

**SENATOR  
SAM ERVIN  
★ SAYS ★**



I have always enjoyed the opportunity of attending the meetings of the North Carolina Press Association. I am glad that Senator Albert Gore, my colleague from Tennessee, was invited to speak at one of the sessions of the press meeting this year. He is a young man who has served in the Congress with distinction.

**THE BUDGET**

The natural reaction to even the slightest mention of the word budget is to associate it immediately with the most dry of dry discussions. Nevertheless, the budget of our Federal government is far-reaching and touches the life of all of us. It is a monstrous collection of figures, larger than a mail order catalog, containing 1179 pages, virtually defying the wisdom of the ages to decipher it. If in some far distant age an archaeologist should come upon the detailed version of the current budget, he would be awed by its size, dumbfounded by its portent. The budget is something we have to live with and study in careful detail. No single Senator ever gets a study made in detail, but committees break it down into many parts and go over it with a fine tooth comb.

**CAN IT BE BALANCED**

Not since 1951 has the Federal budget been in balance. There is much hope that it can be ac-

complished again. But note that balancing the budget is dependent upon several factors and one that possibly has not been called to your attention is that it will take a postal rate increase. Congress will now start hearings on the budget. It is reasonable to assume now that there will be general agreement on most recommended items. I am glad that there is an increase in the budget for national defense, but I am disappointed that the administration has seen fit to recommend increased figures for foreign economic aid. Technical and military aid to our friends around the world I am for, but direct dollar aid has failed to serve the purpose for which it is intended and this will require a new approach to stop the encroachment of communist colonialism. I hope that the budget can be balanced. I will support any reasonable effort to do this, but I do not think a false hope should be dangled before the electorate for political advantage.

**GAS ON GAS**

If a gallery visitor should remain as a guest of the Senate for a day during the extended debate on the natural gas bill, probably detect that verbage has not been scarce on either side of the debate. This is one of the great debates that takes place in the Senate. While going on, it



Most gardens in North Carolina require heavy fertilization in order to produce good yields of high quality vegetables and flowers. Also, the soils are generally deficient in organic matter. When good stable manure was plentiful it was not difficult to keep up both the fertility and the organic content of the garden soils, but with the decline in the horse population, the city gardens at least have lost their principal source of organic materials.

Plant food in the form of salts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash can be adequately supplied by mixed fertilizers commonly called "commercial fertilizers". These are made up of various inorganic and organic materials and sold according to

gives us time to spend longer hours in committee action. I have not reached any final conclusion on how I will vote on this bill. It is so complicated that I feel it very important to get all the evidence before reaching the final decision. I hope that we can avoid night sessions. It may require weeks before the bill is finally disposed of. It has already passed the House by a very narrow margin.

specific formulae such as 5-10-5, 5-8-5, 3-3-3, etc. These figures mean that in 5-8-5 formula, for example, the mixture contains 5 percent available nitrogen, 8 percent available phosphoric acid and 5 percent available potash. Two hundred pounds of such a mixture contains somewhat more available plant food than a ton of stable manure but furnishes none of the valuable organic matter, beneficial bacteria and minor elements supplied by manure.

Commercial fertilizers are made up of concentrated salts and must be used carefully. If they are allowed to come into contact with germinating seeds, roots or leaves they may cause severe injury. Therefore, they should be thoroughly mixed with the soil in the garden or well watered in when applied on top as in lawn fertilization.

Most fertilizer recommendations are given in pounds per acre which may be confusing to a gardener having a few 25 foot rows. He does not usually have a pair of scales handy. But he can easily obtain a tin can holding one pint or a measuring cup holding one-half pint. A pint of commercial fertilizer weighs approximately one pound. So if

**Housekeeper Charges Fire Poker Assault**

Charlotte Williams of the Harveytown section signed a warrant over the weekend charging Ollie Watts with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Officers in the Sheriff's Department say the couple was living together and that Miss Williams was called the housekeeper. She has alleged in the indictment against her employer that he beat her over the head with a fire poker. She was given emergency treatment and examination in a local hospital but was released without being admitted.

