



THE PICK-UP on Walter's new tobacco harvesting machine runs under the wilted tobacco stalks and lifts them up to begin the movement over the spear onto the lath.

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Tobacco Harvesting Machine Completed By Local Inventor

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on the spear until the next lath is dropped in place and the first stalk on the lath releases it again.

The empty lath are manually fed into a slot by the driver as the tractor moves slowly along working through three to five lath per minute. A platform can be installed on back of the tractor for a man to pick off the filled lath and hand them over to a ladder wagon pulled beside the tractor. The inventor reports the machine will work as

fast as any man wants to take the lath away.

The tobacco must be wilted normally and leaf and stalk breakage is very small.

Walter has been contacted by tobacco growers in Kentucky and has traveled there to explain the machine to them.

The Walters have incorporated their family into Walter Harvesting Co. Inc. and are ready to start producing the machine. Ross estimated the cost will be approximately \$2,500.

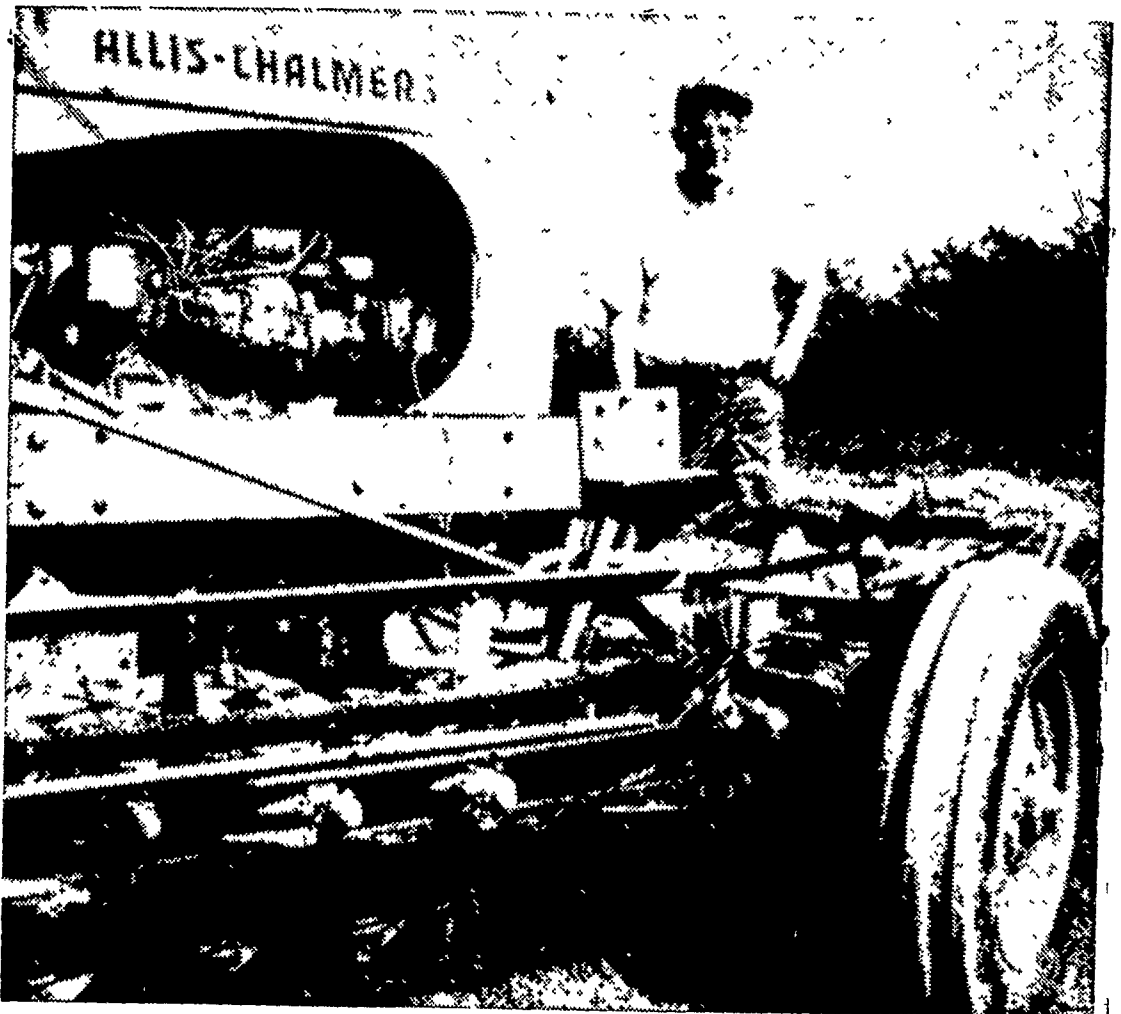
So what people said couldn't



ROSS WALTER shows the area from pick-up to lath where the stalks are moved by a chain with fingers that grab the butts.

This chain moves only when a stalk is in position.

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THE SPEARING AND FILLED-LATH ejection mechanism is carried under the tractor on Ross Walter's new tobacco har-

vesting machine. A tractor with a wide-front-end and 20 inches clearance is needed.

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he done, has been And Ross Walter's hobby which he admits has become quite expensive. I about ready to help farmers mechanize a county farm chore that for years has had farmers sweating on hot August days.

● Farm Calendar

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Tuesday, Sept. 10
7 30 p.m.—Elizabethtown- Donegal 4-H Club meet, Richard Yunginger.

Wednesday, Sept. 11
4 30 p.m.—Ag teachers meet, Warwick.

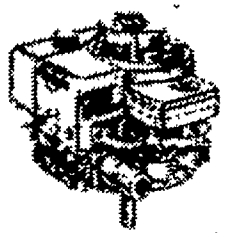
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