

TRENCH SILOS HAVE DEVELOPED AS a common method of storing roughage on farms. Common for several years, the structures are receiving the latest "split-level" treatment on the John H. Stauffer farm, RD 1, Willow Street. Construction is underway on a 200-ton capacity, 50x20x10 concrete trench, which will have a five-foot rise, in the floor 30-feet from the front. After the lower-front portion is filled, silage wagons will be able to drive out the upper end, without climbing the usual steep ramp. The silo also is expected to feature a self-feeding gate, but if this device is unsatisfactory, it is only a few feet to the regular feeding shed, for Stauffer's 40-head Holstein herd, which averages

1,200 lbs. of milk daily, with a 1957 average per cow fat production of 452 lbs. At left, Thomas Harnish, tenant on the 110-acre farm, extends his arm at the point where the "upper-end floor" will drop off. In center, Harnish, at left, stands by the stake marking the upper end of the silo site, with the partially completed first section and the farm buildings in the background. At right, David Smoker, Lancaster, employee of George Sangrey, contractor on the job, ties off reinforcing steel in a side-wall. The silo's 200-ton capacity is expected to adequately supplement the 100-tons in the nearby upright tank. Harnish expects to fill it mostly with grass ensilage. LF PHOTO

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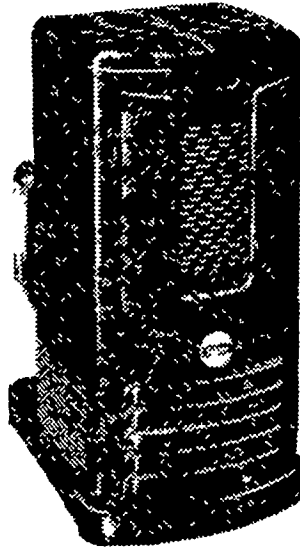


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