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## Sorghum Is Suggested As Sugar Substitute

Sugar is becoming scarce. Grocery stores have already started rationing supplies of "sweetening" to their customers. It appears that the sugar shortage will become steadily worse.

E. C. Blair, extension agronomist of N. C. State College, suggests that farm people "grow a crop of sorghum in 1942"—in the form of sorghum for molasses. Sorghum grows well in every part of North Carolina and any farmer who can grow corn can grow sorghum.

"Sorghum is a many-purpose crop," says Blair. "The syrup is a wholesome article of diet in itself, and may be used in many ways as a substitute for sugar. In cooking, in baking, or in the making of jelly, it adds flavor that is more pleasing to many persons than that of refined sugar."

"The seed is an excellent feed for livestock and poultry, or by grinding into flour, for human consumption. It has a food value equal to 90 per cent of corn. The stripped leaves, when properly cured, are good fodder, and the crushed stalks may be used for silage, for dry feed, for fuel, for fertilizer or even for making paper. The skimmings from the juice in the manufacture of syrup may be made into good vinegar."

"Consult your local seed dealers, or neighboring farmers who have a surplus of sorghum seed, and you can't go far wrong on the correct varieties to plant," Blair declared.

Sorghum should be planted at about the same time as corn—after the ground is thoroughly warm. In sections where the growing season is long and fall weather is likely to be dry, late planting is better because the juice will be richer when the weather is cool and dry during the ripening period.

The same fertilizer that will make a good crop of corn will also make a good crop of sorghum. Two quarts of seed, if evenly distributed, will plant and acre of sorghum. The best method of planting is in rows, about three and one-half feet apart, with one plant every four to six inches, or in hills from 12 to 15 inches apart, with three or four stalks in a hill.

The preparation of land and cultivation of the crop, is substantially the same as for corn. Sorghum will do well on any fairly rich soil which is well drained, but sandy loams or clay loams usually give the best results. Soils that are inclined to bake should be avoided.

**When To Harvest**  
For syrup purpose, sorghum should be harvested when the seed is in the late dough stage, just before it hardens.

## Spring Aviation At Presbyterian Junior College

Maxton, N. C., Jan. 22, 1942.—Presbyterian Junior College is continuing its Civilian Pilot Training Program, under the new regulations recently received from the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Washington, D. C. The age minimum requirement has been reduced, so that young men from the ages of 18 to 26 may enroll in the Primary Aviation course, provided they have had one year of college work. The entire cost of the training will be paid by the Government, including the Physical Examination and the Insurance, with the exception of a small laboratory fee. New quotas in both the Primary and the Secondary have been assigned to Presbyterian Junior College for the Spring Aviation Program. Instruction is scheduled to begin very shortly in both Ground School and Flying. Young men who are interested may write or inquire at the office of the President, Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C.

## Tire Rationing Board Meets Monday

Tire Rationing Board met Monday afternoon and the following applications were approved:  
C. J. Seaford, Timberland, 1 obsolete tire for wagon used on farm.  
T. C. Scarboro, Raeford, scrap iron dealer, 1 tire and 1 tube for truck.  
J. M. Pendergrass, Timberland, 1 tire, 1 tube for combine.  
Mitchell Epstein, Raeford, hauling produce, 4 tires, 4 tubes for truck.  
J. M. Pendergrass, Timberland, tractor, 2 tires.  
Neill Ray, Timberland, 2 obsolete tires and 2 obsolete tubes.

## Cotton Ginning Report

Census report shows that 11,204 bales of cotton were ginned in Hoke county from the crop of 1940 prior to January 16, as compared with 15,193 bales for the crop of 1939.



## The Red Cross Makes It Contribution

The 30 hours First Aid Course, being taught at the Hoke county high school in the afternoon by doctors from the State Sanatorium, now has an enrollment of 40, including 2 men.

The Red Cross has also arranged a 20 hours, night course, for those who work during the day. This course will be taught by Mrs. C. H. Giles from 7 to 9 p. m. Those desiring this course will register at the welfare office. Classes will begin as soon as the text books arrive.

The colored schools of Bowmore, Upchurch high school, and Rockfish have turned in an additional amount of \$64.07 on war relief fund. This leaves the county short only \$23.60 on its \$2,000.00 goal. Hoke county will be among the first counties of the state to meet its goal.

Individuals making further contribution to the fund last week were J. A. McGoogah, W. L. Thornburg, Miss Martha Looper, and E. C. Crawford.

The Garden and Educational departments of the Woman's Club of Raeford have voted to discontinue refreshments at their club meetings, save for a cup of tea and one wafer, and turn the \$3.00 or \$4.00, formerly going to refreshments each month, over to the Red Cross.

