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Peanut Growers May Sign Contract Jan. 7th

L. W. Anderson Explains Status of Those Who May Sign

According to County Agent L. W. Anderson, farmers who wish to sign Peanut Acreage Reduction Contracts for 1935 may do so during the week of January 7th to 12th, inclusive. It is important that all farmers who expect to grow peanuts in 1935 sign a contract covering same.

Farmers who did not grow peanuts in 1933 or 1934 cannot sign a contract and it is not advisable for them to plant peanuts in 1935.

Land owners may sign contracts, but they must have all of their 1935 peanut acreage covered by contract. Share tenants may sign contracts by having their landlord (land owner) sign a statement of consent, or by attaching to the contract a copy of a recorded lease on the farm for the year 1935. It will be better to have the contract made in the name of the land owner, but all share tenants and share croppers producing peanuts in 1935 under contract, will share in the benefit payment.

Farmers who grew peanuts in 1935, may sign contracts, but will not receive benefit payments. It is not necessary for share tenants or share croppers to sign the contracts, with the land owner.

Contract signers will not be permitted to give any assistance in working, harvesting, picking or storing the peanuts grown by a farmer whose crop is not covered by a contract. A contract signer cannot pick peanuts for a non-signer, nor can he provide help or machinery to be used in connection with a non-signer's peanut crop.

Those growers who produced peanuts in 1934 and who sign contracts for 1935 will receive \$8.00 per ton on all of the peanuts produced on their land in 1934 or will receive \$2.00 per acre on the number of acres allowed to plant in 1935, whichever is greater. There will be no "rented acres" under the peanut contract, but each contract signer agrees not to increase the acreage in cash crops above the acreage in 1932 or 1933, except as permitted under other contracts or special rulings by the Secretary of Agriculture.

If you expect to grow peanuts in 1935 be sure to sign a contract or have your land owner sign one covering your crop. The contract applies to the land on which peanuts have been grown in 1933 and 1934, but does not apply to the man who grew the peanuts.

Farmers in Hertford and Bethel Townships may sign contracts at the county agent's office in the Court House. A committee will be stationed in Winfall to make contracts for farmers in New Hope and Parkville Townships. Another committee will be stationed at Belvidere to make contracts for growers in Belvidere Township. Be sure to sign your contract or have your landlord do so next week.

Measure your 1934 peanut acreage before you make your contract, as the committee will ask for your 1933 and 1934 acreage and your 1934 yield when you make your contract. Make a record of the number of bags raised and the total weight of the crop. The peanuts you save for seed are a part of your crop and may be included with the number of bags sold. Try and give the information to the Committee accurately, so there will be no trouble adjusting contracts, etc.

Benefit payments will be paid after the 1935 crop is planted and checked with the contract.

If you want a fair price for peanuts, cooperate with your neighbor and with your government.

Jesse Campen About Despite Heavy Cold

Jesse Campen, one of Hertford's oldest and most highly respected citizens, isn't feeling quite as well this week as usual. He has one of those bad colds which a large percentage of our people are at present afflicted with.

Mr. Campen has such an unusual health record that even a slight cold seems worthy of mention. During the 52 years of his life Mr. Campen says he has never had the services of a physician but once, and that was for only about twenty minutes. He has not been sick for three days at a time since he was sixteen. He hasn't gone to bed with this cold, and was down town on Wednesday.

HIT OR MISS

William C. Chappell, prominent Belvidere resident, was in Hertford one day this week and while in a certain office had occasion to notice the typist at work. After the woman removed her work from the machine Mr. Chappell addressed her on this wise: "I have often heard it said that you were a swift typist, but this is the first time I ever saw you operate a typewriter, and I want to say, as King Solomon said when he went to visit the Queen of Sheba, having heard of her glory, that 'the half had not been told me.'" The operator of the typewriter felt so proud of the compliment, especially of that reference to the Queen of Sheba, that she couldn't keep it.

Mr. Charles Ford Sumner, Hertford's letter carrier, having a vacation on Tuesday, took a walk. You know they say a sailor who has a vacation takes a cruise.

Hertford does not have a single vacant store and hasn't had one for a long time.

