

CORN INSURANCE COLLECTABLE BEFORE DEATH

According to Harry G. Silver, Madison County Farm Agent, the farmers of Madison County will grow between 9,000 and 11,000 acres of corn in 1955. If this crop were to yield 45 bushels per acre it would have a market value of \$600,000 to \$745,000. If all these acres were properly grown and topdressed with 100 pounds of nitrogen when the corn is about 2 feet tall, the yield could easily be stepped up to around an 80-bushel average if we have a good season. This nitrogen could be purchased as nitrate of soda, about \$500 lbs. per acre; ammonium nitrate at 300 pounds per acre or other sources. If the ammonium nitrate were used we would expect to pay from \$12.00 to \$15.00, or if nitrate of soda were used, about \$21.00. For this expense per acre the average farmer could expect about 50 bushels of extra corn per acre more than if no topdressing were applied. Mr. Farmer, if you need corn take out about \$12.00 worth of insurance good for around \$75.00 worth of corn this fall.

P. S. You don't have to die to collect this insurance.

Smokey Says:



SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE KILLED THESE TREES

The beetle, *Dendroctonus Frontalis*, punctures the bark, lays eggs in the living tissue beneath. The eggs hatch into larvae, which eat the cambium, thus killing the tree. Consult your Forester when bugs attack your trees.

DYING PINES—WHAT IT IS

Those fading yellow to red-colored patches of pines you saw last fall are now dead but the insect that killed them is still living. According to County Agent, Harry G. Silver, they have taken up residence in fresh live trees.

Farmers and other land owners who have patches of dead pines should examine live trees beside the dead ones to see if these are also infested by the Southern Pine Beetle. The only external evidences of attack on green trees are brownish pitch tubes on the outer surface of bark scales and brown boring dust in bark crevices and around the base of the tree. If these symptoms are pre-

sent, peel off some of the bark to examine the inside. If beetles are present, there will be winding S-shaped galleries in the inner bark. The infested trees should be cut and removed promptly. Trees of sawlog size should have the slabs burned immediately. If the trees are sold for pulpwood, the pulp mill should be notified that the load is infested so the wood will be processed immediately. Tops and slash should be carefully examined for presence of beetles, and if they are present they should be piled and burned, if feasible, or sprayed with an insecticide. Where it is not practical to salvage the infested trees they should be cut and sprayed with B.H.C. in No. 2 fuel oil or kerosene.

Farmers are cautioned to beware of "authorities" who tell them that they ought to sell their timber before the beetle attacks it. This has



already happened in several cases. The insects can be controlled if proper action is taken after an infestation is discovered. If you think you have insects in your woodlands but are not sure, call or write your county agent.

Hammarlund Gossip By CAROL

Mr. Lloyd Hammarlund, company president, and Mr. Hugh McCloskey, general plant manager, arrived on a regular visit from New York City last Wednesday. The prime purpose of this visit was to plan for a formal opening on Saturday, June 25. Our new plant will have been open for one year on July 6; however, since this falls during our vacation shutdown period, it was decided to hold it on the 25th. There are big plans in the offing for this celebration. For example, we have engaged Arthur Smith and his Crack-erjacks to play for us. More about this later.

The boys lost their ball game Monday evening to the Mars Hill Jay-ees, we're sorry to report. We're counting on you guys to do better next time.

The girls in Mr. Board's department are trying their best to find Eva a husband so she will have somebody to get her out of the bed in the mornings in time to catch her ride. Seems some of them had to help her get dressed the other morning so they could get to work on time.

I must say everyone looked like they were going to a ball instead of to work Monday morning. Mr. Gibbs told us to wear our best bib and tucker to have our pictures made and believe me, they did.

We're sorry Betty Ponder is still confined to her home this week. We miss you, Betty, and we want you to hurry and get well, so you can come back to work.

Could someone tell me the joke on Louise going to Florida. How about it, Lillian?

There's a new style going around here now. The girls are tinting and dyeing their hair. Orpha came to work last week with hers dyed grey.

She'll be trying to keep it blond when it really starts to turn grey. We're glad Lois Randolph is able to be back with us after being away for about 9 weeks due to an opera-

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tion. Rossie Buckner was thrilled to death when she came to work last Friday. She had just been called 'grandma.' Makes you feel like you're getting old, doesn't it, Ros-

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