

## Plant lovers' corner

**MEDIA, Pa.**—Peach Tree Borer is an extremely common destructive pest of peach as well as plum, cherry, and apricot trees. A mass of amber-colored gum that contains reddish-brown droppings and sawdust near the base of the tree trunk is indicative of their presence. Borers destroy the tree by feeding on the inner bark from about 12 inches above the soil line to 2-3 inches below.

Gum secretions can also be caused by other injuries to peach trees. Positive diagnosis of borers is best made by carefully cutting away a small area of the bark where the borers are suspected and looking for the larvae in their burrows. The larvae have cream colored bodies with brownish heads, and ultimately reach 1 inch length.

Prevention from now through August is the best protection. An all-purpose fruit spray containing Sevin should be applied at approximately two week intervals to provide effective control. The trunk and lower scaffold branches must be drenched thoroughly so that the chemical drains into the soil next to the tree trunk.

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grain it takes to make a million bushels?" Enstead questioned his York County guests, while stressing the almost-beyond-comprehension quantities of grain harvested by American farmers.

"A million bushels is equal to 11,000 acres of corn, or 40,000 acres of soybeans. A million bushels would fill 90 big grain silos or a string of 300 hopper cars stretching in a train four miles long," emphasized the grain expert.

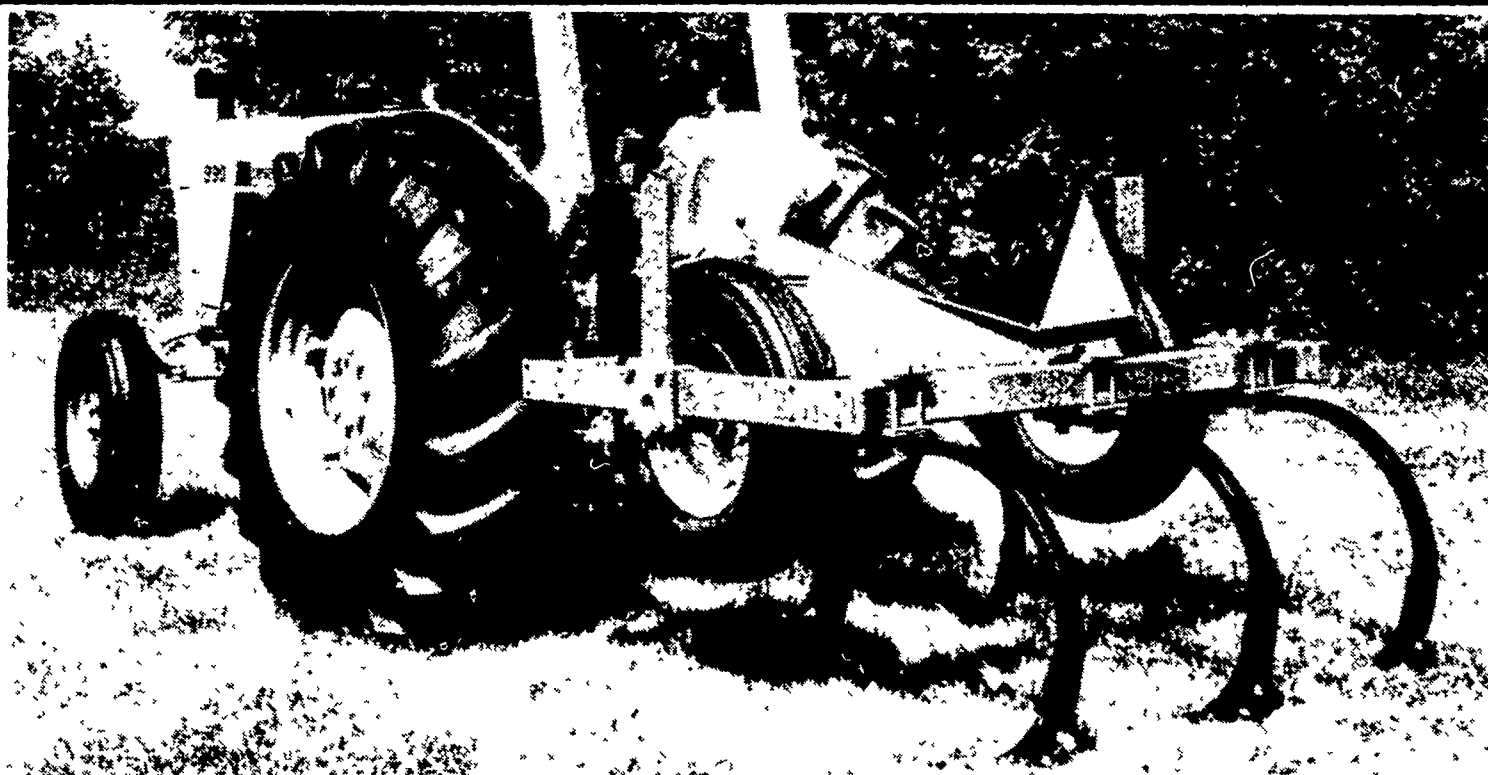
Enstead, and Maynard Huddleston, Canton Elevator's plant manager, were reluctant to predict prices on this year's crops. They acknowledge, though, that the Baltimore port facility cannot equal the prices paid to farmers in the Mid-Atlantic area by local feed mills. Therefore, most of the overseas sales are filled from the Midwest grain-belt production.

Exports for soybeans in 1977 are projected at 570 million bushels. Japan remains the largest volume

grain purchaser, under a five-year agreement made with U.S. suppliers. The Soviet Union, too, has a contract for 700 million bushels of grain, mostly corn and wheat, but has not purchased that quantity.

Exporters are not currently subject to any shipping volume regulations as they were during the farmer-angering 1973 grain embargo, when soybean shipments were curtailed. However, there are numerous federal inspection requirements that must be met before grain is cleared for shipping. Buyers inspect as well for quality when the load finally reaches its destination.

"Grain production is a vital part of our American economy, when we consider the multitude of associated jobs it creates," concluded Enstead. "But we're not isolated, and total worldwide production will always be the ultimate determining factor in the market."



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