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PEANUT COOPERATIVE SUSPENDS BUYING UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 30

R. C. Holland Briefly Reviews Operations Of Organization

R. C. Holland, assistant manager of Growers Peanut Cooperative, Incorporated, in charge of operations of that association in North Carolina, in commenting on the operations of the association during the present peanut-marketing season, on Tuesday said:

Following the announcement by the Surplus Marketing Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture of the Peanut Surplus Removal Program this association set out to establish a warehouse system in North Carolina and Virginia to handle that program. The first lot of peanuts was purchased by the association at Wilmington, North Carolina, on November 11. During the week of November 11 warehouses were opened to purchase and receive peanuts for the association at various points in North Carolina, but the operations of the association did not really get under way until November 16. During the 25 working days beginning November 16 and ending December 16, the association purchased, received, graded, weighed and stored in North Carolina an average of 27,240 bags of peanuts per day for which it paid the growers delivering them an average of \$81,000 per day.

For the period from November 11, 1940, through December 14, 1940 the association purchased from 3,800 peanut farmers 32,317 tons of farmers' stock peanuts, or the equivalent of 681,000 bags, which peanuts were graded, weighed and stored in warehouses in North Carolina for which the association paid \$1,975,000. These peanuts were stored in 60 warehouses located at the following receiving points in North Carolina: Rich Square, Clarkton, Roanoke Rapids, Greenville, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Goldsboro, Windsor, Plymouth, Rocky Mount, Winfall, Ahoskie, Robersonville, Colerain, Aulander, Gates, Jackson, Roxob, Tarboro, Edenton, Seaboard, Woodland, Williamston, Weldon, Murfreesboro, Wilmington.

The warehouses serving the association in North Carolina have been authorized to cease receiving peanuts for the association at the close of business on Saturday, December 21, and to resume buying and receiving peanuts on December 30; and to continue buying and receiving operations until midnight of April 30, 1941—the last day of the buying period of the association, as fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

It is conservatively estimated that the Association, if good weather prevails during the remainder of this week, and based on receipts during the past week, will have purchased and stored in North Carolina at the close of business on December 21, 39,000 tons of peanuts, or the equivalent of 850,000 bags, for which it will have paid to the peanut farmers delivering the peanuts \$2,500,000.

Competent authorities estimate that the Peanut Surplus Removal Program will increase the income of peanut farmers of North Carolina for the 1940 crop by not less than four to five million dollars.

The Marketing Section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has worked hand in hand with the Association in its operations in North Carolina, in fact, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture loaned Mr. Harry T. Westcott, Junior Marketing Specialist of that Department to the U. S. Department of Agriculture in order that he might be designated as a representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to devote his entire time to supervising the inspection service connected with the Peanut Surplus Removal Program in North Carolina. The service so far rendered by Mr. Westcott in this capacity has been of high quality and entirely satisfactory. The Department is so confident of the fact that it was Mr. Westcott that Mr. Westcott has been designated as a representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and he has ably assisted Mr. Westcott in this work.

It should be noted here that a Carolina bank, namely, Western Carolina Trust Company, Raleigh, North Carolina, has arranged to pay every dollar paid to the growers for peanuts purchased for the account of the association in North Carolina to date, and will likely provide the funds that may be required for the association for purchasing peanuts in North Carolina during the present marketing period. The association is cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of the Peanut Surplus Removal Program at the Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 2, 1941.

Postoffice Remains Open Saturday All Day For Benefit Of Public

Announcement was made today by Postmaster S. M. Whedbee that the Hertford Postoffice will be open Saturday afternoon, December 21, for the convenience of the public in mailing Christmas packages.

The local postoffice usually closes during the half day on Saturdays, but the stamp windows and facilities will remain open this week.

The postoffice will be closed all day on Christmas Day. There will be no deliveries, except Specials, however mail will be dispatched and placed in the boxes located at the postoffice.

Durants Neck Negro Found Guilty Of Stealing Soy Beans

Long Session Needed to Clear Recorder Docket Tuesday

Enos Mallory, Negro, of Durants Neck, was found guilty of stealing soybeans from E. M. Perry in a hearing before Recorder Granberry Tucker on Tuesday.

The hearing lasted more than four hours, and ended with sentence suspended until the condition of probation imposed by Judge I. M. Meekins, in a Federal Court hearing on liquor charges, have been investigated.

Sentence will be passed at the next term of Recorder's Court. Mallory was found not guilty of breaking and entering property of Frank Overton of Durants Neck, where the soybeans were stored.

Other cases heard by Judge Tucker on Tuesday included that of Rudy Turner, of the Chappell Hill section, who pleaded guilty to hit and run driving. Turner was fined \$15 and costs. The dollars of this amount was ordered paid to Peter Billups, Negro, whose car was struck.

