

Over-All Reduction Of Cotton Acreage Advocated In 1953

Farmers In Cotton Belt Asked to Reduce 18 Per Cent

After two years of advocating increased cotton acreage, the U. S. Department of Agriculture is this year advocating an over-all cotton acreage reduction of 18 per cent for the cotton belt as a possible move to prevent excessive build-up of cotton and also to prevent acreage control in 1954 which would be mandatory under present legislation.

On March 23, D. S. Weaver, Director of Extension and chairman of the State Cotton Committee, had a call meeting of the State Cotton Committee at which time this program was discussed. The committee went on record as not making any definite recommendations to farmers regarding their planting in 1953. Since North Carolina has not in the past two years increased their acreage proportionately to other states and because of the peculiar situations existing in North Carolina where farmers have already received acreage reduction on two basic crops, tobacco and peanuts, acreage reduction would work undue hardship on certain farmers. It was felt by the committee that regardless of increase or decrease of acreage, the importance of increased efficiency in cotton production should be the major emphasis which is not only wise advice for 1953 but always. One of the major projects of this year will be the Five-Acre Cotton Demonstration contest conducted by the State Cotton Committee.

Good Road Manners Helps Curb Accidents

"Sure, it's spring . . . but hold down that speed", J. T. Outlaw advises.

Outlaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, stated that the professional drivers are cooperating with the Association's present Courtesy and Safety Campaign of improved motor manners.

"Good motor manners pay dividends" he continued, "there is no question but that the motorist with good motor manners tends to break few traffic regulations."

"Courtesy is a form of self discipline," the trucking official remarked, " . . . doing what you should do even though you may not be obligated to do it."

He explained that good motor manners and highway courtesy are based on concern for other drivers, as much on individual responsibility to obey traffic laws.

In referring to speed and other "motor manner" violations, Outlaw concluded, "the good motorist is his own traffic cop, enforcing many rules upon himself until good motor manners become a force of habit."

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—Abraham Lincoln.

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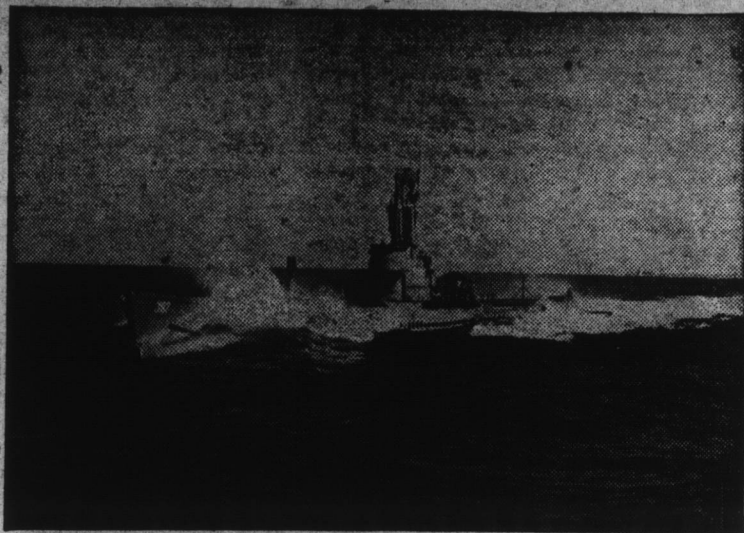
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With the coming of spring weather and the swelling of dogwood buds it is time to talk about sweet corn again. There are a few gardeners who still plant early varieties of field corn for roasting ears because the ears are large and there are not many earworms. However, once they have given real sweet corn a fair trial, they will not be satisfied with field corn. There is no comparison in edible quality.

There are a number of very good hybrid sweet corn varieties to choose from. In order of earliness the following are recommended: North Star, Seneca Chief, Hoosier Gold, Golden Cross Bantam, Joana, Huron, Aristogold. These are all yellow corns. Early and late varieties may be planted at the same time in order to get a succession of harvest, or any one

variety may be planted at two week intervals. Corn is mostly wind pollinated and therefore it is best to plant in blocks of two or three rows rather than in a single row. Sweet corn may be planted a little closer than field corn because it usually makes a smaller stalk growth.

Sweet corn is of best quality if used as soon as harvested. If it cannot be used immediately, it should be kept on ice or in the refrigerator, otherwise it will lose a large part of its sugar content in a few hours and will taste like field corn.

The entomologists have developed a fairly good control for the earworm—spray of DDT emulsion that is applied to the silks. Instructions on earworm control may be obtained by writing the N.-C. Agricultural Extension Service, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Vets Question Box

Q—If I file a claim for disability compensation, and VA approves it, as of what date will my compensation payments go in effect?

