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## Thoughts in Passing

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don't have to trade in five or ten pieces of your scrap iron that nobody else wants. This year with used stuff what it is, new equipment looks better than ever if, however, your dealer can get it for you.

A recent article in "Successful Farming" magazine refers to machinery investment in the vicinity of \$100 per acre. That, of course, means that to farm 100 acres you should have around \$10,000 invested in equipment. I would expect that most of you are over that figure which means that according to economists, you are over-equipped. Of course you don't have much of an alternative other than to share equipment or have custom work done, each of

which have serious drawbacks. There are, however, many farmers which have much too large of equipment for the acreage that they are farming. To farm one hundred and fifty acres of rotational crops, you don't need a five plow tractor, but guys still buy them. What really makes me laugh is a guy who thinks he needs the efficiency of a five or six bottom plow yet plants corn with a two row planter. I think the key here is common sense, and if it makes you feel any better, put an air conditioned cab on your 30 horsepower tractor and you'll at least feel like a big-time operator.

In conclusion, remember that if you buy something at a sale this winter like a corn planter, don't wait until May 10th to see if it works.

## Chester Co. Girl to Attend National 4-H Conference

Elizabeth Hutchison, of RD2, West Grove, is one of five outstanding Pennsylvania 4-H members selected to take part in the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., April 20-25.

The conference, with headquarters at the National 4-H Center, is designed to explore ways to improve 4-H work and to interpret the youth program to legislators and other public officials through personal contact.

"Beth was named to attend the event on the basis of her 4-H records and participation in county and state activities," said Leland G. Jinks, 4-H youth division leader at The Pennsylvania State University.

In Washington, the five delegates will meet with 4-H members from other states, visit points of interest in the District of Columbia area, have conferences with lawmakers, and discuss major issues facing 4-H in the future, Jinks points out.

Several hundred 4-H members from all states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia will take part in the activities.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hutchison, Beth is a student at Duke University. She has been a 4-H member 11 years.

She served her local club as president, secretary, treasurer, news reporter, song leader and game leader.

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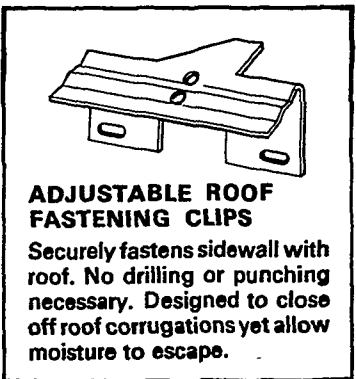


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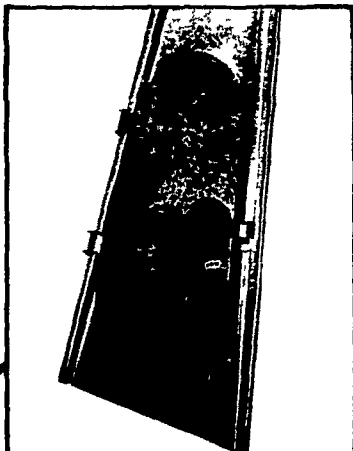
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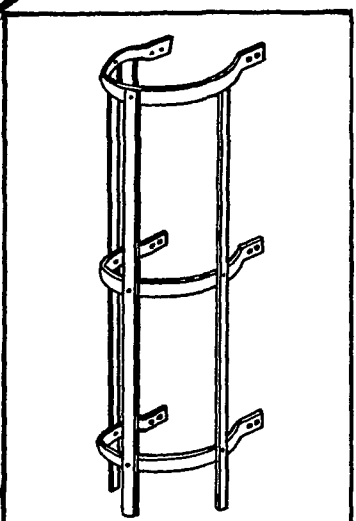
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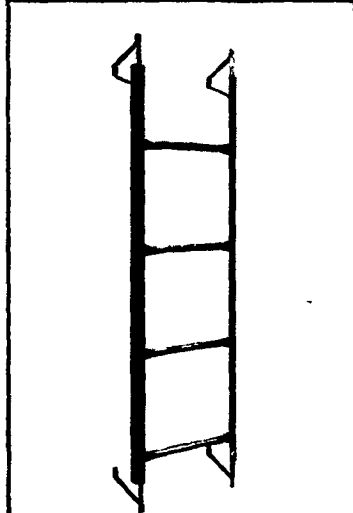
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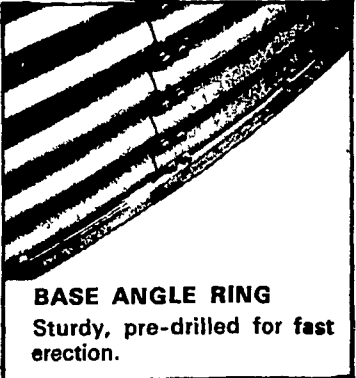


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