

Runaway railroad cars and \$18/ton feed marked beginning of farmers' cooperative

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LANCASTER - The afternoon was running smoothly at the warehouse that day. Two boxcars full of

feed were swiftly being unloaded onto the platform and three more were parked temporarily on the nearby siding.

Midst the hustle and bustle

of work, a tall, slender man emerged from the warehouse and intently headed up the hill to the sided cars.

Crawling up the side of the first one, he stationed himself on the footbar and looked out over the roof at the activity before him.

Seeing that no one was in his path, he released the brake wheel and confidently rode along as the three weighty wheeled boxes steadily rolled down the incline to the warehouse door.

Judging his distance from the building, he changed position to wind up the brake wheel, when, much to his astonishment and fright, he found that the brake was faulty. Instead of slowing down, the three 20-ton cars were quickly picking up momentum. As the building came closer and closer, the man frantically tried to work the brake, but to no avail.

In a matter of minutes, the



Unloading feed from freight cars was a fact of life in the early years of farmers' cooperatives.

heavy boxcars smacked solidly into the two near the warehouse, shoving them

five or six feet, and ramming their iron unloading plates into the side of the building.

The whole time, the unwitting warehouse manager

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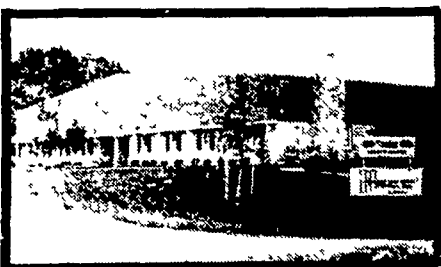
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