## Between the Rovos <br> By ROY H. Park

With voting time just around the corner, the farmer once again is coming into his own.

Make no mistake about it, the candidates are going after the farm vote. All of which reminds me of a political moeting I attended not so long ago in my native county of Surry.

The hopeful candidate, his pockers full of cheap cigars, strutted out on the platform, smiled sweetly and, bidding for the rural vote, started off by saying:
"I was raised on the farm-"
"So are the hogs" interrupted a voice from the back of the audience.

Come to think of it, it might not be a bad idea if a few more of our officeholders and agricultural experts had been brought up on the farm.

Just the other day George Ross, of the Rural Resettlement Administration, who, by the way, knows farming from the back of a pair of plow handles as well as from behind a mahogany desk, mailed me a clipping which shows that some of the workers in the Department of Agriculture are at least a little rusty on the subject of processing cotton.

The clipping tells of a cotton gin operator who, negotiating for a government loan, received a letter from Washington stating that the government would "not lend money on gins or any other distillery for the manufacture of intoxicants."
"According to population, North Carolina buys more cradles and fewer coffins than any other state in the Union," is a statement that the late Governor Thomas Walter Bickett used to make with great pride 15 years ago.

Were he alive today, the war-time Governor of North Carolina would probably give a hearty handclasp to two North Carolina farmers who, without a doubt, have done their part to keep the Governor's statement ringing true.

One of these is Reuben Bland, a Martin county farmer and the father of 34 children who was presented to the late President Coolidge in 1927 as the "Cresident Coolidge in 1927 as the States"

The other is George Isaac Hughes, of New Bern, who at the age of 94 recently became the father of a son, who forthwith was named Franklin Delano in honor of the President.

This is the oldest authentic record of fatherhood in medical history, according to Dr. Charles Duffy, the attending physician, and two New York specialists who were attracted to New Bern by this strange case.

I understand that New Mexico now leads the states in births, but give us a few more Reuben Blands and George Issac Hughes and North Carolina will again lead the nation in the cradle buying procession. $\qquad$
If you live in Clinton, $\mathbf{N}$. $\mathbf{C}$., and your mail is sometimes misplaced, just bear in mind before you get too mad that you live in the most popular town in the United States, there being 30 postoffices by this name.

Or if you live in Chester or Florence, S. C., or Washington, $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{C}$., just remember that yours is among the next most "popular towns for there are 28 postoffiges by each of these names.

The next most popular towns in America are Clayton, Madison, Marion anid Troy, all found in North Carolina, and there are 27 of each in these United States.
I got a big laugh the other day when
Ike London, of Rockingham, told of an Ike London, of Rockingham, told of an
old negro who said that "In de Spring I'se an optimist, in de Summer a pessimist, byt praise God, in de Fall Pse a mist, byt pr
'possumist."

## ComfortImportant

 For Laying HensBody Size And Weight Is Factor In Producing Large Eggs

"Comfort enables the hen to utilize feed in manufacturing eges instead of using the energy thereby obtained to maintain body warmth," says P. H. Gooding, South Carolina extension poultryman. "Therefore, it is necessary for hens to be in a house free from drafts but with ample ventilation in order for the hen to make eggs from the raw materials which she eats."
Pullets to lay large eggs steadily throughout the winter must have body size and weight, the specialist points out. Light breed pullets should weigh throe and one-half to four pounds when they start laying Heavy breeds should weigh four and one-half to five pounds. Immature pullets must not be forced into egg production by fleding them on a laying mash.

A well balanced egg mash may be made by using 200 pounds of yellow corn meal, 200 pounds of wheat sorts and 100 pounds of meat scraps or fish meal. If there, is a supply of oats on hand, 50 pounds of fincly ground oats may be substituted for an equal quantity of shorts.
"Every poultryman should plant wheat for his chickens," Mr. Gooding advises. "It is true that wheat is an uncertain crop, but it is worth taking a chance. It requires about 25 bushels for 100 laying hens or one-fourth bushel for hen per year. If good land is seeded to what in October or November a reasonable yield would be from 10 to 20 bushels. Hence, if a farmer has 100 hens, he should be able to grow an ample quantity of what for them on two acres. Whole ground wheat will give practically as good results as shorts and wheat can be ground on any corn mill."

## $\$ 1.76$ Cleáred Per Bird

Seven poultry demonstrators in Stanley County made an average net profit of $\$ 1.76$ per bird during the past year, reports County Agent John W. Artz. Records kept by the flock owners show an average of 239 birds to the flock with an egg production of 271 eggs for each bird. More than 100 farmers attended poultry meetings held during the past week and received instructions as to handling and care of poultry and also as to methods of record keeping. These meetings were conducted by C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman at Statel College and as a result more than 25 farmers have indicated a desire to keep records next year, says Artz.

## Carolina Girls Win

Josalene Sutton, Sampson County, North Carolina, placed in the Blue Ribbon runner-up group of the National 4-H Club style revue 'at the National 4 H Club Congress, Chicago, December 6 .

In the International Club's Judging Contest at the International Show, the North Carolina State College Judging Team took fifth place. Max Culp, of Mooresville, was the highest individual scorer in identification, and John Grant, of Garysburg, was the highest individuait scorer in market grading.
June Castine, Ridgeway, S. C., took first place in the National $4-\mathrm{H}$ Club Health Contest at Chicago.

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