

# FARM NEWS

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## STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK

### Applications Being Received for Cotton Crop Insurance

Applications now are being received by county AAA offices for insurance on the 1942 cotton crop, according to Tom Cornwell, Cleveland county farmer and a member of the State AAA Committee.

This is the first time North Carolina's 175,000 cotton producers have been offered an opportunity to insure their yields in a plan similar to the wheat crop insurance which has been available for the past two years, Cornwell said.

"This insurance is issued by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and affords the cotton producer an opportunity to insure his yield either for 75 per cent or 50 per cent of his normal production in past years," Cornwell said.

The corporation is a non-profit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and funds for administering the program were appropriated by Congress. Cotton and wheat insurance is not designed to make money for the farmer or the corporation, but to serve, like fire insurance, as partial protection against loss.

Premium rates are determined for individual farms on the basis of losses during the past seven years, and these records now are available in the county AAA offices.

He pointed out that the insurance is available to anyone having an interest in a cotton crop, whether land owner, tenant or sharecropper. Insurance taken by one person having an interest in the crop, however, has no effect on any other person interested in the same crop. An applicant may choose insurance on three-fourths or one-half of his normal production, as he desires.

Premiums, it was pointed out, are payable at the time the application is signed or may be deducted from payments due the applicant in 1942 for compliance in the 1942 Agricultural Conservation Program in the same manner as grant-of-aid costs are deducted.

In no case, he said, will production be insured on more than the cotton acreage allotted under the AAA program. Deadline for filing applications is March 15.

### "Victory Garden" Worth \$253 To Family Of Five

Vegetables that can be grown in a "Victory Garden" are worth \$253.55, based on retail store prices, says H. R. Niswonger, Extension horticulturist of North Carolina State College. If the vegetables were all sold on curb markets, at seasonal prices, they would bring \$255.28.

"All this is possible," Niswonger declared, "through a little garden work, the proper fertilizer and spray materials, and a special collection of Victory Garden seed which is being sold throughout the State by leading seedsmen at prices ranging from \$5.35 to \$6.50 for the entire seed assortment. It is evident from this that a Victory Garden is a good investment."

As examples of the value of garden crops, the horticulturist said that one-half ounce of tomato seed will produce enough plants to put out 750 row feet. This planting will be sufficient to feed a family of five, both fresh tomatoes and an extra amount for canning, throughout the year. The approximate yield from 750 row feet of tomatoes would be 20 bushels, or 1,200 pounds. At a retail and curb market price of 6 cents per pound, the value of the tomatoes in a Victory Garden would be \$72.

Two and one-half pounds of bush lima beans, planted in 250 feet of row, will yield approximately 35 quarts, shelled. At 40 cents per quart, the value would be \$14.00. It requires 6 ounces of turnip seed to plant a sufficient amount for a family of five, but this planting will produce approximately nine bushels, or 450 pounds of turnip roots. At a retail price of 3 cents per pound, the value is \$13.50; at a curb market price of 4 cents per pound, the value is \$18.00.

"Grow a Victory Garden to show your patriotism, to help meet economic needs, and to improve your health," the horticulturist urged.

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### Shoes Important Item, Now That Tires Scarce

Ordinary citizens are going to have to depend more and more on shoe leather, now that tires are being rationed. Miss Julia McIver, assistant Extension clothing specialist of North Carolina State College, says this calls for better protection of shoes.

"There are several ways to make shoes wear longer," Miss McIver declared, "and in this war emergency we must make all things last. Thousands of shoes come to an early end because they lack care."

The home economist says that polishing shoes regularly isn't just a cranky notion. Polishing shoes feeds the leather, makes it pliable, and protects it.

"The life of literally thousands of pairs of shoes is shortened by failure to dry them properly," said Miss McIver. "Waterproofing shoes helps protect them, but doesn't take the place of rubber overshoes or rubber boots for walking in water, soft mud or slushy snow. Shoes which become wet should be dried slowly, not too close to an open fire, and never in a hot place like the top of a radiator or in the oven."

"The right way to dry shoes," the clothing specialist explained, "is this: First, wash off all mud with a damp cloth and wipe the surface as dry as possible. Oil the shoes lightly all over with castor oil. Rub it in well. Straighten the counters, heels, toes and vamp if they need it. Then stuff the shoes with crumpled paper, or, on the farm, with oats to keep their shape and absorb moisture. Set the shoes in a moderately warm place for several hours or overnight. Polish when dry."

The State College economist says most people never stop to think how much they spend annually on shoes for the family. Rising costs demand that waste of materials be stopped during the war emergency.

### Beer Committee Asks Cooperation In Camp Areas

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The beer industry has taken steps to prevent undesirable elements from establishing retail beer outlets in the vicinity of the two army camps to be located in North Carolina.

