

**Poison Can Kill Your Farm Animals**

"The staggering loss of farm animals from poisoning can be prevented," says Dr. Robert C. Hammond, Extension veterina-

rian, University of Maryland, "only if people are careful in their use of drugs and chemicals."

Forty heifers were sprayed for flies at 8 a.m. . . . my 10:30 a.m. they were all dead.

A fence confining three goats

was sprayed along the bottom to control weeds . . . the next day the goats were dead.

A horse was given worm medicine . . . he died the following day.

A swine owner, temporarily out of pig feed, fed 20 pigs dairy feed . . . by morning there were two survivors.

"The list is long and could go on," says Dr. Hammond "All of these animals were poisoned and although each case is different, the most common cause

of death was carelessness with drugs and chemicals"

Dr. Hammond points out that, the forty heifers were sprayed with parathion, a very potent insecticide always labeled NEVER USE AROUND ANIMALS OR HUMANS

The goats died from arsenic poisoning. An arsenic compound sold commercially to kill potato vines, prior to digging was used to kill weeds The con-

tainer was well marked with "skull and crossbones" and special stickers saying, NO NOT ALLOW ANIMALS TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS PRODUCT.

The horse given worm medicine had been given a tranquilizer to facilitate shipment three days before The worm medicine contained an organic phosphate organic phosphates and tranquilizers don't mix The label on the bottle tells you so.

Investigation of the hog losses showed that the dairy feed was exceptionally high in salt, about 3%. The cows could tolerate this, but the pigs, not having continuous access to water, were poisoned by a chemical as common as ordinary salt

The cost of carelessness in the use of drugs and chemicals can be extremely high," says Dr. Hammond Be careful . . . don't let one of your animals become a statistic "

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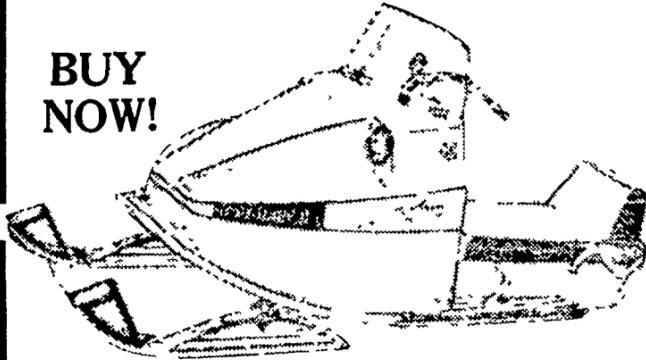
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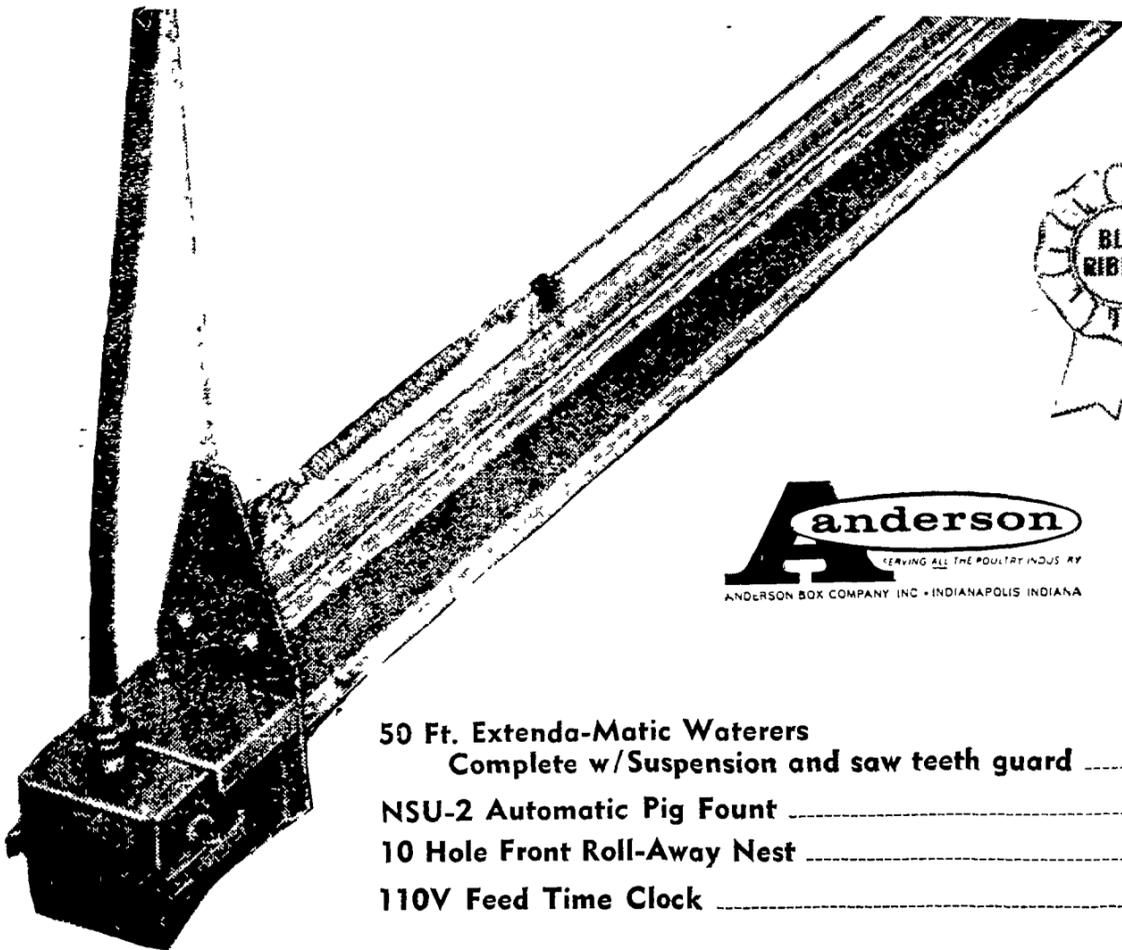
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