

STATE FIRST IN PEANUT INDUSTRY

CROP VALUED AT \$10,706,000 LAST YEAR: PROSPECT OF BETTER CROPS THIS YEAR.

Raleigh.

North Carolina ranks first in the production of peanuts in the union with a value of \$10,706,000 for the harvest last year. This sum was realized from the 152,945,000 pounds that were produced from the 181,000 acres under cultivation.

The principal counties producing peanuts in the order of their acreage in this crop are: Bertie, Northampton, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Edgecombe, Chowan, Gates, Onslow, Washington, Perquimans and Pender.

The estimated value of this crop does not include the tons of peanut vines which are used for feeding, and the pastureage afforded for hogs in recovering nuts left in the fields.

The present peanut growth in the counties are reported good although some sections were injured by hail.

Georgia ranked next to North Carolina in the production of peanuts last year with an output of 148,000,000 against North Carolina's 152,945,000. Tennessee, Virginia and Texas also ranked high in this product.

Coal Freight Rate Cut Effective.

Reduction of freight on the "Northwest" coal, and other coal-mining districts recently agreed on by the carriers and the State Corporation Commission, will be effective on August 1st, it was announced by the commission.

The reduction covering the reduced rates on the hands of the producer, it was stated.

The reduction of twenty cents per ton from the Piedmont district and seven cents per ton from the Coal Creek and Clinchfield districts.

These reduced rates are being published by the carriers in the monthly coal agreements with the North Carolina Corporation Commission. The commission also is receiving formal complaints by the Corporation Commission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, based on alleged "unfair" practices of coal producers in North Carolina and excessive and discriminatory rates compared with the general and level of coal rates within the South.

Employees Get Same Pay This Month.

The Salary and Wage Commission, appointed by Governor McLean in 1923, has announced giving the non-ferrous workers of the wages of state employees authorized by the salary commission.

The commission, which authorized a 10 per cent increase in the rate of pay for non-ferrous workers in the State, has also announced that the report of the department of forestry will be made later.

These commissions which under the law will remain in effect for two years, and will have control of future changes in salaries also announced that the Board of Commissioners H. H. Sink has accepted the position of executive director of the body.

More Cases in Federal Court.

One hundred and two more cases were pending in the United States Court of the Eastern District of North Carolina on June 30, 1925, than there were pending on June 30, 1924, according to the report of the District Attorney, Irvin B. Tucker, for the fiscal year.

Figures in the report show that more cases are being brought in the Federal Courts and that more cases are being fought. Only 261 defendants entered pleas of guilty during the year ending June 30, 1925, as against 426 defendants who entered pleas of guilty in the year ending June 30, 1924, there were only 98 jury trials in the Federal Courts of the Eastern District of North Carolina, while in the year ending June 30, 1925, there were 253 jury trials. There were 176 convictions by jury during the last fiscal year as against 46 convictions during the preceding fiscal year.

Six hundred and seventy cases were announced in the past fiscal year as against 561 cases commenced in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

Federal Agents Get 139 Stills.

Salisbury (Special). Federal agents working out from the central office here captured 139 stills and stills during the month of June, destroyed 118,717 gallons of wine and mash, and poured out 1,694 gallons of liquor, according to the report issued by A. M. Coltrane, director.

Twenty-one automobiles were seized valued at \$6,175. The total value of property seized and destroyed is given as \$59,024. Eighty-eight arrests were made.

Marriages in State Increase.

Collection figures of the North Carolina Department of Revenue show that marriages in North Carolina consistently increased during the six months period ending May 31, 1925, but the returns were accompanied by dire lamentations from all the border counties, where it is predicted that a constantly increasing number of North Carolinians will hereafter do their marrying in adjoining states.

For the six months period there were 14,051 licenses issued, or a rate for a year of 26,102, while for the previous full year there were 24,035 licenses issued.

The medical certificate law passed in 1923 greatly increased the popularity of "going across the line to get married" among the inhabitants of border counties; and the action of the 1925 General Assembly in increasing the cost of getting married from \$3 to \$5 is expected to greatly accelerate the movement.

The low number of marriages in counties bordering Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina, is quite noticeable, this being due entirely to the fact that in North Carolina applicants for marriage must obtain a medical certificate, which is not required in neighboring states. This condition led to unsuccessful efforts by representatives of the border counties to have the medical certificate law repealed at the 1924 special session and at the 1925 regular session.

"I am sending you the marriage license fees, but I do not know whether I will ever have any more to send," wrote the Register of Deeds of Hoke County, which borders on the State of South Carolina, where licenses may be had for one dollar and without the risk and expense of consulting a physician.

