

Eliminate "Attractive Nuisances" And Reduce Chances Of Lawsuits

Farms are attractive places for children to play, but they have an unusual number of hazards. Children find machinery, animals, and streams fascinating.

More and more non-farm people live in suburban and rural areas near farms, so keeping children from injury while on your farm is an increasingly difficult problem. The lawsuits that could result put an additional financial burden on farmers, points out W. T. McAllister, extension farm management specialist at University of Delaware.

"You are always more responsible for the safety of guests and employees than for trespassers. However, the fact that the person was trespassing on your property does not relieve you of responsibility," the specialist cautions.

There are hazards which in legal terms are called attractive nuisances such as livestock on pasture, cows, horses, or hogs that might injure a curious child. Also, farm ponds and irrigation dams are very attractive places for a boy on a hot afternoon. Children may get into the barn and fall through holes in the floor, or upset a stack of baled hay on themselves while trespassing, yet the farm owner may be held

liable for their injuries, McAllister explains.

While no trespassing signs are slight protection, they certainly are not enough, he states. The responsibility of keeping these attractive nuisances from becoming hazards lies with the farm owner.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

Farm ponds should be securely fenced, since a child not old enough to read could wander away from his home and fall into the pond. Barn doors should be kept closed and, if practical, locked.

Power machinery should not be left so a child can start it by pushing the starter or turning a switch. Livestock which may be dangerous should not be turned out in areas where children are known to go.

Avoid Untagged Seed, Warns Pa. Dept. Of Agr.

HARRISBURG — Farmers are warned not to buy untagged wheat seed being advertised in some sections of the state.

Controlling so-called attractive nuisances is not enough either, says McAllister. The many hazards, increasingly liberal interpretations by courts of personal negligence, and the size of the lawsuits in many instances, make it just good business for the farmer to have insurance to cover financial losses.

Most farmers carry fire insurance on the home and buildings. While the chances of a fire may be greater than that of a personal liability damage lawsuit, the size of the liability claim may be many times greater than the financial loss of a building to fire.

Investigation by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture reveals that the seed does not carry a test label, a violation of the Pennsylvania Seed Act.

"All seed offered for sale in the state must carry a label giving the varietal purity of the seed, the rate of germination and seed content," says Wendell P. Ditmer, seed program supervisor in charge of the department's seed testing laboratory.

Ditmer warned that a grower using an untested product not only runs the risk of having such seed mixed with noxious materials, he is also misled on the amount of seed that must be planted for a proper stand, information vitally important to producing a good crop.

He advised farmers to be cautious in purchasing any type of seed, stating that "if

Chicago

(Continued from Page 2)

bulls were fully steady. In the carlot dressed meat trade at Chicago, steer and heifer beef sold 50 higher, except Choice Steer 700-800 50-1.00 higher. Cow Beef was unchanged.

er. Cows advanced 25-50 while SLAUGHTER STEERS — Prime 1150-1450 lbs. yield grade 3 and 4 28.25-29.25, one load 1295 lbs. 29.50 at mid-week, equalling last week and the highest since May 1966. High Choice and Prime 1150-1400 lbs. 28-28.75, Choice 1100-1350 lbs. yield grade 2 to 4 26.75-28.25, Choice 900-1125 26.25-27.75, Mixed Good and Choice 25.75-27, Good 24.75-25.75, Standard and Low Good 23.50-25.

the seed carries no test tag, do not buy it"

AVAILABLE NOW FOR FALL SEEDING

- Cert. Alfa Alfalfa
- Cert. Cayuga Alfalfa
- Cert. Vernal Alfalfa
- Cert. Buffalo Alfalfa
- Cert. Narragansett Alfalfa
- Cert. DuPuits Alfalfa
- Cert. Saranac Alfalfa
- Cert. Pennscott Red Clover
- Cert. Ladino Clover
- Pennlate Orchard Grass
- Reeds Canary Grass
- Climax Timothy
- Pasture Mixtures

