

Owen J. Roberts Chapter Begins Annual Citrus Sale

The third regular meeting of the Owen J. Roberts FFA Chapter was called to order by Steve Ussler, president. The secretary, Lora Hilbert, read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

Ruth Friedhofer, treasurer, reported that a large order had been placed for official FFA jackets for club members. Miss Friedhofer also gave the treasurer's report. It was accepted and filed for audit.

Remove Leaves Early

Removing leaves as quickly as possible throughout the fall period prevents your grass from smothering, says John C. Harper, II, extension turfgrass specialist at The Pennsylvania State University. Don't burn your leaves, it's better to place them in a compost pile to use later as a source of organic matter for flowers and shrub beds. Also, many local governments prohibit such burnings.

Without Thawing

Frozen meat can be cooked without thawing, but it will take from 1/2 to 1/2 more time.

Committee reports were given by Lisa Bremen, Darrel Stoltzfus and Shane Clark.

Lisa Bremen reported that the Chester County Leadership Training Conference was held October 11 at Camp Innabah. The following attended: Steve Ussler, Tom Mowrer, John Swartzentruber, Don Shaner, Glenn McKim, Shane Clark, Lora Hilbert, Jeff Austin, George Tkoczuk, Jay Moore, Ruth Friedhofer, Roy Fizz, Dave Pepple, Don Evans, Lisa Bremen, Ken Kyburz, and James Nichol, Chapter advisor.

Darrel Stoltzfus, chairman of the tulip bulb sales committee, reported that a total of over 300 boxes of bulbs had been sold by the members of the FFA.

Shane Clark, chairman of the sales committee, reported that the citrus sales this year started October 15. The fruit will again come from Seal Sweet, direct from Florida, and the Chapter will be selling oranges, grapefruit, and a new addition, tangelos.

The group went into committee meetings and later committee chairmen gave brief reports of their meetings.

Partial Defrosting Advised For Home Freezing

A freezer without excess frost on the surface is more efficient than one with thick frost, according to foods and nutrition specialists with the Cooperative Extension Service of The Pennsylvania State University.

Heavy frost on freezer surfaces not only limits the space available for food in the unit, but also causes the temperature to rise. Temperatures higher than recommended can lower the quality of food stored.

Periodic scraping will eliminate frequent and thorough defrosting, point out the Extension specialists. But when the frost becomes a half-inch thick on most surfaces of the freezer, you know it's time to defrost the unit completely.

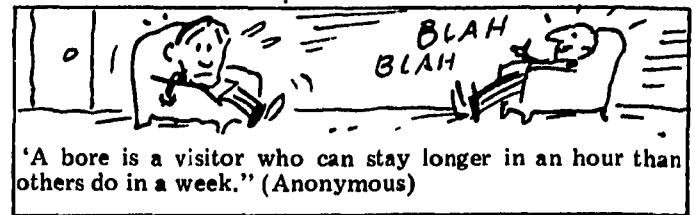
The best time to defrost is when the food supply is low. To protect the food, make sure it is as cold as possible before removing it from the freezer. Wrap the packages in blankets, several layers of newspaper or other insulating material and the food will stay frozen until the freezer is clean.

Use a thick, flexible, spatula-like tool to clean frost off the surfaces. Scrape gently, but firmly, being careful not to damage the freezer walls. After all frost is out of the unit, wash the inside with a solution of one tablespoon of baking soda to one quart of lukewarm water. Rinse, wipe dry and then turn freezer on to its coldest setting. Wait until you feel frost forming on the sides, or about ten minutes, before you replace food packages, advise the Extension specialists.

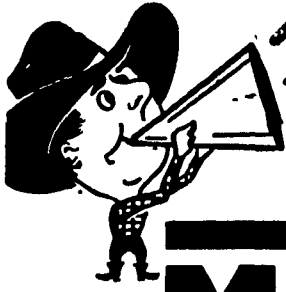
Always refer to the use and care manual that came with your freezer when you have any questions. The manufacturer has prepared instructions for his product and for your use.

Store Pumpkins Well

Best storage temperature for pumpkins and winter squash is from 50 to 55 degrees with a relatively low humidity of about 70 to 75 percent, says James O. Dutt, Extension home garden specialist at The Pennsylvania State University.



'A bore is a visitor who can stay longer in an hour than others do in a week.' (Anonymous)



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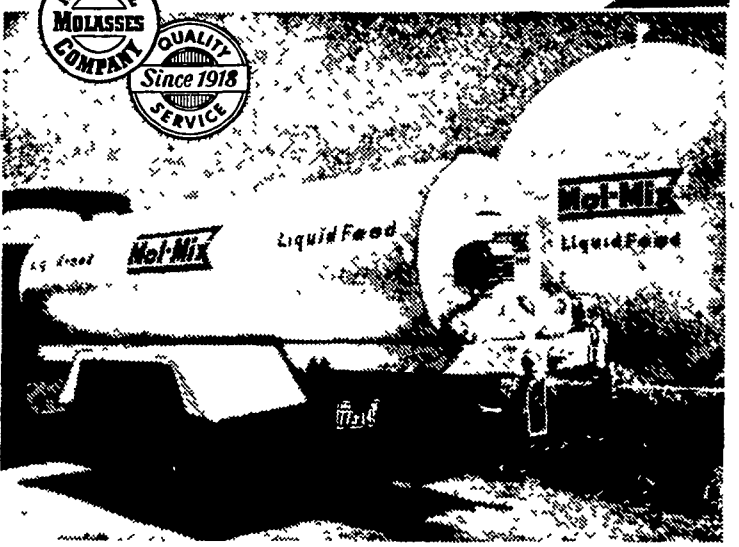
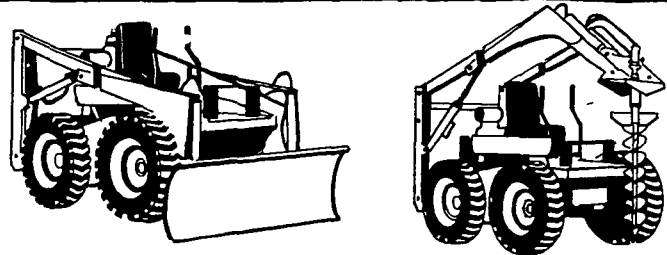
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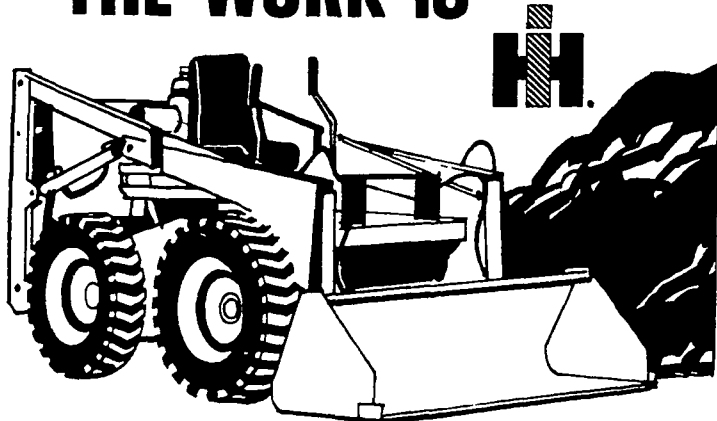
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