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Peanut Prices Not To Drop Below 3 1-2 Cents; Crop Good

County Agent Does Not Believe Wet Weather Has Seriously Damaged Peanuts or Cotton

The price for first-grade peanuts has been set at 3 1/2 cents a pound. This is the base price set by the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, an organization of peanut growers who collect surplus peanuts by borrowing from a government agency (probably the RFC) the funds with which to buy up the surplus and keep the price at a point high enough to give the grower a profit.

Perquimans County's peanut crop is good, L. W. Anderson, county agent, said Wednesday. High water and hot weather have damaged it to some extent, he said, probably as much as 15 per cent, but the crop is so much better than last year that the harvest will still be better as a whole, regardless of the unfavorable weather conditions.

Peanut prices have already gone as high as four cents and for first-grade nuts the buyers at any time will have to pay more than 3 1/2 cents, even when and if the price declines; otherwise, the grower can sell to the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative at the floor price of 3 1/2 cents.

There are spots in the county, Mr. Anderson said, where peanuts have been under water and, of course, are rotted in the loss, but these sunken spots are few and far between.

Questioned about cotton, Mr. Anderson said there have been some cases of rust, red spider and wilt. Wilt is worse, of course, in a wet year than in a dry one and also more noticeable. But the crop was good before wilt and rust set in, and pickings—in a small way—may start around the middle of this month. A good cotton stand, he said, is not affected by rust in so far as the progress is concerned before the rust comes. The disease interferes with making a larger crop, but the plant is not retarded from the point of development it has reached.

Monds To Sing 'God Bless America' On Patriotic Program

Special Service to Be Held on Sunday, Day Set Aside For Peace And Prayer

R. S. Monds, local young bass baritone, will sing the increasingly popular song, "God Bless America," as a part in the special patriotic program to be presented Sunday at the Methodist Church in connection with the day set aside by President Roosevelt for peace and prayer.

The singing of "God Bless America" by Mr. Monds, who will be accompanied by the Methodist Choir, marks the adoption of the song as a regular addition to service programs at the Church thereafter, according to Mrs. B. G. Koonce, who is arranging the program with the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor.

It is expected that the song, "God Bless America," will be heard in many churches throughout the nation on that day. It was written by Irving Berlin and has been heard over radio and through the medium of newsreels as sung by Kate Smith, Bing Crosby and other noted vocalists.

The Rev. Mr. Munns will make the special address and others who will have parts in the program include, besides the Hertford Boy Scout Troop, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. Roscoe Brinn, J. S. McNider, Jr., Katherine Jessup, Alice Roberson and Elizabeth Knowles.

There will be special selections by the choir and the public is cordially invited to attend the service.

Four Deaths In Six Days

Four deaths have occurred in Perquimans County within six days of the past week. Clyde McCallum of Hertford, died Wednesday morning. Mrs. M. M. Wright of Belvidere, died Sunday. Mrs. Vera T. Miller of Winfall, died Sunday. Mrs. Irving White of Hertford, died Tuesday.

Jurors Drawn For October Term

At the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners Monday the following names were drawn for jury duty at the next term of Superior Court, which convenes on October 29th:

Franklin Jordan, Walter Deal, Herbert P. Winslow, B. H. Ward, T. S. White, Raymond Eure, D. J. Yeates, Timothy C. Perry, J. L. Bateman, Clyde J. Layden, Ben Harrell, Sam M. Riddick, J. A. Gregory, W. W. Spivey, C. M. Harrell, Willie R. Chappell, Harry Barber, W. C. Matthews, F. T. Matthews, Branning T. Winslow, L. G. Umphlett, C. W. Griffin, Jack Sawyer, A. W. Hefren, Julian R. Matthews, J. C. Layden, A. D. Thach, T. J. Goodman, W. R. Blanchard, T. F. Kirby, James Elihu Lane, T. S. Gregory, T. W. Nixon, W. E. Boyce, M. M. Spivey, Elmer R. Winslow.

Town Floats Loan For Fire Engine And Fighting Equipment

Board In Special Meeting Tuesday Night Hears Auditor's Report and Adopts Budget

A special meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners was called Tuesday night to work out plans for arranging a loan of \$2,000 for purchase of fire-fighting equipment, including the truck, new equipment, hose-couplings, hydrant-fittings, etc.

The town fathers authorized the issuance of the necessary amount of bonds of the Town of Hertford at the meeting Monday night. The fire-fighting equipment is costing in the neighborhood of \$3,500 but the board expects to absorb all except \$2,000 out of the general expense fund for the current year.