## The Red Cross Comes "Home" To Local People

That the Red Cross is for US as well as somebody else was clearly illustrated this past week.

Evacuation orders were issued to the women and children in Trinidad at 2 p. m. January 15 to be ready to sail at twelve that night. In that tropical climate many had only summer clothes and at the best light weight spring clothes, but when the ship docked in New York on the bitter cold morning of January 21 Red Cross nurses came on board with warm sweaters for everybody and big woolly blankets to wrap the babies and tots in. These nurses took complete charge of the babies and children while the mothers looked after their baggage and made arrangements for transportation to their homes, which in many cases took several hours. Mrs. Paul Dickson, Jr., was one of these mothers and she is enthusiastic over the help she received. Sooner or later many more of our boys will be ministered to by this "Wonderful Mother," The Red Cross.

## "Still Holding"

Washington, Jan. 27.—Midway Island is "still holding — and that's that."

Such was the cheering news that came from a Navy spokesman tonight simultaneously with disclosure that the Marine defenders, seriously damaged a Japanese cruiser and a destroyer during the initial enemy attack on the mid-Pacific outpost December 7.

The spokesman's crisp statement broke a month-long silence as to the fate of Midway—one of the stepping-stone islands across the Pacific.

Not since December 30 had there been any word about Midway. On that occasion a Navy communique reported "the situation remains unchanged."

The Navy's detailed report of the initial Japanese attack—futile foray by the light of the moon—told a stirring story of bravery, one which matched the flaming courage of the Wake Island defenders who finally were forced to yield their tiny outpost after a 14-day siege.

For longer wear of curtains, buy material that has no up or down to it. Make the same width hem in each end, then after each laundering turn them end for end. In this way you will get almost twice as much wear out of curtains.

## Change Made In Air-Raid Warning Signals

A change in the air raid warning signals in Raeford to conform to the signals recommended by the Third Interceptor Command, has been announced by M. C. Dew, local air raid warden.

At its first blackout held on January 8th, which was practically 100 per cent effective, the warning signal was announced as two one-minute blasts of the fire siren. This has been changed to a series of short blasts of the siren. So, when a series of repeated short blasts is heard from now on, it will be either a signal for a blackout or practice alert, or it will be for an actual alarm ordered by the Interceptor Command, it was pointed out. Too, the all-clear signal has been changed to one long blast of the siren.

It was also pointed out that the Raeford vicinity is very close to Ft. Bragg which would be the logical objective of enemy air activity in this section, and that our being prepared for air raids and fighting incendiary bombs and fires is essential. Careful reading of what to do in case of air raid is urgently recommended. Plenty of information is available and has been distributed to each house in town. Pamphlets may be obtained at the local Civilian Defense office.

No plans for another practice blackout have been made at this time, but it is expected, of course, that Raeford will fall in with the district and have blackouts and practice alerts as often as called for by the Interceptor Command, and some may be called for without notice, it is believed.

The local defense committee was high in its praise of the cooperation of Raeford and Sanatorium communities during the first blackout. The cotton mill and the oil mill, the only industrial plants in operation at the time, had perfect blackouts. The siren blew a fuse in the first warning signal, but this condition was corrected before the all clear, and steps have been taken to prevent a fuse being blown in warnings from now on.

The News-Journal was running at full speed the night of the blackout but all switches were pulled for the duration of blackout.—Editor.

## Hoke High School Band Leader Leaves For Navy

W. O. Melvin, retired Navy band director, has left for the Naval base at Great Lakes, Michigan, where he will take up his old job as band director. For the past two years, Mr. Melvin has served as band director of the Hoke county high school band at Raeford. This vac-



W. O. MELVIN.

ancy is being temporarily filled by Mrs. Bruce January, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the wife of Lt. January who is stationed at Bragg, having residence in Raeford.

This is the second teacher of the Hoke high school who have resigned their positions in order to serve with the Navy. Walter Rogers, the high school coach, left at Christmas time to join Gene Tunney's physical education staff. So far this position has not been filled.

Use molasses frequently in the family menus, especially if there are children. It is a rich and inexpensive source of iron and will improve the diet of most families.

For over fifty years every First classman at the Naval Academy has been presented with a Bible.

## Sheriff Hodgkin Definitely Up For Re-Election

Sheriff Dave H. Hodgkin in a statement to the News-Journal this week states that he is "definitely a candidate to succeed himself for the office of Sheriff of Hoke county."

