per \$100 property valuation, it was announced following an all-day discussion of the budget figures last Thursday. The proposed rate is unchanged from the figure in effect for the current year, it was pointed out. Budget figures will be published within the next few days, and formal adoption of the rate will be delayed for at least three weeks.

## Meeting To Discuss Plans For Tobacco Referendum

Meeting in the county courthouse Thursday afternoon of this week at 2:00 o'clock, farm leaders and other interested persons will discuss plans for supporting the tobacco acreage control referendum to be held on Friday, July 12, in this and all other bright tobacco producing counties. Questions involved in the referendum will be placed before the meeting for detailed discussion, it was announced. "The referendum will decide whether acreage allotments for flue-cured tobacco are to be continued. Two propositions will be placed before the growers in the referendum, one provides for quotas for the year 1947 only, and the other plan provides for the maintenance of quotas for three years, 1947, 1948 and 1949. The growers may accept either plan or reject one or both of them. Under the law cre-

## ROUND-UP

There was very little activity on the crime front in this county last week-end, county and state officers reporting only three arrests during the period.

Two persons were arrested and placed in the county jail for public drunkenness and one was booked for an assault.

The ages of the three ranged from 32 to 54 years. Two of the three arrested and jailed were white men.

## To Open Freezer Locker Plant On Or About July 15

Plans are being made for opening the freezer locker plant in Williamston on or about July 15, Manager Claude J. Goodman announced this week.

First delayed by building material shortages, construction work is now nearing completion, and now the opening is being held up pending the delivery of certain parts of the refrigerating equipment, the manager explained. "It is not certain that all the equipment will reach here in time for the workmen to complete the installation, but we have been promised that everything possible will be done to make the opening possible on or about that date," Mr. Goodman said.

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Returning a few days ago from Lumberton where he received special training for six weeks in the operation and management of a freezer locker plant, Mr. Goodman expressed the opinion that the plant here would prove very advantageous for the farmers and meet the needs of the general public. Activities at the Lumberton plant are humming every day, Mr. Goodman explained. He added that possibly 1,000 additional lockers could be rented there in less than one week.

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## New Sugar Stamp For Canning July 1

Housewives will get more canning sugar July 1 when spare stamp 10 becomes valid for five pounds, Theodore S. Johnson, State OPA Director, said today. Johnson explained that this is the final stamp of the year for canning sugar, as no easing of the sugar situation is expected before 1947. Although it is expected that 750,000 tons of sugar will be available this year for home canning sugar, compared with 500,000 tons during 1945, Johnson urged housewives not to use spare stamp 10 unless the sugar is actually needed for home canning. A recent report was circulated that coffee stamp 49 had become valid for sugar purchases, but this is completely erroneous, Johnson said. Spare stamp 49 became good on May 1, and the next regular stamp for table sugar will not be valid until September 1, he said.

## Propose Drafting 19-Year-Olds And Leaving Youths

### Compromise Carries Higher Pay For Men In The Armed Forces

The wishy-washy draft law was bent and twisted again last week when conferees of the House and Senate agreed to draft 19-year-old and exempt 18-year-olds and then moved to pacify the militarists by offering higher pay to members of the armed forces. The agreement reached by the conferees provides for a 50 percent base in the pay of buck privates over war-time pay rates on up to a 10 percent increase for the highest officers. The increased cost, it is estimated, will run around \$62,000,000. The conferees agreed that Selective Service should end next March 31. There is the possibility that non-fathers between the ages of 19 and 40 years, inclusive, will be subjected to the draft with few exemptions to be allowed. It is proposed now to maintain an Army of 1,070,000 men, in addition to 558,000 men for the Navy and 108,000 for the Marine Corps. The conference report is yet to go before the House and Senate as groups, but if the common practice is maintained the two branches of the legislature will accept the report and enact the new draft law.

## Manager Returns From School Where He Received Training

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## Name Director For Music Department

Miss Mary Henri Wolfe, of Shelby, was recently elected to head the public school music department in the local schools, it was announced this week by the local committee's chairman, Robert L. Coburn. Miss Wolfe was graduated in voice and public school music by Greensboro College with the class of 1944. A native of Charlotte, Miss Wolfe comes to the schools here with "about the best recommendations ever presented by anyone," a member of the committee was quoted as saying.

## Relief Fund For Needy Boosted to Nearly \$1,500.00

### Episcopal Group Raises And Reports \$71.85 Over Week-end

The fund raised in this community under the direction of the local Lions Club, H. P. Mobley, chairman, for the starving in foreign lands was boosted to nearly \$1,500 last weekend when the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent raised and reported \$71.85 and other individuals contributed \$28.00. The fund has raised to date, \$1,465.97, leaving very little territory that has not been solicited. Contributions not previously reported are, as follows: Mrs. W. G. Staton, \$10; Mrs. W. I. Skinner, \$5; Mrs. Reg Simpson, \$4; Mrs. Victor Champion, \$5; Mrs. J. H. Saunders, \$1; Mrs. Daisy Purvis, \$1; Mrs. S. R. Biggs, \$2; John Pope, Jr., \$2; Miss Anna Crawford, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Malone, \$5; Ben E. Manning, \$1; Jack Mobley, \$1; Mrs. M. S. Moore, \$1; Mrs. J. D. Page, \$1; Miss Elizabeth Parker, \$1; W. K. Parker, \$5; Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., \$5; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Barnes, \$5; Mrs. P. H. Brown, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wynne, \$1; Mrs. T. S. Critecher, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy, \$5; Mrs. L. T. Fowden, \$1; Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Jr., \$5; Mrs. Frank Hitch, \$1; (Continued on page six)