The board also adopted the budget for the year 1940-41. The tax-rate will remain unchanged—at \$1.10. The auditor, James M. Williams, of Williams and Wall of Raleigh, was present at the meeting and went over the report with the board and discussed various phases of the town's financial status. A summary of the auditor's report appears on another page of this newspaper.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Vera Turner Miller Monday P. M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Vera Turner Miller, wife of the late W. D. Miller, who died at 3:45 Sunday morning, were held at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, in Winfall, at 4 o'clock, Monday afternoon.

The Rev. J. D. Cranford officiated with the Rev. W. C. Benson of Edenton, assisting. Hymns, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks," "The Vacant Chair" and "Asleep in Jesus," were sung by members of the Epworth Methodist Church of Winfall, of which she was a member.

The casket was covered with a pall of Easter lilies, pink roses and fern. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City.

Active pallbearers were: George Turner, Fred Turner of Elizabeth City; T. T. Turner, Jr., William Britton of Norfolk, Va.; Whit Winborne of Suffolk, Va.; and Henry Miller of Hertford.

Honorary pallbearers were: L. M. Simpson, Dr. M. H. Bailey of Elizabeth City; Elijah White, A. R. Winslow, C. B. White, W. F. Morgan, E. U. Morgan, Arthur Pierce, J. F. Hollowell, C. P. Whedbee and T. L. Jessup of Winfall; D. J. White, Dr. T. P. Brinn, J. W. Ward, J. W. Byrum, Henry Swain, Dr. W. A. Hogard, of Hertford; Robert and Edgar Holt of Norfolk, Va.; and Dr. L. P. Williams of Edenton.

Mrs. Miller is survived by four daughters: Mrs. W. G. Hollowell and Miss Ann Miller of Winfall; Mrs. Ebert Bailey of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Jimmie Barnhardt of Edenton; two sons, Wallace and Talmadge Miller of Norfolk, Va., and her mother, Mrs. Nina Turner of Elizabeth City; two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Blow of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Graham White of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, T. T. Turner of Norfolk, Va., and J. E. Turner of New Hope; two grandchildren, Jimmie Barnhardt of Edenton, and Ebert Bailey, Jr., of Elizabeth City.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS
The Hertford Rotary Club enjoyed its regular supper meeting at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday night.

Chicken Stealing In Bethel District Will Release Thief

McNider Invokes Unusual Judgment to Determine How Many Thieves In Bethel

If, after six months have passed, anyone is caught and convicted of stealing chickens in the Bethel Community, the court will make every effort to have the penal division release Lloyd Felton, Bethel Negro, who this week begins serving a 12-month sentence for stealing eight hens and two roosters from the premises of Arthur Copeland.

A local storekeeper, Carlton Cannon, who suspected that he was buying "hot chickens" from the Negro, was the contributing factor to Lloyd's downfall and the end of his career as a fowl snatcher.

After buying six of the chickens from the Negro he penned them separately from the remainder of his stock and awaited developments.

They came soon enough; Mr. Copeland missed his feathered property the following afternoon (Sunday) and came to Hertford on a tour of investigation. He enlisted the aid of Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens and armed with an individual description of each chicken they located them at Mr. Cannon's store.

Felton, not represented by legal talent, steadfastly denied his guilt and proffered two witnesses, his wife and his mother-in-law, who failed to convince His Honor, Recorder J. S. McNider, that the chickens belonged to them . . . not to Mr. Copeland.

It was Felton's third or fourth appearance in local courts on larceny counts (stealing chickens) and when the State established Felton's reputation in the Bethel Community as a chicken thief, Mr. McNider invoked a 12-month sentence.

He said, however, after asking the audience at large if anyone had anything to say of Lloyd Felton and received a blank silence, that the Solicitor would ask for Felton's release if a chicken-stealing conviction is made in Bethel after Felton has been on the roads 6 months.

The unusual judgment is designed to ascertain whether or not Lloyd Felton is the only chicken thief in the Bethel Community.

Aged Darkey Struck By Auto; Leg Is Broken

Mack Madre, aged Chowan County Negro, was struck and injured late Tuesday afternoon by an automobile driven by M. S. Elliott, of Edenton.

Patrolman Jack Gaskill, who investigated the mishap, said it was "apparently unavoidable," and no arrests were made.

Madre suffered a broken leg and bruises and lacerations about the face. He received medical treatment at the Powell Clinic in Edenton.

Gaskill said the man evidently stepped out in front of the Elliott car as he walked along the road. The accident occurred just this side of the Chowan County line on the new Center Hill road.

