

QUESTION: What part of the hog 1960 spring crop. It is estimated production cycle are we currently that North Carolina farmers plan to farrow about 10 per cent fewer

ANSWER: The hog production cycle is currently turning downward. The last complete hog cycle started with the spring crop of 1954 and consisted of two years of increase and two years of decrease. The present cycle started with a cotton allotment and I do not plan small increase in the 1958 spring to plant it this year. How can I pig crop. We are about two years along in the current hog cycle which will turn downward with the

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sows this spring than a year ago. The national decrease is expected to be about 12 per cent. The current downward phase of the cycle is expected to last two years.

QUESTION: I have a seven-acre protect it for next year?

ANSWER: By releasing it at your county ASC office. The week of February 29-March 4 has been set aside for farmers to release their cotton allotment. When you release your unplanted acreage, you protect your allotment history and you give your neighbors an opportunity to grow the cotton.

QUESTION: Are more cattle be-

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ing slaughtered now than a year

ANSWER: Yes. Slaughter in recent weeks has averaged 11 per cent more than a year ago. Cattle numbers have been building up in recent years. This upward trend in the cattle population should result in increases in cattle slaughter in the next several years.

QUESTION: How do stocks of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation compare with a year ago?

ANSWER: They are lower. During the calendar year 1959, Stabilization sold 174 million pounds of tobacco from all crop stocks. This cotton allotment and I do not plan compares with 95.8 million pounds during 1958. With an increase in sales, coupled with a drop in re-continue to increase. During the items to appear. ceipts during 1959, total stocks on 1960's, it is anticipated that the December 31, 1959, amounted to average supermarket will carry at about 561 million pounds. This is least 7,000 items. a decrease of 118.7 million pounds or 17.5 per cent below last year's areas, so it will appear in the packrecord high of 679.9 million pounds. aging of foods available in our food

> for obtaining price support on most 1959 crop grains and related

ANSWER: February 1, 1960. This is the last day to apply for price support on barley, grain sorghum (milo), oats, rye, soybeans. Corn loans will be available through February 29, 1960.

QUESTION: Will there be a plentiful supply of NC-4X (Atomic Peanut) seed for 1960?

ANSWER: No. The supply will be short. About 160,000 pounds of NC-4X were produced in 1959. With normal seeding rates these seed should plant between 2,000 and 2,-500 acres. Growers wanting to plant NC-4X should contact their county agricultural agent for a list of certified seed growers.

#### HAIR-RAISING ESCAPE

Akron, Ohio - When he was buried by a cave-in in a sewer trench, Joseph Marshall, 11, was literally saved by the hair of his head. The boy's father, hearing Joseph's playmates call for help, ran to the scene, grabbed the boy's hair, and pulled him to safety.

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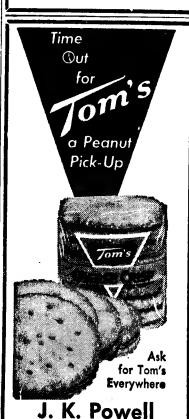
London-Albert H. Robinson was divorced by his wife, Olive, recently for overdoing that strong, silent stuff. She testified that after the war he formed the habit of never speaking to her on weekends and finally went a whole year without addressing or replying to her.

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products during the new decade.

As with the new look in other store. Boil-in-the-bag pouches are QUESTION: When is the last day expected to increase in importance

and popularity.

Aluminum cans are anticipated to become much more important. Aluminum foil boiling pouches for frozen foods should also prove use. ful. These containers may likely be seen in the packaging of froz-en fruits and berries, and for baby

More emphasis will likely be placed on the transparent wrappings, especially in the bread and the N. C. Agricultural Extension candy field. Convenience will continue to be a byword in food pack-Our increasing population, in-come, grocery sales, and social up-veloped transparent-type plastics grading will affect the production, and similar materials. Improve-packaging, and marketing of food ments will be seen in many of the film packagings to make this type It is anticipated that the items material more resistant, sturdy and carred by a particular store will durable. Watch for the new food

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