## Assistant Agent Reports July 1st

Mr. D. W. Brady this week accepted the position of second assistant to the Martin County farm agent and plans to report for active duty the first of next month, B. Troy Ferguson, district agent, announced. Graduating in animal husbandry from State College, Raleigh, with the class of 1942, Mr. Brady entered the armed forces and served as a captain in the Army in both the European and Pacific theaters of war, returning just a short time ago from a six months stay on Okinawa. A native of Carthage, Moore County, Mr. Brady and Mrs. Brady and their three-year-old child are making their home in LaGrange. He was here yesterday looking for a home or an apartment, and will locate his family here just as soon as he can find living quarters. The new assistant agent, while handling all general assignments, will center his work on livestock, it was pointed out by Mr. Ferguson. L. W. Cone, first assistant agent, is centering his activities with the 4-H club members and their programs.

## National Debt Cut During This Year

A considerable cut in the national debt has been made during the present year, the United States Treasury announced. Reductions so far announced total \$1,292,000,000, of which \$3,854,000,000 is to be retired by June. The March-June reduction will drive the debt down to the vicinity of \$269,000,000,000 for a reduction of around 4 percent from the record high set February 28. The eleven-year reductions after the last war dropped the debt from \$25,462,000,000 on June 30, 1919, to \$16,185,000,000 on June 30, 1930, a reduction of more than 35 percent.

## Search Abandoned For Missing Men

The United States Navy has given up the search for 1,666 of its men missing in the Pacific. The Navy department said the search was abandoned only after planes and shore parties scrutinized every piece of land in the Pacific area. Searches still will go on in Indo-China and in Java and other Netherlands East Indies isles under the supervision of the government of those areas. On the missing roster are 1,478 men of the navy, 105 marines and 83 coast guardsmen.

## County Liquor Sales Higher Last Quarter

### Total Of \$2,737,550 Spent For Liquor Since July, 1935

Despite shortages Martin County people spent \$66,437.30 more for legal liquor in the first three months of this year than they did in the corresponding period of 1945, according to an official audit just recently released by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, V. J. Spivey, chairman. A total of \$182,421.70 was spent in the four stores at Williamston, Robertsonville, Oak City and Jamesville, boosting the amount of sales handled since the stores were opened in July, 1935, to nearly two and three quarter million dollars.

Sales in the first three months of this year were the second largest reported for any quarter since the stores were opened, trailing those of last October, November and December by \$35,249.95. At the same time they were \$157,146.74 greater than those reported in the corresponding months, ten years ago. When beer, wine and illicit liquor sales are added, the first quarter strong beverage sales, it is estimated, will approximate possibly one-third of a million dollars. A review of the audit shows that of the \$182,421.70 spent for liquor during the first quarter of this year, \$132,714.11 went to the distillers. Of the \$49,707.59 gross profits, \$5,412.06 went for operating expenses, leaving a net profit, plus discounts, of \$45,081.22, or 24 percent of the total. The profits made last quarter were divided as follows: Martin County, \$2,294.27; Town of Williamston, \$2,916.19; Town of Robertsonville, \$1,271.72; Town of Oak City, \$611.60; Town of Jamesville, \$523.97; Reserve for law enforcement, \$2,957.54; and State of North Carolina, \$15,505.84. The ABC Board now has assets in the amount of \$81,763.49, including \$48,455.05 in cash and \$33,328.44 in assets. Liabilities are listed: \$23,736.50 accounts payable, \$26,617.34 due county and towns, \$19,429.15 in law enforcement reserve, and \$12,000.00 surplus. The \$5,412.06 operating expenses were listed: direct store, \$2,299.14, and administrative and general, \$3,112.92. Net profit from the operation of the four stores for the corresponding quarters in 1945 and 1946 is reviewed, as follows:

## Woman's Club To Install Officers

Holding its last meeting until next fall, the local Woman's Club will install several new officers this evening at 8:00 o'clock, the president, Mrs. P. B. Cone, announced yesterday. Mrs. George Harrison, treasurer, Mrs. Josephine Holding and Miss Irene Tetterton, recording and corresponding secretaries, respectively, are the new officers. Mrs. Cone is to serve another year as head of the club along with Mrs. Asa Crawford as first vice president and Mrs. J. D. Page as second vice president. Other business will be handled at the meeting and the officers are anxious to have as many members as possible attend and participate in the program.