SAID THE FARMER TO HIS MULE—

Many a struggling one-horse farmer, bogging along behind a solemn, plodding, ear-wiggling mule in any section of Perquimans County, has probably shared the sentiments of the philosopher who had these dreary thoughts. The piece is clipped from an exchange newspaper.

Over the hill trailed a man behind a mule drawing a plow. Said the man to the mule:

"Bill, you ate a mule, the son of a jackass, and I am a man, made in the image of God. Yet, here we work, hitched together, year in and year out. I often wonder if you work for me or if I work for you. Verily, I think it a partnership between a mule and a fool, for surely I work as hard as you, if not harder. Plowing or cultivating, we cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I on two. I, therefore, do twice as much walking per leg as you do."

"Soon, we'll be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested, I give one-third to the landlord for being so kind as to let me use this small speck of God's universe. One-third goes to you and the balance is mine. You consume all of your portion, with the exception of the cobs, while I divide mine among seven children, six hens, two ducks and a banker. If he both needs shoes, you get 'em. Bill, you are getting the best of me, and I ask you,

Arrangements For Fair Approaching Finished Stage

Premium Book Going to Press This Week; Visiting Speakers Not Yet Named

The County Fair program is going to the printers this week and will be ready for distribution about the 18th of September.

The program will carry the advertisements of the leading businesses in the Albemarle section, interesting articles relating to the Lions Club, the County itself, the work of the county agent and the home demonstration agent.

The exhibits, approximately 25 in all not counting commercial exhibits, are being arranged, Miss Frances Maness, home demonstration agent, said Wednesday. There are 12 demonstration club exhibits, a 4-H Club exhibit, an AAA exhibit, a Home Economics exhibit and a Woman's Club exhibit.

The only things still undone in connection with the Lions Club's second annual county fair, is the matter of a speaker for Farmers' Day and the selection of judges for the exhibit attractions.

The Fair opens on the town parking lot September 23rd, and runs through the week, ending at midnight Saturday.

The program designates Monday as "Opening Day," Tuesday as "Children's Day," Wednesday as "Merchants' Day," Thursday as "Farmers' Day," Friday as "Lions Day," and Saturday as "Closing Day."

The following for the convenience of those who have business to transact with the members of the Fair Committee, is a list of those who are serving as chairmen: Julian White, general chairman; L. N. Hollowell, advance ticket sales; William Elliott, ticket committee; Archie T. Lane, exhibit committee; Charles Willford, decorations committee; Joe H. Towe, parade committee; M. V. Walker, dance committee; Norman N. Trueblood, speakers committee; Simon Rutenberg, premium book; Sammie Sutton, finance committee; and Max Campbell, publicity committee.

Demonstration In Reupholstering On Tap At Agricultural Bldg.

Not only Demonstration Club Leaders, but anyone interested in reupholstering furniture, is invited to attend a Leaders' School in Upholstering at the Agriculture Building on the morning of September 12th, at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement from Miss Frances Maness, head of the Home Demonstration department.

Miss Mamie N. Whisnant, assistant specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings, will be the feature artist. She has been in Hertford for meetings before, and those who have heard her know that any demonstration she gives is worth attending, Miss Maness said.

Boy Scouts Asked To Return Floating Mine To Nags Head

Seems Mine Wasn't Lost at All; Used For Experimental Purposes

While C. P. Morris was talking with Captain Etheridge of the Nags Head Coast Guard Station last week-end—they were talking about the storm—Captain Etheridge requested Mr. Morris to get in touch with the Boy Scouts here in Hertford and ask them to send back the floating mine they thought they found during a recent encampment at Nags Head.

It seems the mine wasn't lost at all. It seems the Coast Guard, or maybe another branch of the government, has any number of floating mines off the Kitty Hawk Beach for experimental purposes and this was one of them. None of the mines are loaded—the one the Boy Scouts found or the others still there—and the nature of the experiments is of course of a confidential type.

The Boy Scouts who found the contraption entertained any number of opinions about it. Some thought it was a World War relic, floating around in the seven seas since 1918 and finally washed ashore at Nags Head. There are no markings to identify its nationality.

At any rate, those who wish to see a dismantled mine, had better look at this one on the courthouse green within the next few days, because Scoutmaster W. H. Pitt is planning to have the Coast Guard unit in Elizabeth City come after it.

Mrs. Irving White Dies Within Year Of Husband's Demise

Katherine Winslow White Passed Away Wednesday Night In Norfolk Hospital

Funeral services were held at the Hertford Baptist Church yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Katherine Winslow White, who died after a few hours of desperate illness, in a Norfolk Hospital at 9 o'clock Tuesday night.

