



LOOKING DOWN ON HUBER'S POND from the nearby hillside gives a panoramic view of this recreational operation which will feature campsites for vacationers. In addition to activities centering around the spring-fed pond, Huber's 30-acre campsite will offer three archery ranges and a foot-trail through the Dogwood-dotted woodland. L. F. Photo

● **Campsites**

(Continued from Page 1) edged with green woods and rolling fields.

Huber had been a dairyman for about 23 years, but turned that business over to his son Elmer W. some years ago. He has been an active committee member of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for the past seven years. He said that when he took over the farm originally the land was in bad shape. Erosion had carved large gullies in its rolling fields. Conservation-minded, he has since repaired nature's damage with terraces and contour strips to divert water run-off.

Now forty sites for camp trailers are ready to go, and he plans to add sixty more soon. For two dollars a day, city-weary campers can park their trailers and relax in this natural setting, away from the din and dirt of crowded cities and busy highways. And their two-dollar

fee entitles them to the use of the facilities — swimming, fishing, hiking, archery and cooking. For each campsite Huber provides a picnic table and fireplace.

He is constructing a block building — which is behind schedule for want of a block-layer—that will house coin-operated soft-drink and laundromat facilities as well as showers and toilets. He also plans to set up a food stand to operate on a part-time schedule to service campers with hot dogs and assorted snacks.

The pond, which may well be the central attraction at Huber's, was constructed last year. It is located at the lowest point in the immediate area, and is surrounded by a terrace of sufficient size to prevent any amount of watershed runoff from flooding the pond. At its deepest point the pond measures about ten feet, but along one bank Huber has concreted an area and roped it off for swimming and wading. Last spring, and

again this year, he stocked the pond with 200 trout and bass fingerlings. To encourage production of natural food for the fish he fertilized the pond earlier, but feared the murkiness this created might be objectionable to swimmers. Now he feeds the fish daily with a commercially-prepared food.

Getting water to fill the pond and to maintain it was no problem, in fact, the problem was too much water. Water from five springs feeds the pond constantly. There are so many springs in the area that it was necessary to lay 800-feet of tile and piping to dry up the ground.

That this recreation site, located just a short walk from the Pequea Creek, is also frequented by some of nature's larger creatures was evident from hoof prints in the soft sand near the pond indicating that deer had come down from the surrounding hills to drink.

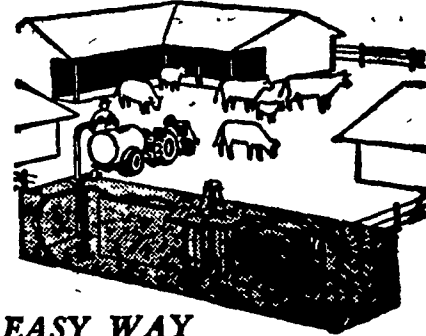
Huber says he doesn't anticipate too much difficulty maintaining the camp and

supervising its activities. He has each trailer site numbered, and will collect his fees on daily rounds. He said he had had some interest from campers who wanted to rent a trailer site by the year they could use it anytime they wanted. Huber seemed to regard this idea favorably, and said a flat fee could probably be worked out satisfactorily.

As I left this dairyman-turned-campsite-owner-and-supervising manager, I wondered what problems he would find in the coming season, and how he would solve them. The results could be very enlightening for other farmers who might wish to cash in on the growing recreation boom by diverting some of their land to campsites, farm vacations, or one of the other part-time enterprises in the tourist-cash-crop business. We will check back with Elmer Huber in a year or so and keep you posted.

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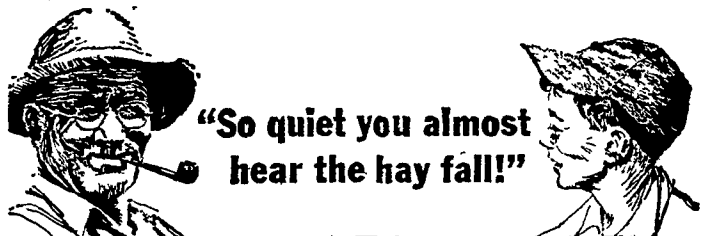
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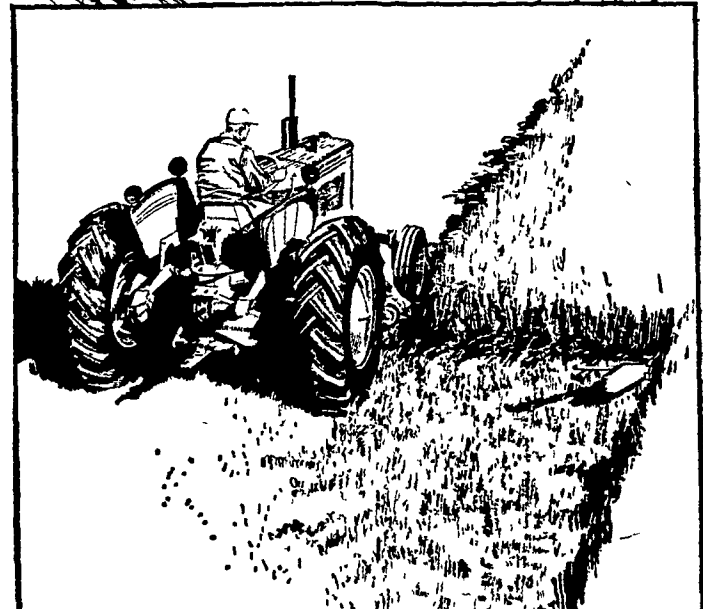
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