

State Has Too Many Boiler Explosions, Commissioner Says

Labor Commissioner, Forrest Shuford Urges Inspection Be Made

"Deaths and serious injury, not to mention damage to personal property, from boiler explosions are far too numerous in North Carolina and the total must be reduced," Forrest H. Shuford, State Commissioner of Labor, stated today.

Mr. Shuford made known that two persons had been killed and five others seriously injured as a result of boiler explosions which have occurred within the past sixty days. Total property damage from these accidents amounted to more than ten thousand dollars.

In 1935 the General Assembly enacted a Boiler Inspection Law which makes it a misdemeanor to operate a steam boiler at a pressure in excess of fifteen pounds, without an operating certificate. Operating certificates are issued by the Department of Labor to owners of boilers which are found in safe condition, following rigid inspection by State-Commissioned Boiler Inspectors. Only inspectors for insurance companies which operate in this State, and State-employed inspectors are commissioned inspectors, and these men are not issued a commission until they prove their competency by means of a rigid examination and by experience in this particular field. Had boilers which have exploded been inspected, and properly repaired in accordance with the State Law, they probably would not have exploded.

Because of the fact that the State Department of Labor has only one boiler inspector at the present time it is impossible to ferret out every boiler in the state as some of them are located in isolated sections. Inspections are therefore dependent upon incidental location of the boilers, by the inspector, or upon notification by the boiler owner of the location of their boiler. It frequently happens that through ignorance that the Department has of the location of a boiler is a newspaper report covering an account of an explosion.

"We cannot positively guarantee that an inspection will prevent an explosion," Mr. Shuford stated, "but we do know that the chances of an accident happening are greatly minimized by an inspection. It is interesting to note that not a single boiler inspected by an authorized boiler inspector has exploded since the establishment of the Bureau of Boiler Inspection by the General Assembly of 1935.

"It is my earnest hope that every boiler owner will cooperate with the State Department of Labor by notifying the Department of the location of any uninspected boilers. If those owning and operating such boilers realize the tremendous danger which they present to life and property, however, I am sure that their cooperation will be forthcoming and that they will realize that the inspection fee of from seven to ten dollars provided for by the law will be repaid many times over by their retention afforded."

Whitewash Advised To Brighten Up and Help Looks of Farm

Several Formulas Given by Miss Pauline Smith, District Home Agent

It's whitewash, and that means that Clean Up! Rake Up! campaigns are in progress. Miss Anne Pauline Smith, district home agent of the State College Extension Service, says that whitewashing pays as big dividends in improving the appearance of a farmstead as any other cleaning practice.

She recommends the following whitewash for exteriors, such as out-buildings and fences, and says it is waterproof: Slack 62 pounds (one bushel) of quicklime with 12 gallons of hot water. Pour into this a mixture of two pounds of common table salt and one pound of sulphate of zinc, dissolved in two gallons of hot water. Finally add two gallons of skimmed milk and mix thoroughly.

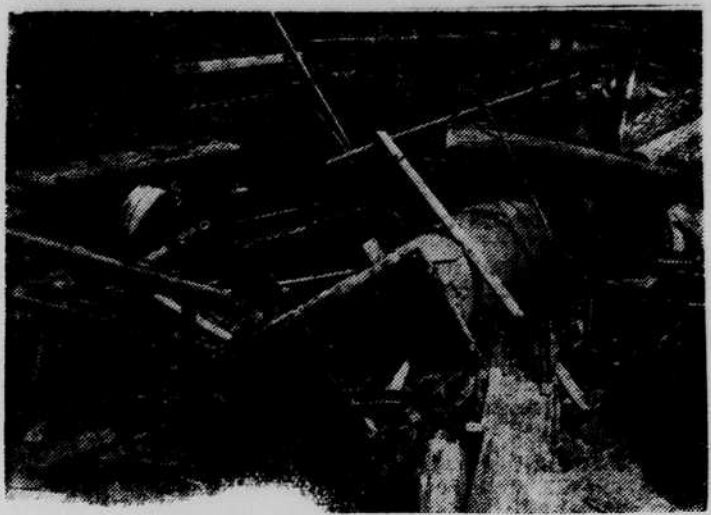
Another formula which is suitable for either exterior or interior use follows: Slake one-half bushel of quick or lump lime with boiling water, keeping it covered during the process. Strain it and add a pack of salt dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice put in boiling water and boiled to a thin paste, one-half pound of powdered Spanish whiting, and a pound of clear glue dissolved in warm water. Mix these well together and let the mixture stand for several days. Keep the whitewash thus prepared in a kettle or portable furnace and when used put on as hot as possible with painter's whitewash brush.