Services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. White of Elizabeth City. Burial was in the Friends Cemetery at Whiteston.

Mrs. White was the widow of the late Irving C. White and she died within a year after Mr. White passed away in a Norfolk Hospital following an illness of several months duration.

Survivors include three young children, Frances, 15, Katherine, 13, and Irving, Jr., 8; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Winslow of Whiteston; two sisters, Mrs. Adrian Smith of Hertford Route One, and Miss Winnie Winslow, of Whiteston; and six brothers, Lindsey C. Winslow, Cecil Winslow and Raymond Winslow of Hertford, Linford C. Winslow of Belvidere, Sidney A. Winslow of Winston-Salem, and Randolph Winslow of New York City.

Mrs. White had been in poor health for sometime and was taken desperately ill early Tuesday morning. As her condition failed to improve she was taken to a Norfolk hospital at noon and died that night at nine o'clock.

Accepts Position At Roberson Drug Store

H. B. Sedberry, registered pharmacist, has accepted a position at Roberson's Drug Store. He will be in charge of the drug department and fill prescriptions handled by the local store.

Mr. Sedberry, formerly owned and operated a pharmacy in Elizabeth City, and has been in the drug business for a long number of years. He is the brother of Mrs. Elmo Cannon.

Special Program To Be Observed Monday Night By Missionary Society

A special program for State Missions will be observed by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church on Monday evening, September 9th, at 8 o'clock. The Business Woman's Circle will have charge of the program and all members are urged to attend, according to the announcement.

Johnson Outlines Schedule For Busy Two-Day Opening

Open House to Be Observed at Renovated Grammar Plant

EVERYTHING READY

Band to Begin Rehearsals on First Day; Teachers and Bus Drivers Meet

The two days immediately preceding Thursday of next week will be very full days for the county school system. It is probably best to take the activities one at a time: 1. The High School Band is to take up rehearsals on the first day. 2. The students are notified to bring rental for books on the first day. 3. Tuesday is the day of a general teachers' meeting. 4. The bus drivers will hold a conference Tuesday. 5. Tuesday is Open House at the Hertford Grammar School.

Schools actually open on Thursday when the routine schedule of classes will be observed. Wednesday, September 11th, will be more of a preliminary day when students will be dismissed at noon.

1. All children are requested to bring their musical instruments to school on the first day, Wednesday, Superintendent F. T. Johnson said in outlining the preliminary activities. Band instructor Jimmie McCallum will be ready to start rehearsal on the first day and the hope is expressed that the 33 members will be able to give concerts within two weeks. Tuition for band instruction is \$3.00 a month and an attempt will be made soon to equip the band members with full uniforms.

2. On Wednesday, which can easily be called "arrangement" or "registration day," the rental for high school text books will be collected. The price is \$2.40, Mr. Johnson said. The session will be closed at noon, the morning hours to be used in arranging class schedules.

3. A general teachers' meeting, a meeting of all the faculty members in the county, will be held in the auditorium of the high school on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock.

4. All bus drivers will report at the high school at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to receive instructions. On Wednesday the bus drivers will leave their homes at 8 a. m., to begin the routes that end at the high school. Thereafter, beginning on Thursday morning, the regular bus schedules will go into effect.

5. Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock will be Open House at the Hertford Grammar School, Mr. Johnson said. All parents and patrons are invited to visit the Grammar School building during those hours and inspect the renovations and alterations that have been made during the summer.

Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, is the day and hour that actually marks the beginning of the 1940-41 term. The opening of Perquimans County's schools was postponed for a week when steamfitters were delayed in making necessary adjustments to the plumbing and heating systems at the Grammar School.

Several teachers, including Athletic Instructor Dave Fuller, arrived in town well ahead of schedule, failing to learn in time that the opening had been postponed.

Johnny Elliott In Jam With Feds On Illicit Booze Hauling Charge

Johnny Elliott, young county white man, was arrested by Patrolman Jack Gaskill on the Center Hill road Tuesday afternoon and charged with transporting non-taxpaid whiskey.

The Patrolman said Elliott threw the whiskey out of the car as he approached; that the container, a five-gallon jug, was broken, but that the evidence was not destroyed.

Gaskill turned the youth over to Federal Tax officers. He will be tried in Federal Court in Elizabeth City on September 23rd on charges of transporting non-taxpaid liquor.

County Earmarks 500 Dollars For Library

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session Monday moved to donate the amount of \$500 for the purchase of books for Perquimans County's library. The county voted \$600 to the Library Board last year, payable in two installments of \$300 each.