

Disease Eradication Organization Formed

Dr. Homer S. Forney, Chief, Miscellaneous Disease Division, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, returned recently from a recent seminar in Indianapolis, Indiana, sponsored by

USDA, to form a regional emergency disease eradication organization for the northern states. Purpose of the seminar was to explain, assemble and train the new Regional Emergency Animal Disease

Eradication Organization (READEO). This group, created and sponsored by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), was organized to fight foreign animal disease outbreaks on a regional

basis. Forney said, "Although a plan to cover emergency animal disease outbreaks always existed, a new organizational structure was developed - based on experiences in recent outbreaks such as exotic Newcastle disease of poultry and ornamental birds in southern California. Both state and federal personnel have assigned responsibilities and this meeting explained those roles."

The Indianapolis meeting was one of five conducted around the country for this purpose. Approximately 100 representatives from 19 states and Washington, D. C. attended the Indianapolis session. Dr. R. E. Omohundro, director of

Emergency programs for APHIS and Dr. H. C. King, Northern Region director of APHIS' Veterinary Services led the meeting.

"We hope we never have to put this organization plan into operation in Pennsylvania," Forney said. "However, recent outbreaks of hog cholera in Mississippi and exotic Newcastle disease in Texas have activated established emergency task forces in other regions of the country. The regional emergency animal disease organizations proved effective in these instances and we are sure our newly formed organization can eradicate any emergency disease outbreak which may occur here."

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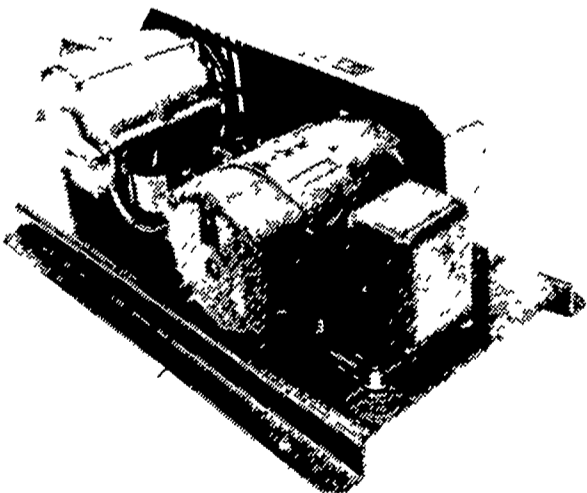


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Mrs. Wilson suggests you close the zipper before hanging a garment in the closet to prevent stretching. Because a zipper is easily broken during laundering, always close it before putting the garment in the washer. If you put the garment through a wringer, cover the closed zipper with folds of the garment fabric.

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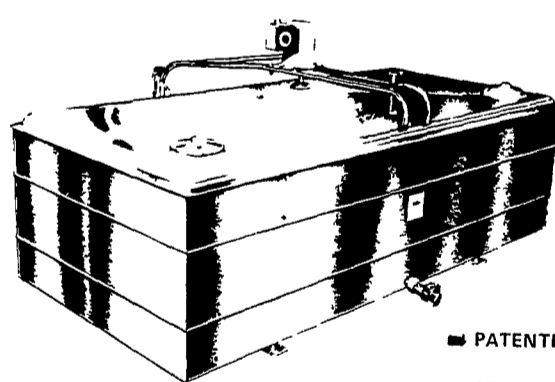
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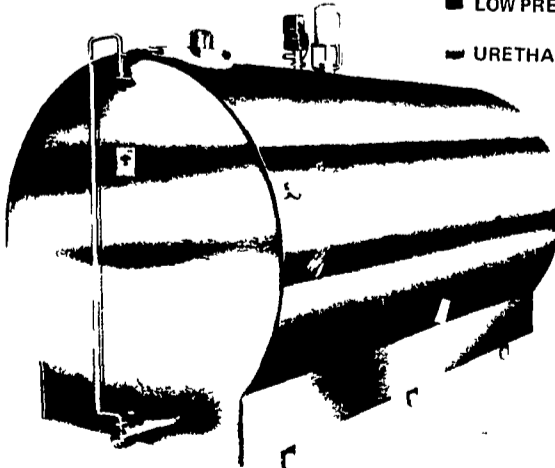
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