



LIFE on the farm

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Ears of corn pounded upon the metal apron of the elevator. They fell from the back of the wagon as regularly as steps in a military march while an electric motor powered an unloading wedge pulled by two cables.

The elevator - possibly weary of heavy-duty service during this time of year - screamed loudly as it labored noticeably to hoist the golden ears of

corn into the corn crib. If the banging of the corn on metal didn't keep a fellow awake, then the loud screaming certainly would. In addition to that, there was a definitely audible "thud" each second as a pile of corn was dropped into place by the elevator.

I can still picture the scenes and recreate the accompanying noises in my mind, even though it was 14 years ago. Every once in a while an ear of

corn would come tumbling down over the side. Quite a few individual kernels leaked out here and there too. It wasn't really all that many - but enough to cause a disaster.

Everything looked innocent enough when we finished work that evening. The cows were content, the weather was pleasant, and work had come along favorably all day.

Dipping milk out of the bulk tank to take along up to the house, it was time to call it quits for the evening, eat supper, watch a little T.V., do some homework, and go to bed.

It was early next day when Dad announced the tragedy he discovered.

"Number 12 is tot," he said.

(Number 12 is dead). The expression on his face registered unbridled anguish.

Number 12 was a cow - but not just any cow. She was the milk production leader of the herd for the year and had a commanding 1600-pound lead over the second-place bovine. Poorer cows seldom die on the farm. It's always the better ones. Every dairyman knows that.

Down behind the corn shed was Number 12, with a 220-volt electric cord in her mouth. She had evidently been relishing the kernels of spilled corn during the night and was electrocuted by the powerline which wasn't unplugged the previous evening at quitting time.

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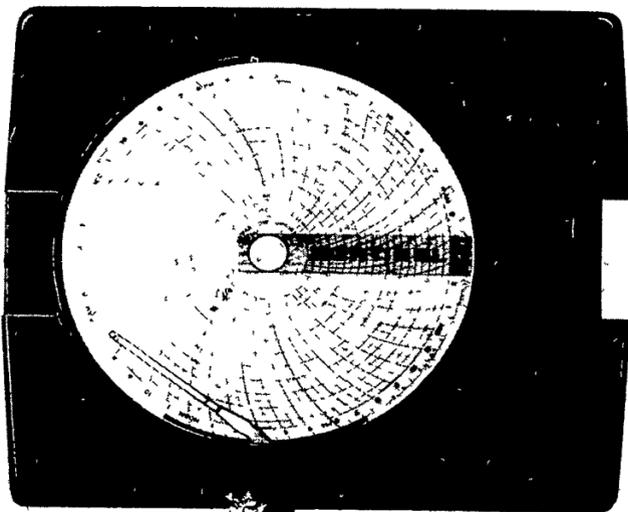
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