

## CLEANING UP IS WAY TO PREVENT FARM ACCIDENTS

Mendenhall Also Points Out Rubbish Serious Fire Hazard

Giving your farm a spring cleanup will make it much safer as well as much more attractive, says S. W. Mendenhall, county farm agent.

He points out that tools, bags of feed, buckets, and just common debris and trash are responsible for hospitalizing one out of every five accident victims on the farm. This was shown by a study conducted by the National Safety Council. The largest single cause of injuries, other than the personal factor of poor judgment, is disorder.

To play safe, the farmer should correct such hazards as broken, wobbly steps which might cripple someone for life; tottery old buildings that sometimes cause serious injuries; unmarked bottles of poison, and poisons left within the reach of children which often cause tragedies; accumulations of trash, paper, scattered boxes and boards, rags and rubbish which are serious fire hazards and ideal breeding places for rats.

"Springtime", says the county agent, "is nature's cleanup time, a time when the earth takes on a new, refreshed look. Let's help nature by cleaning up around the farm and in the farm home, which will not only give the farm a new look but make it a safer and easier place for working and living."

He adds that if every farm family would conduct a spring cleanup campaign, both inside and out, it would go a long way toward eliminating fire and accident hazards, providing a more healthful environment, and conserving food which is badly needed all over the world.

## Now Is Good Time To Make Wiring Check

Spring clean-up is a good time to look into your electrical affairs around the house. Unlike rubbish which collects and becomes a visual annoyance, electrical faults don't show until suddenly a painful shock or a flash of fire warns you that something's wrong.

To ward off any such disaster, use your annual clean-up to have electric cords and appliances replaced or repaired, advises the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

This is the time to take all electric appliances that are operating poorly or are obviously broken to an electrician. His expert job will usually be vastly superior to that of the home handyman, the fire experts suggest.

In inspecting your electrical equipment the National Board outlines these points to check:

1. Inspect flexible cords for breaks in insulation or severe kinks in cords which may rip their protective covering.
2. See that no flexible cord is tacked down on baseboards, under rugs or through doorways.
3. Any new electrical installations should be made in accordance with the National Electrical code.
4. Use only 15 ampere fuses in the household circuits or a 15 ampere circuit breaker. Some heavy duty household appliances may require larger fuses. Check this with your electrician.
5. Don't overload a circuit with heavy duty electric appliances or too many electrical appliances plugged into one outlet.

## Budhist College Is Revived After Seven Centuries

A center for international cooperation among Budhist countries has been set up on the ancient site of Nalanda university, in Bihar, which was an intellectual center for many countries for six centuries, prior to its destruction early in the 13th century.

Called the Magadha Research Institute, the new center will concentrate on "recapturing some of the intellectual glories of its illustrious predecessor," with emphasis on the study of Budhist history, literature and philosophy, and on the languages of the various Budhist countries.

## Yugoslav Scholars Given Opportunity For Study Aboard

Scholarships awarded by the United Nations, the British Council and the French and American governments will permit 27 Yugoslav scholars to study abroad during 1952. Scholarships awarded by these and other countries last year provided such opportunities for a total of 150 scholars.

## International Job Service Is Set Up

Britain, French, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg have set up an international employment service, by which vacancies which cannot be filled locally by the country concerned, are thrown open to citizens of the other four nations. Conditions and pay are in each case as good for the foreign workers as for the local ones.

## Film Planned At 'Waters Of Coweeta' Here

W. W. Bergoffn and Richard Mosher, of the Washington office of the U. S. Forest Service, were at the Coweeta Experiment station recently making plans to film a full-length motion picture there later this year. The title of the film will be "Waters of Coweeta".

Mr. Bergoffn will serve as director and Mr. Mosher will be the technical chief. They will be assisted by Gordon Merrick, of the Southeastern Experiment station.

After spending a week inspecting the area, Mr. Bergoffn and Mr. Mosher returned to Washington to prepare the script for this film, which is expected to be released next fall.

In 1951, total farm production was about two-fifths larger than the 1935-39 average, even though man-hours of farm labor were down sharply.

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