

Total farm employment in the United States has been at a record low every month since February of last year. Hired workers on farms were 9 percent less on Dec. 1 than a year ago.

Combating of winter losses probably causes greater losses in breeding chickens than does chilling, say Prof. Roy S. Danzys of the Poultry Department at State College.

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**"Easy Come... Easy Go" means DANGER AHEAD**

Let's get one thing straight. There is real danger to you and your family—and to your country—in the belief that it is all right for you to spend everything you made last week because another fat pay envelope will come to you this week.

Lots of people felt that way in the last war, too. And they had rough jobs—to put it mildly. Readjustment always follows wars. Factories will have to be closed for retooling. Business will have to shift from a wartime to a peacetime basis. And no matter how much of an attempt is made to cushion the change, millions of persons may find that, temporarily at least, pay envelopes aren't coming in so regularly and so fat.

Take a pencil and figure out your total income, your necessary spending. What remains is your savable income, your future spending fund. That's the way to plan your spending and your saving. For the present, buy only what you need. Invest in War Bonds and hold them to maturity. Save a good part of your income week after week. Build up a reserve. Build it confidently knowing that it is going to help take care of you in the readjustment period which is bound to come.

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**MAKES VETERANS HANDY**

**Machine Made For Chinch Bug Fight**

A machine for establishing a barrier of dinitro dust to protect corn fields from damage by chinch bugs has been prepared by the Agricultural Engineering Department at State College. Not only does the machine give a uniform barrier, which is essential for control, but it also saves much dust as compared with the practice of preparing the barrier by hand.

The machine is of the roller type and must be made at home in advance of the season when it is needed. Essentially it consists of a piece of sheet metal rolled into a cylinder with three rows of holes drilled along a center line, with rings of bar iron on each side of the row of holes to hold the roller slightly off the ground.

Prof. David S. Weaver, head of the Agricultural Engineering Department, explains that a small band free of clods and relatively smooth must be established around the corn field before the machine will establish a good barrier. If there are any gaps in the barrier or if the dust falls down into depression between clods, providing a bridge by which the bugs can escape over the barrier, good control is not obtained. The chinch bugs die on contact with the dinitro dust.

J. Myron Maxwell, Extension Entomologist, estimates that about 100,000 pounds of dinitro dust will be needed in 25 North Carolina counties this year in the fight against the chinch bug under average conditions. If the spring is rainy, probably twice this amount will be needed, because the barrier must be replaced when washed away by rain.

Mrs. America Russo of Philadelphia gave birth to twins, a boy being born at 11 p. m., on New Year's eve and a girl a few minutes after midnight.

**QUALITY OF BUTTER CAN BE IMPROVED**

A study of butter manufacture in North Carolina dairies by Dr. W. M. Roberts and Prof. W. L. Chevinger of the Agricultural Experiment Station at State College has brought recommendations for improvement that may be taken into account of all farms where butter is made at home.

These experts in dairy manufacture call special attention to the fact that good cream is needed to make good butter and that all pipes, churns, butter printers, and other equipment be thoroughly cleaned and sterilized.

For improving the composition of butter, they suggest that the grade of buttermilk in the cream be determined so as to properly calculate the amounts of salt and moisture to add for the amount of butter to be made. Churn at temperatures which butter is obtained in 40 to 45 minutes. This will give butter of sufficient firmness so that additional moisture can be worked into it without sticking.

Wash sour-cream butter with two lots of wash-water. The temperature of the wash-water in summer should approximate that of the butter. The temperature of the wash-water may be lower than that of the butter during the winter. These temperatures must be governed by the firmness of the butter.

