



Life on the farm By Dieter Krieg

A fiercely cold wind, carrying an endless cloud of icy snowflakes, battered my bare face. Coming straight at me from the west, it made it nearly impossible to see, and sometimes even difficult to breathe.

My feet were beginning to get numb as I drove back and forth along the lane from the barn to the road, clearing the snow away with an older model farm tractor which had no cab and only a small blade which wasn't designed for pushing snow. Progress was slow, and oftentimes I wondered if it wasn't really the storm which was winning this battle.

When milking time approached, I had been out on the tractor for nearly three continuous hours. My coat, hat, pants, and boots were covered with snow and ice. My face felt as though it was melting when I stepped into the warmth of the milk house to assemble the milking machines and connect the pipeline to the bulk tank.

Outside, there was no let-up on the steady assault of the storm. More than a foot of snow was already on the ground, and there was no telling how deep some of the drifts might be. The wind whistled; sheets of tin were starting to come loose; doors rattled; and the electric wires heaved back and forth, making me wonder when they might snap.

While cows waited to be milked, I wished I could turn each one of them off. I didn't want to be milking that afternoon, and I stalled as much as I could, frequently walking to the windows to observe what was going on outside. If those electric wires snapped then there would really be trouble because cows do have to be

milked regardless of the weather or presence of electricity.

The highway was approximately a quarter mile away. A pale-yellow beam of light faintly penetrated the curtain of snow and for an instant there was a flash of joy that ran all through my body. As the lights approached the end of the lane, I silently repeated "turn in, turn in!" to myself. The vehicle kept going and all of a sudden I felt even more tired and weak than before.

I lifted the lid of the bulk tank and stared into it for a moment before continuing to assemble the milking equipment. The milk was within three inches from the top. When the agitator was turning, it actually spilled some milk over the edges. Each inch in height represented about 200 pounds of milk. I guessed it would hold 500 more pounds if the agitator were turned off. The cows would produce around 1,000 pounds tonight.

The phone rang. A neighbor wanted to know if the milk truck had picked up our milk yet. "No," I said, "we expected him this afternoon - the driver's wife had called about making sure the lane was cleared, but he must not have returned from Philly yet."

Two-thousand pounds of milk and 15 hours later, the milk truck pulled up to the milk house. The snow had crippled things all over the place -- at the milk plant, on the roads, and on farms. Farmers lost a lot of money during that storm six years ago and milk truck drivers lost an awful lot of sleep trying to get their tankers from one place to another.

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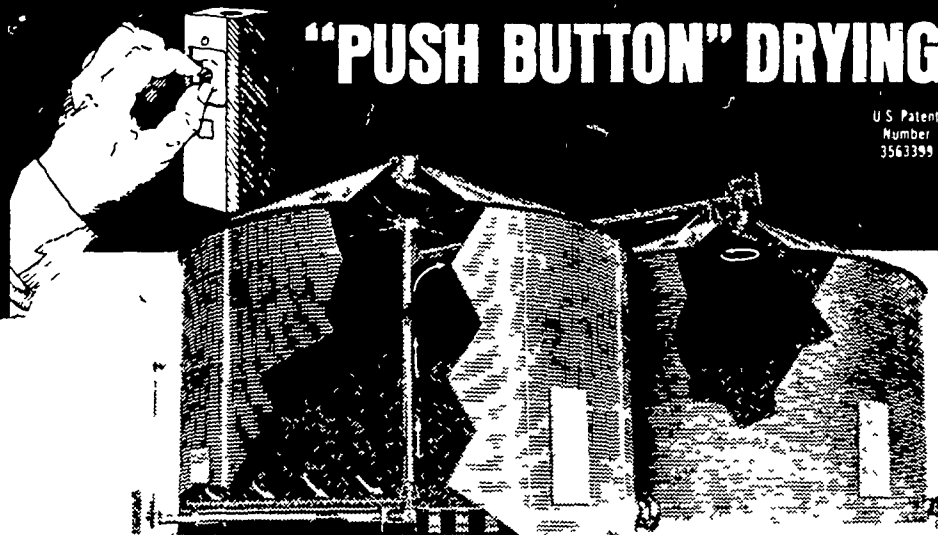
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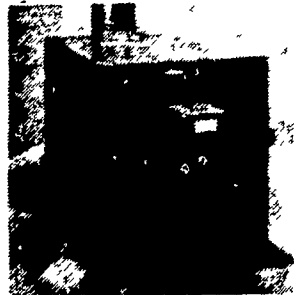
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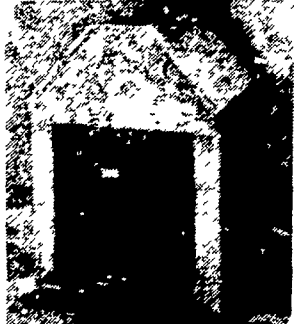
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