

# Calving Time On Farm Calls For Special Care

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animal which suckles its young, is always encased within membranes. The young of a mammal, any when still being carried by its

mother. Into this category are included practically all animals found on a farm with the exception of chickens and related species. Included are horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, cats and most all the wild animals found in the mountains of our county.

Animals which normally give birth to more than one young at a time such as hogs, dogs and cats, have a separate membrane encasing each young animal and if a mare, cow, sheep, or goat gives birth to more than one young, each small animal is encased in its individual membrane.

It is the cow with which we are the most concerned since she sometimes has difficulty in shedding this membrane. The other farm animals pass this membrane, or afterbirth as it is commonly called, almost immediately when the young is born. In fact, the animal which gives birth to a litter must pass off the afterbirth of the individual young before the next one can be born. A cow, on the other hand, will many times retain her afterbirth for days after she has delivered her calf. Usually part of this afterbirth will loosen itself from the wall of the uterus to which it is attached and hang from the cow. This may hang there for 24 to 48 hours during which time it becomes dried and takes on a dirty appearance. It is at this time that the farmer takes a stick or a broom-handle and twists this loose end of the afterbirth around it and pulls, hoping to be able to loosen the part of the afterbirth still encased within the uterus.

Nine times out of ten this procedure should never be done. Possibly the retained part of the afterbirth will become loosened and come out intact but in practically all cases of mechanical traction the afterbirth will tear and part will draw back into the uterus to begin its damage. This subsequent damage is done because the farmer believes the whole afterbirth has come out and thinks no more about it. There are two advantages of leaving the afterbirth hang if it has not loosened itself entirely. First, the weight of the portion of the afterbirth hanging on the outside will tend to exert steady traction on the part still held fast within the uterus and second, the cervix or entrance to the uterus will tend to stay open if the irritating afterbirth is continued on through it to the uterus. With part of the afterbirth broken off and pulled back into the uterus the cervix will close with no chance of the afterbirth escaping from the uterus.

The afterbirth of a cow is held to the wall of the uterus by more than a hundred small round objects called cotyledons or buttons or "moon calves." If the afterbirth is retained it is the problem of a veterinarian to loosen these cotyledons one by one being careful not to cause any hemorrhage which is an inevitable factor if the afterbirth is pulled from the outside.

The damage which can be incurred by allowing part of the afterbirth to draw back into the uterus

## WITNESSES AT BILBO PROBE



B. L. KNOST ABRAHAM L. SHUSHAN

MISSISSIPPI CONTRACTOR B. L. Knost (left) tells the Senate War Investigating Committee, in Washington, that he gave Sen. Theodore Bilbo's secretary \$3,750 as a campaign contribution in 1942, but that the money was never used for that purpose. Another figure in the investigation, Abraham L. Shushan (right), one-time lieutenant to the late Huey Long, is reported to have been subpoenaed. (International)

## Only 51,000 Vets Use Up 52-20 Rights

AP Newfeatures

WASHINGTON — Only 51,000 veterans of World War II have drawn their full quota of the \$20 a week readjustment allowance provided under the GI Bill of Rights.

Under the law, veterans who served ten or more months pay draw the allowance for the maximum 52 weeks. Veterans who served less than ten months but more than 30 days may draw the allowance four times called unem-

ployment pay) a proportionately shorter length of time. The 51,000 who have already exhausted their R. A. benefits are only about four-tenths of one per cent of the more than 14,000,000 World War II veterans, almost all of whom are eligible. Of those who actually began drawing allowances—soon enough to have exhausted them—they are 2.2 per cent.

More May Follow  
Actually few of the 14,000,000 could have exhausted their right to the allowance. The demobilization program was just getting under way a year ago and didn't reach its peak until mid-winter. Other veterans may now be well on the way toward using up their benefits. To date the readjustment allowance program has cost taxpayers 1 1/2 billion dollars. That's almost half as much as the total cost of the World War I veterans' bonus. Last summer will over \$100,000,000 every month was paid to unemployed veterans. To be eligible a veteran must be out of work, looking for work and able and willing to take any "suitable" job offered him. California has the lowest percentage of used-up benefits. Only slightly more than one out of every hundred veterans discharged a year ago have drawn the full-duration allowance. Tennessee Was High  
Tennessee has the highest state percentage. Almost five out of every hundred Tennesseans who were veterans a year ago have used

## Radar Helps Avert Collision Of Ships

NEW YORK — Two steamships were saved from head-on collision during a blinding snowstorm on Lake Superior recently when an alert officer aboard a third ship perceived their danger on his radar indication and warned them by radio to change their course. Word of the incident was received here by Charles J. Pannill, President of Radiomarine Corporation of America.

