

Peanut Acreage Allotment Increased 7 1/2% On All Types

The increase in the 1955 peanut acreage allotment was announced on May 4th by Secretary of Agriculture Earl Taft Benson. The allotment was increased to 1,000,000 acres by Joe S. Sugg, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association.

The increase is an across-the-board increase for all types of peanuts produced in the United States and will apply to the 1955 acreage allotment already in the hands of the farmers. Mr. Sugg stated that it is realized that this is a big deal for the peanut growers who receive the increase, however, each individual may figure what an increase will be by increasing the present allotment by 7 1/2%. Mr. Sugg urged that the North Carolina peanut growers figure their allotment as described above and proceed with their planting and make sure that every acre allotted is planted this year. He pointed out that the County ASC Offices will compute the increased allotments and mail to each individual farmer the revised allotments at the earliest possible time, but at least it is estimated that it will take approximately two weeks for the allotments to get into the hands of the farmers and this delay might prevent some farmer from getting his allotment planted. Mr. Sugg urged that any farmer

as though no increase would be possible for this year.

At this point the assistance of the congressional representatives came into play with Senator Byrd securing a new hearing before Under Secretary of Agriculture James A. McConnell, and prior to this meeting and during this meeting, influence upon the Department was exerted by Congressman Watt Abbott of Virginia, Senators Ervin and Scott of North Carolina, Congressmen Fountain and Bonner of North Carolina, and Senator Robertson of Virginia. The results obtained through this hearing laid the foundation for the increase which was awarded.

Following the meeting with Mr. McConnell, it was determined that a public hearing must be held, at which time the Southwestern Peanut Producers joined with the Virginia type producers in requesting an increase by type. The Southeastern Peanut Producers opposed any increase but took the position that if there were any increases that they should be allowed the same increase as awarded any type.

The decision, said Sugg, as awarded was contrary to the position of the Virginia type producers and it was made on the basis of an over-all increase with the same consideration for all types. The Virginia type producers and the Southwestern Producers felt that the law as on the statutes to type increases should be applied to each type and the increases award-

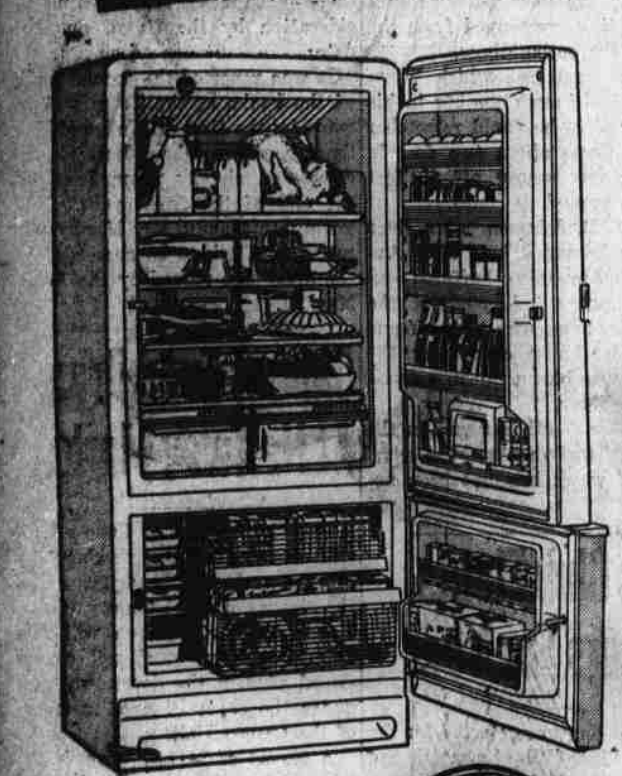


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Four National 4-H programs are giving club members excellent opportunity to carry out their 1955 theme, "Improving Family and Community Living."

Beautifying the home inside and out, decreasing agricultural losses, and improving living conditions by adding to the convenience of the farm and home are the objectives of the National 4-H Home Improvement, Beautification of Home Grounds, Entomology and Electric programs.

There are 49,000 awards offered for those who do outstanding work. Incentives, valued at \$66,000, include 20 college scholarships of \$300 each, all-expense trips to the National 4-H Club Congress, 19-jewel wrist watches, and gold-filled medals.

In the Home Improvement program, 4-H'ers learn to make the home more attractive and convenient at a minimum cost. In a recent year, members made 475,000 articles and decorated 150,000 rooms. Awards, provided by the Sears Roebuck Foundation, include four medals for winners in each county, a trip for the state winner to the 4-H Club Congress in Chicago November 27-December 1, and eight \$3000 scholarships for national winners.

Improving the appearance of the outside of the home is popular with 4-H members, too. About 150,000 4-H'ers take part in the Beautification of Home Grounds program each year. Paint-up fix-up and landscaping are all a part of their activities. In addition to making the home more attractive, property value is increased as a result of the 4-H'ers accomplishments. Medals for four county winners, a 19-jewel wrist watch for the state winner, and trips to the National 4-H Club Congress for eight national winners are made available by Mrs. Chas. R. Walgreen of Chicago.

