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FARMERS URGED HOLD PEANUTS FOR THREE CENTS

Large Quantity of Crop Will Be Converted Into Oil

BASIS \$62.50 PER TON

Government Contracts With Companies In Suffolk

The United States Department of Agriculture has contracted with the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company and the Suffolk Oil Company, both of Suffolk, Va., to convert a large quantity of Virginia-type peanuts, farms, which are to be converted on a basis of \$62.50 per ton for peanuts containing 25 per cent moisture which is equivalent to about 5 lbs. nuts per pound, delivered at Suffolk. Peanuts weighing less than 25 per cent will be priced accordingly.

Locally grown farmers stock peanuts should sell from \$4. to \$5 per cent more, according to L. W. Anderson, county agent.

This contract only applies to peanuts purchased between now and January 1, 1936.

It is necessary for the producer to go to the plant with his peanuts, as there are certain forms which the producer must sign. Arrangements have been made whereby the producer may sell his peanuts at oil prices and receive an adjustment of \$20 per ton above the price received for oil.

Mothers Entertained Wednesday Night

A gala occasion was the banquet given by the girls of the Home Economics Department of the Perquimans High School to their mothers on Wednesday night.

The banquet hall was most attractively decorated with Christmas greens and all aglow with red lights. A baby's stocking hung on the mantel above the fire in a grate, and mothers and daughters enjoyed a most delicious turkey dinner served by the girls.

Miss Maude Pridgen, home economics teacher, presided.

Miss Jean White and Miss Mary Wood Koonce each made short talks which were heartily applauded, and Mrs. J. W. Ward, on the part of the mothers, expressed appreciation for the occasion and also for the fine work of the girls.

Mrs. W. E. White gave a number of humorous readings.

3,013 Bales Of Cotton Ginned Of 1935 Crop

W. M. Harrell, special agent, for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 3,013 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1935 prior to December 1, 1935, as compared with 4,515 bales ginned to December 1, 1934 of the crop of 1934.

O'Neal Family Moves In Smith Residence

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. O'Neal and their little son, Henry Clay, Jr., formerly of Kinston, have moved into an apartment in the residence of Mrs. R. W. Smith that was recently vacated by the family of R. F. Mann.

Mr. O'Neal is the new owner of the Carolina Hardware Company.

More Signers Listed In Red Cross Drive

The following names have been added to the Red Cross Roll Call since last week's issue of this paper was published: The Town of Hertford, D. M. Jackson, Mrs. C. W. Morgan, Rev. D. S. Dempsey, Dr. T. A. Cox, Miss Lizzie Braco, W. F. C. Edwards, Mrs. E. Leigh Winslow. Mrs. Jake White also made a contribution.

Entertainment At Winfall Thursday

On Thursday night of next week an entertainment will be given by the Winfall School, to raise money for the school, in the Winfall Community House.

A small admission fee will be charged and the public is cordially invited.

OFFICER OWENS ARRESTS MANY

Night Patrolman Responsible For 75 Per Cent of Convictions in Recorder's Court

The fact that Special Night Police Officer M. G. Owens made the arrests in seventy-five per cent of the convictions of traffic law violations in Perquimans Recorder's Court which occurred in the Town of Hertford during the past six months was brought out in a survey made this week.

These traffic law violations include drunken driving, speeding and driving with insufficient brakes.

During this period four men were convicted of driving while drunk on the streets of Hertford, all four of the arrests having been made by Officer Owens. Eight men were convicted of drunken driving in the county, seven being white men, but only four were arrested in Hertford.

The survey disclosed that within the six months period just past convictions were made in Recorder's Court of five traffic law violations occurring in the Town of Hertford, four being convicted of driving while drunk, four of speeding and four of driving with insufficient brakes. Officer Owens arrested three of the speeders and two of those convicted of driving with insufficient brakes.

All of the nine arrests made by Officer Owens were of white men, with one exception, a colored man having been brought into court by the officer for driving with insufficient brakes.

HIT OR MISS

Joe White also drives an automobile.

Joe White is the colored man whose right arm and right leg are both gone, as well as the thumb on his one left hand. Some weeks ago a story appeared in The Perquimans Weekly, and also in many of the large newspapers throughout the country, which told how Joe White has managed to carry on, handicapped though he has been by losing, first, his right leg, then his right arm, and later on his thumb, doing the work of a farm hand and doing it well.