"I intend to make a formal announcement later," stated Sheriff Hodgkin, "but I would like the people of the county to know that I am a candidate for the office. According to the announcement published in your paper last week, perhaps he didn't know whether I would be in the race but he had a pretty good idea that I would. I am making this statement so there will be no doubt of it. I will be a candidate in the primary to be held on the last Saturday in May."

## Patrol Cars Now Wearing Black

The cars of the highway patrol are fast losing their bright silver paint-jobs. As the results of a survey conducted by the patrol during the past six months, it has been found that patrolmen make better arrest records and highway safety is increased when the cars are not so conspicuous.

All cars of the patrol are now being re-painted—black. They are being shorn of the P—public license plates, too. They will have licenses with the same style plates as those used on private cars, so they cannot be easily identified by motorists.

Governor J. M. Broughton has taken notice of the mounting highway death rate in this state and also officially called it to the attention of the patrol. Now if you want to exceed the proper driving speeds and otherwise conduct yourself recklessly on the highways, you won't be able to spot the silver-jobs, of the highway police. You'll just be taking a shot in the dark, and that is liable to be your own undoing. So, it's best to drive carefully and save a life.

## Tobacco Weights Nearly Perfect

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott was informed today that "shrinkage in tobacco weighed on warehousemen's scales last season was less than two-tenths of one per cent, revealing a record as near perfect as could be expected."

A report of C. D. Baucum, chief of the weights and measures division of the State Department of Agriculture, showed that during the 1941 season:

A total of 1,112 visits were made to tobacco warehouses for the purpose of checking weighing processes; 5,045 baskets of leaf representing 563,882 pounds were reweighed, within an average of five hours after the original weighing, with only 1,120 pounds net loss being shown.

"The average loss or error per 1,000 pounds of leaf weighed was two pounds, or two-tenths of one per cent," Baucum said, praising the "cooperation of warehousemen, weighmasters and buyers who have largely been responsible for the remarkable record established during the season."

Scales of tobacco warehousemen operating on all belts were checked prior to the opening of the markets.

## Ireland Protests

Dublin, Jan. 27.—Eamon De Valera, the Brooklyn-born Prime Minister of neutral Eire, protested vigorously tonight the landing of United States troops across the border in Northern Ireland and renewed emphasis thus was placed on the rift between Eire and the six countries of the north.

De Valera based his protest on the fact that the Irish government was "not consulted either by the British government or the American government" on the arrival of the troops, and added:

"It is our duty to make it clearly understood that, no matter what troops occupy the six counties, the Irish peoples' claim for the union of national territory and for supreme jurisdiction over it will remain unshaken."

Simultaneously, Minister of Supplies Sean Lemass, in a speech here tonight, declared that Eire's independence and neutrality faced increasing danger and might have their supreme test in the coming year. He made no further elaboration on that statement.

## Boy Scouts Playing Important Role In World Conflict

History repeats itself! The Boy Scouts of America is living again the stirring days of 1917 and 1918. The present conflict recalls the service rendered the nation when Scouting was only seven years old.

Now, on its thirty-second anniversary, the Boy Scouts of America again serves America at war. These services range from poster distribution to blackout first aid.

Early in 1941, before the United States became involved in actual war, the Boy Scouts of America was asked to take the responsibility for the distribution of posters advertising the sale of United States Defense Bonds and Stamps. Boy Scouts put up 1,700,000.

Almost immediately the Office of Civilian Defense requested the aid of the Boy Scouts of America in helping to collect scrap aluminum for airplane construction. Boy Scouts all over the United States collected 10 million pounds of aluminum—eighty per cent of all collected.

Then came the appeal to collect waste paper. Thousands of tons of waste paper have been gathered already by them and their quest for it continues.

As in the last World War the Boy Scouts are doing those things of which they are capable to help the home front in its fight for the democratic way of life. Scouting prepares boys for many "good turns" and America has learned through war and peace a Boy Scout is dependable.

## President's Ball At Raeford Armory Friday Night

The big event throughout the nation Friday evening, January 30, will be the celebration of President Roosevelt's 60th birthday. Hoke county committee has arranged a splendid party at the armory hall in Raeford. The committee has arranged for a convoy of soldiers from Fort Bragg. M. P.s from the Fort and local chaperons will be on hand to make the occasion worthy of the cause it sponsors.

The time is from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., Friday, January 30. Admission 50c. One-half of the receipts kept in Hoke county for the benefit of crippled children, the other half will go to the National Treasury for the treatment of infantile paralysis victims throughout the nation.

Each organization in Hoke county is being asked for a small contribution for this cause. The Missionary Circles of the Methodist and Baptist churches in Raeford have already paid their allotment. So has the Garden Club. Others are expected to contribute their quota.

In February a report of all money raised will, along with the names of all who give as much as a dollar, will be printed in the News-Journal.

