

WORK OUT PLAN TO BEAT MAIL ROBBERS

Washington, April 5.—Special safeguards around the shipment of currency worked out during the recent "crime wave" by a committee of two inspectors and one representative of the Postoffice Department are in effect, it was announced today at a conference here between Postmaster General Hays and postmasters from eleven of the larger cities. Inspectors, working directly under the Postoffice Department in addition to the force regularly assigned to such duty are charged with the safety of all cash shipments it was said, generally the plan has proved a success.

The conference today heard suggestions from each postmaster present on methods of expediting mail deliveries and improving the service. Much stress was laid on the results which would accrue through closer cooperation by the organizations of the employes, and Postmaster General Hays announced that with the approval of President Harding a welfare branch would be created in the department with the possibility that one of the assistant solicitors would be placed on charge.

Favors Organizations
Postmaster Chance, of Washington, asserted that postmasters could interest themselves in the employes' organizations and by inducing "the conservative among them," to join the control would not be left to a "few radicals."

The "mail every hour" campaign was reported as meeting with success and Mr. Chance said that within the ten days since Mr. Hays started the campaign, the "peak hour" in Washington had been cut down to such an extent that he had taken twenty-four men off night work and put them on days.

Merchants in large number were reported to be turning to the parcel post for delivering their packages and Postmaster Patten of New York said some of the large merchants there were giving the matter consideration.

CROP NOTES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

B. B. Hare Furnishes Interesting Statistics on Farm Conditions

Owing to unusually favorable weather conditions during the past thirty days more farm work has been accomplished to date than at this time for many years past.

Cotton—Some cotton has been planted as far north as the central counties and good stands are reported in many cases. Of course this is not general but as the weather has been so favorable the early planting is largely experimental and limited. Fertilizers began to be hauled from market to farm about ten days ago. The present indications are to the effect that the commercial fertilizers used this season will be less than half of that used last year.

Corn—Good stands are reported in many localities of the coastal counties. Some plantings may be found throughout the State, but the planted acreage in the northern tier of counties is of course small at this time.

Wheat—Weather conditions have

WATERMELONS IMPORTANT SOUTH CAROLINA CROP

Clemson College, April 5.—Many people living in South Carolina do not know the importance of watermelons as a commercial crop in this state, says F. L. Harkey, extension agent in marketing, who has recently had many inquiries concerning such questions as the best commercial varieties, the shipping period, the number of melons required to make a car, etc. Figures from the office of the marketing agents show that 3,000 to 4,000 cars of watermelons are shipped out of the state annually, the majority of these being produced in Barnwell, Allendale, Hampton and Jasper counties. Indications are that the crop planted this year will be a large one.

The chief commercial varieties in South Carolina are the Excel and the Tom Watson. Shipments usually begin about July 1 and end about September 1. The 1920 shipping season was at its height from July 20 to July 30. On July 29, 1920, 300 cars were shipped.

When the South Carolina movement of watermelons is on, sharp competition is to be expected from Georgia. Some shipments are also moving at that time from Alabama and North Carolina, and a few from Florida, though the Florida movement becomes comparatively unimportant after July 15.

The majority of melon shipments from South Carolina go to Eastern markets, though many cars are sold in Southern territory throughout the shipping season, for almost every town of any size handles one or more cars of watermelons.

For the advance instruction of those planting watermelons commercially it might be said that watermelons are usually loaded in ventilated box cars 4 or 5 layers high depending on the size of the melons. When melons average 18 pounds, 1300 to 1450 are usually loaded to a car; when they average 25 pounds or more, 900 to 1200 are usually loaded to a car. All cars should be clean and bedded with dry pine needles or grain straw. Shavings and sawdust can be used if absolutely dry but are not the most desirable bedding.

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been very favorable and, while conditions are fair to good the prospects are not what might be expected. On well fertilized lands conditions is excellent.

Oats—Oats that received early application of soda are making seasonal growth and condition is very promising. Those on highly fertilized lands indicate a normal crop. Other wise condition only fair.

Potatoes—Commercial growers in the coastal counties report good stands with very favorable prospects. Most farmers have planted their usual acreage for home use and it appears that stands will be obtained which earlier than usual.

Truck Crops—Shipping of lettuce and other early truck crops has been well under way for two weeks or more.

Good stands of peas and beans for home use are reported from various sections to date.

S. S. CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN ROCK HILL

Spartanburg, April 5.—Rock Hill, which is to entertain the next South Carolina State Sunday School Convention, has broken all records in State Convention financing, by raising a larger amount and paying it earlier than any other city that has ever entertained the Convention.

This statement was issued yesterday from the state headquarters of the Sunday School Association in Spartanburg by Leon C. Palmer, general superintendent of the organization. "Rock Hill is determined to make this the best and biggest Sunday School convention ever held in the State," said Mr. Palmer, "and with this in view the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce has already raised, among the business firms of the city, the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended solely in advertising and promoting this meeting."

"This is, I believe, the largest amount ever raised by a Convention city in this State, and speaks volumes for the local interest in the convention. Not only have they raised the amount; they have paid in cash, at an earlier date than any other city has ever paid its advertising fund. Rock Hill stands in a class to itself among the cities that have entertained the State Sunday School Convention."