## Agents Report On Trip To A Federal Research Center

Extensive work is being handled at Experiment Station in Maryland. By L. W. Cone. Assistant Farm Agent. T. B. Brandon, County Agent, and L. W. Cone, Assistant County Agent, report the following information on the USDA Research Center at Beltsville, Md., where they visited two days last week. The purpose of the center is to find scientific solutions to problems arising from the Nation's farms. They strive to create new strains of plants and animals that will provide better produce for markets. For example, plants that give high yields, high quality and disease resistant properties. Listed below are some data relevant to the station:

1. Ten varieties of potatoes originated in the past ten years constituted 30 percent of certified seed planted in 1942.
2. Creation of hybrid corn adaptable to specific soil and climatic conditions.
3. First crossing of ordinary Tobacco with blue-mold resistant tobacco—this is still in process of development but is already a reality.
4. Development of Pilot and Rival Spring Wickets, resistant to both stem and leaf rust. Work done on livestock follows:
  1. Development of the proved sire system of breeding dairy cattle. This involves continuous use of such sires in succeeding generations to assure his good qualities throughout the herd.
  2. Determined that thrice a day milking gave 20 percent increase production over twice a day method.
  3. Proof that the chief reason for slump in milk production in summer was lack of feed rather than hot weather and annoyance from insects.
  4. Experiments have shown that feeding additional protein to suckling pigs will step up pork production. When given access to either skim milk, tankage, soybean meal, or peanut meal, the added protein gave greater yields and pigs reached market two weeks earlier. This supplement was begun when pigs were three weeks old.
  5. Home grown hay such as soybeans, lespedeza, alfalfa fed as ground meal helped balance the ration and lessened the amounts of other feeds needed. This type should constitute 10 percent of total ration.

This is a brief synopsis of work being carried on and is to show farming peoples that information is available to them on a very wide scale. The most efficient means of securing this information is by asking in person or by card to the County Agent's Office. Any pertinent information desired that is related to agriculture can be obtained in a few days. Why not use this means at our disposal.

## Open Bible School At Cedar Branch

The Cedar Branch Baptist Church opened its annual daily vacation Bible school Monday afternoon with seven teachers and about forty-five pupils present. Scheduled to run for one week only, the school is held each afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and all the children in that community are invited to attend and take part in the class work and exercises, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, announced yesterday.

## GAME DISCUSSION

Hunting regulations for the coming fall will be the subject of a public conference in the courthouse at Williamston Monday afternoon, July 1. The meeting convenes at 2:00 p. m. with Game Commissioner J. Wilbur Bunn of Raleigh, and J. R. Wollett of Littleton, officiating. Game Commissioner John D. Finlay of Raleigh said the public is invited to attend and discuss the regulations for next fall. The proposed reduction in deer season from 90 to 45 days is expected to be the major topic.

## Beauty Pageant Will Be Held 17th July By Jaycees

Wednesday, July 17th, has been chosen by the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce as the day for its first annual beauty pageant at which time a Miss Williamston will be selected and crowned, it was announced following the regular dinner session of the group Friday night at the Woman's club building. The club members also voted, during their business session, to send the Jaycees' national president a gift of twenty pounds of locally grown and packed peanuts, in cooperation with other North Carolina clubs that are endeavoring to raise a truck load of state grown or manufactured items to be presented at the National Convention in Milwaukee next month. President Ernest Mears presided over the meeting which was opened with the singing of America and the invocation by Wheeler Manning. A delicious fried chicken dinner, served by the ladies of the Macedonia Christian Church, was enjoyed. Guests were recognized and welcomed and committee appointments for this year were read by Secretary Marion Cobb. Every member of the organization was placed on at least one committee and told that he would be expected to do his share. The committee list includes: Youth and welfare: C. B. Clark, Jr., chairman, A. J. Manning, James Williams, and Carroll Crockett. House and meals: Milton James, chairman, Dan Peele and Dillon Cobb. Beauty Contest: Ernest Mears and Exum Ward, co-chairmen, Russell Roebuck, and C. B. Clark, Jr. Scouting: M. Cobb, chairman, Thad Harrison and Exum Ward, Jr. Aviation: Paul Simpson, chairman, Lawrence Lindsay, Howard Cone, Tom Crockett, and John Hollowell. Profit, Make and Project: Exum Ward, chairman, James Bullock, John Miller, Wallace Tarkenton, Billy Peele, and Hubert Cooke. Membership and Attendance: Paul Simpson, chairman, Reg Simpson and Dan Sharp. Community Service: Clarence Griffin, chairman, Oswald Stalls, and T. F. Davenport. Sports: Oswald Stalls, chairman, Jack Manning, Tom Crockett and Tom Skinner. Publicity: Wheeler Manning, chairman, and Tommie Owens. Agriculture: W. T. Ross, chairman, Clarence Griffin, Worth Mobley, and Carroll Coltraine. Program: Russell Roebuck, chairman, John H. Gurganus, Pete Fowden, and Carroll Jones. Safety, Fire Prevention: Thad Harrison, chairman, Tootsie Robertson, Jack Edmondson, and James Wynne. Civic Improvement: A. J. Manning, chairman, Bill Thrower and W. H. Everette. (Continued on page six)

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