Why are explanations always more or less in order when individuals have colds? I wonder why we always consider it so important to inquire into all the circumstances surrounding the taking of a cold, seeking a reason or a cause, and why we find it so necessary to pin the responsibility on some careless act. This is true of almost every one I know.

Notice, sometime, and see if you don't ask the first person you speak to whose muffled tones show unmistakable signs that he is suffering from a cold, how he got it. It's generally the first question asked.

I have often wondered why the subject is of such general interest. My own family, to become personal, is no exception to the rule. In fact, sometimes I have thought the matter rather over done in my own family.

When the youthful offspring begins to snifle or to show other disagreeable signs of a cold, somebody invariably asks if he did not get too hot while running last week, or if he did not get his feet wet week before last, and always some definite action of the poor suffering kid is pointed out as a direct and specific reason for that cold. As if the cold weren't enough! What a lot of satisfaction it must give him to know we have tracked it down and found out the cause.

Same way with older members of the family. I am always asked, in tones which suggest that I should have had enough foresight to have avoided it, how I got such a cold. How indeed!

The head of the house is no exception. His attention is called to the time he went without his overcoat, or walked in the rain, or sat in a draft, or did some other dreadful and negligent thing. He brought it on himself. What a satisfaction to know that.

How do we get that way? What is the idea, anyhow? Surely, nothing can be more exasperating, just as you have begun to realize that that irritating sensation in your throat is, as you have suspected all along, the forerunner of that diabolical condition commonly known as a cold, and after you have let the cat out of the bag by sneezing a time or two, to have some well meaning person ask in earnest tones, "How in the world did you get that cold?"

As for me, personally, I'm off. I never intend to ask another person how he got his cold. I don't even consider the subject interesting any more.

You guessed it. I've got a cold.

FRAME HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT NEW HOPE

Fire destroyed the frame residence of Henry Green, colored, at New Hope on Friday night. The house was owned by E. M. Perry.

The children of the family, who had retired when the fire was discovered, narrowly escaped being burned in the house. One of them was rescued only just in time. The origin of the fire is undetermined.

H. L. JACKSON NEW MANAGER OF CAROLINA HARDWARE CO.

H. L. Jackson, of Elizabeth City, has taken over the management of the Carolina Hardware Co., in Hertford, since the death of D. D. Dudley, who died on Sunday from injuries in an automobile accident on December 19.

Hertford Merchants Pleased With Business During 1934

Joseph Thomas Brinn Passes Away Saturday

Joseph Thomas Brinn, 70, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed residents of Perquimans County, died at his home near Hertford on Saturday, December 29, after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. M. C. Stephenson, pastor of the Center Hill M. E. Church, of which Mr. Brinn was a life-long and devoted member, officiating, assisted by the Rev. J. H. McCracken, Presiding Elder of the Elizabeth City District; Rev. J. W. Dimette, pastor of the Perquimans Circuit; Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of Great Hope Baptist Church; Rev. Riley S. Monds, pastor of the Columbia Baptist Church; Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, and Rev. E. T. Jillson, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The services were attended by hundreds of sorrowing friends, who came from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased, and the floral offerings were unusually numerous and very beautiful. A choir of selected voices furnished music.

Active pallbearers included Rosser Brinn, R. T. Brinn, Thad C. Chappell, Beverly Tucker, Robins Blanchard and Trim W. Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were J. C. Blanchard, J. S. McNider, Dr. G. E. Newby, H. C. Stokes, Charles Perry, Charles Johnson, B. W. Thach, Chas. Whedbee, Thomas Nixon, W. F. Madre, Sr., T. S. White, J. W. Darden, J. J. Fleetwood, J. P. Jessup, Z. W. Evans, W. G. Newby, Dr. T. A. Cox, Clinton Perry, Lawrence Perry, Spencer Thompson, Noah Felton, C. M. Harrell, S. P. Jessup, Dr. C. A. Davenport, J. T. Lane and Henry Lane, of Tyner.

Burial took place in Cedarwood Cemetery, in Hertford.

Surviving Mr. Brinn are his wife, Mrs. Lily Belle Elliott Brinn, three sons, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Robert W. Brinn and Jack Brinn, all of Hertford, and one daughter, Mrs. Reuben Hooks, of Freemont. One sister, Miss Bettie Brinn, of Hertford, also survives.

