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Peanut Officials Discuss Control Program For 1941

Bill Proposes Control Program Similar to Cotton and Tobacco

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A proposed program of production control legislation for peanuts designed to promote orderly marketing and permanent elimination of wide fluctuations in prices during the marketing season and from season to season was tentatively agreed upon by AAA committeemen and farm leaders from the peanut producing areas of North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Texas in a conference with officials of the Department of Agriculture in Washington last week.

The proposed legislation, which will be drafted within the Department of Agriculture following the suggestion received at the conference, will be introduced in Congress as soon as it convenes for the new session in January. Quick passage for the bill will be sought, after full hearings have been given, in order that the program may become effective for the 1941 crop year. Approval and support by the Department of Agriculture for the proposed legislation has been indicated.

The proposed legislation combines acreage control under a program of marketing quotas, similar to the control programs for cotton and tobacco, with continuation of the present program of diversion into oil of any surplus peanuts that may be produced. If Congress passes the bill, the program must be submitted to the growers in a referendum and be approved by two-thirds of them to become effective. If approved, the quotas will be in effect for a period of three years.

The national allotment of acreage will be determined under the proposed bill, from the average national acreage during the preceding five-year period, but in no year can the national allotment be reduced by more than ten per cent of the 1941 allotment. Allotments to the various peanut producing states are to be determined in the same manner, upon the average acreage for the five years preceding, with adjustments allowed for trends in yields and abnormal production conditions, but in no year may the allotment to any State be reduced more than ten per cent from its 1941 allotment. Allotments to individual growers will be handled through the local committees, with allotments granted to farms on which peanuts have been grown for as long as three years. All peanuts produced on acreage allotted under the program may be sold without penalty.

Penalty for marketing peanuts produced on farms without acreage (Continued On Page Four)

Methodist Leaders Hold Meeting At Church Today

Church leaders from Methodist churches in 14 counties of North-eastern North Carolina, composed of 83 pastoral charges of 105 churches, met at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning at the Hertford Methodist Church in a stewards and "set-up" meeting.

The pastor, district steward, church school superintendent, church treasurer and other church leaders from these charges are expected to attend. The district superintendent, the district lay staff leader and five associate lay leaders will meet at a luncheon during the day and outline the program of lay activities for the coming year.

The new financial plan of the Methodist Church will be explained at this meeting.

Sawyer Resigns As Town Chemist; Goes To Georgia

Sammy Sawyer, chemist for the town of Hertford for the past 18 months, tendered his resignation to the Town Board on Tuesday. It was accepted by members of the Board.

Mr. Sawyer's resignation will become effective sometime before December 1st, as he assumes a position with the Brunswick Pulp and Paper Company, of Brunswick, Ga., on that date.

The Town Board has not as yet filled the position left vacant by Mr. Sawyer.

Volunteers May Fill First Call By Draft Board

Volunteers, it is very likely, will fill the first quota for Perquimans County men called to serve one year of military training.

At the present time ten young men of Perquimans have volunteered to the local draft board and their names have been placed at the top of the list of men who will serve from this county.

Of this list there are four white men and six Negroes, the names of the volunteers, obtained from the local draft offices, are: Francis Willey, Thomas White, Aubrey Umphlett, George Butler, all white men.

The Negroes are: Hillis Bow, Harold Wiggins, Bernice Woodard, Vernon Wiggins, John Henry Phillips, Robert Riddick.

Windsor Lions Best Indians In Return Game Tuesday

Bad Breaks Costly to Local Boys, Final Score 39-13

Breaks can win or lose a football game.

That about sizes up the situation regarding the game played on the local gridiron Tuesday afternoon. Perquimans Indians were hosts to the Windsor Lions and came off the field on the short end of a 39-13 score.

Everything the Indians did . . . every play just seemed to work in Windsor's favor.

Shortly after the opening whistle, E. White, Windsor fullback, circled right end for a touchdown after Hertford had received the kickoff and punted on second down. The score stood at 6 to 0 in the second game between the two schools this season.

Windsor scored twice during the first quarter and converted the try for an extra point to make the score at the end of the first period 13-0.

Both teams scored during the second period, Windsor making the first touchdown, and with the score standing against them 19 to 0, the Indians came to life and started an offensive of their own. They marched down the field to make their first score and the half ended with Windsor in possession of the ball.

