

# Modern dairy

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barnyard. So, in the yellow-red glow of the flaming tobacco shed, he ran past the

cows to get to the gate. Unnerved by the sights, smells, and sounds of the exploding fire and swirling smoke beside them, the

animals ran into the barn again.

Seeing what had happened, Landis went in after them and herded them out. "I was hoarse for days afterward from shouting at them," Landis calls.

After a few trips in and out of the barn, the windows in the back of the building exploded inward, and Landis changed his plan of events.

"I thought I'd better get those dry cows out, too," he states. All told, he freed 59 cows that night, the "fastest I'd ever let them out in my life."

Even though the heat was getting so intense that he could barely stand it, he ran to the milk house, which was already smoking, and retrieved the breeding calendar on which he had kept many of his records.

As the smoke swarmed around him and the flames cracked above his head, Landis realized that it was time to get out of the building before the entire milkhouse was consumed. Although there were a few anxious moments when he and several friends were concerned for their safety,

everyone made it out unharmed.

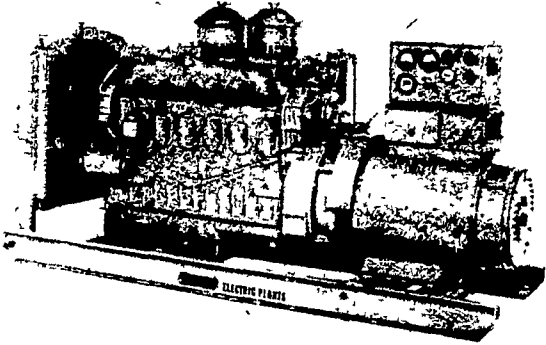
Standing outside, Landis and his family watched as

their buildings burned. According to Doris, it took only a matter of minutes before the basic destruction was over. In that short span

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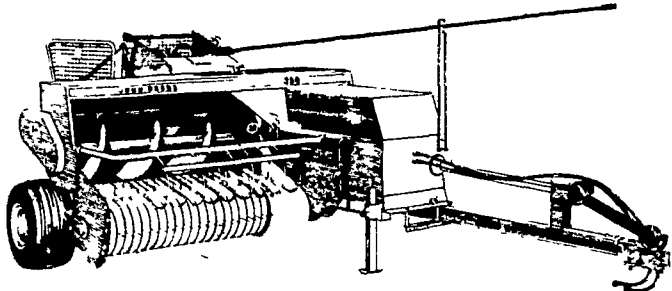
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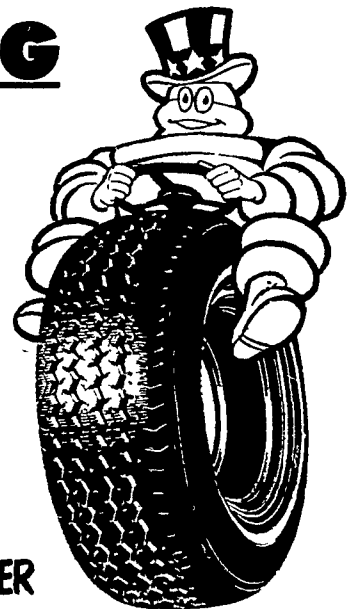
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Milking time at the John L. Landis farm, 1801 Colebrook Road, Lancaster, is busy, requiring three workers to let the Holsteins in, wash them, milk them, and let them out again. The set up is a double eight herringbone parlor. Doing the work in the evening are Mrs. Doris Landis, left; daughter Lucinda, and the Landis's hired man Leslie Yoder.

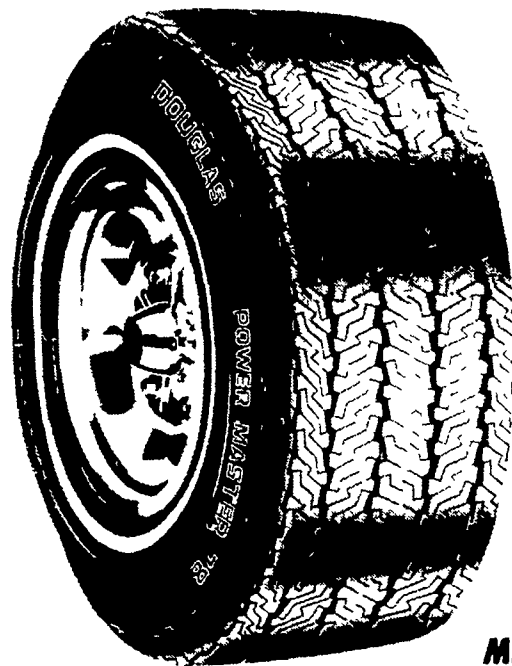
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