As Bad Winter Ends Agricultural News

winter may be on the verge of break ing up, thoughts of home-owners and store-owners are turning to plans for spring spurce-ups. Many store-own-ers now, though, are getting away from need for such seasonal refur-nishing by using new biulding materials of a permanently decorative value in remodeling. A thousand grocers meeting in Chicago last zation pays dividends in new busi-ness. Results of a survey of 25 grocery stores modernized with colorful structural glass showed average gains of 300 per cent in profits the first year after remodeling, or from \$547 to \$2.032. Average annual sales increased from \$21.050 to \$28.628 The way the grocers at the Chicago convention reacted to this blueprint for attracting customers indicated likelihood of another wave in the growing nationwide trend to "dress up" main streets with modern fronts a trend consistently marked by the use of new lightweight metals and

Remodeling Begins Interesting Bits of Council Throwing

The average minimum require-ment of Vitamin A for adults has been found to be from 3,500 to 4,-900 international units daily, but

Increase Receipts from the sale of princi-

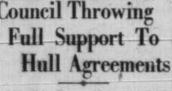
pal farm products in November, 1939, were larger than the same month in 1938 in four of the six major geographical divisions of the United States.

1 average only 119 per cent of their 1910-1914 level.

Farmers Rush Work On Their Tobacco Plant Beds

Delayed by snow and cold wea-ther, farmers have rushed work on their tobacco plant beds with the coming of recent favorable weather, report farm agents of the State Col-

hens need a correct balance



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Memphis, Tenn.—More than 5,000 ommitteemen of the National Cotton Council in the 19 cotton produc-ing states, under the leadership of Oscar Johnston, president of the or-ganization, are joining in the fight for Secretary of State Cordell Hull's reciprocal trade agreements pro-

Wages
Wage rates paid to hired farm workers dropped sharply during the last quarter of 1939, and on January "continuance of the reciprocal trade" agreements program is our greatest immediate hope for solving cotton's all-important foreign trade prob-

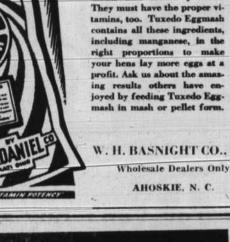
> The cotton belt, more than any sec-tion of the United States, must have foreign trade, Mr. Johnston pointed out. "The economic life," he said, "of one-third of the farm population of the United States, embracing more than one-third of the total area of the nation, depends upon the development and maintenance of export markets for cotton and cottonseed

nied our cotton industry, it necessar-ily follows that production must be placed on a purely domestic basis This would mean a further curtailment of cotton acreage, a disastrous displacement of labor and a serious disturbance of our national agricul-

"Our normal planting of 40 mil-lion acres already has been curtail-ed to 24 million. The curtailment al-ready has adversely affected the economy of the cotton belt and could not have been achieved without the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars from the treasury of the United States as soil conser-vation payments, cotton adjustment payments, and cotton loans.
"Notwithstanding these drastic

measures, the carryover in America amounted to 13,032,513 bales on last August 1 We believe that through the reciprocal trade agreements pro-gram it is possible to develop and maintain export markets for our sur plus cotton and cottonseed products.
"The abandonment of the recipro-

cal trade agreements program would in our judgment, be the equivalent of saying to the nations of the world that the United States is unwilling to negotiate with them further for the restoration of normal internation al trade. Such an act on our part will —justifiably, we think—be construed by the other nations as a declaration of purpose by the United States to W. H. BASNIGHT CO., Inc. develop nationalism to the highest degree possible, and to withdraw behind our excessively high tariff wall from the commerce of the world. Such action on our part would, in our judgment, constitute an open invitation to all the other nations of the world to do likewise. The effect would be a further disastrous de-crease and paralysis of all trade





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Pure-Bred Hogs Will Former Farm Agent Be On Sale Feb. 17th Practices Teachings

An excellent opportunity will be offered farmers and 4-H club members to obtain pure-bred breeding He is now completing work for his master's degree at N. C. State Col Bosontiv he bought a badb swine when the first consignment sale of the N. C. Swine Breeders Association is held in Mangum's ware-house at Rocky Mount on Saturday, February 17, says H. W. Taylor, ex-tension swine specialist of State College. The hogs will be on exhibit Friday, February 16.