ORDER YOUR FALL SEED GRAIN NOW

- Balbo Rye
- Cert. Pennrad Barley
- Norline Winter Oats
- Cert. Redcoat Wheat

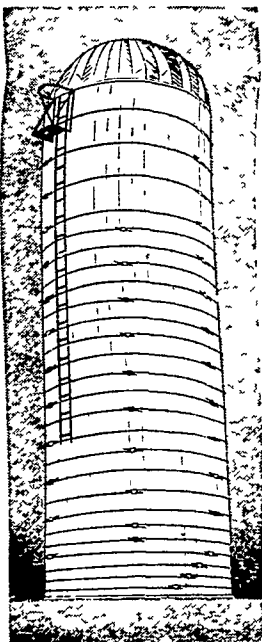
P. L. ROHRER & BRO., INC.

SMOKETOWN

Ph. Lanc. 397-3539

SILO FOR THIS CORN CROP?

Check us for Price & Erection Date.



BRANDON SILOS

To afford the unequalled Brandon 10 year guarantee for today's larger diameter silos, the Brandon Silo Corporation has engineered a new larger and heavier "Sine-Wave" corrugated stave. The new Brandon corrugated stave is the most perfect and durable silo stave that is possible to make.

Lasting beauty incurred in the new "Sine-Wave" corrugated stave by the incorporating of a special blend cement. It is unnecessary to "Whire-Coat" the silo for appearance. Your new Brandon silo will be distinguished and permanent.

SEE L. H. BRUBAKER TODAY

For Prices on this Outstanding SILO 350 Strasburg Pike LANCASTER

R. D. 3, LITITZ

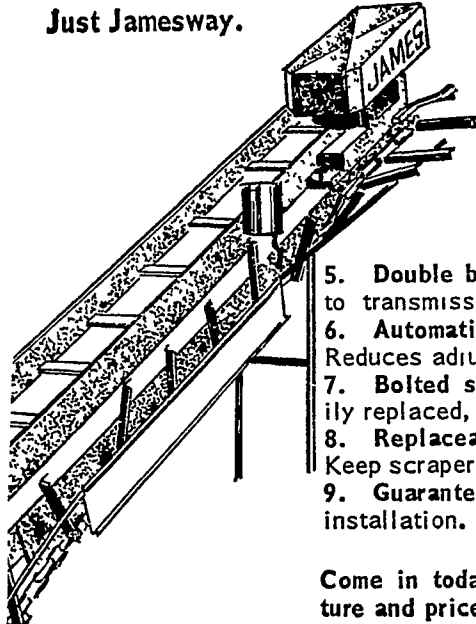
PHONE

397-5179 687-6002 626-7766

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A SYSTEM — GO JAMESWAY POWER CHORING

You won't find all these advantages in all barn cleaners.

Just Jamesway.



1. Speed! Big J chain barn cleaner moves liquids and solids up to 23 feet per minute.
2. Galvanized, single-chute elevator! Saves space, lasts longer, costs no more than painted units.
3. Heavy forged link chain! Heat-treated for strength and wear resistance. Can be reversed for extra years of life.
4. Spur gear drive! Positive, non-slip power transmission.
5. Double belts! No power lost to transmission. Protect motor.
6. Automatic chain tightening! Reduces adjustment time.
7. Bolted steel scrapers! Easily replaced, not welded.
8. Replaceable wear shoes! Keep scrapers aligned.
9. Guaranteed one year after installation.

