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Plan Next Move



President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and the Earl of Athlone, governor general of Canada, at the Quebec conferences. The presence of T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, Navy Secretary Frank Knox, and several Pacific military leaders coupled with the announcement of the Kiska occupation may indicate greater blows against Japan in the near future.

2 Gatesville Men Have Reunion In Hawaiian Islands

being disappointed on other occasions when they had to meet in Hawaii, Vance Flemmings, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Flemmings of Gatesville, and Morris Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith of Gatesville, held a reunion on the Pacific island August 16.

Flemmings wrote his parents a letter dated August 17 telling them that he had seen Morris Smith on the day before. Flemmings has been in the islands for three years; but Smith was sent there three months ago.

Flemmings wrote "I saw Morris Smith yesterday. If I hadn't been expecting him, I wouldn't have recognized him. If this war doesn't get over, I won't know anyone back home."

Convict Labor Not Available For Farm Work

Because enough convict labor is not available to work the public highways in North Carolina, Harry Caldwell, director of the Farm Labor Commission, has informed farmers of this section that convict labor will not be available for harvesting crops.

A recent measure enacted by the State Legislature made it possible for farmers to secure the services of convicts in their vicinity to help in the harvesting of crops.

Decline in the prison population and in the number of men employed by the State Highway commission makes it impossible for the highway department to keep the roads in shape and farm out convicts to help in the fall harvest, Mr. Caldwell said.

Peanut Growers Told "Next Year" Time To Request Their Price Increase

"Program is Acceptable to 90 Percent," W. T. Parker

Editor's Note: Here is the view taken by The Grower's Peanut Cooperative—opposite to that taken by producers in the current question over an increase in the price of peanuts.

Williamston.—

Explaining in simple terms the details of the 1943 peanut program at the annual membership meeting of the Growers Peanut Cooperative held in Williamston, August 26, W. T. Parker, formerly manager of the GPC, now chief of the peanut section, oilseeds division of the Commodity Credit Corporation, declared that the routine of grower to consumer will be no different this year from any other year, except that the program leaves no place for the speculator.

He assured his listeners that the CCC had "bent over backwards in trying to be fair to everyone concerned" and said that "everyone in the peanut industry with the exception of speculators is taken care of."

Commodity will buy all peanuts produced at an average price of \$140.00 per ton and sell

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Jail Work Almost Over

The new Gates county jail is rapidly being completed with plumbing and heating work the largest obstacle to overcome now, it was reported this week.

Three cells in the jail have been completed, beds installed, bed clothes placed and running water connected.

The two other cells need water and sewage connections and interior finishing completed before they will be ready for occupancy.

Allen at Work



Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, divisional commander in the American Seventh army, confers with a regimental commander just before an attack in Sicily.

Negro is Jailed, Vagrancy Count

Edward Walton, Jr., Negro, is being held in the Gates county jail on a charge of vagrancy.

Walton is the first prisoner to be confined to the Gates jail for any length of time. Several weeks ago a man was placed in it for about a hour before being transferred to the Hertford county jail.

The charge of vagrancy is the third brought in Gates county. It is being brought by Sheriff L. R. Trotman following an investigation.

Despite charges made by peanut growers of North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia that the "government is breaking faith with the farmers with its present system," growers were given little hope by the Commodity Credit Corporation for an increase in the price of peanuts in a hearing held in Washington Monday.

The delegation urged an increase from 7 cents per pound to 8.8 cents, the price which prevailed last year after the Office of Price Administration rolled back prices from 10 cents.

"Next Year"

J. B. Hutson, president of the CCC, told the group he would consider the request, but thought action would be "more appropriate next year, since harvesting is already under way."

Hutson defended the present price schedule, contending the 7-cent figure was not a ceiling, but just a minimum, and denied CCC had broken faith.

The request presented to Hutson by the delegation was drawn up by a committee which included the following: R. Flake Shaw, secretary of the North Carolina farm bureau of Greensboro; J. N. Vann of Aholkie; Sam Clark of Tarboro; Bart Fearing of Edenton and Eric Rodgers of Scotland Neck.

