

Don't Burn Woods To Kill Weevils

Thinking of burning over your woods to kill out the boll weevil? Don't do it!

If you do, you'll destroy valuable timber needlessly. And you probably won't kill many weevils.

Ross S. Douglass of Clinton, district forestry specialist for the State College Extension Service, says boll weevils hibernate in many places where

they can't be killed by burning. Many do over-winter in surface woods trash, but more than three-fourths of these locate within 50 feet of the woods' edges. Practically none are found at distances greater than 150 feet from the edges.

Thus, says Douglass, when a farmer burns larger areas of woods to kill this cotton pest, he's "cutting off his nose to spite his face."

The specialist says burning woods damages the timber and kills the undergrowth and seedlings. It may lead to soil erosion, and it often is bad for wildlife. Then too, woods fires often get out of control and larger areas are burned than intended.

Even if the burning is done successfully, large numbers of weevils will survive and be ready to start an infestation next spring. And if weather conditions are favorable during June and July for weevil development, control measures will be needed anyway.

Douglass says it's wiser for a farmer to encourage the growth of young

timber and to systematically cut and sell this in order to purchase dusting machines and insecticides than destroy the timber by burning. Entomologists report that more weevils can be killed by destroying cotton stalks in the fall than by the dangerous practice of burning woods.

Christmas Trees Not Subject To OPS Price

In anticipation of the approaching Christmas season, the District OPS Office announces that the Office of Price Stabilization has amended the General Ceiling Price Regulation, specifically exempting Christmas trees from price regulation.

Amendment 8 to the General Ceiling Price Regulation, according to OPS, exempted from price control "cut greens when used for decorative purposes." To clarify this language, says OPS, Amendment 21 to the same regulation has been issued, inserting the words "Christmas trees" among items expressly exempted.

In issuing this exemption, OPS notes, like other exempted commodities, Christmas trees are seasonal and highly perishable. This, OPS declares, makes application of ceiling prices frozen at base-period levels, inequitable or impractical.

Rat Bait For Sale At District Health Offices

The District Health Department has rat bait for sale at the cost of 35 cents per bag. This bait contains red squill, which is non-poisonous to animals other than rats.

It can be obtained at any of the four health offices in the district.

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY IN WINDSOR AND EDENTON

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Sunday, December 2, at 9 A. M. in Palace Theatre, Windsor, and at 11 A. M. in St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, each including sermon on "The Evil of Mortal Sin," Holy Communion, followed by Rosary for Peace, Sunday School, with confessions for half hour before services, stated Father F. J. McCourt, rector, who invites everybody to all services. Week mornings, mass in Edenton at 7. Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 P. M., at St. Ann's Study and Discussion Club, instructions, information and inquirers' classes meet in Edenton rectory library. Choir practice Saturday 7:30 to 8:30 P. M.



Question: How should a milk cow be fed immediately after calving?

Answer: Dairy specialists at State College say a warm bran mash given just after calving may help to keep the digestive system functioning properly. Unless complications interfere, it is important to get the cow on full feed as soon after calving as is reasonably possible.

After the calving day, increase the grain gradually. Be careful not to throw the cow off feed. About three weeks is required to get high producers on their required feed allowance.

It's very important, say the specialists, that the calf receive colostrum milk for the first three days. However, it's a good practice to remove

the calf from the cow's stall about 24 hours after birth to prevent the calf from getting too much milk. The calf's navel should be disinfected with tincture of iodine soon after birth to guard against infection.

Question: Can you tell me how to use a tree scale stick to measure my timber?

Answer: A simple illustrated folder on "How to Use the Log and Tree Scale Stick" has just been published by the State College Extension Service. It is issued as Extension Folder No. 85. You can get a free copy from your county agent or by writing the Department of Publications, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

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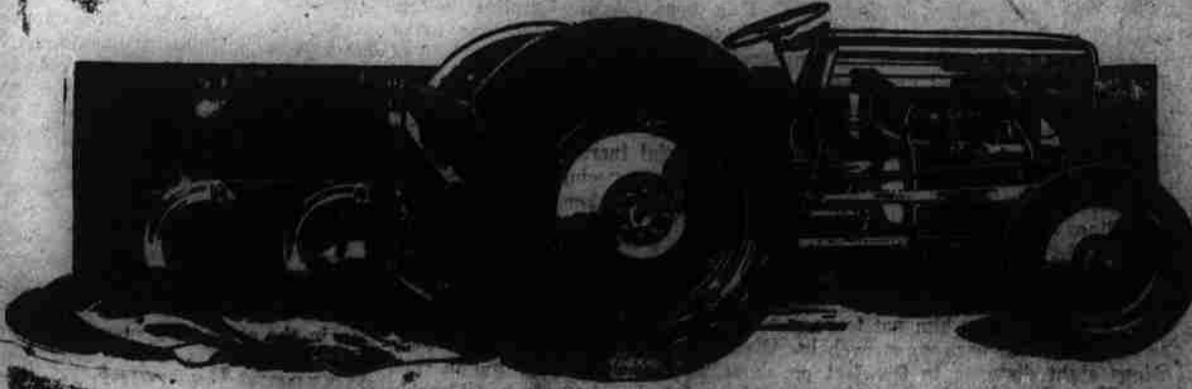
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