

U.S.D.A. dismemberment opposed

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry put itself on record in opposition to any attempt to reorganize the U.S. Department of Agriculture that would strip away its "vital functions".

The Committee adopted a "sense of the Senate" resolution sponsored by its chairman, U.S. Senator Herman E. Talmadge, declaring that continuance of a "strong and independent" Department of Agriculture is in the best interest of the nation's farmers and consumers.

Department of Agriculture should not be changed in any way that would diminish its ability to perform any of its vital functions."

Talmadge has been sharply critical of reported moves to shift USDA's Forest Service to the Department of the Interior and its food inspection functions to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The resolution, which is subject to full Senate approval, declares: "is hereby declared to be the sense of the Senate that in any government reorganization, the

The Talmadge resolution said the current economic plight of farmers makes any attempt to dismember- USDA particularly unfortunate.

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Disaster fund started

WEST CHESTER — A disaster relief fund has been started for a former Chester County farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Milliron, Sr. and Sons, now living at Laceyville R2, in Wyoming Co. Eight dairy cows were lost recently and the barn declared a total loss when the weight of heavy snow caused the barn roof to collapse. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

drinking from water bowls, and a water pipe is believed to have fallen on their heads.

Several cattle were also injured, sustaining back and leg injuries. The veterinarian treating them believes that they will recover from their injuries.

Sixty cows were in their stanchions when the roof fell. It is believed that most of the cattle were spared because they were lying down. Those that were killed were possibly standing,

The Millirons were formerly farmers in the West Chester-Downingtown area where they lived for 30 years before moving to Laceyville in 1960.

Contributions may be sent to the Milliron Disaster Relief Fund, Account No. 10-0369-9, First National Bank of West Chester, 9 North High Street, West Chester, Pa., 19380.

Straw prices

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Mrs. Marshall Jones, who boards horses on their farm near Westtown, Chester County, agrees with King, saying that sawdust makes a softer cushion and just beds better, in general, than the straw.

drain on shavings plus poor hauling conditions due to bad weather, this type of bedding is becoming more and more difficult to locate.

Peanut hulls are another alternative, but they are also not readily available and farmers report that their price keeps rising.

Some farmers are taking advantage of the positive points of wood shavings by buying it, and then selling their straw for a profit while the prices are high. Unfortunately, with this extra

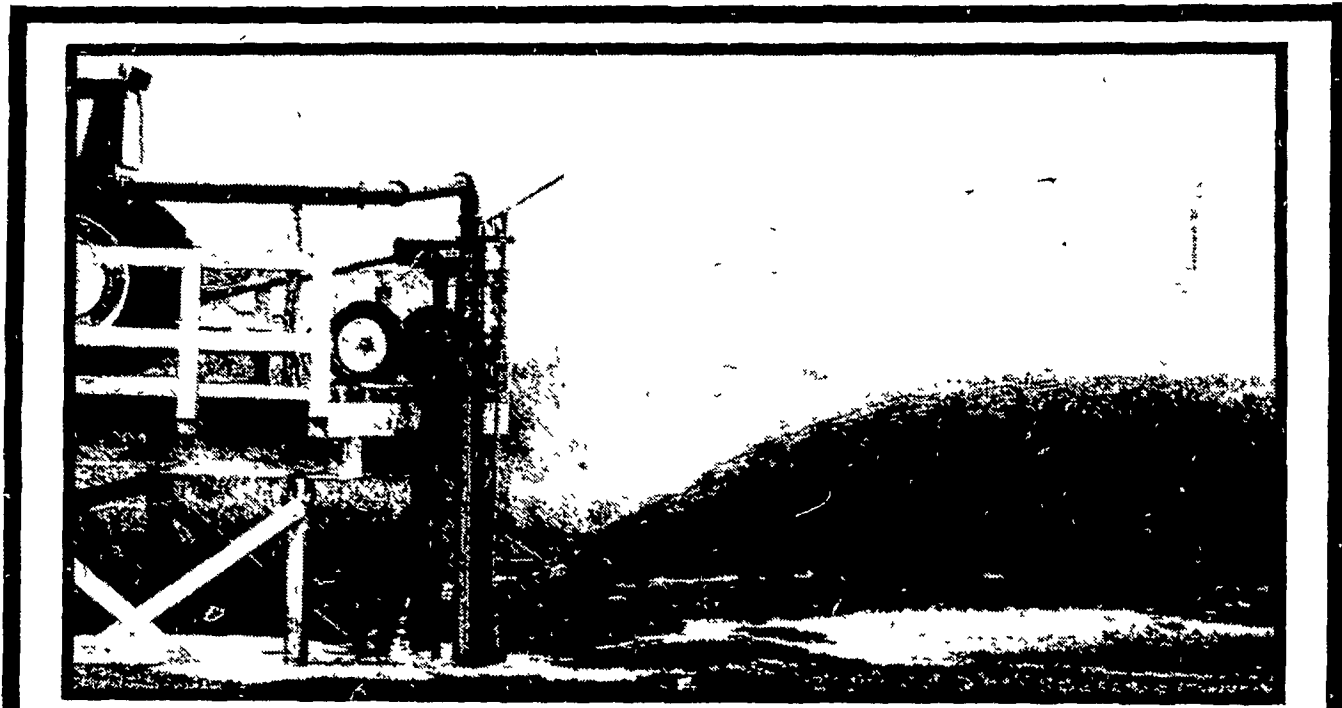
Corn fodder, the usual substitute during a straw shortage, is also short this year because of poor weather at the time when it should have been brought in.

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