# Engineer Offers Some Guidelines agriculture instructor Rich. For Purchasing Used Equipment

How does one determine the price to pay for second hand farm machinery? Some guidelines helpful in arriving at the answer to that question are provided by Edward J. Constien, extension agricultural engineer from Missouri University. He adds, 11 years however, that price is not

ond hand farm machines in dealers. If active dealers for term's of list price, varies a particular make are not with age He offers the fol- available in your area, the lowing estimates for tractors, machine is worth less beand machines other than cause service is not available. tractors



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Probably the best guide to the only factor to consider. Value of a used machine is to The estimated value of syc. check prices with several

Actual value of a machine depends on age, mechanical condution, availability of parts and service, past history of the particular make and model in terms of performance and reliability

It is usually best to buy a machine of the same make and model used successfully by other farmers in the community says Constien

When the make and model of machine desired is found its condition should be checked Follow the power line from engine or power tike off back to the ultimate driven part. This calls tor a careful look at universal ioints bearings chains belts gear boxes Estimate cost of repairs

Look also for frame mem-The "Sputnick" MILK-PORT- bers that have been sprung ER is the cleanest, most effi. or joints in frame assembly cient method for transferring that have come apart Frame milk from cow to bulk cooler, members bent out of line re-Manufactured from heavy sult in misaligned shafts, gauge stainless steel. and i chain-sprocket drives Lid scals tightly to keep hastening wear and fatigue breakage. When basic parts are wanped, it will usually be better to look at another machine.

> Figally, says Constien, consider your own talents and tacilities for repair before buying second hand If you are "hands with your hands' and have the right tools and equipment to do much of your own repair work, the likelihood of savangs from buying second hand machinery is greater

He adds that any savings from buying second hand machinery come from exten-

or Young Farmer class will hold two meetings in the At Legislative near future, both in the Penn Manor High School agriculture room at 8 p.m.

The first will be held March 15 and will feature man Seed Co. The subject will be "Summer annual grasses." There will also be judging of hay and silage members.

following .Tuesday. March 22, a panel consisting of Jay Garber, Sterling Elmer, and Hackenberger will

sion of capital and reduced interest or financing charges. But, high repair costs or crop losses resulting from breakdowns can offset san-

MANOR YOUNG FARMERS discuss forage programs and hers an opportunity to least SCHEDULE TWO MEETINGS the forage testing service of more of the legislative pro-

# Area Members Conf. Of PFA

County committees on National Legislative Affairs of Chris Niesley of A. H. Hoff- the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association from throughout the organization structure Pennsylvania convened in the AFBF and the various Washington, DC. at the Manger Hamilton Hotel recently Hatfield, PFA executive samples brought in by the for the annual Pennsylvan- retary, presented some ia Farmers' Association Con- thoughts on President John gressional Meeting.

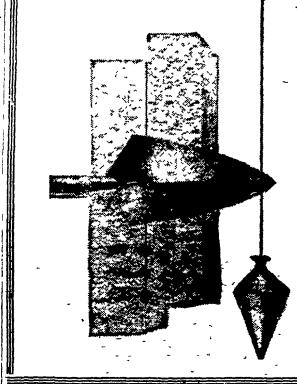
> The program included legislators. speakers, visits to the offices of Congressmen, visits to the House and Senate from the Lancaster County Chambers, and a banquet at Farmers' Association Were the Presidential Arms with Jay Newcomer; Henry Reist the Pennsylvania Congress. Noah Wenger and Mrs Wen men as guests.

> ing was to give PFA mem- Greider; and Earl Smoker

esses and to become bette acquainted with their Con gressmen. A total of hundred Pennsylvania Larn ers and Congressmen attent ed the banquet.

Roger Fleming, director the American Farm Bulea Federation's Washington ( fice, spoke to the Pennsyl Tuesda vania delegation morning. Fleming discussed program divisions. Holls son's proposal for four-year

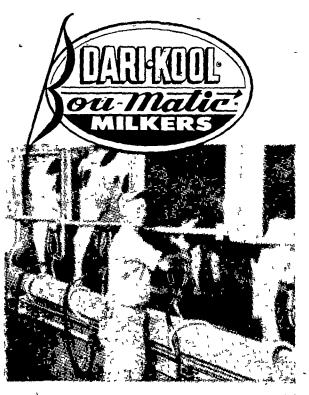
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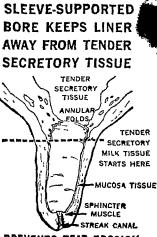


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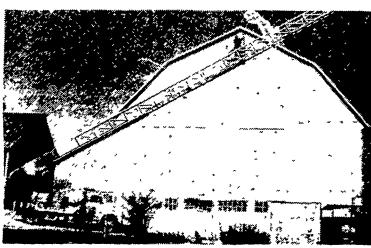
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