

On being a farm wife - and other hazards

By Joyce Bupp



Calendars are nifty things to have around the farm. One at the desk is full of notations about banquets, farm meetings, and business memos. One beside the kitchen sink keeps records of birthdays, anniversaries, doctor and dentist appointments. And the barn calendars retain important herd breeding dates, vet visits, and calf births.

This week, they all proclaimed the same noteworthy message - the first day of Spring had officially arrived. For a change, I was ahead of the calendar. I knew it was Spring without any written reminder. How? A yearly recurrence of a strange farm-related malady suddenly appeared. "Tractor fever" had struck again.

Symptoms of the affliction are subtle at first; only after years of experience can the observer point toward the eventual breakdown of the stricken subject. Offhand comments about oil leaks, transmission problems, and starter failures are reliable clues. Next, the subject will spend literally hours staring intently at the farm sale and machinery ads in the paper as he progresses to the

second stage of the disease. At this point there may be slight side effects, such as odd slips of paper covered with phone numbers appearing in pockets, on desks, and randomly stuck to the office bulletin board. Newspapers will develop gaping holes as ads are stashed away for future reference.

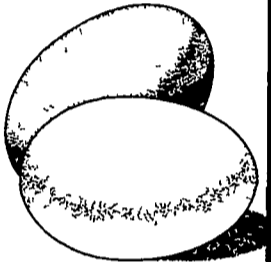
Addiction to the telephone marks progression into the third stage. The receiver may attach itself to the ear of the sufferer for long periods of time, as prospects near and far are checked out. Your telephone company may give you a citation for meritorious service when they receive your next payment.

By far the most crucial stage is the fourth. The afflicted will suddenly go off by himself for hours while looking over real live prospective tractors prescriptions at machinery dealers and farm sales. This stage may pass quickly or hang on for many weeks.

However, you will know the cure is at hand when he walks in the door one day with a smile and a self-satisfied expression of accomplishment on his face. Yes, you have all survived

"tractor fever" and lived to tell about it for another year. Do you suppose someday modern scientific medicine might come up with a vaccination for this "bug" and take all his fun away?

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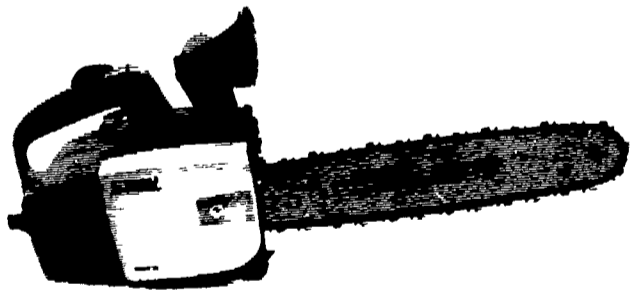


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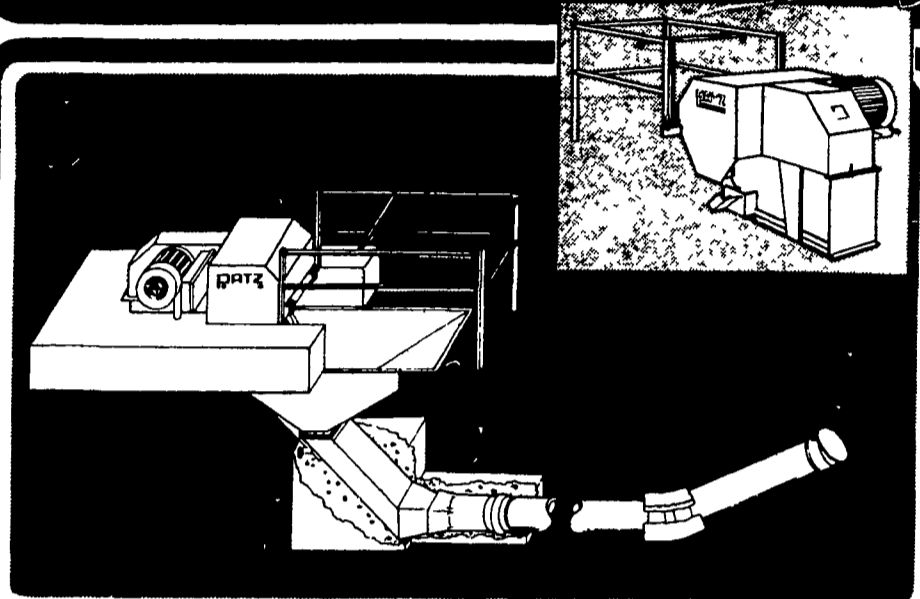
until 5 p.m. Bring any new or used tacks, clothing or horse related items to sell.

The club keeps 15 per cent of sale price. Bring items on April 1 between 12 and 5. Pick up money or unsold items on April 2 between 5

p.m. and 9 p.m. For further information call 569-3068 or 898-8476. Free coffee and a bake sale while you shop.

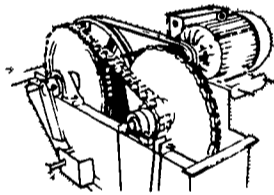


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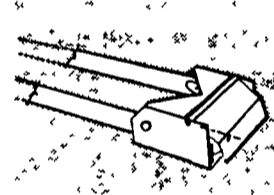


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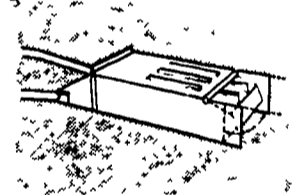
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