"All who attend this Convention may well feel assured of a hearty welcome from the Rock Hill citizens and a delightful three days of fellowship together during the Convention, which will be held in Winthrop College, June 8-9-10."

A cure for rabies in the form of a vaccine has just been discovered by two doctors of the Pasteur Institute in Paris. The vaccine has been successfully tested on dogs afflicted with the disease and has affected speedy cures in every case.

MASTER'S SALE

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas. ABBEVILLE SAVINGS & INVESTMENT CO., a Corporation, Plaintiff

against DAVID MARSHALL, Defendant.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Salesday in May, A. D. 1921, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing One (1) Acre, more or less, and bounded by lands of Lula Young of the South, Butler McBride, on the North, and Public Road on the Northwest; being the same, lot conveyed to the said defendant by H. G. Smith.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH. Purchaser to pay for stamps and papers. THOS. P. THOMSON, 4, 1, 21 Master A. C., S. C.

MASTER'S SALE

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas. ABBEVILLE SAVINGS & INVESTMENT CO., a Corporation, Plaintiff

against JAS. S. COTHRAN, JR., and others Defendants.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Salesday in May, A. D. 1921, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville, in the Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Three (3) Acres, more or less, with the three dwelling houses thereon, the same being bounded by lands of W. S. Cothran on the East (Hodges lot), on the South by Seaboard Air Line Railway, on the West by lands formerly of Bob Farrow, and on the North by Mosely Ferry Street. This tract of land described above will be divided into three (3) lots and sold as divided.

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OVER 100 WAYS TO UTILIZE PEANUTS

Peanuts are a drug on the market just now. That's because they are not eaten largely in cold weather, but with the coming of the robin, which is a harbinger of spring, circuses, and the opening of summer resorts, peanut shippers look for increased consumption which may mean higher prices. In round figures 900,000,000 pounds of peanuts are grown in the United States every year and 100,000,000 pounds were imported from Asia last year. About 50,000,000 pounds of roasted peanuts are consumed annually, say marketing experts of the bureau of markets, United States department of agriculture.

Few of the fond papas and mammas who buy Johnnie or Mary a bag of peanuts at the circus know that more than 10 different methods of utilizing peanuts, including the making of fancy dyes and wood stains, peanut milk, coffee and ice cream, have been devised, although few of these products are sold commercially. But peanut oil, peanut candy, peanut butter, salted peanuts, peanut cookies, roasted peanuts and peanuts in a number of other forms run up, the annual American per capita consumption of 3 1/2 pounds. Every time certain soaps are used the consumer is partaking of his 3 1/2-2 pounds.

Fully half of the peanuts grown in the Southern states are fed to hogs. Large quantities of peanuts are exported also, 1,074,007 pounds having gone out of the country during the month of January alone. Of this quantity 78 per cent went to Canada where the peanut enjoys co-popularity with the clove. Cuba took 14 per cent, and Bermuda 1 per cent.

MASTER'S SALE

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

MRS. ELIZA T. GARY, Plaintiff

against WILLIAM W. BRADLEY, JR., et al, Defendants

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Salesday in May, A. D. 1921, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that House and Lot, and vacant lot, situated on Ferry street in the city of Abbeville, County of Abbeville, South Carolina, and bounded by Moseley Ferry, Road street, lots of Mrs. DuPre, being known as lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 in Block 56, as shown by plat of Cothran Railroad addition. Made by J. R. Laurens, surveyor, more particularly described in title to same by Thomas P. Cothran to Mrs. Ellen Vorone DuPre, and being same lots owned by H. T. Tusten, deceased, and conveyed to him by Ellen Verone DuPre on the 27th day of September 1902, said deed being recorded in office of Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in deed book No. 25 at page 4.

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BEE NOTES

Clemson College, April—"Have your bees ready when the honey flow begins. Do not raise your bees on the honey flow, but raise them for the honey flow," says "the bee man" of the Extension Service.

As soon as the weather is warm enough, examine the bees and determine, first, if they have plenty of stores; second, whether they have a good laying queen; third, whether they have sufficient room.

A queenless colony or a colony with a failing queen that does not lay a sufficient number of eggs, should be united with another colony having a good queen. Two colonies may be united as follows:

Place the hive containing the weak queenless colony over the hive containing a colony with a queen, putting a single sheet of newspaper between the two. Of course this requires the removal of the bottom board of one hive and the cover of the other, so that nothing separates

the frames of the two hives except the paper.

If the weak colony has brood, it is best to shake the bees off the brood frames into their own hive and put the brood frames into the hive containing the queen, before uniting, for otherwise this brood may become chilled. It is not necessary to leave the weak hive above the other, and in case of cold weather, it should be removed as soon as the bees accept each other, which should be approximately in twenty-four to forty-eight hours. If left there during cold weather, it taxes the bees too much to keep this amount of extra space warm.

Chemists have succeeded in extracting an oil from apple parings which possesses in high degree the characteristic and delicious odor of fresh apples. The oil is extracted by means of ether, and it is hoped that it can be turned to useful account for perfumes or flavoring purposes.

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