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**Commissioner Crane Cites Store Work Hours Permitted For Women & Children**

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane today reminded Tar Heel employers of maximum working hours permitted for women and minors under the State Labor Laws during the business rush between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Employers employing nine or more persons, may select a period of one week only, any time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, during which women 18 years of age or older employed in mercantile establishments may work as much as ten hours a day but not more than six days in the week," Commissioner Crane said. "Normally, maximum working time for these employees is nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, and six days per week."

"Women 18 or older working in establishments employing eight or fewer people are restricted to ten hours a day, 5 hours a week, and six days per week," Crane stated. "The law does not provide any increased working time for this group during the Thanksgiving to Christmas period."

He pointed out that the law does not provide any extended working hours for minors under 18 years of age. No mercantile work is permitted for children under 14 years of age, he said.

For 14 and 15-year-old minors who have obtained employment certificates from their local Welfare Superintendents, said Crane, maximum working time is eight hours a day, 40 hours a week, and six days per week. Their work must be confined to the hours between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Boys 16 and 17, after obtaining employment certificates, may work nine hours a day, 48 hours a week, and six days per week, not earlier than 6 a. m. and not later than midnight, he said. Girls of 16 and 17 have the same maximum hours and days of work but may be employed only between 6 a. m. and 9 p. m. Crane added.

moisture should be about right for plowing.

Methyl bromide was first used in the liquid form. That is the chemical was released under the plastic covers as a liquid in a pan. Natural heat caused the liquid to vaporize or form a gas over a period of time which penetrated the loose soil and killed the weed seeds and nematodes.

More recently, a new system of using methyl bromide has given good results. It is called the hot gas or vaporized treatment. It is used in the same manner as the liquid or cold treatment except that the methyl bromide liquid is converted to a vapor or gas as it is applied by the use of water heated to temperatures of 180 degrees F. to boiling. As the methyl bromide cans are opened they are placed in the hot water which converts the liquid to a vapor or gas. The hot gas treatment has certain advantages over the liquid method. Plastic covers can be removed at the end of six hours as compared to the usual 24 to 48 hours required for the cold treatment. The shorter treating time is accomplished since the vaporized methyl bromide starts killing weed seeds and nematodes immediately after applied. More beds can be treated with the same cover in a given period of time. Also more plant bed yardage can be treated during the time that the soil moisture and temperature are right for treating.

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The chemical weed control treatment most widely used now to control weeds in tobacco plant beds is methyl bromide. It is regarded as one of the better weed control chemicals and also gives good nematode control.

The methyl bromide treatment can be used in the fall or winter anytime the outside temperature is about 50 to 60 degrees F. or higher, and up to within two to three days of the seeding date. Actually, best results can be expected if the soil temperature is 50 to 60 degrees F. at time of treatment. The gas penetrates best if soil is not wet. Weed kill is expected to be best, however, if there is sufficient moisture in the soil to soften the seed coat. The soil

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