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Dynamite Is Magic Worker on Farmland Must Be Carefully Used to Prevent Harm

Dynamite is the Paul Bunyan of the modern farm. Like the make-believe, giant lumberman who could uproot trees and do other remarkable things, explosives, properly and carefully used, can perform scores of labor-saving tasks about the farm, according to F. S. Eldred, manager of the explosives and powder divisions, Olin Industries, East Alton, Ill.

Farmers today are finding they can save much labor and time in digging ditches, blasting out stumps, making post holes, cleaning out water holes and even planting trees by the use of explosives.

"But caution is the watchword," he warns. Like fire, dynamite is an excellent servant and a terrible master. When the farmer uses it with full knowledge of the great labor-saving work it can do, as well as the fearful damage, he has a giant farm hand who can almost perform miracles."

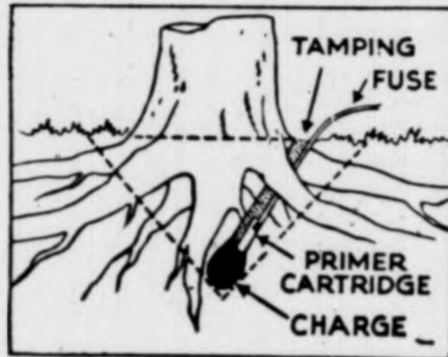


Figure 1

Stumps are a bugbear to farmers. Each is a problem in itself. The farmer must study the type of stump, whether it has roots that run along just under the ground, or has great tap roots. Then he must carefully plan how to blast out that stump with dynamite. "Caution" is the watchword. If not sure, the farmer should consult an explosives expert. But the typical way to blast a stump is to place the dynamite as near as possible under the center mass, or under the larger roots. If there are two large roots, it may be necessary to plant the explosive under both.

Figure 1 shows the proper way of loading to remove an evenly rooted stump. The charge is under the center of the stump.

Sometimes there are stumps with central downward roots, called tap roots. In such a case as shown in Figure 2, the charge is

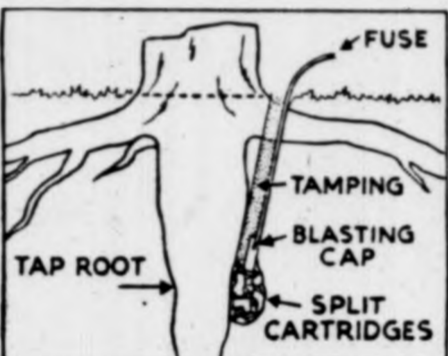


Figure 2

placed down alongside the tap root on the side that will bring it as near as possible to the center of the stump.

Another great labor-saving task can be performed with dynamite. That is the digging of the ditches. Dynamite can be easily carried through the woods, swamps and other country impassible to horses or machines and, once there, can quickly do more work than dozens of laborers or several machines.

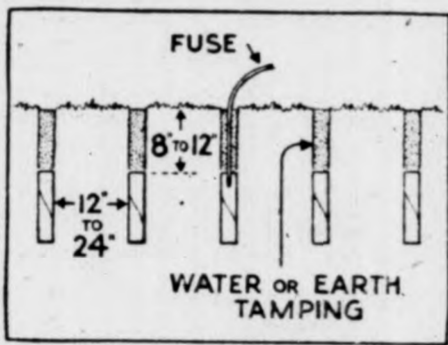


Figure 3

But always the words "safety-first" must be kept in mind. The farmer should know his explosive, know the type of soil in which he is operating and should not trust his own judgment. If there is ever any doubt, he should consult an expert.

Ditches are dug by dynamite not by placing one charge, blowing out a hole then using another charge. Figure 3 shows the dynamite planted stick by stick at regular intervals so that whole sections are blown out at the same time. In this way, the earth does not fall back

Knowledge Is Valuable To Those Purchasing Eggs

U. S. department of agriculture marketing specialists report that knowing where to buy eggs and how to keep them are the only two ways that consumers can be sure of having a quality product at all times.

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Cannon Says Proper Dusting Controls Weevil

(By C. B. CANNON)
County Agent

Results from dusting for boll weevil control for last week is encouraging. The first generation of boll weevils is now hatching out and the dusting program for this week is most important.

The weevil feeds for three to five days when hatched out before mating and laying eggs for another generation.

Checks on the same farms as used in the boll weevil checking program showed the following results from last week's report: B. R. T. Todd's weevil infestation showed five percent infestation and the week of July 4, seven percent following dusting. Roy DeShields, Lanford, showed 13 percent with 16 percent for week of July 4 with dust applied July 1. Robert A. Harris, Youngs Community, showed no infestation with one percent for week of July 4 with dust applied July 5.

Also, H. S. Bryson, Cross Hill, has shown 37 percent with 52 percent for week of July 4. Mr. Bryson's farm is used as a check farm in that he is not poisoning. Milton Wood, Eden Community, showed six percent with seven percent for week of July 4. No dust applied during the week. Robert Wasson, Hickory Tavern Community, showed one percent with 16 percent for week of July 4, dusted July 7. John Montgomery, New Prospect Community showed three percent with five percent for week July

4 dusted June 28; and J. W. Tinsley, Trinity Ridge Community, showed two percent with seven percent for week of July 4 dusted June 28.

In the Hopewell Community, the average infestation for last week showed 6.1 percent infestation where dust applied and 34 percent where no dust used, or the week of July 4 the average infestation for the community where dust applied showed 13.1 percent with 21.5 percent where no dust applied. For the week of June 27, the average infestation for the community project showed 13.2 percent infestation where dust was used and 33.2 percent where no dust was used.

An estimate of approximately 100 tons of boll weevil dust have been sold so far this season in Laurens County. Never before has such tonnage been sold. The material is getting scarce and unless the farmer continues to use the dust as recommended the weevil may destroy the fruit of the cotton that is now on the plant, thereby making the loss to the farmer much greater due to the cost of dust so far.

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