

## Donegal Party Time 4-H Club Hears Reports

The Donegal Party Time 4-H Club met at 7 p. m. July 7 at the Donegal Club House. Several reports were given on parties.

Ja Ann Martin, R1 Marietta, gave a report on introductions.

Linda Sumpman, R2 Mt. Joy, reported on party endings.

Three plans for distinguished parties were given. They included a swimming party, an ice skating party and a summer record party.

A demonstration of the proper procedures for a receiving line was given.

The net meeting will be a "Come as you are" party to be held at 7 p. m. July 15 at the Donegal Club House.

## Silage in Hundred Pound Bags May Be Coming for Small Herd Owners

The use of a plastic film material may soon make it possible for small-scale livestock producers to buy high quality silage in lots as small as 100 pounds each.

The possibility was discovered this year while work was being done on a joint research project carried out by the University of Missouri and the Visking Co. of Terre Haute, Ind.

Chemists found that silage and grains with a high moisture content can be stored and preserved successfully in bags of polyethylene plastic film. Results indicate that silage stored in the 100 pound plastic containers is highly palatable to all farm animals that ordinarily eat silage.

AN ATTEMPT to bag and preserve silage and high moisture grain in other types of bagging would be unsuccessful because conventional bags would allow air to enter the package and thereby cause spoilage. The plastic film corrected this condition since this

material allows silage gasses to escape, but keeps air out of the package.

Being able to store high moisture grain and forage crops in the plastic containers offers several advantages. As mentioned, it would make silage available to the small scale livestock producer in small quantities at a reasonable price. And, too, it would be ideal for the part-time or hobby farmer who keeps a milk cow, milk goats or a few rabbits.

ALSO IT CAN provide the feed industry with a product that isn't now available. This, in turn, would give forage producers a market for a product that might otherwise be wasted.

Storage of high-moisture grain is a troublesome problem in many areas and this new development may be a valuable aid in this respect.

In their work, chemists Merle Muhrer and Richard Bloomfield used plastic tubing 25 inches in diameter cut to various lengths depending upon how much silage was to be put into each bag.

AFTER THE TUBING was cut to the desired length, one end was tied tightly and then filled with silage, packed, and the other end tied tightly. The resulting bag with both ends tied, doubled back, and tightly retied, was convenient for stacking and handling as handles were formed by the double tying on both ends.

Anyone expecting to store silage in plastic containers as a result of the new information must take extreme precautions, the two men note. First of all, it's extremely important that the ties at both ends of the bag be air tight.

IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT that the plastic isn't punctured during packing or storage as spoilage would result. If a puncture or tear is found after the silage is in the bag, a strip of pressurized plastic tape should be pressed over the hole to seal it and keep out any additional air.

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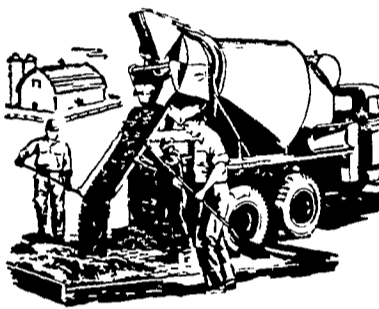
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RESEARCH HAS SHOWN that forage harvested and stored in a tightly-tied plastic bag makes high-quality silage that livestock, such as this cow, relish. The new method of storing silage in small quantities may soon make it possible for small-scale livestock producers to buy bagged silage as needed through commercial channels.

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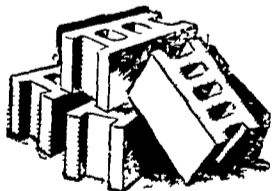
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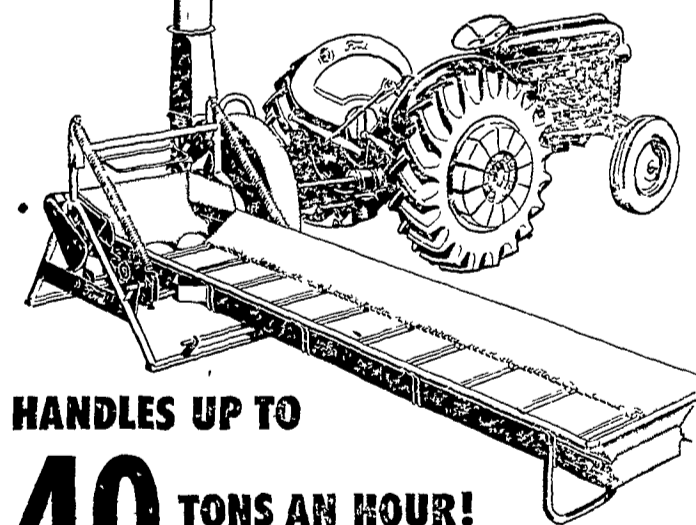
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