

Slight Increase in Support Prices on Peanuts Reported

North Carolina Farm Bureau officials said this week that the Department of Agriculture will support grower prices of the 1961 crop peanuts at a minimum average of \$320.50 per ton for all types. This compares with \$216 for last year's crop.

R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, Farm Bureau Executive Vice-president, who spent some three months in Washington negotiating the passage of the new peanut law, which raised North Carolina's quota from 188,461 to 237,767 acres, said this support average will prevail unless the supply position or a higher level of parity at the beginning of the crop year, August 1, requires a higher level of support under terms of the farm law.

He said that the base grade support prices by types include: \$326 a ton for Virginia-type peanuts containing 65 per cent sound mature kernels; \$208 for runner type, 65 per cent sound mature kernels; \$229 for Spanish-type east of the Mississippi River, 70 per cent sound mature kernels.

Shaw pointed out that "peanut producers of the State should congratulate themselves on having succeeded in getting a law passed which makes it possible to bring about an adjustment in the production of types that have been under discussion for a number of years. In my judgment, this is probably the most practical and workable piece of legislation that the peanut producers have ever had."

He cautioned farmers that peanuts containing in excess of 7 per cent damage, 15 per cent foreign material, or 10 per cent moisture in the Virginia-Carolina area, will not be eligible for support.

NOTES ON SOIL CONSERVATION
Mrs. Leroy Nixon recently had approximately 2 1/2 miles of ditches cut on her farm near Chapanoke with a dragline. This ditching consisted of enlarging and cutting to grade 3 1/2 miles of old ditches and constructing one mile of new ditches.

J. P. Trueblood has had approximately 1.8 miles of ditches on his farm at Fowler's Fork enlarged and cut

to grade with a dragline. The ditches on both of the above mentioned farms were surveyed and grade stakes set by Soil Conservation Service Technicians working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

The Supervisors of the Albemarle and Roanoke-Chowan Soil Conservation Districts held a joint meeting May 9, at Lewis Barbecue place at Ahsokie. The Supervisors invited representatives from all Agricultural Agencies in the counties. David S. Weaver, Director of the N. C. Extension Service, was the speaker.

Those attending from Perquimans County were: John Q. Hurdle and Clarence C. Chappell, District Supervisors; Milton Dull, Production & Marketing Administration; G. C. Buck, Vocational Agriculture; I. C. Yagel and E. L. Topping, Extension Service; W. C. Chappell, farmer; Seth W. Long and F. A. McGoogan, Soil Conservation Service.

JAMES E. OVERTON

James Elliott Overton, 31, who lived on RFD 1, Hertford, died Friday morning at 5:45 A. M., in Chowan Hospital in Edenton after a two weeks' illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford, with the Rev. J. R. Byrly officiating. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

He was a native of Perquimans County and the son of Alfred Overton and the late Mrs. Mamie Overton. Surviving, in addition to his father, are two brothers, Steve and Lander Overton; a sister, Miss Stella Mae Overton, all of the home.

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WHITE HAT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Long of Richmond, Va., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Sr.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Sr., on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long, Jr., and Mrs. A. D. Thatch, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Winslow and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogerson and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Long.

SURPRISE SHOWER

The Mary Towe Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hertford Methodist Church held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., which was made attractive with bouquets of spring flowers, with its president, Miss Nellie Fields, presiding. Mrs. W. E. Drake gave the devotion. Mrs. Walter Edwards read the minutes in the absence of the secretary. After routine business matters were discussed and the benediction repeated in unison, Miss Ruth Elliott, whose marriage to Eldon Winslow will be an event of June 2, was given a surprise shower in a very unique manner when her sister, Miss Thelma Elliott, pushed the mahogany server of gifts from its secluded spot into the living room while a record played Lohengrin's Wedding March. After the honoree opened her miscellaneous gifts and party refreshments of ice cream, cup

cakes, and mints were served, carrying out a color scheme of green and white, Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played.

Miss Thelma Elliott and Mrs. W. H. Pitt were invited guests. Members present in addition to those already mentioned were: Miss Martha Bunnist, Madames Martin Towe, Eldon Hurdle, Emory White, Tommy Matthews, Jim Bob White, Charles Payne, Robert Hollowell, Jesse Lee Harris, I. C. Yagel, Fank McGoogan, Edgar Fields and Lawrence Towe. Mrs. R. M. Fowler assisted her daughter in the evening's hospitality.

RECITAL PRESENTED

The piano pupils of Miss Kate Blanchard presented their annual recital at the Hertford Grammar School last Friday night, before a large audience. Those taking part on the program were Riley Williams, Shirley Byrum, Anne Brinn, Kay Howell, Sally Ruth Hollowell, Julian Howell, Mary Elliott Brinn, Jo Pat Stokes, Barbara Edwards, Joanna Williford, Alice Dawson, Clifford Towe.

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BRIDGE CLUB HOSTESS

Mrs. J. O. Felton was hostess to her bridge club Monday evening at her home. Those playing were Madames V. N. Darden, Oscar Newbold, Charles Whedbee, Charles Henc, B. G. Koonce, T. B. Sumner, W. C. Wright and Miss Kate Blanchard. The high score prize went to Mrs. Darden. A sweet course was served.

HOLD FAMILY REUNION

The family of Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Sr., held its annual reunion at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark on the Perquimans River on Mother's Day. A picnic dinner was served to the following: Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ives and son, Caleb, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. W. B. Clark, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Lee Harris and children, Mr. and Mrs.

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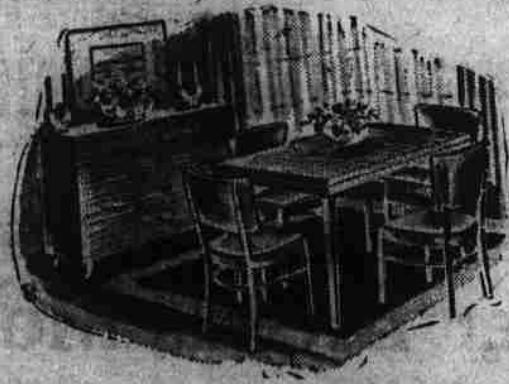
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