

Spring Clean-Up Makes Farm Safer

Few Hours Spent In Cleaning Will Prove Profitable

A thorough clean-up around the farm before spring work really gets under way is good insurance against loss of property and man-hours later this year.

This reminder comes from County Agent C. W. Overman. A few hours spent now in cleaning out hazards around the house and barn may save many days during the "rush season," Mr. Overman says.

He said a good rule to follow is, "A place for everything and everything in its place." Surveys show that the largest single cause of farm and home accidents, other than poor judgment, is disorder. The same survey shows that disorder is responsible for putting one out of every five accident victims in the hospital.

He suggested that farmers remove trash accumulations such as paper, rags and rubbish, scattered boxes and boards that may have accumulated from basement to attic. Medicines, drugs and insecticides should be clearly labeled and kept out of reach of children.

"Check through the farm shop," Mr. Overman said. "Are tools in their right places, hammer and axe handles secure and in good condition? Is there an accumulation of barbed wire, glass scrap metal, loose boards, weeds and grass about the home and barn?"

"The barn is the principal work center for dairy farm chores so it is important to find suitable locations or storage places for feed, tools, harness and other equipment, thus keeping the work areas clean."

Pfc. George Privott, Jr. At Proving Grounds

Pfc. George E. Privott, Jr., of Edenton is now at the Army's Nevada proving grounds, scene of the 1953 atomic maneuvers.

Pfc. Privott is temporarily stationed at Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, with the 50th Chemical Service Platoon from Fort Ord, California.

A veteran of the Korean fighting, he has been in the army since August, 1947.

Character development is the great, if not the sole, aim of education. —William O'Shea.

COLORED SCHOOL NEWS

Recently, Ruth Sutton, James Joyner, two students from Edenton High School, participated in the first annual talent hunt program sponsored by the Delta Iota Chapter of the Omega Phi Psi Fraternity. The program was held at the P. W. Moore High School, Elizabeth City.

Ruth Sutton and James Joyner sang solos on the program. Ruth sang "Star", and James sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy". Both were accompanied by A. W. Kemp, instructor and director of music at the Edenton High School.

Many schools were represented by students with various talents, twenty-five in all.

James Joyner won first prize over the many various talents featured. The first prize was \$25.00. He also won a trip to Columbia, S. C., to compete in the finals with all expenses paid. The finals will be held during the latter part of April, representing the Delta Iota Chapter of the Omega Phi Psi Fraternity.

James, 16, is a Senior at Edenton High School.

W. W. Hoffer, M. D., chairman of Talent Hunt Program, wrote the following letter to D. F. Walker, principal:

"Dear Mr. Walker: It is with a good deal of pleasure that I officially inform you that the baritone soloist, James Joyner, who was one of the contestants representing your school, won our contest. He possesses a rare voice for a 16-year-old youth, knows how to control his voice exceptionally well, and puts himself naturally into his songs. We therefore are proud to have him compete for us at Columbia, S. C., on April 26, if he can possibly do so, for we feel he can hold his own in any competition.

"We shall have to begin clarification of plans for him and the music instructor for the trip. Your further cooperation in this is requested and we sincerely hope that you can find it possible to cooperate.

"Again let me express our sincere gratitude for your fine spirit of cooperation and we shall look forward to having a contestant next year, and to working with you in a more thorough program. We offer our services in any capacity, you feel we might be helpful."

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodwin announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Holmes Goodwin, to Will Herring Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Warren of Wilson. The wedding will take place Saturday, June 6.

Group Drainage Project Completed

Yeopim Farmers Benefit By Mile Long Ditch

A group ditch drainage project was completed last week for two farms in the Yeopim Community of Chowan County. The project consisted of the construction of approximately one mile of dragline ditch to improve the drainage on 75 acres of cropland. In addition to the cropland, a large acreage of woodland—probably 200 acres or more—will also be drained to the Burnt Mill Outlet ditches.

The farms receiving the drainage improvements were owned and operated by John N. Bunch, Roy Bunch and Stanley Blanchard. All three farmers were happy with the completion of their improvement project. A typical expression was made by John Bunch when he said, "I'm glad to get this job done. I like to see this water moving away."

Technical assistance for completion of the above group drainage project was furnished by the Soil Conservation Service technicians working in Chowan County with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

The preliminary survey was made last week for a drainage improvement on one of Fabey and Carroll Byrum's farms. The improvement will consist of the digging of several hundred feet of dragline ditch to better drain several acres of wet land.

T. W. and J. M. Fleetwood will revise the drainage plan on two fields of their farm in Yeopim community this year. According to the topograph-

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to survey which was made by the local S. C. S. technicians, improved drainage can be obtained by the elimination of four small tap ditches and reversal of the crop row direction. In addition, the land on one 14-acre field can be used more in accord with its capabilities. More specifically, peanuts can now be produced on a portion of the field without putting the crop also on a lower, wetter area, as was necessary before the field revision.

Fertilizer Now Leads Farm Bargain List

On North Carolina farms, under present economic conditions, fertilizer is still at the top of the farmer's bargain list, according to Warren County farm agent Frank Reams.

Reams is urging his fellow farmers to go easy on everything but fertilizer. He says that in 1940 every dollar invested in fertilizer brought a \$2 dividend in extra crop. Six months ago the same investment brought an average return of \$3.75, with dividends on certain specialty crops like tomatoes running as high as \$15.