33 Dentists Given Licenses.

Following is the list of successful applicants before the North Carolina board of dental examiners, at the recent examination held in Raleigh, forty-four applied for license, of which 33 were successful:

- H. R. Poorman, Sumnerfield; A. A. Mackey, Fallston; G. E. Pigford, Wilmington; F. V. Adams, Rutherfordton; W. J. Mann, Jr., Johnson City, Tenn.; E. E. Abernethy, Hickory; A. R. Black, Mount Holly; J. R. Allison, Wilmington; J. M. Gardner, Wilkesboro; M. E. Hartman, Mt. Airy; C. E. Woodard, Black Mountain; J. T. Westbrook, Wilmington; A. A. McMillen, Biscoe; D. L. Bryan, Durham; J. B. Richardson, Lenoirville; R. C. Flowers, Hickory; G. E. Kirkman, Randolph; A. R. Clark, Waynesville; H. C. Dixon, Shelby; W. M. Jenkins, Greensboro; J. B. J. Abernethy, Catawba; J. E. J. Pittman, Rocky Mount; G. H. A. Kersh, Lincolnton; H. R. Chamberlain, Wakefield; C. H. McManus, Chocoma; C. J. S. Meigs, Laurinburg; J. S. Howell, East Spencer; W. C. Logan, Winston-Salem; J. T. Gale, Princeton; J. A. Miller, Augusta, Ga.; H. A. Dickson, Shes Creek; J. H. Colwell, Kernersville; R. E. Williams, Ince.

Doughton Cuts His Force.

Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton has announced a cut in his staff from 17 to 15. Those who will make the cut are: R. E. Dutton, Raleigh; Edward James Robertsonville; J. H. Norman, Halifax; L. D. Stephenson, Raleigh; R. J. Lamb, Whiteville; James B. Mayes, Jr., Oxford; W. C. Hammond, Asheboro; H. L. Mathie, Rockingham; C. B. Bogart, Greensboro; E. J. Rossman, Barber; T. J. Scott, Winston-Salem; J. R. Robinson, North Wilkesboro; R. E. Weber, Morganton; C. R. Henrick, Burnsville; and M. L. Reed, Asheville.

To Give Series of Lectures.

The North Carolina state department of conservation and development is arranging a series of educational lectures and addresses on forestry, through its forestry service.

Institutions at which these lectures and addresses will be given include Collierville Normal school, Brunswick and Columbus county summer schools, North Carolina College for Women, Duke university seashore summer school, Asheville Normal, Wake Forest college, the University of North Carolina and North Carolina State.

Among the speakers will be J. S. Holmes, state forester, Carl J. Peterson and K. E. Humall, district foresters.

Forsyth Poulterer Leader.

Wake county is one of the most populous counties of North Carolina, according to the census bureau in Washington and Secretary Howard Brance of the Raleigh chamber of commerce sets the figures at 81,910.

Of course Forsyth runs off with the state. Its tobacco capital has a population near 75,000, so the boosters say. Forsyth counts 94,241, and Guilford 89,509. Mecklenburg is third with 88,435 and Wake is fourth. Buncombe is fifth with 72,279. Johnston ranks next with 53,391, and Durham has 46,153.

Will Open Museum in August.

The State Museum is now being rapidly put in shape by the staff and is expected to open August 15 after being closed for about three years since the old Agricultural building was torn down. The four rooms on the lower floor will be opened at this time, a large amount of renovation and repair work will be necessary before the rooms on the upper floor will be ready to open, and this is expected to take several months longer.

There are new materials to be installed.

How World Takes Its Vacations

Hit Age-Old Trail Followed for Centuries in All Climes.

Washington. When millions of Americans leave for three days, three weeks, or three months at the beach or the lakes, on the farm or in the mountains, they are hitting an age-old trail, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society, from its headquarters at Washington.

Lapps of Lapland and the Bakhtiari of West Persia take the vacation trail to a cool summer climate and it is called a migration because they have to go. The Athenian gentleman went to Olympia and called his recreation interval the Olympic games. In China and India popular thought satisfies the vacation impulse by religious pilgrimages. Japan and Germany are not yet entirely accustomed to pleasure for pleasure's sake so their sons and daughters go to health springs, bays, or spas, but it is a vacation nevertheless. The Occident alone is intellectually honest in rewarding the human desire for a change of scenes, a change of climate and relief from duty.