Mr. Brinn had spent his entire life in Perquimans and was one of the most successful farmers of the County, and was prominently identified with the business, civic and religious life of the community.

Local Mail Carriers Attend District Meet

Among the Perquimans County mail carriers who attended the semi-annual meeting of the Albemarle Rural Letter Carriers Association held in Edenton on Tuesday were William C. Chappell, C. B. Parker, Herman Jenkins and Postmaster J. E. Morris.

The officers, including J. C. Jennings, of Weeksville, president, C. B. Parker, of Perquimans County, vice president, W. H. Elliott, of Chapanoke, secretary-treasurer, were re-elected.

The next meeting of the association will be held on May 30, Memorial Day, and the place of meeting is tentatively set as South Mills, although this is subject to change.

Perquimans Lodge To Install New Officers

Officers to be installed on next Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Perquimans Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M., in Hertford, include the following:

Master, J. S. Vick; Senior Warden, B. C. Berry; Junior Warden, Linwood Skinner; Secretary, T. E. Raper; Treasurer, Claude D. White; Senior Deacon, George W. Jackson; Junior Deacon, J. H. Tower; Senior Steward, Dr. L. H. Butler; Junior Steward, Shelton Long; Chaplain, Rev. R. S. Monds; Tyler, Hugh Copeland.

Past Master, C. W. Morgan, will install the officers, and the retiring Master, Claude D. White, will act as master of ceremonies.

Standing committees to be appointed include the following:

Finance, J. S. Vick, T. E. Raper, C. D. White, B. C. Berry and A. L. Skinner; Orphanage, D. J. Pritchard, A. L. Skinner, L. H. Butler; Charity, Simon Rutenberg, J. S. McNider, J. H. Tower; Resolutions, T. E. Raper, C. W. Morgan and R. S. Monds.

Cotton Farmers Saved \$15,260.12

A saving of \$15,260.12 has been made by the cotton farmers of Perquimans County up to December 29, by the purchase of surplus cotton tax certificates, according to L. W. Anderson, county agent.

Up to this date Perquimans farmers had purchased surplus cotton tax certificates representing 913,680 pounds of lint cotton, for which they paid \$36,551.20. By buying these surplus certificates and using them to pay the tax on their cotton they saved \$15,260.12.

Mrs. J. E. White Given Token For Services

Mrs. J. E. White, who has been president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church for seven years, was presented with a beautiful pin by the Society at the last meeting of the year on Monday night.

Mrs. J. W. Ward has been elected president to succeed Mrs. White.

At the close of a most interesting meeting, which was held in the Sunday School room of the church, a committee served a salad course.

Those present included Mesdames J. E. White, J. W. Ward, Chas. Johnson, J. J. Fleetwood, T. W. Perry, Carlton Cannon, E. W. Mayes, Reginald Tucker, Hugh Barclift, Joshua T. White, Ross Sutton, T. E. Raper, E. A. Byrum, O. C. Fowler, Grady Morgan, E. E. Payne, Sidney Broughton, Mark Gregory, W. E. Spruill, J. P. Perry, L. W. Norman, E. E. Everett, W. T. Elliott, Josiah Elliott, Tom Perry, V. A. Holdren, Ben Wood, Mary Parker, and one visitor, Miss Mamie Stallings.

Sister Of W. E. White In Critical Condition

W. E. White was advised by telephone on Wednesday of the critical condition of his sister, Mrs. David A. Baynes, of Columbia, S. C., who has for a long time been in ill health.

Mrs. Baynes is at the home of her niece, Mrs. S. F. Pollard, at Bethel, in Pitt County, where she was taken from the Tarboro Hospital recently, where she underwent treatment.

Her condition became much worse on Tuesday night and the end is expected at any time.

Statistics Regarding Lynchings In U. S.

The following information regarding lynchings in the United States during last year, furnished by Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, of Alabama, and based on records compiled in the Department of Records and Research of that institution, will be found interesting. It is also particularly gratifying that no lynching occurred in our own State.