George Clinton Nelson, Negro, was found guilty of failure to support his bastard child, five-year-old daughter of Willie Lee Forehand. Prayer for judgment was continued, on condition that Nelson pay \$1.50 per week to support the child, and costs of court action.

Guy Hollowell, of Edenton, pleaded guilty to reckless driving and paid total costs amounting to \$32.55, which included damages to the car of Jake Mathews, which was involved in an accident with the Hollowell car.

Andrew Alfonso Dale, Negro, pleaded guilty to driving with improper license. Prayer for judgment was continued.

Grandy White, Negro, charged with assault on Mildred Johnson, also a Negro, with his fists, a knife, a piece of iron and other articles, was found guilty. He was ordered to pay costs of court, prayer for judgment being continued upon one year's good behavior. Testimony showed that White did little more than threaten Mildred.

The cases against Addie Webb Harrell and Will Dennis Harrell, both Negroes, was continued.

Leon Taylor, Negro, alias James Madison Taylor, paid costs of court for reckless driving.

Andrew Spellman, Negro, paid a \$10 fine and costs for transporting and possessing illegal liquor.

Warning Issued In Regards To Working Permits For Youths

Miss Ruth Davenport, County Welfare Agent, today issued a warning that all children under the age of 18 years must have working permits before being employed.

Applications for these permits may be obtained at the Welfare office located in the Courthouse, and Miss Davenport requests all children to get these permits before applying for employment.

Musical Program At Winfall Church

Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church, announced Wednesday that there will be a strictly musical program presented by the church choir on Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The Rev. Will Chappell will address the Sunday School at 10 A. M.

G. C. Buck Chosen As Master For Masonic Lodge For 1941

Installation of New Officers to Take Place January 7th

Perquimans Lodge Number 106 A. F. & A. M., of Hertford, held election of officers for the year 1941 at its first regular communication in December. The officers elected to serve during the coming year are as follows:

G. C. Buck, Master; C. R. Holmes, Senior Warden; John D. Hill, Junior Warden; J. S. Vjek, Secretary, and George W. Jackson, Treasurer.

Worshipful Master-elect Buck announced the following appointments of appointive officers and committees: Archie T. Lane, Senior Deacon; Jack S. Gaskill, Junior Deacon; John O. White, Jr., Senior Steward; Marshall R. Owens, Junior Steward; P. T. Johnson, Chaplain; W. A. Hoffer, Tyler.

Finance Committee: C. P. Morris, Chairman; F. T. Johnson, J. W. Zachary.

Orphanage Committee: W. H. Pitt, Chairman; Claude D. White, J. H. Towe.

Resolutions Committee: C. R. Holmes, Chairman; D. J. Pritchard, J. S. McNider.

Fellowship Committee: J. D. Hill, Chairman; Simon Rutenburg, R. C. Skinner, J. F. Winslow.

120th Year Celebration Committee: B. C. Berry, Chairman; J. E. Winslow, L. W. Anderson, C. P. Quincy, T. S. White.

Installation of officers will be held in Hall of Perquimans Lodge No. 106, in the Courthouse Building, on the evening of January 7, 1941. Installation will be conducted by the retiring Master, F. T. Johnson, and a Roll Call of all members of the lodge will be held at the same time.

Perquimans Lodge was founded in 1821 and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1921. The Lodge plans a similar celebration in 1941 to commemorate its 120th year.

Perquimans Band To Give Concert Next Monday Night

The Perquimans High School Band, under the direction of Jimmy McCallum, will give a public concert next Monday night at 7:30 on the Courthouse Green.

The Band will feature Christmas carols and marches during the evening and each member has been practicing well toward this concert. The public is invited to attend and listen to the Band's performance.

Christmas Cantata At Baptist Church Sunday Morning

Selections from Stult's "The Wondrous Light," have been chosen for the Christmas Cantata of the Hertford Baptist Church, which will be presented at the morning service Sunday.

The sermon will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Clarence Hebbgood. There will be a White Christmas entertainment for the children at the evening service, and gifts will be brought to place under the Christmas trees.

County Schools To Start Christmas Vacation Dec. 20

Perquimans County's schools are in the midst of their pre-Christmas examinations this week prior to the holiday vacation which will begin on Friday, December 20, according to F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent.

A Christmas tree and an exchange of presents will feature Friday afternoon and the schools will be dismissed for the 12 days vacation. All classes will be resumed on January 2.

Lions Club Meets Friday Night At Hotel Hertford

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight (Friday) at the Hotel Hertford. All members are urged to be present. A program will be given under the direction of Charles Willford, and Reginald Tucker.

