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Ray Moyor and Elvin J. Gingrich (left) of Cedar Crest High School were greeted in Washington, D.C., by Gerrit DeBruin (right) of Monroe. Wisconsin, National Vice President from the Central Region of the Future Farmers of America. Ray and Elvin attended a week-long National FFA Washington Conference program

Cherry Crop Down

Pennsylvania's 1975 tart cherry production has decreased from last, year,

according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Tart cherry production in Pennsylvania is forecast at 6,000 tons, which is eight percent below last year's utilized crop of 6,550 tons.

Development of the crop is slightly behind last year with harvest expected to begin in the south central area about July 6th while harvest in the Erie County area is expected to commence about July 11.

In the United States the 1975 production of tart cherries is forecast at 157,280 cons, an increase of 19 percent from 1974 and 81 percent above the short 1973 utilized production.

Pennsylvania's sweet cherry crop is forecast at 750 tons, down six percent from the 1974 utilized crop of 800

Bloom was approximately

7-10 days behind 1974. However, limited harvest of early varieties is underway in the south central areas and is expected to be most active from June 23 to July 1.

In the United States, the 1975 sweet cherry production is forecast at 155,250 tons, up eight percent from last year's utilized crop of 143,550

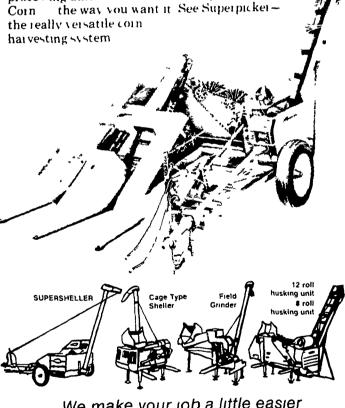
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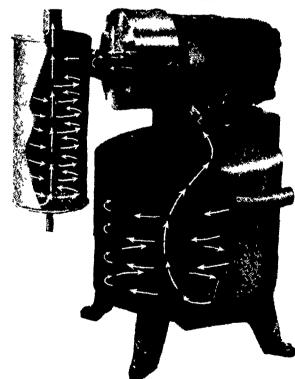
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