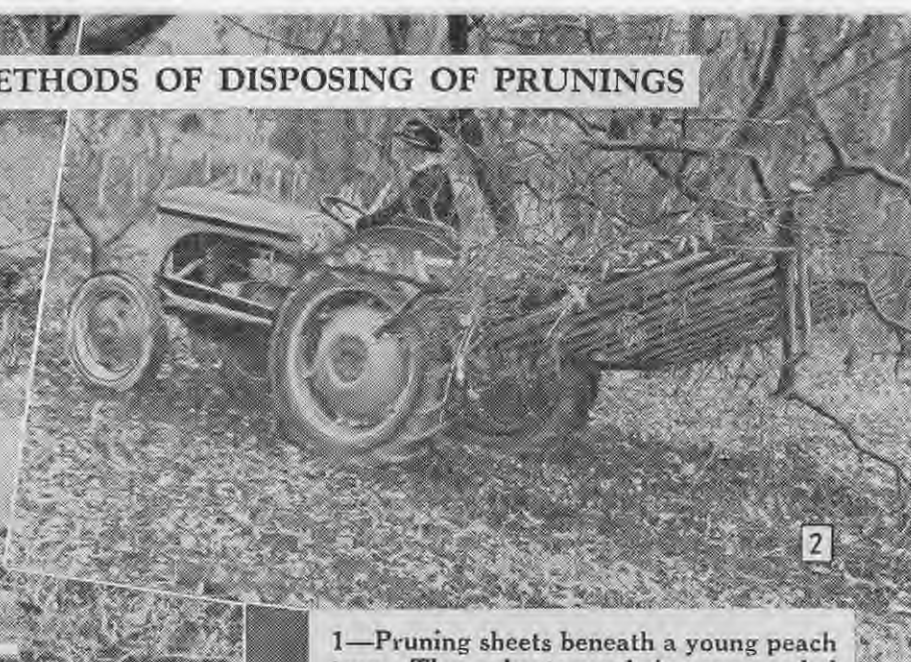


OLD AND NEW METHODS OF DISPOSING OF PRUNINGS



1—Pruning sheets beneath a young peach tree. These sheets are being superseded by mechanical methods. 2—The prunings are lifted and carried to the burning heap. 3—An up-to-date method is the combination of harrows and hay sweep. Hydraulically operated harrows are used to rake the prunings into windrows, which are later removed by the sweep attached to a second tractor. If the sweep is also hydraulically operated, a further advantage is gained, especially on uneven ground. 4—A typical burner which can be drawn easily by one man. 5—A more efficient tractor-drawn burner made of steel bars and provided with runners. Wire netting along each side prevents prunings from falling out and the bars forming the floor of the burner are so spaced that only ashes fall through and adequate draught is allowed.