There were 15 persons lynched in 1934. This is 13 less than the number 28 for 1933; 7 more than the number 8 for 1932; 2 more than the number 13 for 1931; and 6 less than the number 21 for 1930. 8 of the persons lynched were in the hands of the law; 3 were taken from jails and 5 from officers of the law outside of jails.

There were 51 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. 7 of these were in Northern and Western States and 44 in Southern States. In 46 of the instances the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In the 5 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. A total of 77 persons, 14 white men; 57 Negro men and 3 Negro women, were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

Of the 15 persons lynched, all were Negroes. The offenses charged were: attempted rape, 4; rape, 2; murder, 2; wounding man in altercation, 1; associating with white women, 1; striking man, 1; writing insulting letter, 1; talking disrespectfully, 1; insulting women, 1; implicating others in a charge of stealing turpentine and bootlegging it, 1.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Alabama, 1; Florida, 2; Georgia, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 6; Tennessee, 1; and Texas, 1.

All Report Better Business And Are Optimistic For 1935

"A good year," "Much better than any previous year for five years," "Fifty per cent better than the average since 1927," "A great improvement," such are the answers which sound the highly optimistic note which business men of Hertford give to the query, "What kind of a year has 1934 been in your business?"

Every Hertford merchant gives a good report of the year which has just passed.

W. M. Morgan, the furniture man, says his sales have increased 125 per cent during the past three months over any year in the past five years. He said he took in 110 per cent more in the month of December than in the December a year previous.

J. C. Blanchard, the veteran merchant of Hertford, says the year was good, that there was a great improvement. But he hastened to add that there was still room for improvement. Probably that spirit is responsible for the success of the business which has been operating continuously for more than a hundred years.

Simon Rutenberg, in spite of the fact that he was absent from his business because of illness for some weeks during the fall, says he has had a most satisfactory year, with an increase in sales every month. Mr. Rutenberg is very optimistic.

Mrs. Jake White has also had a great deal better business during the past year than in several years previous, she says.

D. S. Darden and V. N. Darden, of Darden Bros., both report a large improvement. It was D. S. Darden who stated that their business was 50 per cent better than the average since 1927.

H. A. Whitley of the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company gives a fine report of the hardware business and says they have had a good year and that he is confidently expecting a great improvement this year.

Mark Gregory says he had a big improvement over last year and that he had a splendid Christmas business.

Wherever the question is asked, one gets the same general report. Business is better and times are improving.

The Carolina Hardware Company's store was closed over the week-end, due to the death of the proprietor, D. D. Dudley. However, that the Carolina Hardware Company's business was good is indicated by the fact that Mr. Dudley had recently expressed his intention of moving his residence from Elizabeth City to Hertford.

Mrs. Mamie Blanchard and Mrs. B. F. Bray of Davenport & Blanchard, report much improvement during the year 1934, and stated that they have had splendid business during the fall.

L. W. Anderson, of Anderson's Drug Store "On the Corner," reports that business was a great deal better during 1934 than it had been for several years.

And there isn't a single vacant store in the entire town.

Mrs. Freeman Long Honored By Shower

The Y. W. A. girls of Bethel Baptist Church gave Mrs. Freeman Long a miscellaneous shower on Thursday night, December 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs. Mrs. Long, before her recent marriage, was Miss Eula Mae Hobbs.

Many games were played and music was enjoyed. Mrs. Long received many useful and attractive gifts. Candy and fruit were served.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Long, Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. R. F. Standin, Mrs. W. E. Curtis, Mrs. E. L. Goodwin, Mrs. V. L. Proctor, Mrs. W. P. Long, Misses Ruth Mansfield, Lula Mae Mansfield, Addie Mae Ward, Pencie Ward, Esther Ward, Leone Williams, Kathryn Fleetwood, Mary Wilma Farmer, Margaret Standin, Gertie Chappell, Sadie Standin, Pearl Proctor, and Evelyn Long; Charles Ward, Ernest Long, Richard Mansfield, William Hobbs, Thomas Phillips. Those sending gifts, but not attending were Mrs. A. F. Proctor, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. M. I. Charlton, Mrs. W. D. Perry, Mrs. L. E. Butts, and Mrs. Beulah Williams.