



LIFE on the farm

By Dieter Krieg, Editor

The way those fellows were dressed, you'd think they were on their way to a business executive's meeting. Shoes were

polished like mirrors, not a hair was out of place, and there wasn't a speck of dirt underneath their fingernails or ingrained into

the palms of their soft little hands. They looked like models more than anything else.

Sizing them up as I walked towards their new automobile, I figured these guys to be a real pair of softies who thought they were big shots. Farmers don't usually have much time for these sort of characters. Each young man carried a clipboard with plenty of paper. Maybe they were government agents instead of models. I could tell they weren't salesmen because anyone with something to sell doesn't play the role of the high and mighty.


Dad wasn't saying much, but I could tell he wouldn't have missed their visit at all. He was sizing these guys up about the same way I was and undoubtedly thinking the same thing. Aside from these characters being way overdressed for anything less than a social affair at some fancy club, these two young bucks acted as though they were Mr. Authority and Mr. Executive. They thought they knew most everything and demanded to know whatever they didn't know. They had forms to fill out and

really took that job to heart. In the process they made fools out of themselves and left an impression which sank to the depths of human possibilities.

It wasn't until after they had gone that Dad really voiced his objection to their visit. Shaking his head and laughing half in anger and half in enjoyment out of the ridiculousness of it all, he told of some of the questions the two men had asked. Like how many bathrooms we had. They wanted to know, in detail, about any remodeling or building we had done and anything else that had changed on the farm during the last several years.

Most farmers think that's nobody's business but their own, especially when the fellows asking all the questions are the county tax assessors.

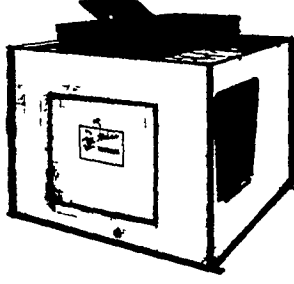
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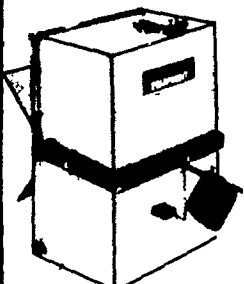
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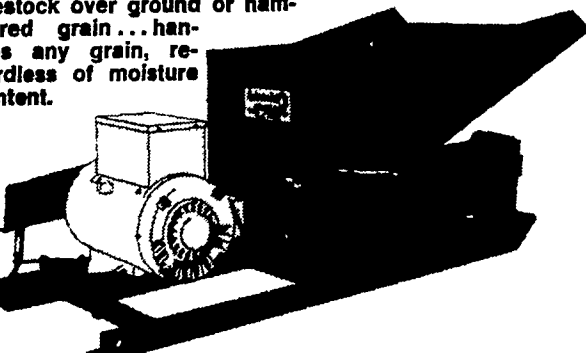
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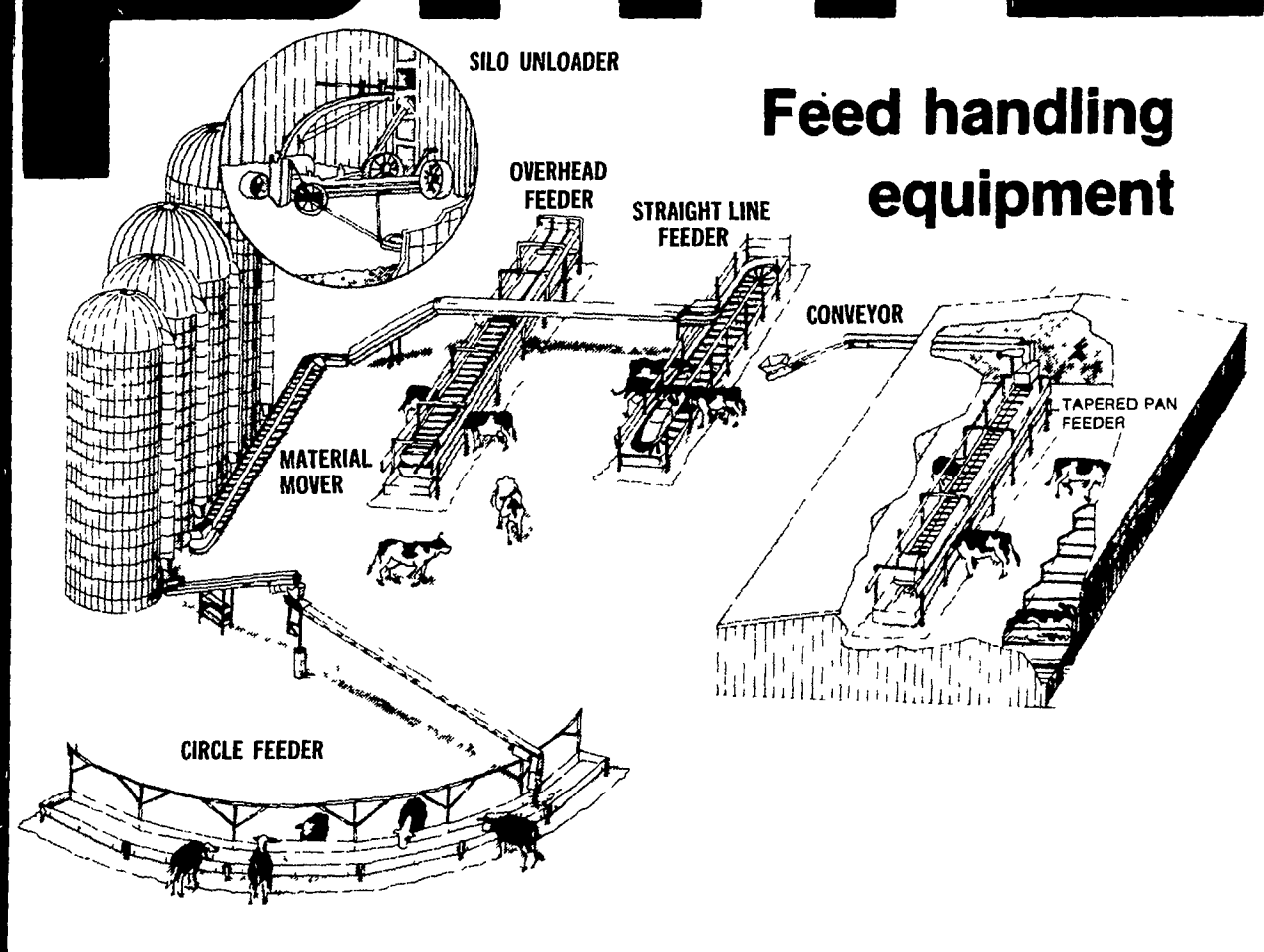


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