

LIFE on the farm

By Dieter Krieg, Editor

Having my own interests and responsibilities which were everywhere but in the kitchen and garden unless I was hungry, I never paid much attention to what life on the farm was like in those places. But as I think about it now, that's where the "heart" of everything is — in more ways than one.

I can picture my mother, grandmother, and sisters working in the kitchen; especially during this time of year when they were busy preparing and canning fruits and vegetables.

Bowls of things were stacked on the tables, stove, counter tops and sink. Quite often there was more on the floor. We boys and my father were always just passing through — and more often than not we'd snatch a few slices of fruit or the makings of a cake. It was really handy.

There was a wash basin to the rear of the kitchen and quite a few small parts of all sorts were kept in the cupboards there. Coming into the house for either of those reasons meant having a chance to grab some goodies.

A typical summer day in the kitchen would find my mother busy filling jars; my grandmother with a bowl on

her lap to prepare garden crops for canning, one of my sisters turning a food mill; and another at the stove to prepare the noon meal.

The whole kitchen was permeated with the tempting aroma of cooked cherries or apples. And unless the snitching got to be too bad, it was always filled with love and kindness. Once in a while my brother and I would get our fingers slapped, and that often just led to more of the same because teasing was part of the fun.

My grandmother's eyes would always light up and the joy that she had in her growing family was unmistakable. Her kind face and appreciative eyes went well with her words of wisdom and understanding.

Everybody was busy. Steam arose from the kettles on the stove. Piles of fruits and vegetables awaited freezing or canning. And just when they might be getting ahead a bit, another sister, or perhaps my grandfather, would walk in with another basket of the same.

The kitchen and life on the farm — they go together not just during this time of year, but always. Like a horse and carriage or love and marriage

What's New

RODENTS, ANTS CHASED AWAY BY ELECTRO MAGNETIC WAVE MACHINE

An electromagnetic field generating machine is being used in California communities to clear acreage of gophers, moles, rats, mice and ants. The VRP Corporation, marketers of the Ergon Pest Control System, claims the unit establishes lasting control of the affected area to prevent future infestation.

The company describes "Ergon" as "a modern system which naturally controls pests without polluting or poisoning the environment, and without injuring or destroying by traditional methods."

About the size of an electric meter box, the Ergon unit generates an electro-magnetic frequency vibration at irregularly timed intervals, for varying lengths of time. In numerous experimental and commercial installations over the past three years, the effects on rodents and various species of ants have been consistent. Initially, pests exhibit unusual and increased activity. Ants become disoriented. Gophers and moles enlarge their diggings. Rats and mice abandon their nests day and night.

Then, once the magnetic control field has been established over a period of a few weeks, the pests disappear.

According to VRP Corporation General Manager Cedric Viggers, the Ergon unit is effective in controlling pest infestation of buildings and residences as well as field acreage.

A single Ergon unit is guaranteed to control at least five acres. Viggers pointed out that the size of the electronically generated field depends on soil and moisture conditions and the terrain. The company claims Ergon's frequency vibrations are in a range

which affects only animals of the rodent family - rats, mice, gophers, moles - and certain kinds of ants. Not affected at all are humans, domestic fowl, birds, cats, dogs, farm animals, chickens, deer or earthworms. Plant and vegetable life is also unaffected.

The Ergon unit is a metal box measuring seven inches by seven inches by three inches with a clamp for attachment to any metal pipe that can be driven down eight feet underground. The

power requirement is 115 VAC, 12 amp maximum. Users report the approximate electricity cost of a single unit's operation for a month at one dollar.

The manufacturer guarantees the unit to function properly for three years and VRP Corporation guarantees observable results within 30 days. VRP promises a refund if user is dissatisfied during the guarantee period.

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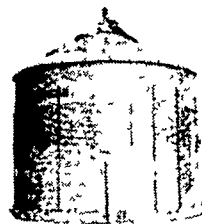
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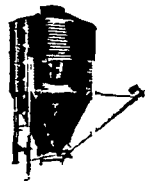


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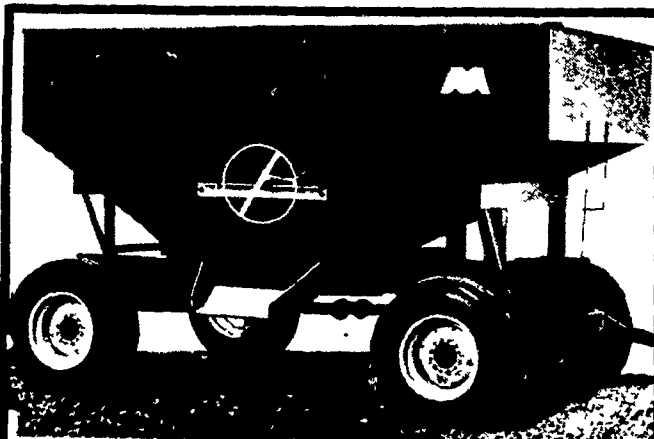
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