

Chester County Paid Workshops

A series of meetings for sewing men's fashions, specifically knit slacks and jackets, will be featured at the Coatesville YWCA 423 E. Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville, in cooperation with the Chester County Extension Service. A small fee will be charged for each course.

The meetings on Men's Knit Slacks will meet three Mondays - June 25, July 9, and 16 - from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Techniques, fabrics, and findings for men's knit slacks will be demonstrated in this course.

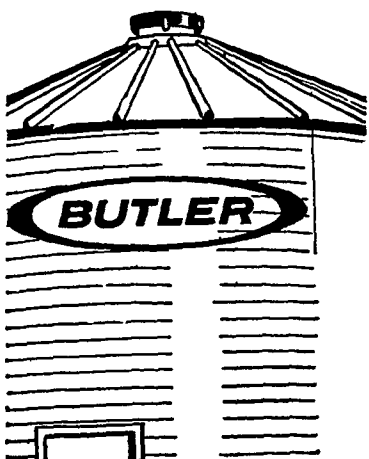
Men's Knit Jackets, five meetings in length, will meet Wednesdays, June 27, July 11, 18, 25, and August 1, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This course will teach how to make a man's or boy's knit sport jacket using simplified methods, not the conventional tailoring techniques. The course is designed for the person with average sewing skills.

Registration is due by June 15. For further information contact the Chester County Extension Service, Room 402 North Wing, Courthouse, West Chester, Pa. 19380.

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HAVING WEEDS IS NOT CORNY



The title "King Corn" is more than appropriate for America's first food. Farmers use more land for it than any other crop; it provides more food for animals and men than any other crop; and, if the more than four billion bushels of it grown annually in the U.S. were piled end to end, the mammoth stalk would reach Mars!

That's why corn growers in America are concerned, and justifiably so, with troublemakers like crabgrass and panicum showing up in their fields. New grasses are costing growers more and more in lessened corn yields. In fact, it's been estimated that weeds cost farmers about \$3 billion a year!

Such weeds cut yields—often drastically—by stealing essential moisture and soil nutrients from the corn. Most weeds can be controlled with early herbicide treatments, but if unforeseen conditions allow weeds to get too far out of hand, they can get thick enough to stop a picker right in its tracks.

A serious infestation would require several cultivations for even minimal control, and most farmers cannot afford to give up the time this would take. Further, if bad

weather keeps a grower out of the field, he might wind up with no control at all—and very little crop at harvest time.

So many corn growers are turning to the use of Evik 80W corn herbicide, which has been used in several southern states, but now can be used in all corn-growing areas, since registration has been extended by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Evik 80W is a contact herbicide for use as a post-emergence, directed spray on corn at least 12 inches tall. It provides effective control of a wide spectrum of broadleaf and grassy weeds such as Texas panicum, fall panicum, crabgrass, foxtails, cocklebur, velvetleaf and a number of other problem weeds in this area.

Leaf lifters or carefully adjusted drop nozzles can be used with Evik 80W to help avoid injury to corn plants. So start "Evik-tion" proceedings right now!

The use of chemicals to control weeds has a long history, but more has been learned about this science in the last two decades than in the entire previous history of mankind. Thanks to this, corn can remain "king" forever.

W. Europe Still a Big Farm Products Buyer

U.S. agricultural exports to Western Europe totaled \$3.4 billion in 1972, a 16-percent gain over 1971, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In its annual review and outlook report on agriculture in Western Europe, USDA's Economic Research Service said that the gain was due to increased exports of feedgrains, oilseeds and oilcake, meats, cotton, tobacco, and fruits and vegetables. Preliminary data indicate that much of the increase was due to higher prices.

Western Europe continues to be a major U.S. market for farm exports, accounting for more than a third of total U.S. agricultural exports in 1972. The European Community (EC)—including the new members as of January 1 (the United Kingdom,

Ireland, and Denmark)—takes most of our agricultural shipments to West Europe.

The report said that EC expansion is likely to adversely affect certain U.S. exports to the Common Market, including grain, tobacco, lard, and fruit and fruit preparations. Inflation and the recent currency crisis were cited as major factors contributing to uncertainty in the economic outlook for 1973.

A copy of "The Agricultural Situation in Western Europe: Review of 1972 and Outlook for 1973," ERS-F 352, is available free on postcard (please include zipcode) or telephone (447-7255) request from the Division of Information, Office of Management Services, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 20250.

Comparing Food Prices

The Foreign Agricultural Service of USDA has compiled a survey of retail food prices in selected cities around the world. The results speak for themselves in showing how the American farmer and American agricultural technology compare most favorably with farmers around the world. Some of these findings are:

City	Sirloin steak-lb.
Brussels	\$2.45
London	1.88
Ottawa	1.68
Rome	2.79
Washington, D.C.	1.69

City	Butter-lb.
Brussels	\$1.40
London	.57
Ottawa	.72
Rome	1.98
Washington, D.C.	.85

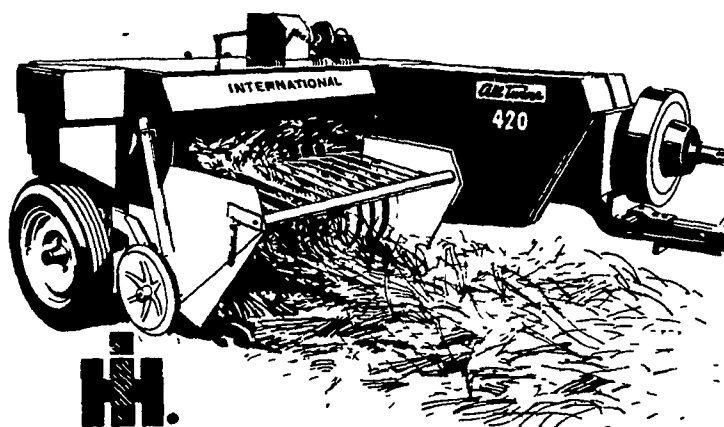
City	Eggs-dozen
Brussels	\$0.94
London	.71
Ottawa	.68
Rome	.60-.96
Washington, D.C.	.73

These prices are based on the week of March 3-11, 1973, and were converted at current exchange rates.

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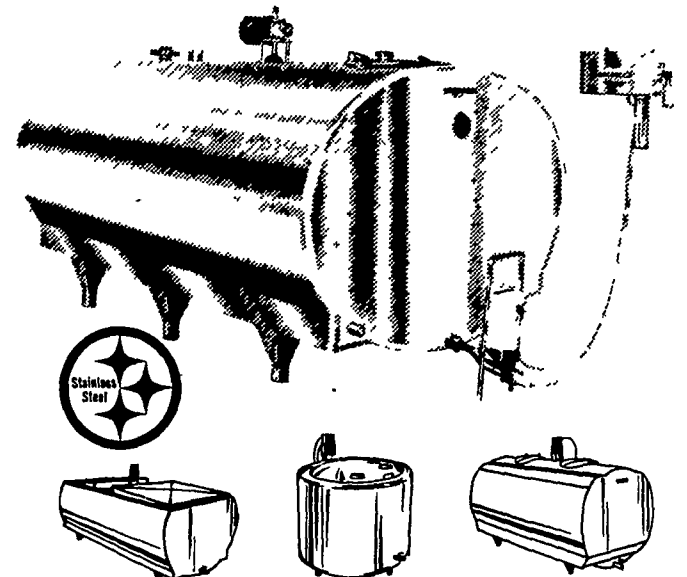
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