

Program Planned to Aid Mothers of Preschoolers

Chances are that many of the toys you bought your preschooler for Christmas have already ended up broken or unusable because they weren't suited for your child or the workmanship wasn't equal to your expectations.

Joan Lucas, Extension home economist, Lancaster County, says that buying toys requires as much careful thought and comparison shopping as you would do for a major item for

yourself. To aid mothers of preschoolers in buying or making appropriate toys for their children, a program on "You and Your Preschooler" has been planned for February 22, 1973, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. at Grand View Heights Community United Methodist Church, 888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster, Pa.

In addition to the session on toy buying and making, there will be discussion and demonstrations on

feeding small children, buying or making clothes, decorating a child's room and a child's behavior patterns. Educational displays relating to the topics presented will be on view and handout material will be available for those mothers attending.

The program is open to Lancaster County mothers of preschoolers. To register, call or write the Lancaster County Extension Office, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster 17601—Phone 394-6851. A nursery will be available for those mothers wishing to attend with their small

children during the morning session however only a certain number of children can be taken — so those who register first will have this service. A \$.25 registration is asked and the mother must choose two of the four mini-sessions, (Creative Toys, Buy or Sew for Tot, Decorating a Child's Room, and Feeding Little Folks).

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Farm and Home Foundation Holds Annual Meeting

Four new members were added to the board of directors of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation and three directors were reelected at the Foundation's annual banquet last Thursday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

Newly elected were: Abner Housekencht, Millersville; Mrs Dorothy Johnson, Quarryville R2; Jay E Landis, Lancaster R6, Mrs Ruth Phillip, Forney Rd, Lancaster

Directors reelected were William L Counts, Quarryville R2; J Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1, and Larry H. Skromme, Landis Valley Rd, Lancaster.

Melvin R Stoltzfus was toastmaster for the meeting. A slide presentation entitled "World Wide Agriculture" was given by Enos B Heisey, community relations manager for Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.

Inventory for an estimated 161,480 sheep farms is 17,726,000 head and represents a 5 percent decline during the year. The 1972 lamb crop of 12,537,000 was down 3 percent. New crop lambs on hand January 1 totaling 1,218,000 are up 2 percent from 1972.

Pa. Lamb Crop Down

Harrisburg - The Commonwealth's 5,000 sheep farms had an estimated January 1 inventory of 144,000 head of sheep and lambs according to the Crop Reporting Service. That inventory is 4 percent below a year earlier and is valued at \$2,952,000.

It included 20,000 ewe lambs and 8,000 wether lambs plus 108,000 ewes and 8,000 rams and wethers. Pennsylvania is ranked 24th in sheep and lamb numbers.

During 1972, 113,000 breeding ewes produced only 111,000 lambs that matured to market age for a lambing rate of 98 percent. In Pennsylvania the rate is normally above 100 percent. The inventory did not indicate whether the lower rate was due to a higher mortality rate, a lower incidence of multiple births or a combination of both.