Even with a slump in market prices far greater than experienced in recent months, Reams says, fertilizer, properly used, will remain the most efficient guardian of the farmers' economic welfare. "By increasing output per acre through greater fertilizer use, a farmer can not only improve his soil but maintain and ever bolster his net income.

The explanation, Reams says, lies in the fact that while prices of other commodities the farmer buys have risen more than 100 per cent, the price of fertilizer had increased only

about 50 per cent.

Applying one ton of ground limestone and 1,000 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer for alfalfa and permanent pasture is a must, according to Reams, and adding 500 to 600 pounds of 0-9-27 each year for maintenance is also important.

"Pick out the best looking pasture you can find and ask the man who seeded and fertilized it and you'll find that he economized in other farming operations — not fertilizer," says Reams.

No Trouble

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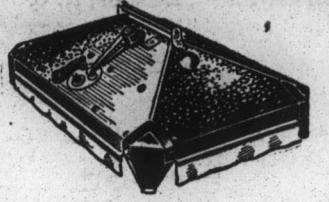
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Fiancee—You darling!

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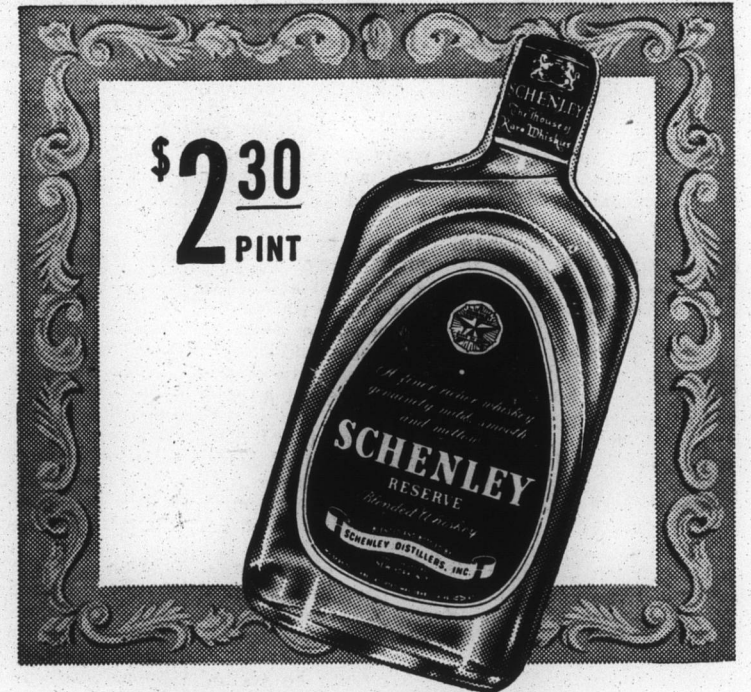


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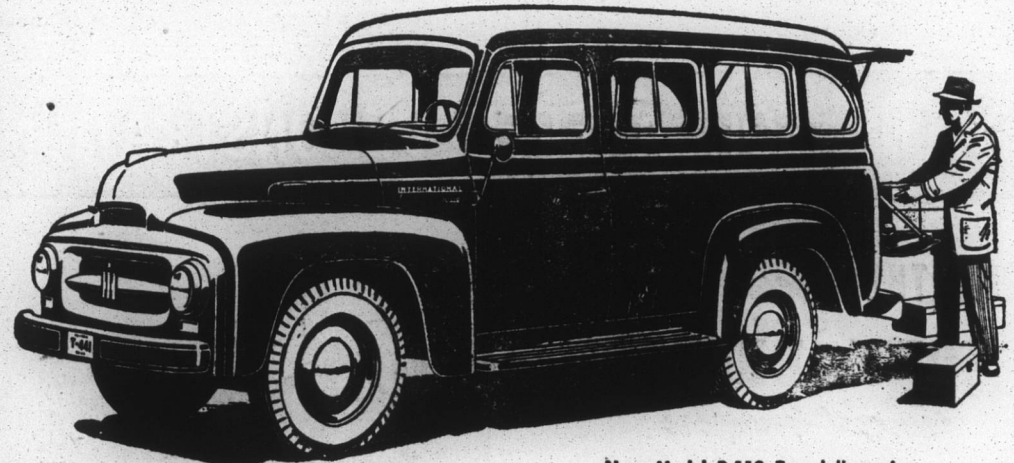
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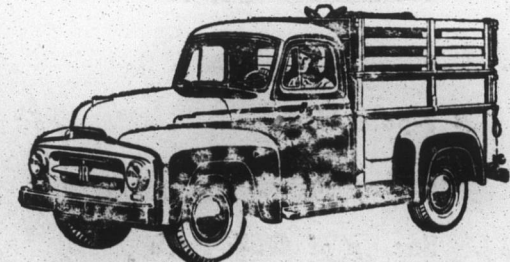
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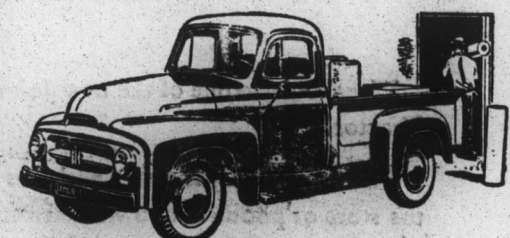
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