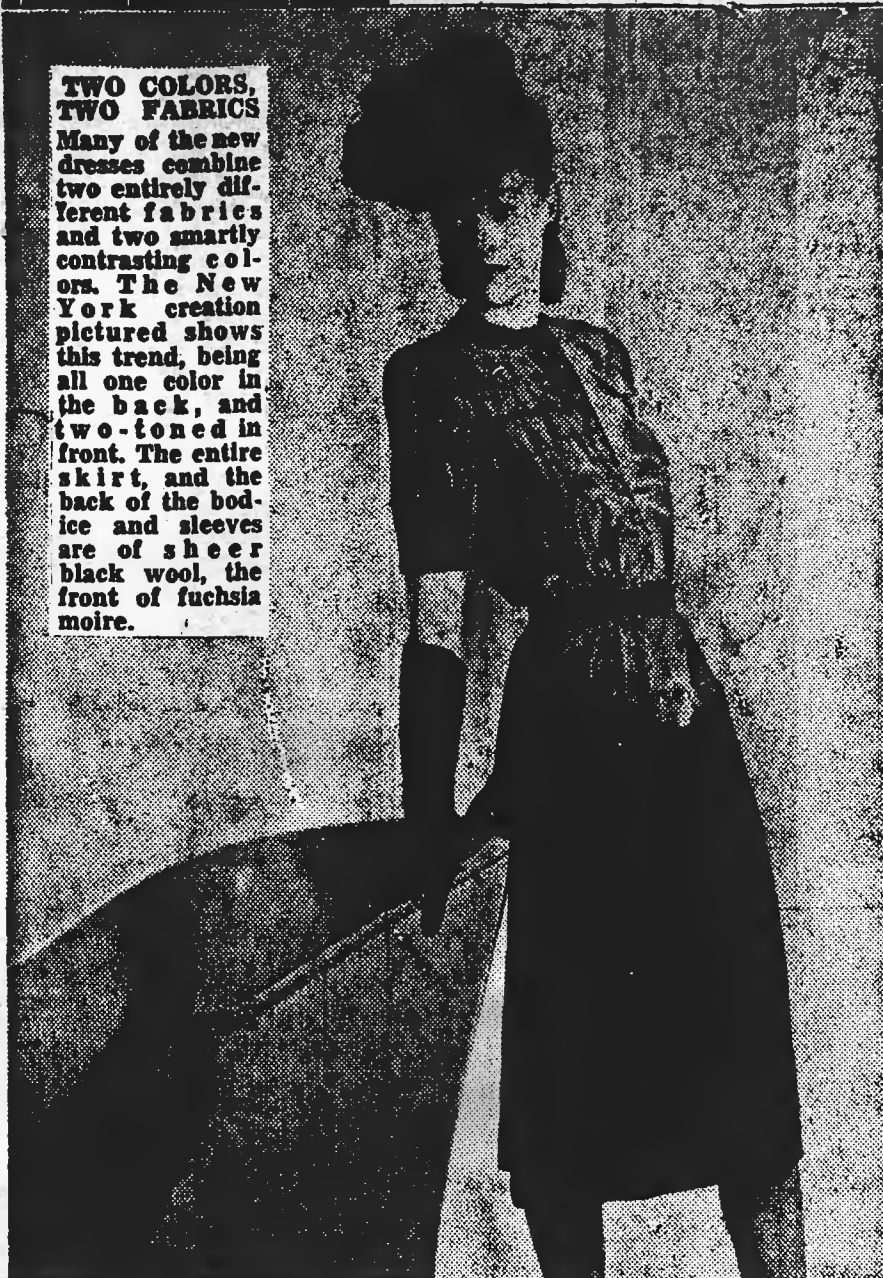
The Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee today requested city and county officials in these new camp areas to scrutinize carefully "all applications for retail beer licenses to the end that the industry may be purged of illegal or undesirable outlets."

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, state director in charge of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina, made the request in letters to city and county officials of Durham, Granville, Person and Union counties. One camp will be located near Monroe and the Durham-Granville-Pearson area will be the site of the other camp.

The state director cited the statute which prohibits the issuance of retail beer licenses to persons guilty of liquor law violations or to persons unable to show good character. Bain cautioned the officials that the establishment of new camps in their sections will result in many new businesses, and urged them to "refuse beer licenses to all dealers who cannot comply with the law."

This letter to city and county officials in these military areas was another move in the beer industry's fight to purge the industry of law-violating retailers and to keep un-

**TWO COLORS, TWO FABRICS**  
Many of the new dresses combine two entirely different fabrics and two smartly contrasting colors. The New York creation pictured shows this trend, being all one color in the back, and two-toned in front. The entire skirt, and the back of the bodice and sleeves are of sheer black wool, the front of fuchsia moire.



### State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Question: Can electricity be used to brood baby chicks economically?

Answer: C. F. Parrish, Extension Service poultryman, says the matter of economy depends on the price the farmer pays for his electricity. Where current can be obtained for as little as 2 cents a kilowatt hour, the electric brooder is not out of line in cost when compared with other standard methods of keeping chicks warm. An infra-red bulb in the brooder is being tried now in North Carolina and offers much promise.

Question: Would you advise digging up a flower garden to plant vegetables this year?

Answer: James G. Weaver, horticulturist, says if you must sacrifice your flower beds for vegetables, don't. While the family on the farm has plenty of land to grow a vegetable garden, the city or suburban dweller sometimes hasn't and would have to sacrifice his flowers for a few tomatoes. Weaver says he hopes the flower gardeners will continue to grow their blossoms because of the beauty they add to the home and community.

Question: What should be done with scrap iron and steel collected on the farm?

Answer: If possible, this material should be hauled to the nearest licensed junk dealer and sold there. This will assure the farmer of the highest possible price for his scrap. However, there are peddlers going through the country who will buy the scrap at a price considerably lower than what the farmer could obtain in town, since they must make a small profit and pay their transportation costs.

**SCRAP.**  
Jones County 4-H Club members are collecting scrap iron and paper, the proceeds from which they plan to buy defense stamps, reports Assistant Farm Agent Jack Kelley.

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**PASTURE.**  
R. B. Brown, demonstration farmer of the Brownwood community in Ashe county reports that one field which received applications of phos-

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