Hertford came back strong in the third period and scored before the Lions could check them and the score stood Windsor 19, Hertford 13. Then the breaks started again and the rest of the game was all Windsor's.

Hertford completed three passes in twelve attempts, while Windsor completed five in nine tries. Each team intercepted one pass each, and Windsor scored six first downs while the Indians garnered three.

Although the score would indicate a one-sided battle, the local boys gave a good exhibition and the game was well-fought throughout the entire period.

Thieves Enter Rail Car, Get Cigarettes

Thieves broke into a Norfolk Southern freight car here early last Friday morning and made away with eight cases of cigarettes. The car had been placed on the siding at the time of the robbery, which took place some time between four and 5:30, according to Norman Trueblood, local agent.

A check revealed that the cigarettes, which had been consigned to the Jackson Wholesale Company here, was the only loss.

An investigation of the theft is being made by Sheriff J. E. Winslow and detectives of the railroad.

Indians Play Ahoekie Friday To Wind Up Football Season

The Perquimans High School football team will journey to Ahoekie today (Friday) to meet the Ahoekie football team in the final game of the current season.

Coch Davis, Ahoekie's coach, is expecting a victory for his boys as they all battle out of the game. The Windsor game served as the practice for the Indians, regardless of the fact that they lost it and the game with Ahoekie promises to be a battle from start to finish.

Seven Cases Tried Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Negro Sentences Himself to Six Months Suspended on Good Behavior

Given the opportunity to pronounce sentence upon himself by Judge J. S. McNider, Herbert Brown, Negro, charged with assault, thought that six months on the roads, suspended on good behavior was long enough, providing he paid court costs.

The sentence was fixed after evidence had been heard that Brown assaulted Jack Rountree, and the Court records showed Brown has a long list of convictions. Brown solemnly promised the Court that "he would not cause them any more trouble."

Judge McNider affirmed the sentence and ordered Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt to collect \$2 a week from Brown until the costs were paid.

The warrant charging Elsbury Boone, Negro, with rape was not pressed and a charge of assault on Lena Bunch was pressed. The Court fined Boone \$10 and cost on his plea of guilty to the assault charge.

Linwood Godfrey, charged with driving a tractor on the highway, plead guilty to this charge and paid the cost of court.

Pete Russell plead guilty to the charge of being drunk and paid the cost of court.

James E. Copeland, Negro, of Norfolk, Va., plead guilty to the charge of speeding and paid the cost of court.

Guy Hollowell, Edenton, was granted a continuance of his case. He is charged with being a hit and run driver. His case is docketed for December 3rd.

The case of Charlie Russell, Negro, charged with non-support, was continued.

A capias was issued for Buster Doom, Negro, charged with trespass, when he failed to appear in court.

Short Time Remains For Perquimans To Join Red Cross

Greater Need For Funds Pointed Out; Three More Canvassers Are Chosen In County

With less than one week in which to complete a thorough canvass for Red Cross memberships, Perquimans County workers are making every effort to put the local drive over the top.

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call, stated today that reports from various solicitors were coming in well but that she wished to impress upon the public the greater need this year for Red Cross funds.

In addition to the usual requests for Red Cross aid, this year civilian and military programs, both nationally and in local chapters, will make a greater demand on Red Cross funds therefore the need for a larger membership list this year than ever before can be seen if the Red Cross hopes to carry out its part of the preparedness program.

The time for enrollment is growing very short and all canvassers are urged to complete their work as soon as possible. The public is urged to do its bit by joining the Red Cross Roll Call.

Three new solicitors have been added to the workers' list since last week. Miss Gerrie Chappell has charge of the Bethel community, while Mrs. Jones Perry and Mrs. C. W. Reed are making a canvass of the Beech Spring district.

S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans County chapter of the Red Cross, has charge of the canvass in the business district of Hertford and he announced that the canvass will be made Thursday and Friday of this week.

Boy Scout Troop

Twenty-six members of the Hertford Coy Scout Troop No. 155 journeyed to Elizabeth City last Friday night to meet with Troop No. 151 of that city. Scoutmaster W. H. Pitt and Assistant Scoutmaster Sammie Sawyer made the trip with the local Scouts.

