

SPAB Coop Members to Be Paid Back Soon

Nearly \$44,000 will be paid back to Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative members early this month.

The cooperative board of directors determined that the financial status of the organizations was such that Series A (refunds on 1952 business) and Series B (refunds on 1953 business) revolving fund certificates could be redeemed for their full cash value.

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ADD LATER:
siding, silo walls shown

Build the basic unit on poles treated with penta, then expand it or add to it whenever the time, labor or money is at hand. Use each "installment" as it is built.

'Installment' Pole Structure Devised by Oregon State College

Newest idea in farm buildings since the introduction of pole-type construction is the erection of these pole-type structures in "installments" through the use of standard parts and details.

Many different building sizes and shapes are possible in this "multicombination" construction, introduced recently by the agricultural experiment station at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore.

More important, however, is the fact that any of the buildings can be:

- One — expanded as the need arises.
 - Two — built when the labor is at hand.
 - Three — budgeted and built in easy stages.
 - Four — used while you wait to expand it or add to it.
- Details of the installment con-

struction of the pole-type buildings are described by Leroy Bonnicksen, assistant agriculture engineer of the college in Station Bulletin 557.

Specifications call for poles with a minimum top diameter of five inches, treated against termites and decay. Slatting boards and other wood in contact with the soil should be treated with a preservative such as penta.

Farm Employees Position Told Under S. S. Act

When farm employees were first brought under social security in 1950, coverage under the old-age and survivors insurance program was restricted to those workers who met a rather strict and complicated regularity-of work test.

The 1954 amendments changed the above test. The regularity-of work restriction was removed and replaced by a cash wages test. Through 1956, if a farm employee was paid as much as \$100 cash wages by any one farm employer in a year, his earnings were creditable for social security purposes and should be reported by the employer to his social security account.

This year a further change has been made in the coverage test for farm employees. Under an amendment which became effective January 1, 1957 farm work will count toward social security benefits if the worker meets either of two conditions. (1) If the farm employer pays him \$150 or more in cash during the year (2) if he does farm work for an employer on 20 or more days during a year for cash pay figured on a time basis (that is, on some unit of time such as an hour, day, or week), rather than on a piece-rate basis. For the \$150-a-year test, both piece-rate pay and pay based on a unit of time count and the total number of days worked does not matter; for the 20-day test, the total amount of cash pay is not a consideration so long as farm work is done for one employer on 20 or more days for cash pay.

The 1954 law did not cover agricultural work performed by workers from Mexico hired under contract or by foreign workers lawfully admitted from the British West Indies on a temporary basis.

Under the 1956 amendments, service performed by foreign workers admitted to the United States on a temporary basis to perform agricultural work from any foreign country will not be covered by the law after 1956.

If you are a farmer, or if you gain a livelihood in any kind of agricultural or horticultural work, either in employment or self-employment, the social security law as newly amended is important to you and your family. It is well to realize that this program of social insurance is now three-fold—it provides old-age benefits for men at age 65 and for women at 62; it provides survivor protection for young wives and minor children and to aged parents and dependent husbands, it provides benefits to the insured disabled worker after he reaches age 50.

Bulk Milk Tanks Have Advantages, Disadvantages, Powers Says

The pros and cons of bulk milk tanks have been "kicked around" in conversations about dairying during the past few years.

Here's what Chester County Agent Robert A. Powers Jr. says about the advantages and disadvantages of the bulk milk tank systems.

On the credit side, bulk tanks protect milk quality because of prompt and excellent cooling facilities and the elimination of cans plus time saving. Milk quantity is measured at the farm. Less milk may be lost due to milk sticking in cans. Adequate agitation of milk in the tank enables representative sampling for butterfat and milk quality. Cans are eliminated, and savings made in initial and retinning cost.

Work is saved in handling, washing, rinsing, sanitizing, racking, and lifting cans.

Bulk tanks save time and make work easier. The farmer pays closer attention to milk quality because of the danger of losing the entire tank of milk.

However, there are several objections to bulk milk tanks. The high initial cost of the tanks may discourage some dairymen, particularly the small producers. The farmer has to wash and sanitize the bulk tank, although most agree that it is not a difficult job. Some changes are usually needed in the milk house, yard and lane. If the dairyman doesn't watch milk quality closely, he may lose an entire tank instead of only a can or two.



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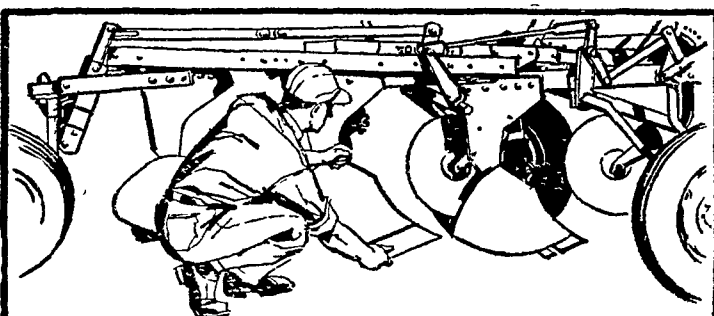
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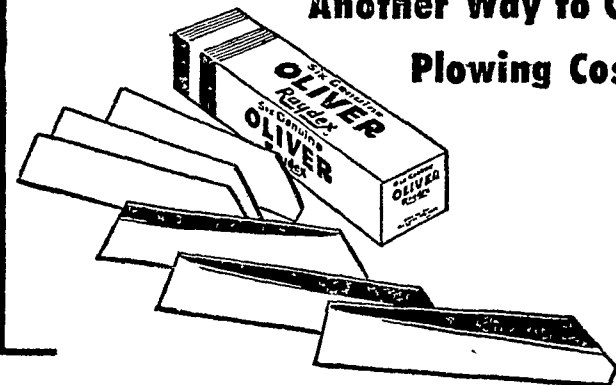
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