

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Modern Noah's Ark

Nuclear Fall-out Shelter For Cows

In the Chicago Sun-Times (Oct. 21) Philip Clarke writes about "an amazing farm building stands outside Omaha, Neb., just off Highway 31 — a nuclear fall-out shelter for cows. You have to look hard for it because all you can see are a couple of pipes sticking out of the ground"

"Built at a cost of \$25,000 the cow shelter is the brainchild of 60-year-old J. Gordon Roberts, president and chairman of the board of the Roberts Dairy Commission.

"In Omaha, home of America's Strategic Air Command, they take both world defense and the milk supply very seriously. Roberts conceived the idea for a cow shelter after attending a civil defense course in Omaha with a dozen of his dairy executives.

"As Ed Andersen, general safety supervisor at the Roberts Dairy Farm, puts it: 'What's the use of having a lot of live people left after a nuclear attack if we can't feed them?' By keeping

pedigree animals down here we are assured of building up good herds again.'

"The underground cow bunker has enough room to house two bulls in two 7-by-12 foot pens and 200 cows. The animals enter the shelter through a 14-foot wide door where a huge sign proclaims: 'War Sacrifice for the U.S.A., suicide for the U.S.S.R., nonsense for everybody'. The opening is shielded from gamma ray exposure by a solid concrete waffle.

"A 10,000-gallon tank five feet underground stores water pumped from a nearby well. Food is stored in the form of high-protein feed pellets. Also included in the cow shelter complex is a power house, accommodation for the farm personnel caring for the cattle and food and water supplies for 15 people.

"In one experiment, 30 of the Roberts heifers spent two weeks in the shelter. Only two of them had to have tranquilizers (also specially stored). In fact, nothing has been forgotten for the comfort of the cows. Manure is washed away through an under-floor drainage system. The subtle thing about that in cold war terms is that it slopes from west to east."

Still In Existence

The Emancipation Proclamation as written by President Lincoln is still in existence. In 1864 the document was sold at a bazaar to benefit wounded soldiers. Later, the New York legislature

Emmett Littleton Ashford is the only Negro umpire in the major leagues.

D. M. Wolgemuth Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Daniel M. Wolgemuth of Wolgemuth Bros., Inc. feed manufacturers at Florin, is celebrating his 50th anniversary in business.

It was November 1, 1919 that he and his father, Hiram, opened the Wolgemuth feed mill at its present location.

Recently, he was honored with a party attended by nearly 100 including guests and employees and their families.

Martin Miller, sales manager of Wolgemuth Brothers, was master of ceremonies.

Following the banquet, Don Pikes of Ephrata, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Miller and Feed Dealers Association, gave the principal address on a "This is Your Life" theme.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation to Wolgemuth by his two sons, Jay and Donald, of a large oil painting, which now hangs in the company office.

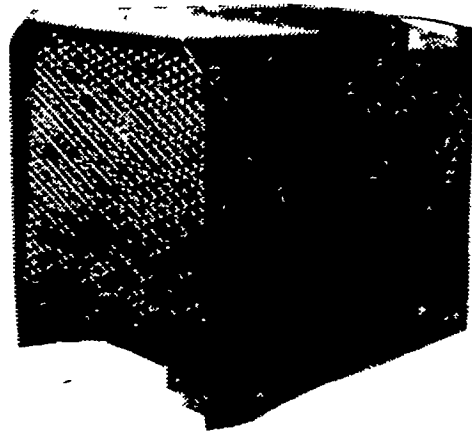
A surprise to the employees was the presentation of handsome wall plaques given for loyal service. Each carried the number of years which the employee has been with Wolgemuth Brothers.

Plaques given and number of years service included:

- Daniel M. Wolgemuth, 50 years
 - Martin K. Miller, 39 years
 - Ralph S. Oberholtzer, 35 years
 - Irvin H. Ginder, 29 years
 - Elmer S. Foxwood, 23 years.
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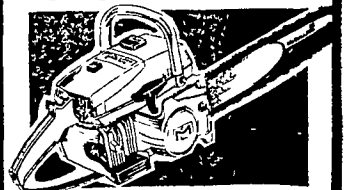
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