The specialist announced that bred lices during his service gilts and sows, and service boars of the following breeds will be auctioned: Poland China, Duroc, Hamp-shire, Berkshire and Spotted Poland

Hogs have been consigned by the following breeders: A. E. Smith, Robersonville; C. S. Buen, Spring Hope; Braxton C. Bunn, Spring Weil's Stock Farm, Golds-W. W. Bullock, Rocky Mount, Lambeth Brothers, Lumberton, Whitaker Brothers, Kinston; Joe Sander on, Goldsboro, and C. L. Ballance

The Rocky Mount Chamber the sale is J. S. Sugg, railroad livestock development agent of Rocky Mount He will take buying orders from farmers unable to attend the

for the sale with the help of E. V. Vestal, assistant extension specialist, and Prof. E. H. Hostetler of the State College Animal Husbandry Department, said: "We have selected from the best of our breeds young sows of good type and have bred them to what we believe are the best boars in the State, to farrow at the best time in the year. We have selected a few young boars of good type that are ready for light service. Twenty per cent of the pur-chase price will be refunded if any sow is not in pig as stated in the cata-log or announced at the sale."

Fresh Eggs Demand **Higher Market Price**

Don't offer a customer a "pig in a poke," says T. T. Brown, extension poultryman of State College, in urg-ing farmers to sell only fresh eggs which command a higher market price and keep consumers satisfied. He advises that all eggs be candled before being marketed. In candling eggs, take out those which show a large air cell, a flat-

which show a large air cell, a list-tened and plainly visible yolk, blood spots and a thin white, Brown said. A fresh egg has a small air cell, a rounded and dimly visible yolk and

a thick white. The poultry specialist made eight suggestions for the production of quality eggs: (1) Keep only purebred poultry; (2) provide floored house with clean litter; (3) enclose house with clean litter; (3) enclose dropping boards or roosting racks with wire netting; (4) use high quality feed; (5) keep nests filled with clean nesting material; (6) gather eggs at least twice daily in wire baskets so as to allow them to cool quickly; and leave in wire baskets over-night or spread on trays to cool (7) store eggs in seed faith. cool; (7) store eggs in a cool, fairly moist place until marketed; and (8) sell or pen males at the end of the breeding season and sell infertile

eggs.
A six-point program for the sale of quality eggs is offered by the ex-tension man as follows: (1) Grade tension man as follows: (1) Grade for size and interior quality; (2) candle to remove stale eggs and ones with blood spots, and to separate according to interior quality; (3) weigh eggs of doubtful size and make at least two size grades; (4) clean dirty eggs; (5) use good cases with clean filters and flats, or pack eggs in attractive labeled cartons; and (6) market twice weekly.

R. F. Shearin was assistant farm agent in Nash County for four years. lege. Recently he bought a badly run-down farm in Halifax County in the Fishing Creek Soil Conservaion District.

Shearin preached pasture improvement, cover crops, good rutations and other conservation farming prac agent. So the first thing he did af-ter buying the Halifax County farm was to make application to the

inservation district supervisors for the farm in conjunction with a bee ie wants to make hay and pasture oo many cattle another idea he is been teaching.

He found from the farm plan sur-rey that 20 acres of the land former y cultivated was too steep or severe y eroded for row crops. So he re fuced the cultivated land from 8 Commerce is cooperating in spon to 55 serves, and planted the steep soring the sale, and the field man for and eroded 30 acres to kudzu, les pedeza sericea, trees, and perma

Shearin will use a four-year rota-tion on the cultivated acreage, and will plant most of the 55 acres to ar nual lespedeza this spring, using only a small acreage for row crops until 1942. Bottomland will be clear ed and treated over a period of year

The kudzu, lespedeza and other hay crops will serve the dual purpose of protecting hadly croded area providing additional feed for beef cattle. The old pastures will be improved, and new grazing land deve-



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