

Inflammable Insecticides Should Be Used With Care

Great care should be taken when using inflammable insecticides to spray barns, corn cribs, and grain storages, says David S. Weaver, head of the department of Agricultural Engineering at State College.

Carbon bisulfide of "high life", as it is commonly called, is one of the most dangerous sprays, he stated, adding that this insecticide is more explosive than gasoline and it can ignite from the heat of a steam pipe.

If inflammable fumigants and insecticides must be used, he pointed out, they should never be kept inside of a building housing persons or animals, and never, under any circumstances, should anyone strike a match within ten feet of a building which is being fumigated.

When using these inflammable insecticides, Mr. Weaver said, be sure there is an approved fire extinguisher handy. There are extinguishers especially designed to put out chemical fires quickly and effectively.

He cautioned against using insecticides which produce harmful fumes, explaining that the gases or fumes set up by some fumigants can cause a serious lung condition that often results in death. Farmers should be very wary about purchasing fumigants and insecticides that do not bear the Underwriter's Laboratory seal, he asserted.

Sprays which have a fire hazard less than kerosene are considered safe, he added. Nevertheless, a fire extinguisher nearby provides necessary protection.

Good Seed Necessary For Maximum Yields

North Carolina farmers must not overlook the necessity of planting the best seed available if they are to harvest maximum yields of small grain in the summer of 1948, says Dr. R. P. Moore, in charge of Seed Improvement at State College.

The urgent need for abundance of grain for food and feed throughout the world and the more easily recognized high grain and feed prices, cannot help but offer strong encouragement for every farmer to produce those "extra" bushels of grain resulting from good planting seed, Dr. Moore said.

For farmers living in the Coastal Plain, the best seed oats include certified sources of Victorgrain and Fulgrain. The Piedmont farmers may consider certified sources of Victorgrain and Fulgrain as their best early oats and similar sources of Stanton, Lemont, and Letoria as good late varieties. The Northern Piedmont farmers may prefer the later oat varieties since these oats have been found more winter-hardy than Victorgrain or Fulgrain. Letoria and Stanton are usually good oats for the mountain section except at high altitudes where fall oats should not be seeded.

The Piedmont or Coastal Plain farmer will find certified Redhart, Hardired, and Carala to be satisfactory sources of feed for their wheat crop. Tests have shown Thorne and Nittany or Fulcaster to be dependable wheat varieties for the Mountain area.

Certified Sunrise, which must show less than one smut head in 1,000, may well be considered the best grain barley for all sections of the State where barley is grown.

Certified sources of small grain varieties are suggested since they may be considered more consistently dependable than non-certified run-of-the-mine sources. The North Carolina seeds are certified by representatives of State College.

Farmers interested in taking advantage of the benefits of certified seed should contact his seedsman, county agent, or vocational teacher, or write to the

office of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association, N. C. State College, Raleigh, for a list of farmer seed producers.

When buying small grain seed this fall, insist upon the presence of a blue certification on each bag, Dr. Moore said, because this is your guarantee for good planting seed.

Sign Report Asking 15 Billion From U.S.

Paris, Sept. 23.—Sixteen non-Communist countries signed today a report on the Marshall recovery plan calling for \$15,810,000,000 in aid from the United States under a four-year program designed to put Western Europe on its economic feet by 1951.

The report estimates the needs of Western Europe, including the American and British occupation zones in Germany, at \$22,440,000,000 for the four-year period. A certified copy of it was prepared, immediately after the signature, for dispatch to Department of State in Washington by a plane leaving at 3 a. m. tomorrow in custody of a British King's messenger.

The report, result of 2 1/2 months of intensive work, was signed at 6 p. m. in the gilded state dining room of the foreign office.

"The preparation of this report marks a new stage in the history of international endeavor," said British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, presiding, as the last signature was affixed. "We now enter the second and more difficult phase of our work."

The report foresees a total deficit of \$22,400,000,000 for the 16 Marshall plan countries and Western Germany.

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U. S. Debt Is Near \$2,050 a Person

Washington, Sept. 21.—The commerce department figured today that the total of net public and private debt in the United States at the start of this year averaged out at \$2,050 for each man, woman, and child.

The department said the total owed was \$383,400,000,000, some \$15,000,000,000 below the start of 1946.

It said the federal government owed \$229,700,000,000 of the total, not counting some additional billions it owes to federal agencies and corporations and individuals \$150,000,000,000.

It explained that private debt increased by \$8,000,000,000 during 1946, but this was more than offset by a \$23,000,000,000 reduction in the federal government debt so the combined total debt went down for the first time since 1931.

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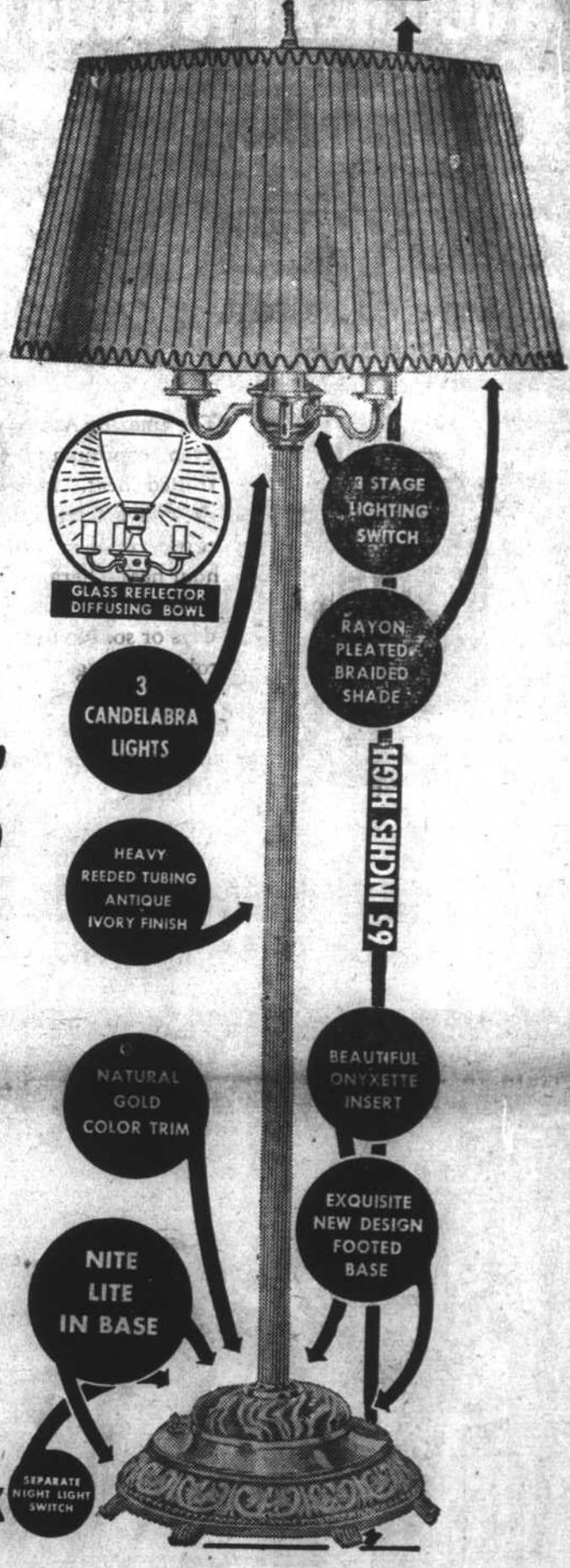
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