

# Book Stirrs New Studies Into Use of Pesticides

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More than a century ago the best-selling "Uncle Tom's Cabin" sparkplugged the abolition of slavery. Last spring another best-seller, "Silent Spring," triggered a sweeping investigation of the dangers to human and animal life caused by use of modern chemical bug killers—"pesticides," to use the technical term. The grim fact was spotlighted that once again human ingenuity had come up with a method of improving man's environment and increasing his food supply which also carries a built-in hazard of maiming or killing innocent beings.

As a result, several bills were introduced in our regular session last spring, proposing changes in our existing California system of controlling pesticides. All were referred to committee for interim study. The Senate Fact Finding Committee held a two-day hearing on these bills.

**SPOKESMEN** for the state departments of health, agriculture, and fish and game testified as to the magnitude of the problem involved, and as to their experiences with them. Others who appeared were growers, and representatives of chemical manufacturing firms.

Before the witnesses testified, the committee was told that the purpose of the hearing was to determine if additional state law was needed. U. S. Senate hearings on federal angles have been held, but the responsibility of the state government is greater, because it must exercise the primary police power in the field.

A PUBLIC health department doctor told the committee that pesticide poisoning of human beings has become an important health problem in California. Physicians' reports of such cases total between 800 and 1,100 per year, and the rate has doubled in the past 10 years. Deaths from such poisoning average about 10 per year. About half of these deaths occur in non-farm families, though only about 13 per cent of pesticides are used off the farm. Children account for many accidental deaths. The department recommended more intensive research into how pesticides affect man and

his environment, and tighter control of known dangerous pesticides.

The head of the department of agriculture said that his agency has been testing food and feed samples for injurious chemical residues during the past 30 years. It has done more of this work than any other government unit in the world, including the federal bureaus. In the last full year, almost

## New Lights For Alondra Get Approval

New lights for the baseball diamond at Alondra Park will be installed this week, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The contract for the lights was awarded to G. & B Electric Co. on a low bid of \$47,000. The bid was about 20 per cent below the engineer's estimate.

Work will include installation of poles and floodlights. Each unit will hold 160 bulbs of 1,500 watts each. The lighting will meet the standards of the National Municipal League.

A main switchboard to control the lights also will be installed.

## William Hogan

(Continued from Page 14) when he leaves Korea's struggles to his grandchildren.

It seemed time, Mrs. Buck has stated, that the American people discovered something about Korea and Koreans. We have some responsibility for their present plight; their country, after all, was arbitrarily divided by Americans. Her mission here is to spread knowledge about Korea, and she does so by applying her obvious narrative gifts as the educational tool at hand.

This is a much longer, much more panoramic work than Mrs. Buck's famous novel of China, "The Good Earth," which appeared more than 30 years ago. I still remember Wang Lu, the poor farmer who became a wealthy landlord, in that parable of the life of a man in his relation to the soil.

Here, Mrs. Buck's characters tend to get lost in the historical pageantry, as the reader tends to get lost in the drone of the classroom.

9,000 tests of food products and animal feeds were made. With more staff, about 20,000 samples will be examined this next year.

THE DEPARTMENT has

tested and registered almost 16,000 different pesticides for sale in the state. Of these, 19 have been designated as harmful, and require special permits for use. Pest control operators are now licensed under

state law. 1,446 of them last year. California farmers, who use more pesticides than any others, strongly support effective control laws.

Natural resources and fish and game spokesmen said the

pesticide chemicals, in one multi-state survey, were found in three-quarters of the animals and fish studied. They have been found in all species from fresh and saltwater fish,

through waterfowl and upland game birds, to rabbits and deer. Once started a chain of chemical poisoning may extend

from animals to mankind, it self. Future hearings are planned for the future on this subject.

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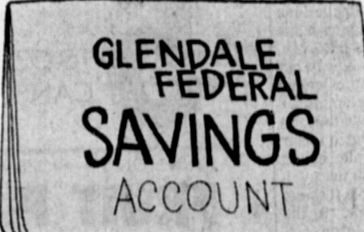
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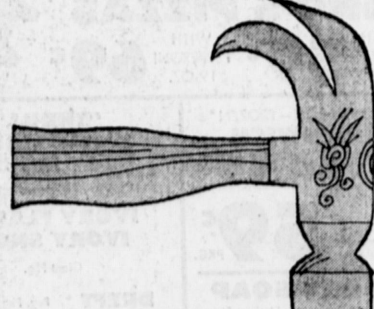

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