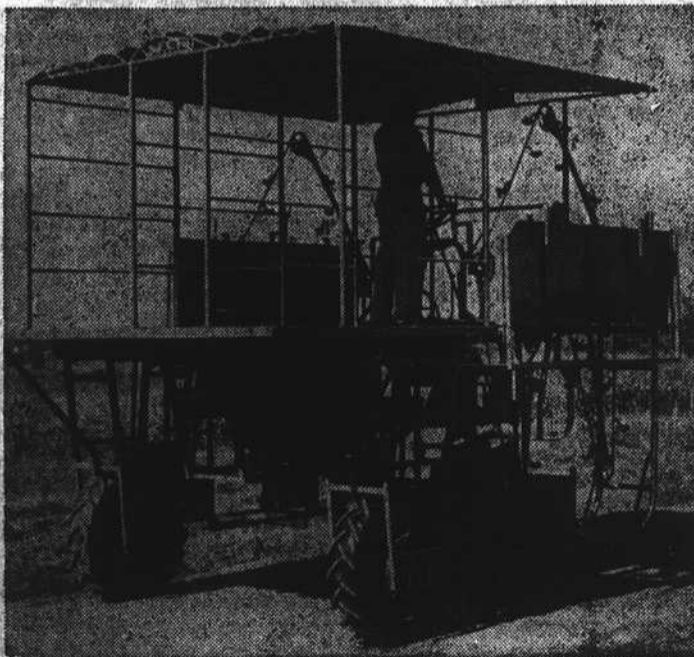
Watts was placed under \$500 bond, pending trial.

the recommendation in the bulletin is 1,000 pounds of an 8-8-8 fertilizer per acre it would mean approximately 2 1/2 pounds per 100 square feet which would be 2 1/2 pints by measure. For 25 foot rows spaced 2 feet apart that would figure 50 square feet or about 3 cups of fertilizer per row. An acre contains 43,560 square feet.



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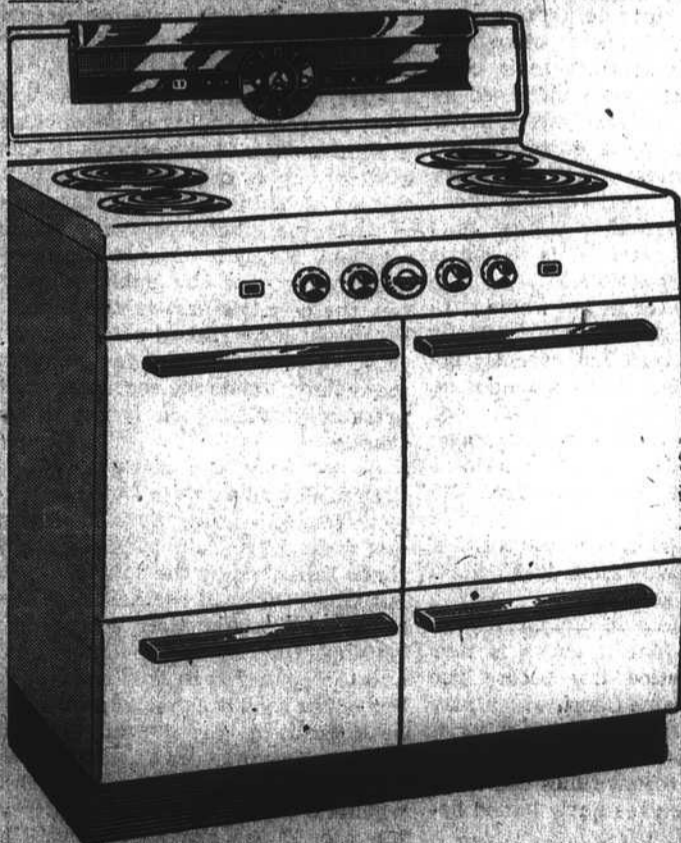
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