Perquimans County folks have always considered Joe a marvel. Now his fame has spread abroad, people all over the country know about Joe.

But I left out of that story the fact that Joe also drives an automobile. I didn't learn about that until this week. Somebody told me Joe could drive, so when I saw Joe in town on Monday I mentioned the matter. "Yes, Ma'am," said Joe, "I can drive a Ford."

How nice it is to see the girls and boys coming home for Christmas! Welcome, all you young folks, those away at college and those who work at other places. Welcome to the older folks, too, who come home for Christmas. That is always one of the most delightful features of Christmas, seeing so many old friends.

Don't forget that prize you might win for dressing up the window or door of your home for Christmas. The Woman's Club is offering a prize for the best outside decoration of a door or window of a home. A prize is also offered for the most attractive living Christmas tree, and also one for the best looking store window.

Frank Jordan, colored employee at the Major & Loomis Company's mill, will have to serve his road sentence, but, because of the serious condition of Frank's aged father, who is very sick and not expected to live but a short time, the serving of the sentence will not begin at once.

Jordan was convicted in Recorder's Court less than thirty days ago of assault and was given thirty days on the roads, the road sentence suspended upon good behavior for a year. Brought right back into court within a month on an assault charge and found guilty, the former sentence was ordered into effect and another sentence of thirty days was imposed.

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RAZBAAZ BIG SUCCESS

The annual Bazaar and Turkey Supper given by the women of the Episcopal Church at the Parish House on Friday night was well attended and was very successful.

HERTFORD READY FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRADE

Windows and Stores All Filled With Attractive Goods

MANY TOYS

Decorated Community Tree Adds to Spirit Of Season

Never before have the merchants in Hertford given so much attention to Christmas decoration. There have always been stores which were beautifully decorated for Christmas, but this year there is hardly a window which is not dressed up, which gives the entire down-town district a distinctly attractive appearance.

Inside the stores, too, there are more attractive displays of Christmas goods than ever before. There are all kinds of pretty articles on sale, especially desirable as gifts, and the toys are more attractive than they have ever been. There is hardly a store of any kind which is not showing something unusually attractive in the way of gift articles.

The community Christmas tree on the Court House green has been decorated, too, and is glowing with lights, particularly lovely at night.

This Christmas tree was planted especially for the purpose by the women of the Hertford Woman's Club only a few years ago, with the idea of avoiding the useless cutting down of a growing tree every year. It is now a beautiful tree and looks very pretty in its Christmas decoration.

Those residents of the town who have growing cedars in their yards are decorating them as living Christmas trees.

Everywhere the spirit of Christmas is abroad!

AUTOMOBILE TAGS ON SALE SATURDAY

New 1936 Licenses Must Be Displayed By January 1; Patrolman Dail Gives Examinations

Automobile licenses will be on sale on Saturday of this week, and may be secured at Burton's Service Station, opposite the Post Office, in Edenton, or at the Southern Hotel in Elizabeth City.

Automobile license must be displayed by January 1. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars. The cost of license for passenger cars is materially reduced this year. There is no reduction, however, in the license for trucks.

State Highway Patrolman George I. Dail will be in Hertford every Wednesday for the purpose of conducting examinations of those who apply for driver's license, beginning with next week.

Those who pass the examination must know something of motor vehicle laws, be familiar with signals and speed limits, and must know how to read or understand road signs.

This examination does not apply to those who secured their driver's license prior to November 1. Many persons who can neither read nor write were granted license before the first of November, but those who apply for license now must be able to show the examiner that he is capable of understanding the road signs.

All persons between the ages of sixteen and eighteen must have their parents or guardians to sign their application.

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Auto Accessories Now Part Of Gift Buying

The importance of automobiles in the American scheme of living has increased to the point where motor car accessories will take their place this Christmas among the four or five most popular types of merchandise purchased as Christmas gifts. The statement is made by M. D. Douglas, parts and accessories merchandising manager of the Chevrolet Motor Company, under whose direction Chevrolet dealers' sales of accessory items are breaking all records this month.