Ancient Olympic Games. Olympic games of ancient Greece were probably the first vacation excursion. Before their organization, 800 years before the birth of Christ, traveling was risky. The mountains might be a mine, but if a man loved the sea he stayed in his own little kingdom though beset and boiled and baked by the sun. In Greece, for one month following the first full moon after June 23 every four years, a general peace proclamation went out through the states of Greece permitting contestants and herds of excursionists to go safely to the beautiful vale of Olympia. The Assyrian kings patronized the vacation problem with an eye for an eye; they built the famous hanging gardens which supplied the charms of cool moist air under constant foliage.

Rome marked its conquests not with lead plates for medals, but bath-houses. Many of the sumptuous health springs of Europe, gathering places for multitudes to cure disease and to enjoy rest and sport, boast of Roman origin in the hands of the ambitious conquerors. The site of Bath in England attracted one of the largest Roman settlements by its famous springs. Badly in German means health spring and Jews will build before or after the times are almost as frequent as Main streets in America.

Japanese Climb Fuji. In reprisal for the torture of captives, the British troops sacked the summer palace, in 1860, burned its buildings to the ground and leveled the pagodas. Today the grass hurls broken fragments of grandeur and only some fine bridges and a bronze temple remain reminders of the palace that lost its soul. Near by the dowager empress later built herself a summer home with \$500,000 which should have paid for a navy to defend China from Japan. The only boat that China got was the marble barge on the sapphire lake which has a hideous wooden cabin where tourists may now buy lukewarm beer.

Quaint Fujiyama is the cherished Japanese idea of a vacation. Although the numerous hot springs of the nation attract thousands annually, Mount Fuji is their mecca. Every true Japanese expects to climb it once in his life time. It is sacred to both

There is Baden, Austria, the noted watering place of the Viennese-rich and poor. There is Baden, Switzerland, and the principality of Baden, Germany. The latter alone contains the health spring towns, Badenweiler, Antzost, Griesbach, Friersbach, culminating in Baden Baden, thus named in an effort to distinguish it from the other 'bads.' The word 'spa,' for health spring resort has its origin in the Belgium town Spa, once the most famous in Europe.

The Prince of Wales goes in for outdoor life on a Canadian ranch, and the king of Spain summers at San Sebastian, the Spanish counterpart to Biarritz, whereas Peter the Great of Russia and monarchs of Austria and Sweden soaked in and drank chemically scented water in Spa. King George of England goes to the Riviera for a vacation, but his ancestral namesakes went to the pump-house of Bath.

Effi the hills west of Peking are the ruins of one of the most beautiful summer resorts the world has seen, the summer palace of Manchou emperors. The Jade Fountain, a fine large spring, has been the site of summer palaces for Chinese sovereigns since the Tenth century. But the most beautiful was that built by the poet emperor in 1661. Jesuit priests described to him the beauties of Versailles palace and he wove some of the designs into his own plans. A Jesuit supervised the development of the palace enclosure. Here the emperor took his ease on a royal barge floating on a sapphire lake in the midst of which rose an artificial mountain girded with marble bastions.

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Coast Town Opens Novel Mountain Amphitheater. San Bernardino, Cal. A capacious and probably unique natural amphitheater, distinctive in its setting 7000 feet above sea level in the wooded heart of the San Bernardino mountains, was opened recently with a musical program novel in itself.

This huge outdoor theater can accommodate 50,000 persons. Instead of one stage there are many. They are composed of platforms of flat-topped rocks artistically placed by the hand of nature about the large amphitheater. On one, hundreds of feet above the audience, a violinist, standing in the shafts of colored lights blended with the moonbeams through the branches of great trees on the mountainside above him, rendered music from the masters. From another, across a ravine on a precipitous mountain side, a string quartette played softly while choruses sang from hidden caverns.

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Enjoy Winter Sport in Summer



These pretty girls are having a fine time tobogganing, although it is summer time. They are in Paradise valley, Rainier National park, Washington, where thousands spend delightful vacations.

INDIAN BONES, 1,500 YEARS OLD, FOUND IN NEW YORK

Important Discovery of Algonkian Remains Made by Head of Indian Museum.

Auburn, N. Y. What is believed to be one of the most important discoveries of Algonkian remains ever made in New York state was announced by Donald A. Cadzow of the Museum of the American Indian, Here foundation, New York city, who has been working in the Finger lakes region for the past two years.

On Frontenac island, the only island in Cayuga lake, Mr. Cadzow has discovered and quickly explored an Algonkian burial ground 116 feet long by 90 feet wide. The island lies off the village of Union Springs, Cayuga county.

From a scientific standpoint it may rival any discovery ever made in the search for Algonkian remains.

