

# Yields Of Peanuts Puzzles Farmers

Why do some farms produce considerably higher peanut yields than others when apparently the soil nature is about the same? This is a question of many farmers who are making low peanut yields are vitally interested in. It is also a question facing agricultural workers as they work with farm people.

George W. Bunch and son, S. J. Bunch, of Cross Roads Community are vitally interested in this question. Their yields have been running 1,200 to 1,400 pounds per acre while their neighbors on one side and just across the fence have been making well over 2,000 pounds of peanuts per acre. According to soil test reports, Mr. Bunch's soil is testing low to medium in potash. This may be one limiting factor in the peanut production and an attempt is being made to correct this by applying additional potash annually to other crops in the peanut rotation. Soil samples also indicate a rather low organic content.

The Soil Conservationist and the County Agent are cooperating with Mr. Bunch in working out the following throughout a five to six year farm plan in an effort to increase Mr. Bunch's yields as well as yields of other crops on the sandy land. Chowan County is considered a Jumbo-type peanut producing county. At least 90% or more of the peanut acreage is of the Jumbo runner type. The N. C. Experiment station is working on new varieties of peanut seeding varieties that are producing large kernels, large yields and have desired disease resistance. A small quantity of five of the most promising new varieties have been planted on the farm of Lonnie Boyce near Edenton to compare them with our regular Virginia Runner. The varieties are of bunch or semi-bunch type. Observation will be made by growers and yields will be checked at harvest time.

## FHA Farm Loans Paid Faster Than Required

Most North Carolina families who buy farms with Farmers Home Administration long-term loans not only pay back faster than required, but also build up their livestock and equipment and make better use of their family labor supply, J. B. Slack, State Director, says.

Slack based his statement on an analysis of the achievements of two groups of borrowers—those whose loans were made in 1939, and those who borrowed in 1944.

Although farm-ownership loans are set up for 40-year repayment periods, he said, 224 of the 300 families who received these loans in 1939 had repaid in full by the end of 1949. Two-thirds of the others were ahead of schedule with their payments.

The average 1939 borrower still active in the program owned only \$242 worth of work stock and equipment at the time he bought his farm, but ten years later valued his work stock and equipment at \$1,464. The value of his productive livestock—dairy and beef cattle, hogs and poultry—rose from \$320 to \$686.

These families' average cash income from farming increased from \$759 the year before borrowing to \$2,490 in 1949. After adjustments are made for changes in prices received for farm products this represents a gain of 26.5 per cent.

Their average net-worth—value of everything they owned minus all debts—was \$1,265 the year before they bought their farms. Ten years later it averaged \$6,507.

Slack attributed much of this progress to the fact that farms bought with loan funds are economic family-type units capable of producing enough crops and supporting enough livestock to utilize fully the families' labor supply. Other factors responsible for their progress were sufficient credit to purchase livestock and equipment needed to reorganize and make major adjustments in their farming operations and supervision and guidance given these families by county supervisors of the Farmers Home Ad-



**FLYING "EGG-BEATER" UNLOADS WICKED HOWITZER**—The "Flying Banana" (Helicopter HRP-1) practices for its role in the Armed Forces modern, highly air-transportable fighting force. Other smaller helicopters have proven their worth in the Korean fighting, where Marines and GI's alike refer to these flying machines affectionately as egg-beaters. Here the "Flying Banana" is shown taking off after it has delivered a crew of Quantico, Va., Marines to their

ministration. "Most of these farmers had been underemployed," he explained. "Many were tenants or sharecroppers on small holdings. When they bought their farms they worked out farm-and-home plans, with the aid of our local supervisors, calling for diversification, pasture improvement and efficient farm management so all their land would be used to the best advantage."

Similar study of records of 276 families who obtained farm-ownership loans in 1944 showed 84 had paid in full by 1949, and 149 of the others were ahead of their payment schedule. Those active in the program in 1949 had increased their average cash farm income from \$1,136 to \$2,368, and their net worth from \$1,619 to \$4,479. They owned work stock and equipment worth \$1,256, compared with only \$364 five years earlier, and other livestock valued at \$616 compared with \$382 before getting their loans.

Slack said 4,133 real estate loans for farm purchase, development or enlargement have been made in North Carolina since passage of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937. So far this fiscal year 203 have been approved.

## WHITESTON NEWS

Henry E. Winslow spent the week-end in Greensboro visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson and children of S. C., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Winslow.

Clarkson White, of E. C. C., Greenville, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White.

