

these stakes are adapted for use in other types of soil also, especially those which are heavy and compact.

The stakes were made by spot-welding worn or discarded sections from a mower sickle to 18- or 20-inch lengths of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch metal rod as illustrated in Figure 1. The point of the sections was positioned from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 inches from the bottom end of the rods. This permitted the stakes to be driven readily into the ground to depths of 4 to 6 inches and held in a desired position. To reduce cost for the rod, wheel spokes and brace rods from old machinery and army surplus rod stock were utilized as sources of supply.

For labeling purposes, tags $2\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ or 3×6 inches were cut from light weight sheet metal (24 to 28 gauge). A $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hole was drilled near each end and counter-pressed (dimpled) from opposite sides. By moderately flexing the resilient metal tags between thumb and forefinger, the upper ends of the rods were inserted readily through the holes. Back-spring prevented the mounted tags from slipping up or down on the rods. The rods and tags were coated with aluminum paint after which plot numbers and treatment designations were printed on the tags. If desired, the tags may be removed, changed, or replaced readily and conveniently without pulling the stakes.

News and Notes

Lloyd Sherwood accepted an appointment on the staff of Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where he will be concerned with weed research and teaching. Sherwood was formerly employed by Monsanto Chemical Co., St. Louis, Missouri.

C. L. Foy is now in charge of weed control research in agronomic crops and is teaching a weed control course in the Department of Botany, University of California, Davis. He recently received the Ph.D. degree from the University of California.

Dr. C. G. McWhorter, formerly Research Assistant at Louisiana State University, has joined the staff at the Delta Experiment Station, Stoneville, Mississippi. He is employed by the Weeds Investigation Section and the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. R. D. Palmer, formerly Research Assistant at Louisiana State University, joined the staff of the Mississippi Agricultural Experiment Station at State College, Mississippi, February 1, 1959. Dr. Palmer will do basic physiological work as well as weed control in vegetable crops.

Leonard Hill, Ltd. announce that the next International Crop Protection and Pest Control Exhibition, organised by "World Crops", will be held from Wednesday, December 9 to Friday, December 11, 1959, at the Seymour Hall, St. Marylebone, London, W. 1. This date has been chosen in response to many requests that the Exhibition should be held in the winter. In fact this year's Exhibition will coincide with the Smithfield Show when thousands of farmers will be in London. The aim of the Exhibition is to cover

all aspects of crop protection and pest control. Further details can be obtained from "World Crops", Leonard Hill House, Eben Street, London N.W. 1.

The next meeting of the Weed Society of America, and also of the Western Weed Control Conference, will be held February 22-25, 1960, at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The Western Weed Control Conference will be the host conference for this meeting. Officers of the WSA are: A. S. Crafts, University of California, president; K. P. Buchholtz, University of Wisconsin, Madison, vice president; W. C. Shaw, Crops Research Division, ARS, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland, secretary; and W. C. Jacob, University of Illinois, Urbana, treasurer and business manager.

The next meeting of the North Central Weed Control Conference will be held December 9 and 10, 1959, at the Royal Alexandra Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The new officers of the Conference are J. Roe Foster, Canadian Department of Agriculture, President; L. G. Holm, University of Wisconsin, Vice-President; and John D. Furrer, University of Nebraska, Secretary-Treasurer.

At the 1958 meeting in Cincinnati 450 registered. The Proceedings, which this year includes the printed Research Reports, can be obtained from John D. Furrer, Department of Agronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, for \$4.00.

The 1960 meeting of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference will be held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, on January 6, 7, and 8. The officers for 1959 are L. G. Utter, The Diamond Alkali Company, President; E. M. Rahn, University of Delaware, Vice-President; D. A. Schallock, Rutgers University, Secretary-Treasurer.

The 1959 meeting on January 7, 8, and 9, also at the Hotel New Yorker, brought a record-breaking 615 registrants. The Proceedings of the Conference can be obtained from D. A. Schallock, Extension Weed Control Specialist, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, for \$4.00 per copy. A registration and membership fee of \$2.00 entitles the registrant to the Supplement to the Proceedings, two Newsletters, the call for papers, the advance program and the preliminary Coordinating Committee report.

The 1960 meeting of the Southern Weed Conference will be held at Biloxi, Mississippi, January 20, 21, and 22. The officers for 1959 are V. S. Searcy, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, President; Robert Darrow, Texas A & M College, Vice-President; and Walter K. Porter, Jr., Botany Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Secretary-Treasurer. The 1959 Proceedings of the Southern Weed Conference can be obtained from Dr. Porter for \$3.50.