

Ida Risser

This year for the first time our cows are enjoying silage via unloaders and conveyors from the new silo. And they are filling the milk tank fuller than usual.

Actually, I'm not sure who is getting the most pleasure from the new arrangement. My husband is happy to only need to flip a switch instead of forking it out and down the shaft.

My pleasure comes from the

lack of stong-smelling silage clinging to work clothes.

Of course, we pay a price for all this convenience.

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My favorite way to celebrate an anniversary is to "eat out." But since January is a month which contains many annual meetings that include banquets, I feel like the person whose birthday is on Christmas. All the good things come at one time.

There is one memory that many people share with us. You see, we got married some 20 years ago and picked the day of a big blizzard. Some folks didn't get to the church and many had problems getting home. We remember that we weren't able to start for Florida, as planned. We'll think of a way to celebrate.

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At this time of year, we often decide to do some refurbishing. One year my oldest daughter painted the living room as my Christmas gift.

Another year she painted half of the kitchen and then was called to the hospital for emergency work. That time, I had to finish the job.

Sometimes I get started and paint right up the tiny circular stairwell to the room above it.

This year I intend to do a little wallpapering by myself, as Allen is still working on remodeling the barn. Luckily this has been a winter of mild temperatures for outdoor work.

Ladies,  
Have  
You  
Heard?

By Doris Thomas,  
Extension Home Economist



Doris Thomas

**Washing Flatware**

In the Automatic Dishwasher Today's flatware is durable and beautiful.

Automatic dishwashing will keep tableware at its best, but care should be exercised when washing flatware.

Dishwasher owners should abide by the following tips:

1) Mix knives, forks and spoons by spreading them apart so they don't nest together.

2) Rinse or wash flatware as soon as possible after use.

3) Use detergents that are formulated for automatic dishwashing.

4) Use a rinse additive such as JET DRY to prevent water spotting and streaking.

5) Do not sprinkle or spill detergent on flatware.

Previous to the use of automatic dishwashers, staining problems of silver and silverplate were few and comparatively simple. Towel drying rubbed off many stains so they did not build up and some polishing was also accomplished by towel drying.

Two common problems often arise in automatic dishwashing. They are sulfide and bronze tarnishing.

Silver sulfide is caused by the reaction of the silver with sulfide from certain foods such as mayonnaise or eggs, and is removed with silver polish.

Bronze tarnishing is a discoloration found on silver plated pieces where the silver plating has gradually worn thin. It can be easily removed by soaking the discolored pieces in vinegar for 10 minutes. This treatment is temporary and only replating with silver by your jeweler will correct the problem.

Stainless steel is a popular metal for flatware. Stainless steel flatware is durable, usually inexpensive as compared to silver and silverplate and it requires no polishing.

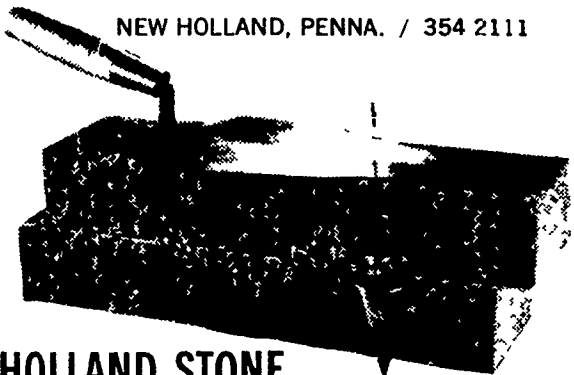
Even though stainless steel is a hard material and durable, it is susceptible to corrosion. Stainless steel will pit or corrode on the surface. To prevent this from happening stainless steel flatware should be washed immediately or rinsed if not being washed.

Automatic dishwashing will skillfully care for all flatware. Flatware washed in a dishwasher is scratched less than flatware that is washed by hand.

Machine washing is time saving, easy, efficient and most important, it sanitizes.

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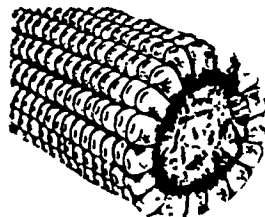


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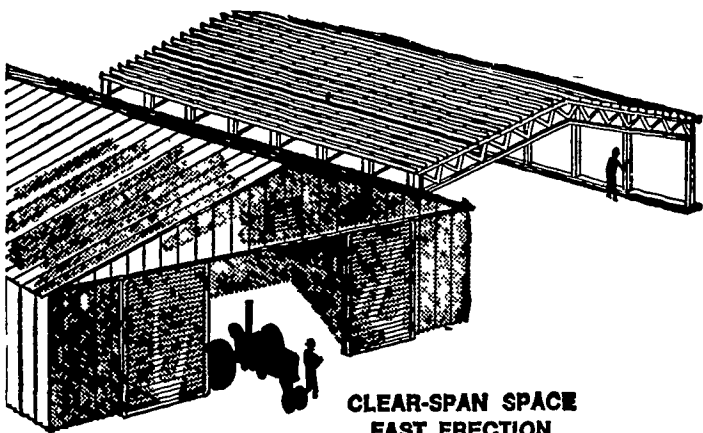
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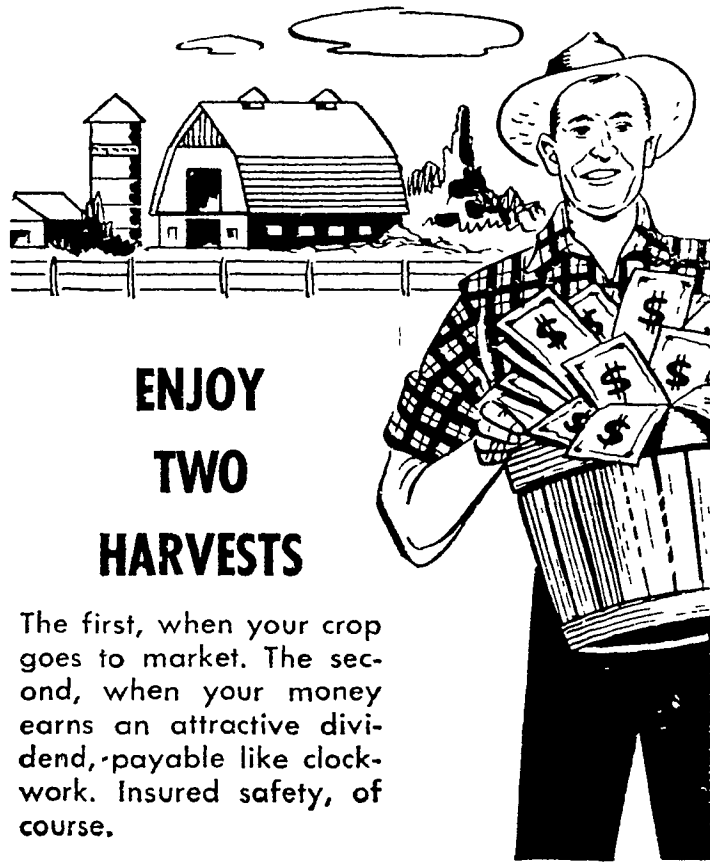
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Other sessions include February 1, 8, 15, and 29. Participants should wear clothing suitable for taking exercises.

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