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION**  
**Home B. & L. Association**  
of Kings Mountain, N. C., as of December 31, 1944  
(Copy of Sworn Statement Submitted To Insurance Commissioner As Required By Law)

**ASSETS**

**THE ASSOCIATION OWNS:**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash on Hand and in Banks   | \$ 10,049.52        |
| State of North Carolina and U. S. Government Bonds  | \$174,800.00        |
| Time Certificate, First National Bank, Kings Mountain, N. C.  | \$ 10,000.00        |
| Mortgage Loans  | \$253,884.50        |
| Share Loans   | \$ 1,610.00         |
| Advances made to our shareholders for the purpose of enabling them to own their homes. Each loan secured by first mortgage on local improved real estate. |                     |
| Advances for Insurance, Taxes, Etc.   | \$ 49.45            |
| Office Furniture and Fixtures   | \$ 200.00           |
| Office Building   | \$ 5,600.00         |
| Real Estate Owned   | \$                  |
| Real Estate Sold  | \$                  |
| Under Contract  | \$                  |
| Other Assets  | \$ 980.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$457,173.77</b> |

**LIABILITIES**

**THE ASSOCIATION OWES:**

To Shareholders  
Funds entrusted to our care in the form of payments on shares as follows:

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| Installment Shares   | \$164,586.50        |
| Full-Paid Shares   | \$178,900.00        |
| Prepaid Shares   | \$ 16,543.50        |
| Running Shares   | \$ 55,932.35        |
| Other Shares   | \$                  |
| Notes Payable, Federal Home Loan Bank  | \$                  |
| Notes Payable, Other   | \$                  |
| Accounts Payable   | \$                  |
| Loans in Process   | \$                  |
| Undivided Profits  | \$ 23,162.75        |
| Earnings held in trust for distribution to shareholders at maturity of their shares. | \$                  |
| Federal Insurance Reserve (If Insured)   | \$                  |
| Reserve for Contingencies  | \$ 17,500.00        |
| Other Liabilities  | \$ 548.67           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$457,173.77</b> |

**TRAIN ANIMALS NOW FOR 1945 SHOWS**

Beef animals for show or sale should have a liberal supply of bedding, plenty of fresh water, and salt during the feeding period. They need not be housed too closely but should be protected from severe cold and especially stormy weather. Young animals generally get enough exercise by older animals need exercising. It may be advisable to keep a mineral mixture before the cattle, especially where no legume hay is fed.

These are pertinent suggestions coming from Leland Case, in charge of Extension animal husbandry at State College. He also advises halter breaking early and training of the animal how to load and show to the best advantage.

Show cattle should be kept clean by washing and brushing. Case suggests at least one washing a week during the month before the show. Clipping heads and tails, improving the appearance of the horns, and proper trimming of the feet are points to be learned by smart showmen. The county agent will be glad to give pointers on this work.

As to show ring technique, Case says: "Lead and show from the animal's left. If possible, select ground for showing that is slightly higher under the fore feet. Watch your animal and have him in the best possible position when the judge is examining him. A light cane or stick is useful for placing the feet and holding up a weak back. Work easily and gently so as not to excite the animal."

All of these points are not to be learned in a day. Good showmanship comes only after long training. The exhibitor who begins to work now as if the show were to be held next week will be a finished showman when he enters the ring.

Cows that are to freshen this winter should be gotten in good physical condition now says John Arty, Extension dairyman at State College.

The Federal payroll now has approximately 3,255,000 names.

**Bonds Over America**

**GOVERNMENT BONDS**

Because citizens in Alabama did not have wives and children with them, education received little attention until statehood was achieved in 1901. Four and a half million children attended the public schools while children of planters and other well-to-do families attended private schools up to the way to the top. The University of Alabama was opened in 1820 and in 1831 George Jones, born in 1810 and educated by the famous Chancellor General, who was president of the University, made it a national center of education's reputation in the South. It is worth noting that when the U. S. Army came to the state in 1862, the only educational advantages such as Alabama has obtained. © U. S. Treasury Department

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CLEVELAND ss:**

A. H. Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer of the above named Association personally appeared before me this day, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

A. H. PATTERSON, Secretary-Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th day of January, 1945.

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