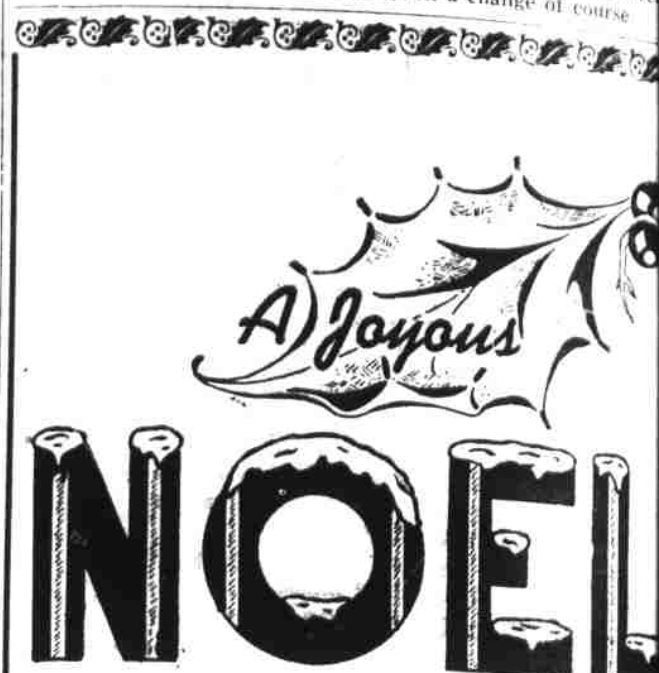
Mr. Hermansen contacted ships by radio and directed them on a change of course.

Tom Hermansen First Mate of a modern ore carrier, the Ferbert, was watching the radar just before dawn on Nov. 28 when he observed two luminous "pips," representing two other ships on the radar-scope, rapidly converging from opposite directions. Knowing the lookouts on either vessel could not see the other ship in the storm,

up the works. But the record shows that Tennessee is far behind Porto Rico. More than 40 per cent of Puerto Rican veterans who have been out a year have used up their allowance. Low wage scales in Puerto Rico are given as one reason.

Largest single month's expenditure in the program occurred in April, when unemployed veterans received \$160,071,000. During the first week in November the number actually drawing the allowance fell below the million mark. Effects of the coal strike and consequent work stoppages may reverse the downward trend.

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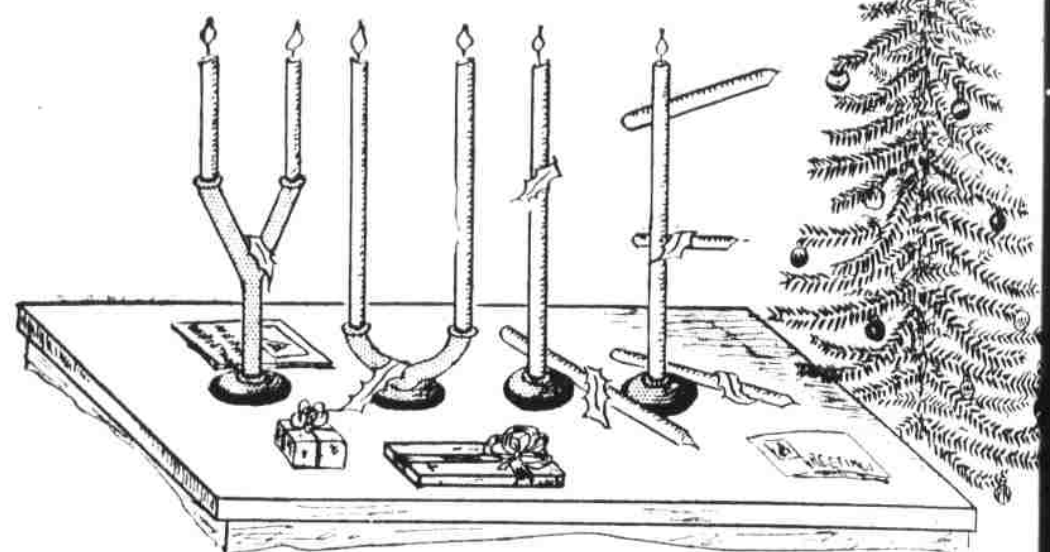


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