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CROWD ON HAND TO HEAR SERMON BY BISHOP DARST

Urge Hearers To Conform to Standards Set By Christ

TOO MANY ALIBIS

Tells of Great Need of Christians to Take An Inventory

Declarer that if the Spirit of Jesus Christ dwells within us there is nothing we cannot do; that there is no road too hard to travel, no burden too great to bear, and no joy beyond attainment, the Right Reverend Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, called upon his hearers at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday morning, when he preached to a large congregation, to test their lives to see that they conform to the great standard set by Jesus Christ, and to rid themselves of the selfish and useless things and establish connection with the great power house of God, through prayer and communion with Him, and thereby bring light, and life, and power, and joy into the lives of others.

The text from which the Bishop preached was taken from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, the 13th chapter and the third and fifth verses, and was a modern translation:

"It is no weak Christ that you have to do with but a Christ of Power."

"Put yourselves to the proof in me. Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Is it not understood that Christ Jesus is within you? Otherwise you are failures."

"We link these two statements for very obvious reasons," said the speaker, who called attention briefly to the fact that there are many persons spiritually discouraged today, who seem to feel that God is dead, and that while Christ was a very wonderful person nineteen hundred years ago, that He is not a living, vital force in our lives, and in other lives today.

"It is no weak Christ that you have to do with, but a Christ of Power," reiterated Bishop Darst, and if there is weakness today in the Church and in individual lives, it is not the weakness of Christ, but of men and women who have gotten so far away from Him, so out of touch with His glowing personality and His mighty power, that we are weak."

"I feel," he said, "as we approach the beginning of another church year, in looking back over the past year, and looking forward, I hope, with new faith and courage to the year that is coming, that we should be honest enough with ourselves to take a little inventory of our lives, to put ourselves to the proof, and see if we have anything in our lives that is fine and beautiful and compelling."

"We have all seen the store close at the end of the year and have seen the sign 'closed for inventory,' and we know what happens. The merchant looks over the store, and he sees something useless, something perhaps bought foolishly, and he realizes that that article should come off the shelves, and that something else has to be put on, something fine and worthy; and so, at a sacrifice, perhaps, he cleans out the store. He gives away or sells at a great bargain the things not worth while, and then he stocks the store with something fine, beautiful, fresh and clean, and opens up again.

"My friends, in the name of God, I am praying that we may do just that this fall, as clergy and people, here in East Carolina, that we may be honest enough to get rid of our alibis."

The Bishop said it was a great American custom to have an alibi, that if we lost a football game, failed at our job, or failed to do task well, it is never our fault, but that of somebody else.

"Let's take stock of our lives," he said, "and see if there is in them what should not be there, and I know that you will find, as God knows I find as I go into the store house of my life, things of no value, things of little value, things we thought were valuable but which were not. I find things that have not helped any one very much, that have not helped me very much, and you will find the same, habits, tempers, prejudices and sins, and they are filling the store house of our lives and, in God's name, we must get rid of them. We must clean out selfishness and put there something else, something that the world needs, and that you and I need.

In the place of the prejudices and tempers, the dispositions, failures

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SIMON WILLIAMS GETS TWO YEARS

Found Guilty of Intimidating Witnesses In Connection With Testimony For Bootlegging

Convicted of the charge of interfering with an intimidating witness in Perquimans County Recorder's Court on Tuesday, Simon Williams, colored bootlegger, was sentenced to serve two years on the roads by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr.

Williams was also convicted of possessing liquor for the purpose of sale and sentenced to one year on the roads, the two sentences to run concurrently.

Williams appealed to Superior Court and bond was set at one thousand dollars in the former case and at five hundred dollars in the latter. Unable to give bond, Williams was sent back to jail to await trial at the April term of court.

Simon Williams was indicted on Sunday, December 1, charged with selling liquor. When the case came to trial last Tuesday two State's witnesses who had signed sworn statements before officers that they saw Simon Williams sell liquor to Alonso Reed on Saturday night went on the stand and swore to contradictory statements. The two women, Cora Martin and Roberta Jenkins, were ordered sent to jail by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., charged with perjury, and a thorough investigation of the matter immediately followed, when numerous men and women were questioned by S. M. Whedbee, acting prosecuting attorney, in the presence of Judge Oakey, Clerk of Superior Court W. H. Pitt, and others.

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