The Elizabeth City Troop had charge of a program which consisted of Scout features.

Navy Seeking Site For Air Base In This Section

670 Acres Needed For Location; Possibly 400 Men Would Be Stationed

Opportunity is again knocking on the door of some county located in Northeastern North Carolina.

That door could well be Perquimans County's door.

The Navy Department has let it be known that it is looking for a site of approximately 670 acres of land that can be used for a large naval air station, for lighter-than-air craft. The Department has also let it be known that it seeks this tract of land somewhere in North-eastern North Carolina. The only thing that is now holding the Navy back on the project is a suitable tract.

It is understood by this newspaper that Naval officials will be in this section within a few days to look over various tracts of land. The base, according to information, will carry a crew of some 400 or 500 men and officers, and will mean much to the section in which it is located.

The Weekly pauses here with this information, and goes back to the second paragraph of this story . . . here is an opportunity for Perquimans. Certainly there is in this county suitable land for this purpose. Why not make a bid to get this air station for Perquimans?

There is little need to go into the benefits that would be gained if Perquimans could get this base located within its borders, but we wish to give this warning to the public . . . if Perquimans County wants this air base, it will have to go after it . . . The Weekly has already learned that other counties in this section are working toward gaining the base for themselves . . . if Perquimans wants it, then let's get busy.

Greater Albemarle Association Forms Chapter Here

J. H. Towe, C. P. Morris, A. W. Hefren Chosen Directors For Perquimans Group

Approximately fifty persons, representing Perquimans County and visitors, attended the organization meeting of a Perquimans County chapter of the Greater Albemarle Association at the Parish House in Hertford last Friday night.

This was the first meeting held by the Association in Perquimans and it was a success, inasmuch as the chapter of the G. A. A. was formed from the Perquimans men present at the meeting.

Many of the local men signed membership cards in the organization and the chapter was duly organized with the election of J. H. Towe, Jr., C. P. Morris and A. W. Hefren as directors of the local chapter to the larger group. Mr. Towe was also chosen as secretary of the Perquimans chapter.

Wade Marr, executive secretary of the organization, had charge of the meeting and made a talk pointing out the objectives of the group laying special emphasis on the proposed "trade at home" project the group expects to launch in the near future. Several of the local men expressed their views concerning the proposed project and how best Perquimans could cooperate with the Association.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Gatesville at an early date in December. This meeting will also be for the purpose of establishing another chapter in the Association. Members and visitors are welcome to attend the Gatesville meeting.

Dismal Swamp Canal

Word has been received from John F. Conkin, War Department Engineer, that the Dismal Swamp Canal will be closed for periods of two weeks' duration, starting November 25, at 12:01 a. m.

The closing of the canal is due to construction work that will be done in connection with the locks located at South Mills, N. C., and Deep Creek, Va. The canal will be closed at Deep Creek first and the closing date at South Mills will be announced later.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY DRAFT QUOTA SET AT TWO MEN FOR FIRST CALL

Bank Closed; Post Office Open Next Thursday, Nov. 28

The Hertford Banking Company will be closed for business all day next Thursday in observance of North Carolina's Thanksgiving Day.

While the banking employees will be enjoying the holiday, postal employees will be on the job during the day.

The postoffice was closed yesterday, celebrating the holiday as designated by President Roosevelt, but will be open all day next Thursday. The bank will reopen for business Friday morning.

Hitler Lining Up Smaller States In Diplomatic Moves

Hungary Joins Axis Forces; Italian Army Pushed Out of Greece

Increasing the tempo of air raids over England, Herr Hitler during this past week has also been busy on the diplomatic front throughout the smaller Balkan States. Seemingly he proposes to create a "new order" in Southeastern Europe that will aid his attempt at crushing England.

It is believed that this series of conversations he has been holding with the head men of these small States is a means to an end, whereby he hopes to engulf them into the Nazi orbit without the trouble and expense of an invasion. Thereby gaining for himself the loyal support, both in man-power and money, that can not be his if he uses armed force to try to gain them.

After the Russian interviews of last week, Germany immediately started bombing England more severely than of late and also started visiting the leaders of the small Balkan countries. Already Hungary has joined the Axis forces and it is expected that other small nations of that area will sign a pact with Hitler soon . . . excepting, of course, Greece who is now busy chasing the Italians out of Greek territory. Reports also indicate that Turkey will refrain from joining the Axis and will fight any move that is made to bring an army down through Bulgaria.

