

### Farm Cleanup Week Is Suggested By Vet

A "Farm Cleanup Week" during these early days in April is suggested by Dr. C. D. Grinnels, State College veterinarian. "We should set our goal," he said, "at a 20 per cent reduction in livestock losses by cleaning and disinfecting barns and farm lots."

The veterinarian says that at least one-fifth of today's annual loss of baby pigs, calves and other livestock could be saved if every farmer would join in this effort. Old barnyards and dirty livestock quarters harbor millions of germs of livestock diseases—such as cholera, enteritis, erysipelas, and other fatal livestock plagues. These germs are passed from one generation of livestock to another until quarters are properly cleaned.

Dr. Grinnels says that the American Foundation for Animal Health is sponsoring a nation-wide "Farm Cleanup" campaign. Among the major objectives are:

Clean and disinfect all buildings used by livestock; fence or fill old mudholes and wallows; burn old straw stacks; board up holes and burrows beneath buildings; fence off manure piles, which are major sources of parasite infection; scrub feed boxes and poultry roosts with hot lye water; eradicate rats, mice, pigeons, and sparrows; disinfect poultry houses and nests.

Due to higher hog prices this year, Dr. Grinnels says that wise farmers will use extra care to prevent baby pig losses at farrowing time, and to have pigs immunized against cholera as early as possible. Raising of pigs on fresh pasture, away from old hog lots, is also a profitable practice.

"The nation is being called upon to increase its livestock production for national defense," the veterinarian declared, "and farm cleanup week can be a large factor in preventing costly disease losses if all farmers will cooperate."

The number of milk cows on American farms increased by 520,000 head in 1940, with the number of January 1, the largest since 1935, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### Confer on Workers' Registration



William S. Knudsen (left), director of production management, and Sidney Hillman (center), associate on the production management board, confer with Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator, in connection with the program to secure registration of workers available for defense jobs. The registration primarily is for persons skilled in aviation trades, shipbuilding, machine shop or machine manufacturing work who are not now employed in defense work.



### Six Counties Once Had Representation Out of Proportion To Wealth And Population.

The state legislature has faced the problem of surveying the census returns for North Carolina, and that problem always brings a second one of rearranging districts for reapportionment of representation. It seems as though the present reapportionment is without the struggle and bitterness prevalent during the eighteenth century.

Several counties, or precincts as they were called at that time, had representation out of proportion to size, population and wealth. The governor sent over from England in 1734, Gabriel Johnston, used trickery that added to the feud between the Albemarle counties and those in the Neuse-Cape Fear region.

In 1745 the counties of Chowan, Currituck, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Pasquotank had five representatives each, and the county of Bertie had three. These six counties were "twenty-eight strong" in voting power. Eleven other counties, in the Neuse-Cape Fear section had only twenty-two votes, for each was entitled to only two representatives in the General Assembly.

In the eighteenth century towns were permitted to send one man each to the State legislature. Bath, New Bern, Wilmington and Edenton were the ones sending a member to the General Assembly. Although the first three of these towns voted with the southern group, the Albemarle counties could dominate legislation. The eleven counties could not be convinced that it was fair for the other six to out vote them.

Governor Johnston was shrewd sufficiently to understand that his only chance to rule in the king's absolute way was to get the southern colonies to side with him. To obtain the support of those eleven counties, he cooperated in their effort to break the power of the twenty-nine votes representing the Albemarle region.

To give his friends a "break," Johnston summoned the assembly to meet in Wilmington. He thought that the distance from the northern counties would eliminate enough of their members to enable the opposing group to have a majority of the voting strength. The men from Albemarle would not be caught sleeping. Each agreed to take the long, hard, dangerous trip to Wilmington.

Again, in the worst part of winter, Governor Johnston tried the same trick. This time the northern members agreed to stay at home. All remained at home and there was not a quorum present. The Albemarle men thought they had won again, but the assembly swore in seven new members and declared a quorum present.

A long period of internal strife resulted, for the Albemarle counties

### Upside-Down Baby



Gail Grochowski, two months old, is the youngest victim of the upside-down stomach malady on record. She is shown with nurse Florence McRealy in St. Vincent's Hospital, Worcester, Mass., after doctors made her right-side up. Child's parents live in Providence, R. I.

### Seed Certification Applications Due

Farmers who wish to have small grain seed certified by the N. C. Crop Improvement Association should make application for field inspection by April 15, announces A. D. Stuart, State College seed specialist.

In the case of wheat, oats and barley, certification can be had from either certified or registered seed, but in the case of rye, the seed with which the crop was planted must have been registered-certified seed. Rye is a cross pollinated crop and mixes with other rye just as readily as yellow corn mixes with white corn when planted near each other.

Wheat varieties which are accepted for certification are: Leaps, Carala, Purple Straw, Forward, Redhart and Fulcaster. The last-named variety is a bearded wheat. Barley varieties which will be accepted for certification are: Iredell No. 23, and Tennessee No. 6, hooded varieties, and Davidson 15 and Randolph 68, bearded barleys.

Varieties of oats eligible for certification are: Fulghum, Lee and Lee 5, Norton, Fulgrain (Strains 1, 2 and 3), and Coker 33-47, 32-1 and 33-50. The only variety of rye accepted is Abruzzi, and it must have been planted at least 250 yards distant from any other variety to be accepted for certification.

### Patronage Prevails In Awarding Jobs

While 71 per cent of the present federal employees were selected on the basis of fitness, and 650 cities have adopted the merit system, only a negligible few American counties have availed themselves of this modern, effective hiring policy, according to a report of Mrs. Melville Muckelstone, president of the National Consumers Tax Commission. "Patronage dies hard in counties," she declared. She cited the case of big Cuyahoga County, Ohio, where two-thirds of the present 2,500 workers got their jobs through political favor "despite the fact that for 28 years Ohio law has required all county employees to be selected on the basis of tested merit."

did not abide by the laws passed as a result of the governor's "management." Later their claims concerning representation were supported by the authorities in England.

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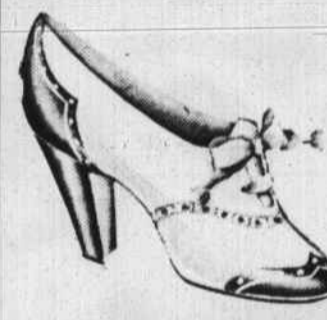
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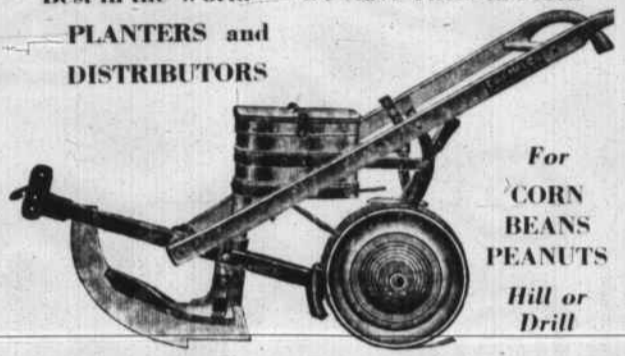
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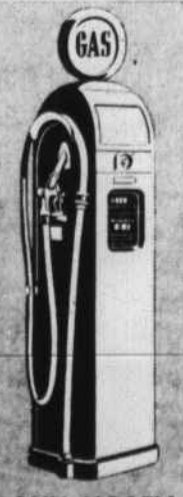
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