
In Memory of Confederate Ancestors.

The children of the county and town are daily bringing in walnuts and hickory nuts as well as peach stones. Walnuts, hickory nuts and peach stones, either whole or cracked, will be made by the war department into carbon that used in a soldiers' mask, will save his life from the deadly German gas. The children are gathering these fruit stones and nuts to help the soldiers of the present war in memory of their Confederate ancestors and relatives. A barrel is placed in front of Mrs. Henry London's residence in which the nuts can be poured.

Nut Drive in Chatham

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The Chatham County United Daughters of the Confederacy sponsored a nut and fruit-stone drive to collect these raw materials for use in producing carbon for the gas masks of US soldiers. It took 200 peach pits or 2 pounds of nut shells to produce enough carbon to outfit one gas mask.