Men Face Serious Charges As Results Of Accident Death

Manslaughter Charges To Be Filed Against Winslow and Key

Two Perquimans County men, John L. Winslow, white, and Robert Key, Negro, will be charged with manslaughter as the result of the death of Shadrack Boone, Negro, who died in the Elizabeth City Hospital Wednesday morning at 7:40.

Patrolman Jack Gaskill has notified Clerk of the Court W. H. Pitt to draw warrants charging the two men with manslaughter as the alleged drivers of the two cars which figured in an accident on the Hertford-Center Hill highway early Monday morning, resulting in injuries to Boone from which he died.

Winslow has also been charged with driving drunk, assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile. This case which was scheduled for the recorder's court on Tuesday was postponed.

Key was charged with reckless driving but the more serious charge will be added to the warrant.

The accident which cost Boone his life occurred about 1 A. M. Monday morning. It was alleged that Winslow's car collided with the car supposedly to have been driven by Key and that Boone was injured. The injured Negro was left at the scene of the accident for approximately two hours before he was brought to Hertford by Winslow. Medical treatment was given at the Hertford Clinic, then Boone was removed to the hospital.

Upon first investigation by Patrolman Gaskill and Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens, Key alleged that he was not the driver of the car but in a statement issued later by Winslow and given to Gaskill, Winslow stated that Key was driving the other car at the time of the accident.

The case will probably be heard on December 31 before Recorder's Court Judge Granberry Tucker.

Christmas Seal Sale Reports Show Good Results In County

From present indications the Christmas Seal Sale is going over the top in Perquimans County. Incomplete reports show that the sum of \$54.40 has been turned over to the County Chairman, Mrs. I. A. Ward.

Mrs. Ward stated on Wednesday that she was well pleased with the results, thus far and that she is sure that when the total returns are submitted that it will exceed the \$98 quota of Perquimans.

Solicitors of Christmas Seals have until Christmas Day to make sales of these small stickers, funds raised from the sale of them being used in the fight against tuberculosis.

Only two of the many groups selling the Seals have reported thus far: the Winfall School reporting \$26.55; and the solicitors of the business district of Hertford reporting \$27.85. Other schools and groups are expected to report shortly after Christmas Day.

Any person not yet solicited, and who wishes to aid in this worthy endeavor, may get Seals by phoning Mrs. I. A. Ward at her home in Hertford. The phone number is 2681.

Committee To Judge Home Decorations On Sunday Night

The Woman's Club committee, composed of Mrs. S. P. Jessup, Mrs. J. G. Roberson and Mrs. I. A. Ward, will make a tour of Hertford Sunday night to judge the home decorations for the prize being awarded by the Club for the best decorated home.

The committee requests all persons to turn on their Christmas lights on Sunday evening in order that they may judge each home. The prize will be given to the home with the best decorations, regardless of whether the home has been entered in the contest or not.

Christmas Day Service At Holy Trinity Church

On Christmas Day there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church at 11 o'clock. A very sincere invitation is extended to every member of the community in whose church there is no Christmas Day service, to attend.

HERTFORD MERCHANTS TO CLOSE STORES WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK

Large Number Of Families Remain On Christmas List

There is still a number of families in Perquimans County who will need aid if they are to have a joyful Christmas, according to Miss Ruth Davenport, County Welfare Agent.

Miss Davenport reported on Wednesday that various club groups had notified her that they would take care of ten families. This leaves about sixty-five families yet to be cared for. The local agent has contributions from the Hertford Lions Club and another unidentified individual amounting to \$11 to assist with the Joy Fund.

Persons desiring to aid in this undertaking may do so by getting in touch with Miss Davenport.

Draft Board Expects Next Call To Come Early In January

Local Board Ready With 154 Classified; Class A-1 Totals 27

Although the local draft board has not received official word from Raleigh, it is expected that the next draft call for Perquimans County to furnish its quota of men will come early in January.

Quotas for the State of North Carolina were announced in Raleigh on Tuesday, and according to these quotas the State will be expected to furnish 1,635 white and 366 Negro draftees during January.

Governor Hoey received instructions from Washington which said that all of the white men would be inducted into service at Fort Bragg and would then be sent to Fort Jackson to be assigned to the 30th Division.

These quotas, as released by officials in Raleigh, are approximately four times as great as the first quotas filled during December and therefore, it is highly probable that each draft board, including Perquimans will be called on to furnish four times the number of men sent during this month.

Perquimans furnished two men to aid in filling the first call. George Butler and John Henry Billups, Negro, left Hertford on December 9th and 13th, respectively, for Fort Bragg.