On the war front, England has suffered tremendously during this week, but reports both from London and Berlin show that the R. A. F. is retaliating in kind over German territory.

London reported Thursday morning that British bombers had raided the great Shoda Arms Works at Pilsen, in old Czechoslovakia, for the second time.

Berlin had reported that German bombers had struck at Birmingham, second largest English city, and that the devastation was equaled only by that of Coventry which occurred earlier.

Mrs. Ward Praised For Work On P. T. A.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, retiring director of the Ninth District of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, has done notable work during her three years in office, a report given at the recent meeting disclosed.

When Mrs. Ward took over the directorship of the association in the fall of 1937, there were only 19 associations in the ninth district, and there are now 49. The membership has over doubled and there are over five times as many study groups.

The first year after she came into office, Mrs. Ward won for the district the Spruill Loving Cup for the greatest increase in associations and the Aycock Cup for the largest increase in membership.

At the conference recently held, Mrs. E. E. Bundy, associate superintendent of the district, presented Mrs. Ward with a lovely gift from the district. Since the oak tree is the symbol of the P. T. A., the gift was a tree, filled with dollar bills instead of leaves. Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, State president, presented Mrs. Ward with a pair of gold candlesticks.

First Man to Leave For Camp on December 10; Volunteers To Go First

Perquimans County will furnish two men to assist North Carolina to fill its first quota under the Selective Military Training Act. These two men who will be selected by the local draft board consisting of J. R. Stokes, W. G. Hollowell and W. W. Spence, will leave Perquimans during the first part of December. In fact the first white man will start for Fort Bragg on December 10 and the first Negro draftee will leave on December 13.

In preparation for the selection of these first two men the local draft has ordered ten Perquimans registrants to appear at the offices of Dr. C. A. Davenport for physical examination. After these examination reports have been examined by the draft board, they will determine the first men to go.

Perquimans County's quota of men to be furnished, beginning with the first call and ending next June 30, is fifty men. It is very likely that the first two men that will report to Fort Bragg from Perquimans will be volunteers, as according to regulations all men volunteering through the local board will be placed at the top of the list and they will be selected first, providing, of course, they can pass the physical examination.

The local board has mailed out 125 questionnaires to date and these are being returned to the local draft offices for the classifications which are now going on. Approximately one hundred men have been classified by the local board.

These classifications place men in one of four classes. Class 1 is those men now available for service; Class 2, men who will be deferred because their work is valuable for the defense program; Class 3, men deferred because of dependents, and Class 4, men deferred because of physical disability.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local board, stated that the draft board mails out questionnaires during each week and will continue to do so until all men registered under the Service Act will have received one and been classified by the local board.

Registrants have five days to fill out the questionnaires and return them to the local draft offices.

Mr. Stokes further stated that all men who are registered under the act should keep in close touch with the board. Registrants must notify the board of any changes in address, types of work, and all other items pertaining to the registrant.

North Carolina will furnish 390 white men for the first call and 163 Negroes. All men from North Carolina will report to Fort Bragg, which will serve as induction station for this area.

HDC Subscription Canvass Extended For One Week

Due to the inclement weather of last week, the subscription drive being made by the Home Demonstration Clubs has been extended for a period of one week. The drive will close Saturday and all club presidents are urged to see that their club members report all subscription sales at The Weekly office not later than 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The drive for renewal subscriptions has been going on for the past two weeks and the Home Demonstration Clubs are making extra money for their club activities through the cooperation with The Weekly. All clubs receive a generous commission on their sales and a \$5 bonus if the individual club sells thirty subscriptions.

All of the clubs have sold some subscriptions, and several of the clubs, namely, Whiteston, Bethel, Belvidere, Ballhack, Helen Gaiter, Burgess and Snow Hill-White Hat, have done exceedingly well. The Whiteston Club has the honor of having sold more than any other club to date.

Any subscriber wishing to help one of the clubs during this offer should do so before Saturday afternoon. A special price offer is being made by The Weekly during this drive, and the regular subscription price will be returned after this offer closes Saturday. The price of The Perquimans Weekly during the drive is one dollar per year.