rolina. In the mountain y must be taken up and storage or they will

As soon the plants are killed by ost, cut the stalks off at the surof the ground. Before hard age. ng weather cover the hills ith about aix inches of pine straw or other similar materials. Do not water to stand around the hills. In the spring when growth starts, the dahlia clumps should be taken up and divided and then reps, plant back one division, and give the rest away to your

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In preparing for storage, cut the stalks off at the surface of the ground soon after the plants have been killed by frost. With a spading fork loosen the ground all around the clump of roots. Then work the spading ford underneath planted. Even if you do not want to the clump and lift it out of the increase the number of plants you ground. Since different varieties will get better dahlias if you divide vary a great deal in root characteristics some have short thick roots-the digging operation must be done with care so as not to

break the necks of the roots in lifting the clump out. A root with a broken neck is worthless. The soil may be gently shaken from the roots or may be washed off or may be left on the clump to protect the roots. In the storage cellar or room

the clumps may be placed directly on the floor or may be packed in boxes or baskets lined with paper. Peat or vermiculite make good packing materials which will also prevent drying out of the roots, Sawdust may also be used.

In the spring as soon as the buds or sprouts begin to show, the clumpe should be divided, Each div vision should contain at least one bud or eye and one root. Remember that the buds or eyes are usually on the base of the stem or crown



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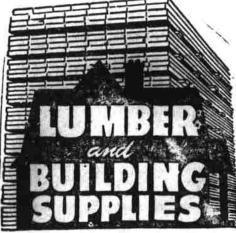
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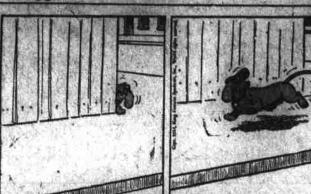
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held a possibility by the Foreign foreign marketing. A product se-

programs are successful, the in- attaches stationed in 40 foreign

year, according to FAS. But over traders meet the requirements of

the long run, volume of exports will prospective overseas customers, ac-

North Carolina had less land in years. Unimproved pastures rose

he annual County Farm Census in the proportions of harvested

Summary released recently by the cropland. Cotton represented 12 Statistics Division of the State De- percent, wheat six percent and soy-

143 acres, but harvested cropland percent were up only one percent-

r pastures increased by more than ages declined in 1953. Tobacco acre-218,197 acres, and idle cropland de- age at 648,636 was down about 56,-

People of all ages living on Tar ly 14,000 acres brought the total for Heel farms in 1953 totaled 1,426,798, peanuts down to 184,694 acres,

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ward trend in farm population has 1952 harvested acreage. The 2,209,-

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four percent were the same for both

Similarly there was little change

beans four percent in 1952 and 1953.

age point as compared with 1952.

Total tobacco and peanut acre-

000 acres from 1952. A drop of near-

Cotton was harvested from 788,-

373 acres of corn reported in 1953

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Farm Population

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reased by 4.530 acres

n 1953 than in 1952, according to

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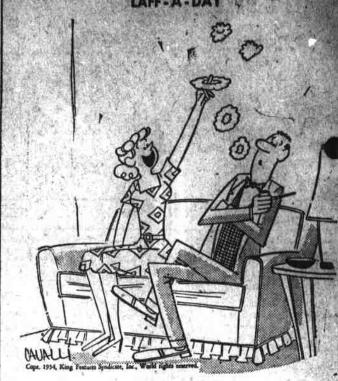
The summary shows a sharp gain in the total number of beef cows and heifers of farms as of January , 1954. This figure at 250,429 compares with 211,940 on the same date a year earlier, representing an increase of 18 percent. Milk cows and heifers, two years old an dover, totaled 313,863, an increase of only 1,-Agricultural Service of the United lected to meet demand here is not 412 over the January 1, 1953, invennecessarily the preferred type by tory.

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