Mrs. Louis Howell of Beech Springs visited her mother, Mrs. Alberta Lane, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Crafton Winslow has returned from Norfolk General Hospital and is getting along fine.

Miss Syble Winslow of Washington, D. C., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Winslow.

Miss Thelma White of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., has arrived home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baker and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winslow and Arba Clair visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Perry at Belvidere Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Gradeless and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Riddick Sunday.

Week-end visitors of Mrs. Ida Winslow were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bunch, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hobbs and family of Hobbsville, Mrs. S. M. Winslow of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Verna Winslow, Mrs. Elmer Winslow, Mrs. Alva Winslow and James, Miss Mary Lou Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Riddick and Mr. and Mrs. John Lassiter.

Mrs. J. E. Wood of Elizabeth City Route 2, was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker Saturday.

## Indians-Williamston Tangle Here Thursday

Coach Ellie Fearing, Athletic Director at Perquimans High School, announced Tuesday that his Perquimans Indians will play Williamston High School for the baseball championship of the Albemarle Conference on Thursday night with the game scheduled to be played in Hertford.

The Indians hold one victory, toward the championship, over the Green Wave, and in the event Williamston triumphs Thursday a second game will be played immediately, to decide the winner for the conference.

A victory over Williamston will give Perquimans the championship of the league for the fifth straight year and Coach Fearing's boys are anxious to climax a splendid season record by winning the conference event again.

## WINFALL NEWS

Thomas E. Umphlett of Chowan College spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Winslow, Sunday and attended Quarterly Meeting at Piney Woods Friends Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin F. Holmes of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Johnnie Lane and daughter, Nannie Lou, and Mrs. Nonnie Nowell motored to Fairfield, N. C., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Temple and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Long and daughter Judy visited Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hollowell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hollowell and son Grover visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mathews Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Umphlett attended the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City Saturday.

Miss Hattie Pearl Nowell of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nowell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Winslow and children and Mrs. Elwood Nowell and daughter Ann attended the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City on Saturday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nowell, Sr., on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Twine of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Menden and daughter of Suffolk, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward of Hertford.

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell has returned home from her cottage, "The Beach Comber," at Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Talbert Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Pierce of Norfolk visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pierce Sunday.

## CHAPANOKE NEWS

George Jackson attended the Shrine ceremonial at Durham on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Nixon visited her sister-in-law Mrs. Oscar Symons, at Jarvisburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Onley had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Will Burgess of Old Trap.

Leon Elliott, USN, Norfolk, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Quincy and daughter of Norfolk spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Quincy.

Miss Mildred Byrum spent the past week-end in Greensboro.

Maryland Boyce, Jr., USC, of Wilmington, N. C., was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Boyce.

Jack Symons, U. S. Army, Camp Pickett, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Symons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Onley visited friends at Old Trap Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Symons and daughters spent Sunday at Portsmouth, Va.

led in prayer. Special music was rendered by Ann White and Joyce Sumner with Lois Winslow at the piano. Sallie Ruth Hurdle made a talk on Scouting, which was followed by a flag ceremony in which the girls were presented their merits of award by Mrs. T. F. Brinn. Nine girls received tenderfoot badges; 17 received world pins; eight received second class badges and four received first class badges. Six girls were awarded stars for membership. The Intermediate group was then awarded proficiency badges by its leader, Mrs. John Hurdle, who also presented Ann Sawyer with a gift for her achievement during the year. The meeting closed with the girls giving a patriotic drill and singing "God Bless America."

## Air Force Offering Attractive Training

The Air Force has a good deal for veterans with special skills or training, according to M/Sgt. Ota Yates, Recruiting Officer. "Veterans of any Service, not only Air Force, but Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, who have these special skills, are virtually needed in our rapidly growing Air Force today," Sgt. Yates said. "The Air Force has a waiting list for recruits at the present time, he pointed out, but because it takes time to train them the veterans are needed now. "And if the veterans have the special skills the Air Force needs," he said, "they can re-enlist with their old

status as before. "While veterans don't ship back training and be assigned immediately to Air Force bases near their homes." Sgt. Yates also urged the girls in the Perquimans County and Chowan County high school, Class of '51 to come down to the recruiting station and find out what the Air Force has to offer them. Sgt. Yates also urged that all specially trained veterans stop by the recruiting station immediately and find out if they're qualified to re-enlist with their old grades or better. The local recruiting station is at Hertford Post Office or 302 Kramer Building, Elizabeth City. Christianly is more than knowing the right, it also includes being righteously.

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