The Electric program gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to add to the convenience around the farm and home. More than 100,000 members participated last year, learning to take care of, use, repair and build electrical equipment, perform demonstrations, and plan new or improved uses of electricity. Four medals are offered to county winners by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, donor of awards. State winners will receive a trip to the Club Congress, where six national winners will be presented \$300 scholarships.

Insects, age-old friends and foes of man, provide the subject for the 4-H Entomology program. By participating, members learn about insect life and its relation to man, learn to recognize major pests and beneficial insects, and learn about the use of chemicals and other control measures. 4-H'ers also collect insects, conduct life history studies and make surveys.

Losses in agriculture due to insects, estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at over \$2,000,000,000 annually, make entomology potentially one of the

most financially important 4-H programs. Awards for outstanding accomplishment are provided by the Hercules Powder Co. Medals are offered for four county winners and the state winner receives a 19-jewel wrist watch. Twelve sectional winners receive trips to the Club Congress, and six of the sectional winners will be presented \$300 scholarships as national winners.

All of the programs are conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work arranges the award programs. Full information is available at county Extension offices.

CIRCLE MEETS

The Mary Long Circle of Bethel Baptist Church met Monday night, May 9, at the home of Mrs. D. J. Stamer with Mrs. Carey Privott as joint hostess. The president, Mrs. Julian Long, called the meeting to order. "My Jesus I Love Thee" was used as the opening

prayer. Mrs. Edgar Long, program chairman, gave a very interesting program using as the subject "Love."

During the business session roll was called and each member answered with a Bible verse. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. New and old business was discussed. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Joe White.

During the social hour a musical contest was given with Mrs. Elliott Layden winning the prize. The hostesses served delicious refreshments. Those present were Mesdames Joseph Proctor, Thomas Fleetwood, Charles Ward, Emmett Long, Joe White, Elliott Layden,

John Corprew, William Tarleton, Stanley Blanchard, Julian Long, Dewey Perry, Jr., Edna Long and one new member, Mrs. Shirley Chanton.

LIBRARY NEWS

"Every book we take up without a purpose is an opportunity lost of taking up a book with a purpose." — F. Harrison.

The Perquimans County Library has eleven new books this week and all are non-fiction.

"The Lower Mississippi," by Hodding Carter, is one of the Rivers of America series and has been given to the library as a memorial book.

"Memories," by Ethel Barrymore

is her autobiography. "Showers for All Occasions," offers new and different ideas for entertaining. "My Spiritual Diary," by Dale Evans Rogers, is here for the long list of readers who have requested it.

For young people, the library has "Guide to Earning a Living," an informative book on careers, and six new biographies as follows: "General George Patton," "Roald Amundsen," "Florence Nightingale," "John C. Fremont," "Cochise, Great Apache Chief," and "Chief Joseph of the Nez Percés."

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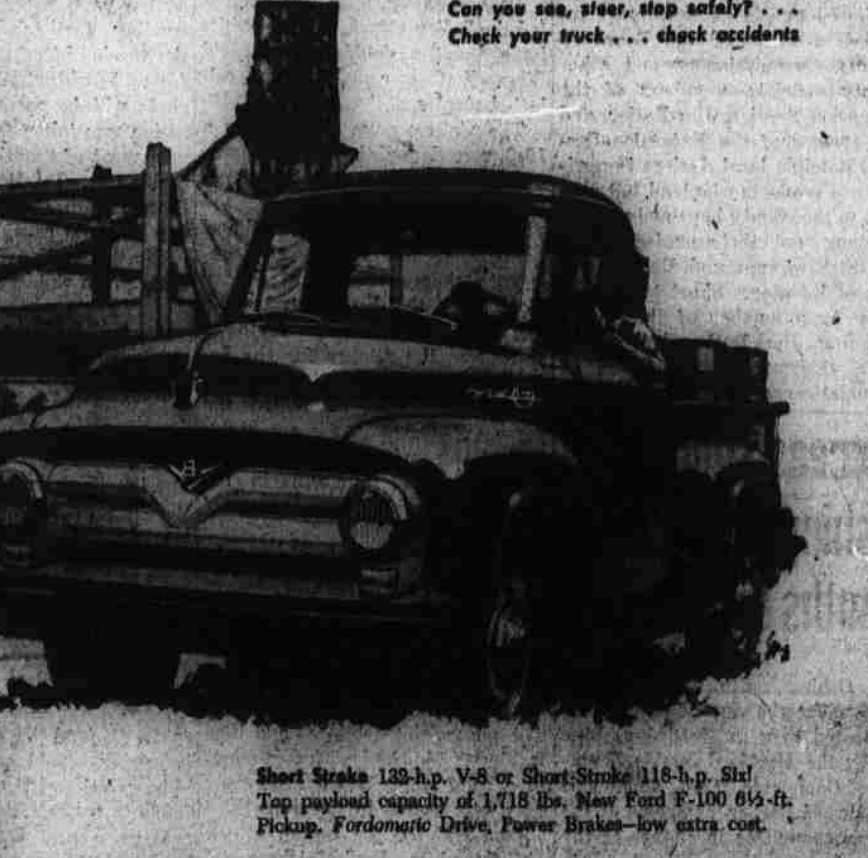
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