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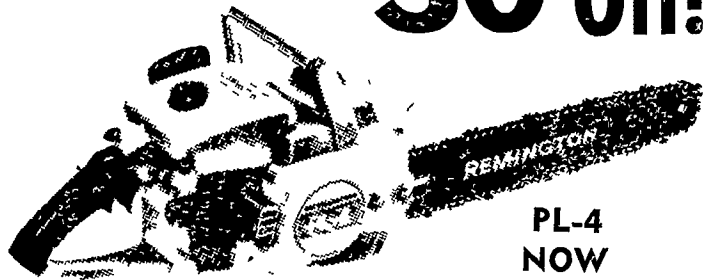
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Fred A. Hughes
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the Pennsylvania Sanitary Water board in which he was called to assist farmers, Burdette said he found the board to be fair

As long as the farmer's operation show evidence that the farmer is doing a good job of keeping and maintaining a neat and orderly operation, rather than a sloppy operation, the state has shown so far that it will be lenient, Burdette said

While considerable work is underway to find better solutions to the animal waste problem, Burdette repeatedly said that "we don't have the answers"

Burdette also advised farmers to run performance and weight tests, at least on a few of their animals, so they will know how the animals are performing

Hughes Speaks

Hughes began his comments by asking how many of the 80 or more farmers present are in the cattle business to make a profit After getting an indication that everyone present wanted a profit, Hughes noted that "there are some people in farming today who aren't there to make a profit, but when you have to pay your bills from profits from the farm, you have to be interested in profits"

In the following hour, Hughes analyzed the relative costs of different types of silo systems, pointing out the wide variation in the costs and indicating his concern that some may not be profitable.

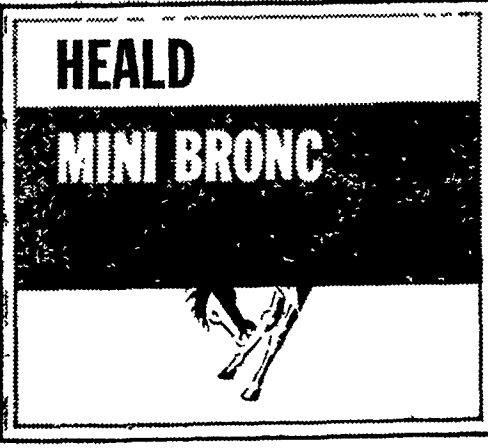
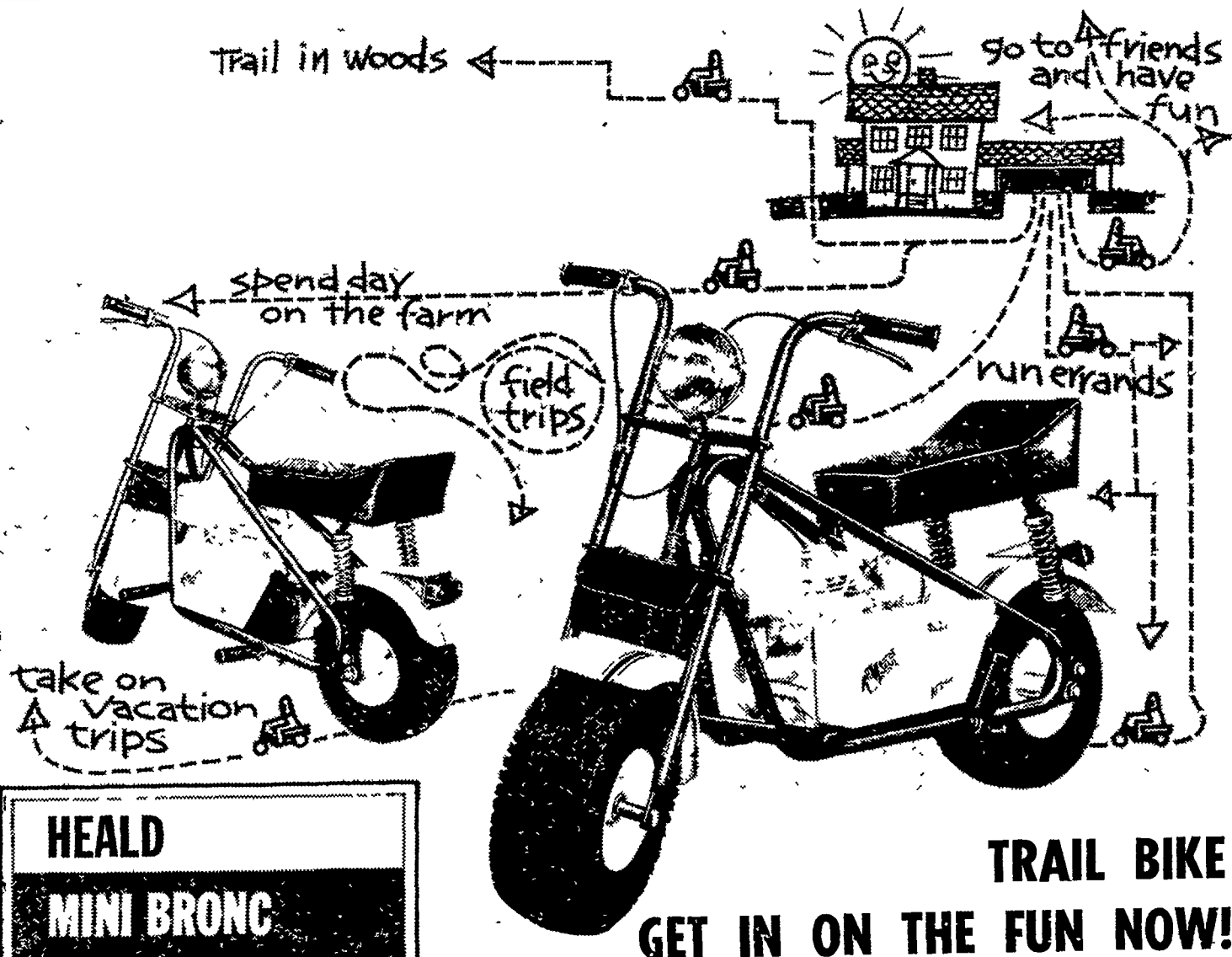
In his comments, Hughes indicated that farmers must analyze their practices and procedures on a dollar basis and make decisions on the basis of their profitability He said he "gets disturbed by farmers who say they have feed and are going to go ahead and feed it without any concern about costs and returns."

Hughes repeatedly emphasized the importance of considering the silo as part of an overall management system The silo must fit in well with the general layout and operation of this system, he emphasized, while noting that many farms develop haphazardly over the years without any regard for an overall operating system The result of these hodge podge operations is often an unprofitable and unworkable system, he indicated.

He emphasized that many factors go into determining the type of feeding system which any particular farmer should develop. This includes the amount of capital with which the farmer has to work

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Some farmers act as though capital is unlimited, according to (Continued on Page 12)



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