



A close up of this portion of equipment bears testimony to the destructive fire that hit Ramsay's Feed Mill in Rose Hill early Friday morning, dealing a major blow to the company, and to the many growers in the area who depended upon this

Feed Grain Advance Payments

Advance payments to farmers participating in the feed grain program will be continued in 1967, USDA has announced. In the past, advances were made only from diversion payments. Since diversion payments are being authorized only

on small farms in 1967, 80 percent of both diversion and price-support payments may be advanced. To obtain advance payment, farmers must apply at the time they sign up to participate in program. Dates for the 1967 sign-up have not been set but

will be announced well before planting time. Advance payments are an important source of capital for farming operations.

Price-support payments for corn will be computed at the rate of 30 cents a bushel times the farm's projected yield on 60 percent of farm's base acreage for corn. For grain sorghum, calculation is same except rate is 53 cents per hundred weight. Projected yields will average a little higher nationally in 1967 than in 1966. Diversion payment for small farms - farms with

feed grain bases of 25 acres or less - will be equal to 20 percent of total support for first 20 percent of base acreage diverted and 50 percent of support on any additional acres diverted, up to total base. Total payments made to Duplin County farmers participating in the 1966 Programs are as follows:

Wheat	\$16,937.07
Cotton	\$42,793.72
Feed Grain	\$1,527,283.59
Total	\$1,587,014.38

Agriculture in Action

By VERNE STRICKLAND
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SONG AND DANCE

Slip, slide and duck. Sounds like a hit on today's pop charts. Or maybe a new dance.

Actually, it may turn out to be both. If Democratic congressional candidates take the advice of the Secretary of Agriculture. You'll hear the tune sung in strained strains during speeches and get to see what it looks like in dance form at the podium.

The idea for this new song and dance was advanced by Secretary Freeman recently during the coming elections. A newspaperman accidentally got into the meeting room, and then it wasn't confidential anymore.

A candidate from Ohio told Freeman that inflation was a major issue in his district, and wanted to know how to handle questions about the subject.

chamians and above all the capacity for precision shooting. If a single-shot comes up to these ideals not only will it be in demand by target shooters, but there will be many hunters who use it as well. To them it becomes a symbol of the clean one-shot kill in which more and more hunters are taking pride.

SIX RULES FOR RASTY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Why get involved in that knockabout scramble chasing from store to store when with a simple plan all your most discriminating friends may be happily gifted and none of the Christmas Magic lost for you in the process.

Here's how the miracle may be accomplished. 1. Start now; 2. Select a category; 3. Make up your list of names; 4. Think carefully and decide upon something within that category for each and every giftee; 5. Pick an hour which is less likely to be crowded; and 6. In one visit to one store, do all your Christmas shopping! It's possible!

You can run the gamut, taste-wise and price-wise too, at your favorite toiletries counter.

"Slip, slide and duck any question of higher consumer prices if you possibly can," advised the Secretary.

"I've been trying to figure out an answer to that question for six years," Freeman noted. Whether or not he has found the answer remains to be seen. And whether or not the public will join in happy refrain is debatable. The sooner the debate starts, the better.

Anyway, we can already hear the sound of music. We can already see candidates tripping the light fantastic. But the whole lovely production has a false ring, as the piper of politics attempt to lead us away from what is developing into a very sore subject.

Even more sore it is likely to get. People are feeling the squeeze. And they don't like what's happening. This includes those who haven't realized yet that rampant federal spending is the cause.

There's the sour note. There's the hitch. And we won't sing along with hitch.

Just for instance, wouldn't Mom like a fragrance-matched set of spray cologne and dusting powder, scented with a rare desert flower? Dad or Uncle Joe would surely be impressed with a handsome red kit of good grooming accessories with a famous historical sailing ship on the cover. Aunt Mame could capture the mood of a gay escapee with a gift of bubbling bath crystals.

Your true love will love a man's cologne or after-shave with an old spicy scent or perhaps spice with lime added. There's even a shaving mug for Gramps with his favorite shaving soap and a sea-going motif. Small boys (girls, too) love that crazy, foamy soap that squirts out wildy and molds into animals or other shapes. The can has a Santa Claus head and other, wackier, puppet tops.

For ten thin dimes each there are all kinds of stocking stuffers, grab bag or party favors for those in your friendship garden like stick cologne, bath crystals, hand lotion, talc, shower soap-on-a-rope, et al. Yes, a toiletries gift for kith and kin will do you proud, keep the budget down, and leave plenty of time to sing the Christmas carols and hang the mistletoe.



mill to supply their feed. Several of the grain bins appeared in tact, but the elevator that distributed the grain to the bins buckled from the heat (Photo by Gene Pierce)

then heralded as the greatest in all of the European continent and the British Isles.

In order to avoid any confusion, let's get clear on just what is a single-shot. Most single-shot enthusiasts use the term for the old under-lever and side-lever guns and do not think of the single-shot bolt-action as one of the single-shots. Just ask the American Single Shot Rifle Association, located in Warsaw, Indiana. Bolt-action rifles are not allowed in the A. S. S. R. A. matches. The competitors cling to such fine, historic single-shot rifles as the Sharps, Remingtons (rolling-block and Hepburn ac-

tions), Winchesters (high-side-walls and low-side-walls), Ballards and Stevenses and some foreign-made actions such as the Farquharson and Martini.

Some of the old-timers were strong enough to take a lot of the modern cartridges, and one of these was the English Farquharson. The original may have been made in Belgium, but the English gun manufacturer used it around which to build up some of its finest products. There were at least seven different-appearing Farquharsons, but they were all of the same basic design - a falling block - and strong.

But right now the question persists: Is the single-shot here to stay? This is 1966: the age of the fast car, the fast plane, the fast buck and the now-'em-down-with-firepower philosophy. Where does a single-shot fit in? There is indeed a place for it! And it is here to stay.

Why? In the first place, the single-shot rifle stands as a symbol. To the discriminating shooter it is symbolic of the best in the gunmaker's art - smooth operation, superior consistent trigger action, the luxury of finely finished and closely fitted me-

SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kesting

Are the single-shots here to stay? It seems they never fade away. The earliest rifles were single-shots, and aside from a few never-too-popular repeating muzzle-loaders, the single-shots prevailed right on through the Civil War, states Pete Brown, Arms Editor of Sports Afield magazine.

The first 10 to 15 years after the Civil War brought about accelerated development of breech-loading cartridges and the repeating rifle. Yet it was during this time that the single-shot gained fame as a precision target rifle. It was in 1874 that the first U. S. rifle team in history outshot the Irish team—

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