Tickets are on sale at Hoke Drug company, Raeford Hotel, and Elk Restaurant.

Arrangement on the side for bridge and rook for those who care to play.

## Boys In Ireland Launch Routine

With the A. E. F. in Northern Ireland, Jan. 27.—Light work was ordered today for some of the United States combat troops now established in their camps in Northern Ireland.

But for most of them their second day on British soil was devoted to writing letters or cables to the folks back home.

For the youthful infantry men had crossed the Atlantic without undressing, carrying their lifebelts wherever they went, the landing on British soil seemed a peaceful interlude. But that was because most of them did not know that enemy planes just then were scouting over the province.

## Methodist Notes

Church attendance was good last Sunday. The weather fine. Come again Sunday. Sermon Sunday 11:00 a. m., "Propaganda Needed In Evangelism." Night service 7:00 p. m.

Subject: "Seeking the Lost." Preaching also at Parker's church at 9:00 p. m.

Study course on the "Methodist Meeting House," at Raeford church, Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p. m. E. C. CRAWFORD

## Tire-Thief Gets Sentences To County Roads

James Chambers, colored, was given sentences of one year each in three cases in which he was charged with the theft of automobile tires. The negro was convicted of the theft of one tire from the cars of each of the following: Ollie Brown, Ed Fuller, and James Johnson. He also admitted the theft of a radio from the car of Ed Fuller for which he got a 30 day sentence, when the cases were heard in county court by Judge W. B. McQueen.

John Graham was sentenced to 4 months on the roads for the theft of the iron grates from a boiler of F. F. McPhaul. Graham sold the iron for junk.

Henry Morgan, Jimmy Artis and Duck McGougan each drew 30 day sentences, suspended upon payment of costs, for violation of the prohibition laws. Grady English, convicted of careless driving paid costs and \$85 damages for the injury of car of D. W. Starling.

Chalmers Stubbs was deprived of his drivers license and fined \$50 and costs for operating a car while drunk. Graham McAllister drew similar punishment for a similar offense. Daniel Townsend was charged with the court costs for allowing his car to be operated for hire without a taxi license, and Carl McNair paid costs for operating Townsend's car without a for hire license.

Marie Johnson paid costs of \$11.85 for the theft of \$1.19 from Lena Belle Willis. Roscoe McNeill paid costs for speeding; Willie Smith, costs for drunkenness; R. G. Blaylock paid costs and refunded \$16.49 obtained from L. W. Stanton on a worthless check.

## Rooney Greeted By Wild Crowds In Fayetteville

Fort Bragg, Jan. 27.—Plans and schedules for the reception and entertainment of Mickey Rooney got trampled under the feet of a crowd that the more conservative in Fayetteville estimated at not more than 15,000—a crowd which overturned baggage-wagons at the railroad station and toppled assorted pieces of furniture at the Princes Charles Hotel in a fervor of welcome that landed Mickey here on the post considerably disheveled and out of breath to greet Col. John B. Kennedy, the post's commander.

And here his custodians and hosts saw the last of their well-tailored plans tossed out the window when Colonel Kennedy, a willing victim of the boy's personality, said heartily "Come along, I'll be glad to show you my post myself."

That hadn't been planned at all, but the Colonel and the Prodigious Mite disappeared leaving sundry ranking military gentlemen and Les Peterson gasping—and maybe a little relieved. (Mr. Peterson is Mr. Rooney's business manager.)

**Military Secret**  
Where the Colonel and the Prodigious Mite went was forthwith declared a military secret, and such members of the press as were gathered there were told very firmly by Mr. Peterson and Major R. H. Betts, post public relations officer, that that would be all and that thereafter the movements of Mr. Rooney would not be disclosed and that Mr. Rooney would not be photographed. Detachments of the civilian throng that had followed the convoy from Fayetteville were politely eliminated, too.

Rather dazedly, Major Betts said that he didn't know what would happen anyhow, and then he said how fortunate it was that Ava Gardner Rooney had not accompanied her husband here this morning.

## Victory Book Campaign

The people of Hoke county are asked to cooperate in collecting books for the soldiers, sailors and marines. Look over your books and give the best to the boys in service — the books that have meant much to you, will mean much to them.

The campaign will last one month and you may carry the books to your local school principal or to the Hoke county public library, located in the county building. Do not give text books unless they are of exceptional value to these boys, but fiction, mystery and general reading.

Guy R. Lyle, Greensboro, is state chairman, Mrs. H. A. Cameron, Red Cross chairman, Cecil Dew, U. S. O. chairman, Mrs. G. B. Rowland, library board chairman, compose the local committee.