Shinto and Buddhist believers; to the former it is the beautiful goddess 'causing flowers to bloom brightly,' to the latter it is the folded bud of the sacred Lotus.

Expenses Paid by Lottery.

The desire to climb the perfect snow-white cone of Fuji has given rise to vacation lotteries throughout Japan. The lucky ticket gives its holder sufficient funds to ascend the supreme altar and salute the sun as it turns the sea of cotton, as the Japanese call the cloud roof, into a fleece of gold. All summer thousands of pilgrims, staves in hand, gowned in heavy clothing for the low temperatures, and wearing straw hats shaped like the cone of Fuji itself, toil up the trail marked yellow against the black volcanic sand by descended sandals.

Whether by accident or plan, the most holy time to journey to Mecca coincides with the most delightful season in the desert. Spring in the Arabian desert comes after the winter rains in January and February. Then the waste of sand and rock is cool green for a brief time. Dusty shrubs bearing all appearances of having been years dead, suddenly burst into new green. Brilliant desert flowers blossom into tinted meadows. The wells are full with water that must last another long, dry year. Camels once more acquire fat humps. This is the time when thousands of pilgrims take the long road to Mecca to satisfy religious duty, and though they may not admit it, to satisfy the wanderlust and the human desire to see new beauty.

Salt Water Bathing Lures All.

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Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By Mary Graham Bonner

NATURELAND NEWS

Billie Brownie had just finished getting out a copy of Natureland News, printed on Fairyland Birch Bark.

His brother, Bennie, had helped him get out the copy on time, for that evening there was going to be a supper party at Old Witty Witel's Cave, and before the supper Billie had promised to get out the Natureland News so he could read it aloud to everyone.

He finished just on time and he and Bennie traveled in haste to the party.

The guests were all there. The Fairy Queen, Fairy Princess Yvab, Fairy Princess Twilight-Bell, Fairy Wondrous Joy, Fairy Wondrous Secrets, Fairy Merriment, Fairy Playtime, the Pond Fairy, Edle Elf and other members of the Elf family, Peter Gnome and the other Gnomes, the rest of the Brownies, all the members of the Bogy and Oaf families, and Old Mr. Ghant and all the rest of the Fairies.

Billie began to read at once and these are the first of news he read.

"Miss Lucy has got her head of the Forgetting Habit. There are a number of copies of the Forgetting Habit around and she has one. It is so called because she forgets to do her part of the game. Miss Lucy understands how to do this. Miss Lucy at present can't remember her lessons even after she has read them over."

"Mr. Long Tail Monkey from Africa has been invited to bring his wife. He came over from Africa on his way to the zoo he stopped off with his owner at a hotel. He refused to eat the food brought to his room, but one evening when his owner was having his dinner in the room, the monkey sat string beans on the plate.

"He hopped and jumped over and ate them all, and as they discovered that he liked them."

"As he is a rare monkey they want to give him what he will thrive on, and he certainly does love string beans."

"So they call him String Bean Joe, as Joe was the name he arrived with before the others were added."

"Joe is black and white and his tail is very long. There is not another monkey like him in the zoo."

"General Sparrow opened a new battle yesterday. The Sparrows all about the world."

"The Hay Birds are at their best and are willing to entertain as a hay ride any time now."

"Worms are scarce in the barnyard. The roosters and hens are not at all pleased. If things don't get better, and by things we mean worms, we will have to give our sparrow some more."

"We cannot remain where we are poor as yet."

"They want to spend the night with little Mahalia last week. Let me know if you go to sleep first, they said."

"Mahalia said, 'Yes, I'll tell you.' They kept on asking each other: 'Are you as good yet?' Finally they both forgot to ask."

"In the morning neither knew who had gone to sleep first. Neither one had any more of the fact when it had happened."

"Molly has a particularly favorite teacher. She is very strict, Molly says, but very just. She is fair to everyone, and Molly doesn't mind her strictness as she is so just."

"Dorothy, the yellow and black kitten, plays with two discarded dolls which have been given to him to do with as he likes. He chases them about after he has tossed them about of him. He scratches the furniture and wakes up the members of the family by pulling the blinds in their rooms in the morning and letting in the light."

"And this is all of the News for now."

"A very interesting number," they all said, and spoke about different items of news.

Then Witty Witel had one of her famous suppers and later they all danced under a wonderful mid-summer moon.

Believing in Signs

Teacher (to tardy student)—Why are you late?

Bobby—Well, a sign down here—

Teacher—Well, what has a sign got to do with it?

Bobby—The sign said—"School ahead—Go Slow."

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