Miss Smith advises that one ounce of alum added for each gallon of whitewash increases its adhesive quality; that a pint of molasses added for each five gallons of whitewash causes it to penetrate the wood or plaster; and that a pound of cheap bar soap dissolved in a gallon of boiling water, and added to five gallons of thick whitewash will impart a gloss like that of oil paint.

PLANTS TREES

Walter R. Gibbs of Lake Landing, Hyde County, has recently set 6,000 cypress seedlings, 2,000 slash pines and 1,000 black locust seedlings. His locust have survived 95 percent, his slash pine 85 percent and his cypress 80 percent. Two years ago, Mr. Gibbs planted three acres of pines that show a 95 percent survival.

SCENE OF BOILER EXPLOSION



The above picture shows the scene of a recent boiler explosion at a saw mill in Columbus County. One person was killed and seven others barely managed to escape. The State Commissioner of Labor, Forrest L. Shuford, urges that frequent inspections be made of all boilers in order to prevent repetition of such scenes as this.

Says Packers Will Pay Premiums for Parasite-Free Hogs

Swine Raised Under Sanitary Conditions Bring Better Return

By H. W. TAYLOR
Swine Specialist, State College

In response to requests from many of our county agents that provision be made to secure higher prices for hogs raised under sanitary conditions we are forwarding this letter with enclosures to all county agents.

For your information Kinghan and Company, Richmond, Va., have offered to pay a premium of 25 cents per 100 pounds for hogs grown in accordance with an effective swine sanitation plan, the carcasses of such hogs to show freedom from internal parasites, when slaughtered. The agreement covers a period of 12 months and during that time, the offer is restricted to growers who can sell as many as 20 hogs at one time. This is necessary because hogs sold under this plan will have to be

hogs raised under sanitary conditions we are forwarding this letter with enclosures to all county agents. Where the county agent supervises a demonstration his signature is sufficient. Please send one copy of the application to Kinghan and Company, and one copy to this office. In order to meet the requirements for approval a grower must: 1. Scrub the sows thoroughly with soap and water, a few days before

slaughtered separately, and this will mean extra work for the packer. A grower who has 3 or 4 sows can take advantage of this offer. It should excite the interest of smaller growers, and a general adoption of an effective swine sanitation practice should eventually result in a higher price to all of our growers. All of us together can do a real piece of work in an educational way, with demonstrations in swine sanitation. We suggest that you as county agent lead this movement, enlisting the cooperation of the teachers of agriculture and the Farm Security Administration supervisors. We believe it would be a good idea for the white county agents to call together his teachers of agriculture, his Farm Security supervisor and his negro county agent, for a discussion of swine sanitation. Ask each worker to conduct at least one swine sanitation demonstration. Encourage the small growers to follow the plan because it will pay them good returns in the form of healthy pigs that will require less feed per 100 pounds of gain.

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The sheriff shall keep the place within the bar open at all times for officers of the court, attorneys and litigants, and shall provide for the use of jurors not in the box and witnesses in the case being tried front seats in the court room, the jurors and witnesses to be seated separately.

That the sheriff and the clerk and a competent deputy of each shall be in attendance at all times while court is in session. That in so far as it is practicable to do so each witness shall be sworn individually as he is called to the witness stand, and the clerk shall stand during the administration of the oath, and he shall administer it in a clear audible, intelligent and impressive manner.

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