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problems farmers will be facing from tighter ennext few years. Although permits for handlers of solid from the permit requirement. He did say, though, that farmers may have to develop plans for the and that these plans would have to incorporate methods of controlling runoff, odors, and flies.

The department, La Cour said, is trying to keep from interfering with normal farm operations. "We're working very hard now to try and define exactly what is a 'normal' farm operation," he commented. "An average dairy farm or beef operation would certainly be considered normal. A large feedlot might not be con-

heard from William La Cour,

a planning analyst with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources solid waste division. La Cour

explained some of the

vironmental controls in the

Pennsylvania law requires

waste, La Cour said farmers

are specifically exempted

disposal of animal waste,



A group of bankers looks over the Slurry Store installation on the Myers Brothers farm in Penn Township, Lancaster County, during a special tour for bankers on Thursday afternoon. The installation, erected by A. O. Smith Harvestore, is the first of its kind in the East.

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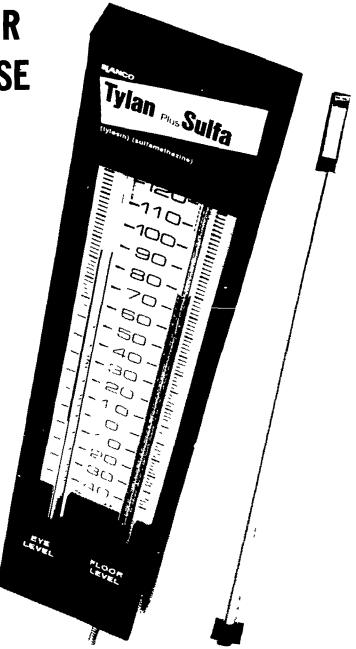
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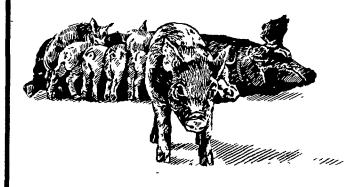
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sidered normal, and they might need a permit to operate.

"DER is trying to stress recycling in all areas of solid waste, including animal wastes. There are 20 million tons of animal wastes produced every year in Pennsylvania, so we could have a problem. We'd like to see manure kept until the ground isn't frozen. We'd like to see manure applied to the soil at a rate that does not exceed the soil's capacity to hold water and nitrogen.

"Traditional methods for spreading manure are going to work fine as long as they don't conflict with environmental considerations. At DER, we've worked out some general guidelines for spreading manure. Spread evenly and at the proper rate; subsurface injection necessary be sometimes. Don't spread on land with more than a 25percent slope. Don't spread on snow-covered or frozen ground, or within 100 feet of a well or stream. Don't spread in the areas of sinkholes. And drainage don't discharge into surface waters."

Frank Possessky, sales eliminate some of the specifications

problems La Cour referred to. "And with nitrogen selling for 30-cents a pound," he added, "manure becomes more and more valuable all the time as a fertilizer. This king of liquid system can help to preserve that fertılizer value."

Carl Brown, manager of the Lancaster office of Production Credit Association, told his banking comrades why they financed the project. "We've got clients out there just as you have," Brown said, "and there may come a time when livestock farmers will need more sophisticated manure handling equipment if they want to stay in business. I know manure storage doesn't relate to dollars right away. But a farmer who's operating a big dairy farm, for example, might be forced to shut down some day if he doesn't have the equipment to dispose of his manure in a way that meets legal requirements."

AIRCRAFT FUEL

Aircraft presently account for store manure so runoff and nearly eight percent of the total petroleum consumption in the United States Demand for jet fuels is increasing with the supervisor for Penn-Jersey Present commercial jet engine Harvestore, told the bankers fuels are grades of kerosene that the Slurrystore could tailored to air transport industry

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