

'Down on the Farm'

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There are 40 farms in the city of Washington.

That rather surprising bit of information comes from the Bureau of the Census, which defines a farm as "an agricultural enterprise of 3 acres or more, or a smaller tract with an annual production of \$250 or more."

A 40-acre tract in the vicinity of South Capitol street and Southern avenue is rated as the largest farm in the District. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Lindner, who live on a 26-acre farm at 3801 Wheeler road S.E. With the help of their son Frederick they raise a variety of vegetables which they sell in

Union Market, Fifth and Neal streets N.E.

On the Wheeler road property the Lindners have two horses and a cow, and on the other place three horses and two cows. The larger farm has been owned by the same family for about 90 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Cheeney operate a 10-acre farm at 441 Riggs road N.E. They have owned the property for 20 years, but Mr. Cheeney did not begin to devote his full attention to it until his retirement from the police force in September, 1941. A bullet wound suffered while recovering a stolen automobile impaired his health, but, his family says, "working in the ground has helped



Howard A. Cheeney with his two work horses, Pet and Charlie, and his dog Duke.



Above: A view of the 40-acre Lindner place. Below: Ne



Elmer M. Perrigo, 1050 Owens road S.E., works two acres on Southern avenue near South Capitol street