The local draft board, composed of J. R. Stokes, W. G. Hollowell and W. W. Spencer, have been keeping abreast with the program and are all ready for the next call. To date the local board has classified 154 men. Of this total 27 have been placed in Class A-1.

Out of the 154 men classified, 15 of them have received their medical examination by Dr. C. A. Davenport, local examination officer, and two of this number have been rejected, leaving 13 men awaiting the next call from Uncle Sam.

The mailing of questionnaires to local registrants was temporarily halted last week by members of the local board, but the mailing of these forms will be resumed during the first week in January.

Registrants have five days in which to return the questionnaires to the local board after having received them. Any person receiving questionnaires and wishing aid in filling them out may get the same by calling on the following men who have been designated to assist in this work: C. R. Holmes, Sammie Sutton, W. G. Newby, C. P. Morris, Norman Trueblood and W. G. Thompson.

Special Program At Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon

A special Christmas program will be presented at the Hertford Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

In addition to the musical program by the choir, the twilight service will feature a pageant to be presented under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce, and a Christmas Tree, under which will be placed gifts brought for those who might otherwise go lacking for Christmas cheer.

Contributions are to be distributed by the Sunday School Department, on Christmas Eve.

At the morning service, the Rev. R. F. Meaux announces he will use as his subject "The Other Wise Man."

Two Day Vacation Enables Employees to Have Longer Holiday

In further keeping with the Christmas holiday spirit the Hertford merchants will give their employees a two-day vacation next week. All stores in Hertford's downtown section will be closed Wednesday (Christmas Day) and Thursday in order that store employees may better enjoy the time with families and friends during the Christmastime.

Announcement of the closing came after a petition, asking all merchants to cooperate with the plan, was circulated throughout the business district on Monday, and the following merchants signed: Hertford Banking Company, Davenport & Blanchard, J. C. Blanchard & Company, Hertford Hardware, Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Winslow-White Motor Company, Mrs. Jake White, Simon's, Morgan Furniture Co., Rose's, R. S. Jordan, Morgan Grocery, Iilda's, Gregory's, Goodwin, Darden Brothers, Stokes, Pender's, Bill Jordan, Central Grocery, Paragon, Skinner's, Johnson-White, Perquimans Feed and Seed Store, Towe Motor Company, Riddick's Cleaners and Cannon Cleaning Works.

Stores will reopen for business as usual on Friday morning and these merchants ask their patrons to kindly wait the inconvenience in order that all store employees may have a longer merrier Christmas.

The Weekly will also observe the holiday week by publishing its regular December 27th issue on Monday, December 23. This early edition will enable our printers to enjoy a longer holiday. All persons having news items for next week's paper are urged to phone them in to us not later than Saturday noon.

Mrs. Philip White Returns Home From Work In China

After having spent the past five and a half years in China, Mrs. Philip White and her two children, Geneva Josephine and Norman, are at home in Hertford with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. L. W. Norman.

Mrs. White's husband, the Rev. Philip White, is still in Greater Honan, China, where the couple have made their home while doing missionary work under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Mission Board.

Mrs. White and the children arrived in San Francisco aboard the S. S. Ship Washington, on December 8, having sailed from Shanghai on November 20, leaving China after the third notice of evacuation sent out by the American Consul, and in compliance with the ruling of the Mission Board. Mr. White plans to remain in China until his furlough is due, which will be in 1942, after a seven-year period of service.

Both Mr. and Mrs. White are natives of Hertford. Mr. White is the son of I. A. White, while Mrs. White is the daughter of the late L. W. Norman and Mrs. Norman. Mr. and Mrs. White left Hertford in August of 1935 on their second trip to China as missionaries. The first period of service in China began in 1924. They spent three years working on their first trip. Forced to return to America in 1927 because of the revolution in China, they felt that their work was unfinished. So after spending nearly a year at home, during which time Mr. White served as pastor of Kings Memorial Baptist Church at Leaksville, the two missionaries went back to continue their work with the Chinese, this time taking their two children with them.

Though not in the most dangerous war zone since May 1938, the White family have at all times since that time been in a danger zone, because of skir. ges occurring here and there and uprisings at various points.

The city in which they lived, Kweitch, was bombed in 1938, and finally taken over by the Japanese. The Japanese have occupied the city since that date, although with considerable difficulty due to minor uprisings from time to time. During the bombing in 1938 the bombs fell immediately outside their compound walls, according to Mrs. White.

"It wasn't so bad being in the midst of the war as it was hearing about it," said Mrs. White. In explanation of this rather amazing statement Mrs. White said that at the time there was so much to do to care for these needing assistance that one never really realized the danger to themselves until it was over.