

Freight Car

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Any transportation tie-up at port elevators could quickly jam harbors with empty vessels waiting to load, or choke ports with rail cars unable to discharge their cargoes. Repercussions would reach back to country and interior terminal elevators which would soon lack empty cars for additional grain shipments.

Avoiding Bottlenecks

Several actions have already been taken to expedite rail service and prevent bottlenecks at grain elevator and other shipping points. One involves revising the ways certain railroads deploy empty rail cars.

For example, when demand for

freight car capacity exceeds supply, empty cars are often retained and reloaded near locations where they first become available. But grains and soybeans usually originate at country points far removed from major unloading sites. Dispatching empty cars to pick up these commodities have frequently required intervention by regulatory agencies.

To speed the flow of cars, and thus increase the fleet's annual capacity, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) last October issued a directive for prompt pickup, unloading, and forwarding of all freight cars. The order also specified that shippers holding empty cars for placement should be assessed storage charges.

Similar moves in the past often

failed to turn up enough empty cars to satisfy demand. This could be the case again this year, particularly if economic activity remains high and ports become congested.

Car distribution directives have proven an effective tool for both railroads and the ICC in easing tight car supplies for specific areas. These directives force shippers to share available freight capacity by ordering railroads emptying cars to forward the cars to other rail companies needing empty cars for loading.

Embargoes Effective

Embargoes also have worked to clear port and interior elevators. These facilities occasionally become crowded with full rail cars previously committed to unload there.

Railroads serving the congested destinations can request the Association of American Railroads to embargo the elevators, thus preventing other railroads from dispatching more cars to the sites until congestion eases. During brief periods since October 1972 the Association has embargoes several ports and at least one interior elevator.

Citrus Sale Being Conducted By Twin Valley FFA Chapter

The Twin Valley FFA will be taking orders for Citrus fruit, to be delivered the week of April 9 to 13. The fruit will be delivered fresh from Florida to the Twin Valley High School.

Fruit available will be Valencia oranges and white and pink seedless grapefruit. The price will be \$5.50 per 40-pound case or \$3 per half case. The fruit may be ordered from any FFA member between now and March 28.

For your convenience you may also order fruit by phone from the following FFA members: William Ford, 273-3229, Honey Brook Borough; Terry Murray, 273-3389, Honey Brook Township; Melvin Houck, 286-9186, West Nantmeal Township; Nevin Mast, 286-9283, Morgantown and Caernarvon Township; Ron Dannecker, 286-6152, Plowville and Geigertown; Harold Steve, 582-3738, Gibraltar and Robeson Township.

The Twin Valley Chapter was recently informed that its vice-president, Terry Murray, was nominated for the National FFA

Chorus which will entertain at the National FFA Convention in October at Kansas City, Mo. Terry was one of five Pennsylvania FFA members nominated, and of those only two will actually be able to participate. The National chorus is composed of 100 FFA members, two from each State FFA Association.

Four members have been named as semi-finalists in the Dutch Country Co-op Council quiz for participation in the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute held during July at Shippensburg State College. These four students participated in the Dutch Country Institute at Shatlesville on Thursday, March 1. All four Chapter participants—Nevin Mast, Terry Murray, Harold Steve and Larry Stoltzfus—qualified as semifinalists.

Chapter members appeared on Noonday on 8 on WGAL-TV8 on Tuesday, March 20. This was the second appearance by Chapter members in as many months. Richard Kurtz, former Chapter reporter and recent Keystone Farmer Degree recipient, discussed minnow raising with Bob Malich in February.

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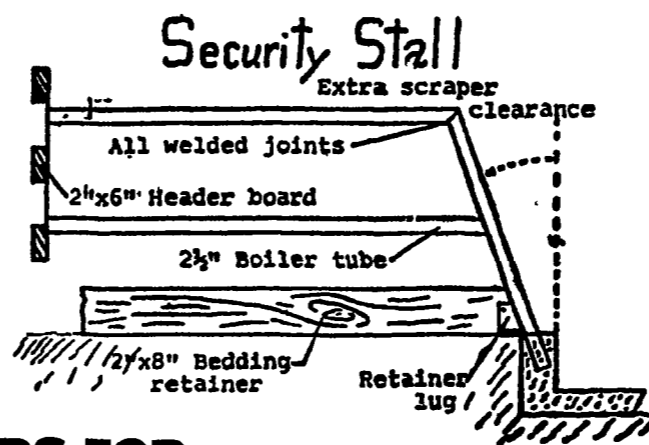
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