A—If you file your claim within one year from your date of discharge, compensation will be paid from the day following that discharge date. If you wait longer than a year, the effective date will be the date VA receives your application.

Q—I want to go to school under the Korean GI Bill, but I'm not sure what I want to study. Can VA give me counseling?

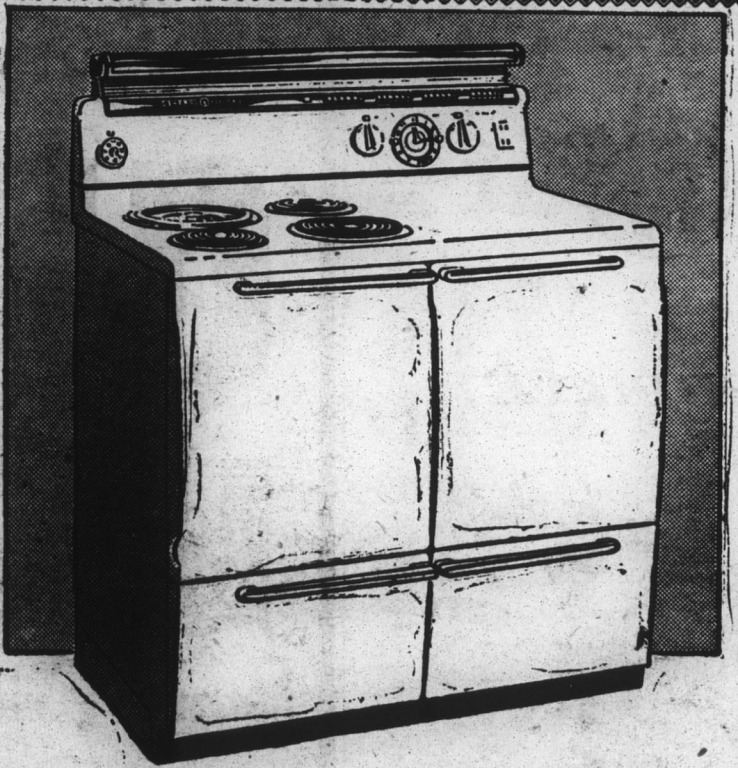
A—Yes. When you fill out your

application blank, designate that you want counseling from VA. Sometimes afterward, you will be called for an appointment.

Q—Must a veteran's blindness be service-connected, in order for him to get the electronic and mechanical equipment that VA issues to the blind?

A—Not necessarily. The veteran must be entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability, which may either be loss of sight or some other disability.

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Cleaning Need Not Be Backbreaking Chore

Spring is the time of the year that most folks look forward to, but not so to the homemaker who chooses to do her spring cleaning the back-breaking way.

"Do your house cleaning the easy way," suggests Mamie Whisnant, State College Extension Specialist in Home Management. House cleaning should be a continuous affair—not a task you wait to do thoroughly certain seasons of the year. Time spent in cleaning can be cut if all members of your family are trained to pick up their personal belongings and if each of them has a definite job to do.

Cleaning venetian blinds always seem to be a headache for many homemakers, but it needn't be. Miss Whisnant says that weekly dusting even with special brushes or vacuum attachments is not enough to keep venetian blinds clean forever. They must be washed occasionally to remove the oily film that adheres to the surface.

In cleaning blinds, wash each slat with a cloth or sponge using warm suds or one of the new no-rinse cleaners. Venetian blinds may be placed in a bathtub of suds where the slats and tapes may be more easily scrubbed with a brush. A detergent cuts the dirt quickly and makes the scrubbing easier. Some detergents require little or no rinsing (read directions on the package). Or blinds may be hung over the clothes line and washed with the water hose.

To clean washable shades, lay the shades on a flat surface. scrub with soapy water, and rinse well. Dry with a clean cloth. Rehang and leave pulled down until thoroughly dry. To

paint shades, lay on a flat surface and paint. When dry, rehang.

Suitable tools and supplies, skill in correct cleaning methods and convenient storage of utensils will do much to simplify your cleaning.

Construction At Near Record Level In 1952

The construction industry employed an average of 2,548,000 workers a month in 1952 and did a total volume of business of more than \$26 billions, expressed in dollars of 1947-49 purchasing power.

Both these figures are virtually at

chasing power, according to the U. S. the record highs established in 1950, and they indicate the importance of the construction trades to employment and to national economic activity. More than four out of every 100 persons in the civilian working population were engaged in construction last year, and about two out of every three of these are in the skilled trades. Direct defense facilities and new homes, which together accounted for about half of the 1952 construction total, were a big factor in maintaining building activity at near-record levels.

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