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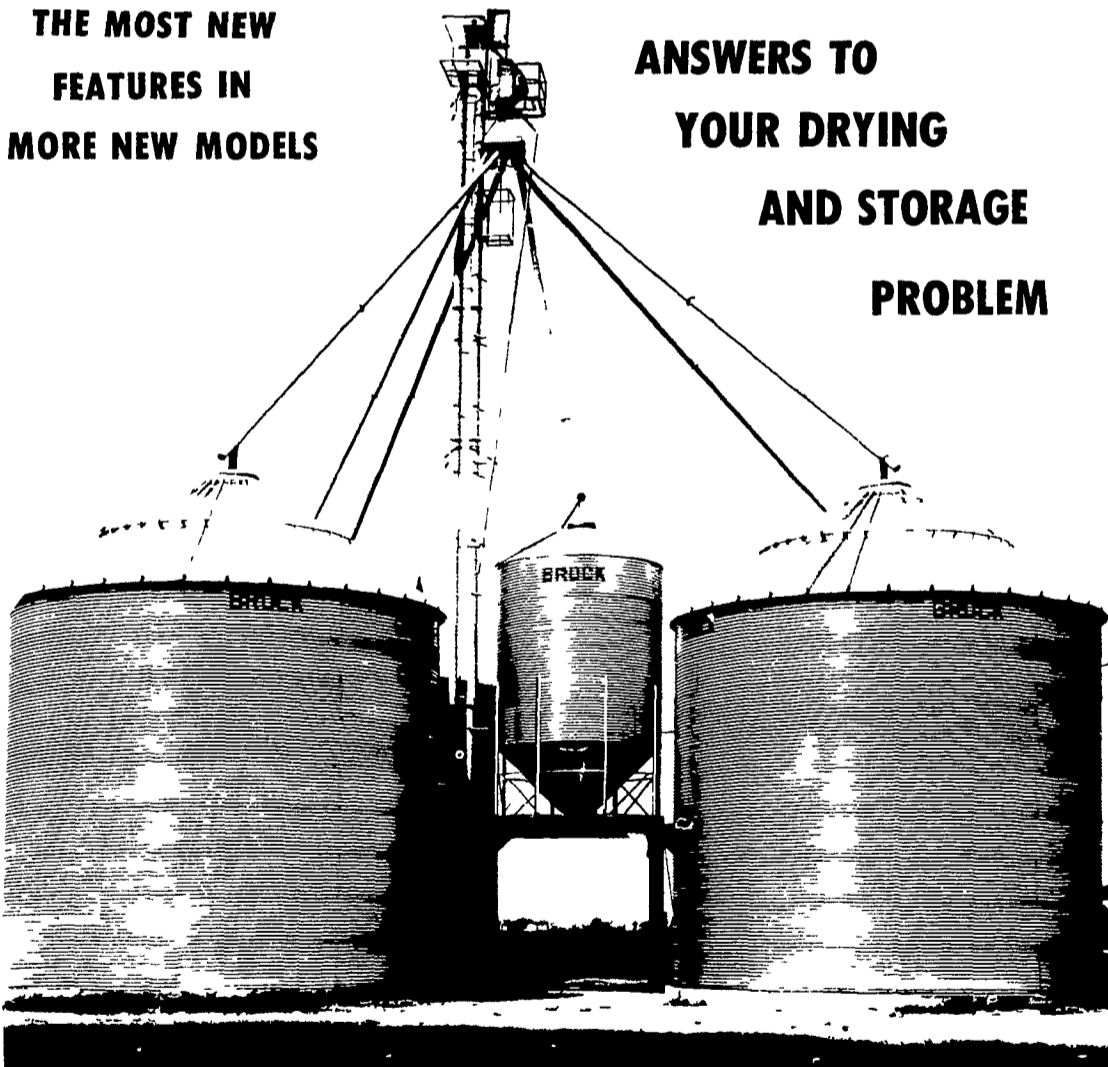
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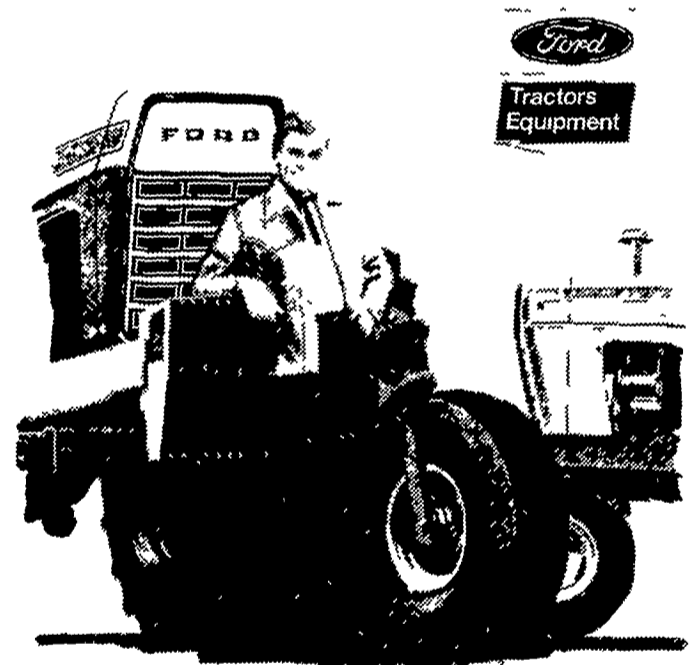
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