Representative Harris (D-Va) said "The farmers planted more peanuts in order to produce vitally-needed oil, as asked by the government, and then they were told of lower prices, despite an admitted increase in cost of production."

Hutson answered that the growers had been adequately notified and had agreed to the present price schedules early in the year.

Lynnwood Wingate, Pelham, Ga., asserted growers were not notified "until after the peanuts were in the ground" and that

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First Vagrancy Charge Brought In County Court

In the first two charges of vagrancy to be brought in Gates county since the issuance of Governor Broughton's work-or-fight order, Mack L. Mullen, Negro of Corapeake, was found not guilty and George Cooper, also a Corapeake Negro, was declared guilty.

Mullen was found not guilty when the defense presented a certificate from a doctor stating that Mullen was physically disabled to work. Cooper was assigned to work the public roads of North Carolina from six months.

Other cases were: Claude Savage, Negro of Gatesville, guilty of speeding, taxed with costs; A. D. Pearce of Gates, guilty of drunken driving, \$50 fine and costs, driving license revoked for one year;

L. C. Champion On Furlough

Gates.—Pvt. Leland C. Champion of Camp McCain, Miss., arrived Tuesday, August 24, for a 13-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Nellie Whitehurst Champion, and relatives. They are spending a few days in Henderson with his mother and will visit Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whitehurst the later part of next week.

Gates County Salvage Group Makes Appeal for Tin Cans

By JOHN ARTZ

The people of Gates County have not been urged as yet, through the press to save tin cans for the war effort. However, beginning now the salvage committee, consisting of the home and farm agents, are requesting every family to save and prepare their tin cans as explained elsewhere in this article. The committee kindly requests that the prepared cans be brought to the local stores in boxes preferably in lots of from 20-25 pounds.

Tin Needed in War

Tin is a precious metal in our country today. With about 90 per cent of our former source of supply cut off by the war in the Pacific, it has become necessary to salvage tin coating from tin cans used in every home in the country.

Before the war, Americans used about seventeen billion tin containers every year. Most of

these were a nuisance, and found their way into the rubbish heap. The man of the household gathered up the old cans and disposed of them.

Now that tin cans are going to war, it opens one more avenue for women to do their part in keeping our armed forces supplied with food and medicines, not to mention gas masks and vital parts for ships, planes, and tanks.

The way to start tin cans on their way to war is to rinse them carefully, remove or fold in tops and bottoms, take off paper labels, and step on the cans firmly.

The prepared tin cans you turn into the war effort are shipped to big detinning plants where tens of them at one time go into the solution which removes the tin. The tin can is in reality a steel cylinder coated with a thin layer of tin—about 1 per cent

tin by weight and 99 per cent steel.

Tin on the average tin can is about the thickness of one third of a human hair, but it has so much resistance to acid and corrosion that this thin layer seals the food away from the steel and prevents rust, ptomaine poisoning, or contamination.

The importance of collecting all the tin cans might be further impressed upon us if we stop to realize that every ton of tin cans produces about 20 pounds of pure tin, as against 1,980 pounds of steel scrap.

Uses of Tin

The real value of tin is in the fact that there is no satisfactory substitute for tin in its many war uses.

Tin is used in the production of airplane motors, guns, hand grenades, torpedoes, in war-

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Hobbsville School Principal Arrives; One Vacancy Left

Arrival of J. Clyde of Cameron to take over the principalship of Hobbsville schools and the employment of Mrs. Christine Parker Eure of Roduco as sixth and seventh grade teacher in Gatesville reduces the number of vacancies in the Gates county schools to one, W. Henry Overman, school superintendent, announced Monday. Mr. Kelly was scheduled to arrive in Hobbsville Monday.

Mr. Kelly, who will relieve the Rev. T. J. Whitehead as principal, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has taught school and served as a principal in North Carolina for 20 years. He has done graduate work at Columbia University in New York City.

Mr. Whitehead will continue teaching in the Hobbsville school until a suitable replacement can be located, Mr. Overman said.

The only vacancy remaining in the Gates county schools is at Hobbsville where the home economic teacher has resigned, but is staying on the job until a replacement can be found.