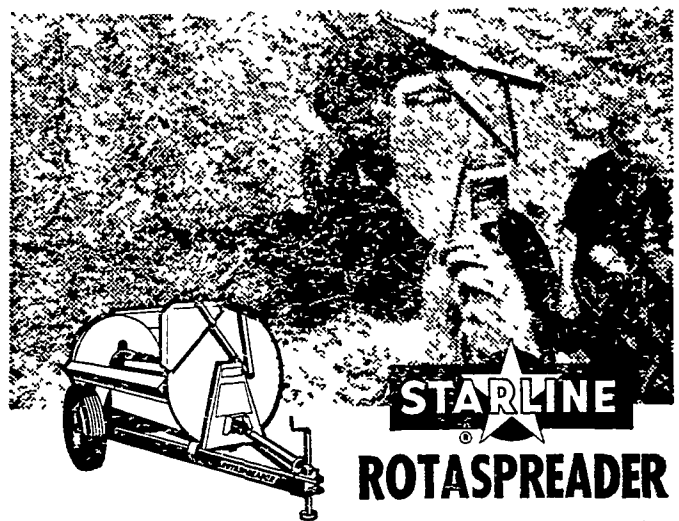
Come in today for plans, literature and prices.



Addison H. Martin Inc.

Builders of Farm Systems Ephrata, Pa. R. D. #2 — Farmersville Phone: (717) 354-5374

SPREAD ANY MANURE ...liquids to frozen solids



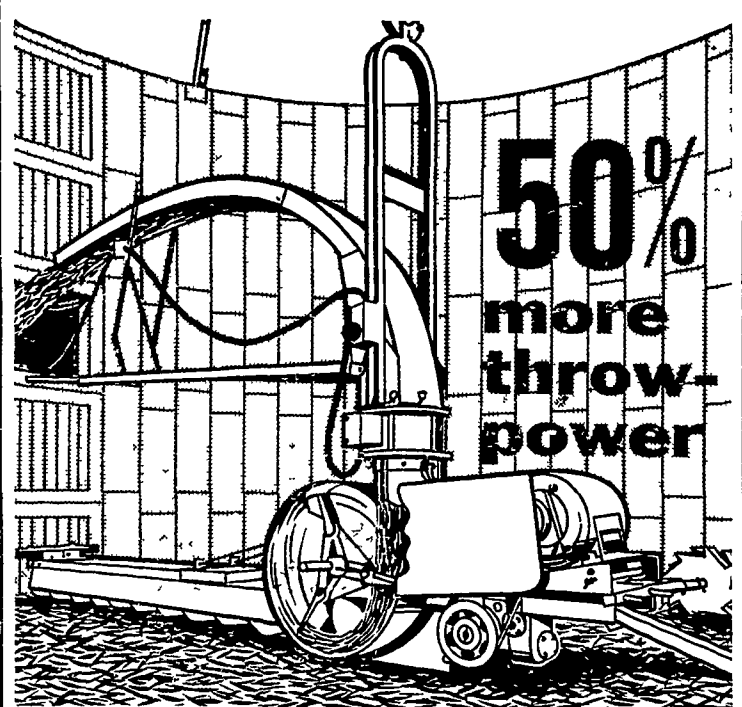
Powerful chain-flail action of the Starline Rotaspreader shreds and spreads any type manure in broad, even swaths up to 20-foot wide. Simple construction reduces maintenance. "Seal-of-Quality" galvanized steel body resists corrosion. Separate chassis hauls heaviest loads. See us soon for full details and a demonstration.

L. H. BRUBAKER

R. D. 3, Lititz, Pa.

350 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster

Phone: Lanc. 397-5179 — Strasburg 687-6002 — Lititz 626-7766



50% more throw-power

Now you can get faster, smoother unloading of any silage... ton after ton... with Badger's new XP/24 Silo Unloader. New 24" swinging paddle thrower direct blows out of silos up to 24 feet in width. Increased efficiency can cut feeding time up to 50%, with no increase in power requirements. Ask us about the new XP/24 today.

new **XP 24**

by



R. M. Brubaker & Son Salunga

Grumelli Farm Service Quarryville

Isaac W. Hurst Blue Ball

Arthur C. Heisey Jonestown, Pa.