

Repair Machinery Now; Avoid Delay

With the 1959 field work about over, your local farm equipment service will be in position to have you efficient, dependable service on your fall and winter machinery overhaul.

If you schedule this work now, it will help you and your dealer in the following ways:

You are better acquainted with the work that needs to be done. Your dealer can order special parts which might be needed, eliminating delay. You want to use your equipment next spring. He can also utilize his shop and mechanics more efficiently. If he helps him now, he can have his men over the winter when they are available to work on your next spring and summer.

At this time of year you probably have the advantage of a more experienced service man on your premises. In the spring you might be out on a field for busy on some other job. Your equipment should be checked, repaired, lubricated, cleaned, and painted now, to protect it for the winter and so that it will be ready for work or for that sale in the spring. This may save you important hours of breakdown time during planting or harvest season.

The usual work pattern in dealers' shops results in high peak load demands on shop facilities, service personnel and transportation equipment in the spring and summer months. It is in the spring that most farmers want their equipment overhauled and that is the time employees are busy getting new machinery assembled, delivered and adjusted. If a dealer could provide enough service facilities for these months, he would probably find it necessary to cut back at least on his labor expense during the fall and winter months. Inevitably, this results in high labor turnover and less efficient use of trucks, tools, etc. for the dealer and poorer service for the owner of the equipment.

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ONLY MEMBER OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H BEEF HEIFER CLUB is Tom Daugherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Daugherty, Kirkwood, shown here with his Hereford heifer which stood third in her class on Sunday, November 15 at the Eastern National Livestock Show at Timonium, Maryland. Tom also showed a Hereford in the county group which placed fifth in the tough competition at the same show. This heifer which showed in the summer yearling class of the 4-H show is one of the four breeding Hereford animals Daugherty is counting on to be the foundation of his future beef herd. —LF PHOTO

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Pests Winter In Asparagus Tops

Here's a fall tip for asparagus beds, says Asst. Chester County Agent Frank E. Bortz. Tops of asparagus plants or asparagus brush, as they are sometimes called, should never be disturbed until they actually are dead. They may become yellow before they are completely dead, he explains.

Transfer of plant food materials from the tops to the storage roots goes on practically as long as life remains in the stalks. Too-early removal of the tops reduces the crop yield during the next year.

In November many gardeners follow the practice of cutting off the asparagus tops several inches above the ground, Bortz adds. The tops may be used for a mulch if they are not diseased. Some growers leave the tops on until spring; then, they disk them into the soil.

But, if you cut and burn all the stalks and weeds this fall, you will destroy many beetles, weed seeds, and rust-infected stalks. Tillage will

be easier in the spring, and there will be no coarse residues which may cause crooked spears.

On the other hand, if you work some of these residues into the sod, you'll be adding a substantial amount of fiber which may be important if manure isn't available. It's even more important if the soil is the type that bakes and is deficient in organic matter.

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Company.
Included in the afternoon program was a movie explaining American business methods. County Agent Max Smith, representing the farmers, thanked the Business representatives for their part in the program and expressed hope that it can become an annual affair.

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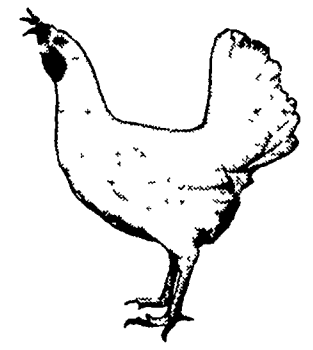
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