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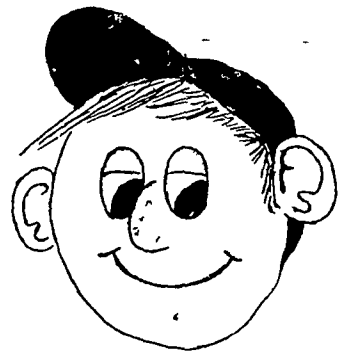
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By BARNEY NIXNUTZ

"All the news that's unimportant, but still interesting."



The chopper strikes again

Hans Hubschrauber, the flying spaghetti farmer who was pictured on page 1 of the April 1 issue of this newspaper, created laughs, conversations, and even arguments in many homes and places of business. This week Lancaster Farming learned that the now famous Pennsylvania farmer even became a prime topic of interest at an Eastern military reservation.

Now, the center, we're told, is a major helicopter base and the facility is filled with aviation experts.

Some really energetic discussions were underway up there about a month ago when one of the men on duty there brought in a newspaper clipping of Hans Hubschrauber and pinned it on the bulletin board.

According to our source of information, who is himself a helicopter expert, the picture attracted attention like magnet draws iron filings. "It can't be -- it's got to be a hoax," most of the men reportedly said. But the picture bewildered them. Maybe it was real.

The experts went as far as getting their calculators out and making calculations. "They really tore that picture apart," says our informer. "For example," he continued, "we knew that the pictured helicopter with a standard engine could only develop about 900 horsepower. We didn't think that was enough to lift a manure spreader, but then we didn't know how much that loaded spreader would weigh."

Arguments continued for two

hours straight. Some said it just couldn't be. Others argued it had to be . . . it was right in front of them in black and white. The experts continued to proceed with the issue at hand a step at a time, going into such details as structural limitations, lift capacities, costs of operation, and "why in the world does the guy need a radar dome and artillery for field work?" The answer, of course, was for better deer hunting.

It wasn't until this week that our informer accidentally learned about the background of the controversial picture.

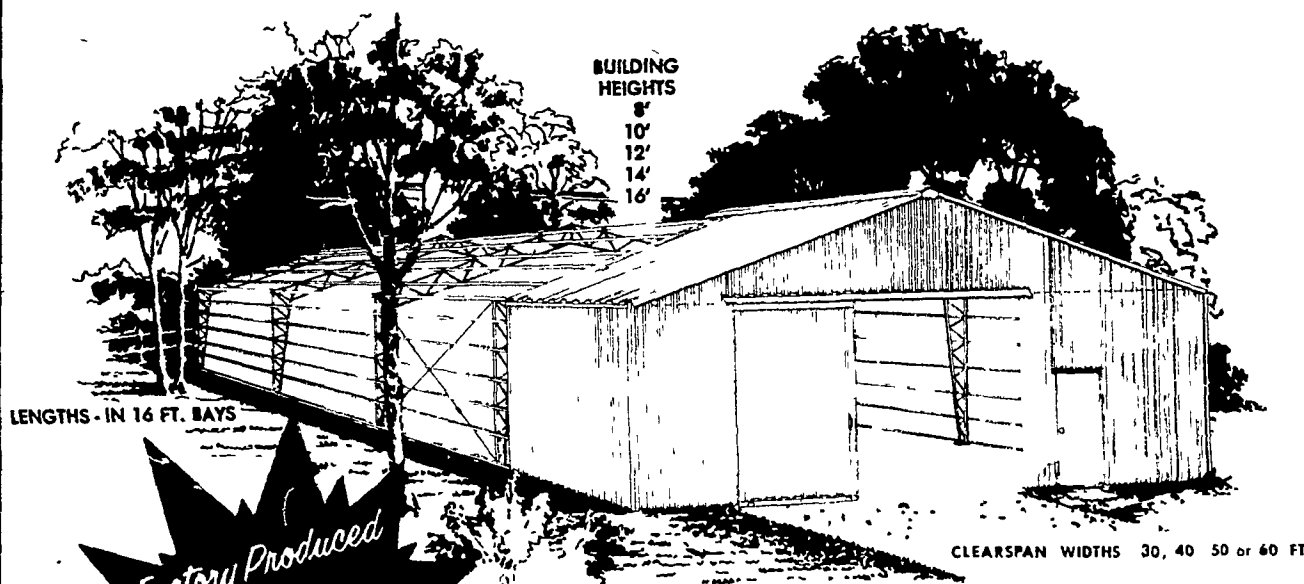
"Man, have you made my day!" he told the editor excitedly when he saw an April 1 issue of Lancaster Farming, and it was revealed to him that the picture and story were a hoax. Back at the military base, the men had only had a chance to see the picture and caption.

The way our informer recollects the conversations and arguments up there last month, the majority of the group finally agreed that the picture had to be real -- despite their calculations and helicopter expertise which instinctively told them it couldn't be.

Before the National Guardsman and the editor parted company on Wednesday night, the guardsman asked for a copy of the paper in which Hans Hubschrauber made his debut. "I'm going to have more fun with this tomorrow than you can imagine," he said while laughing and shaking his head. "You didn't just fool the farmers, you fooled the helicopter experts at the base!"

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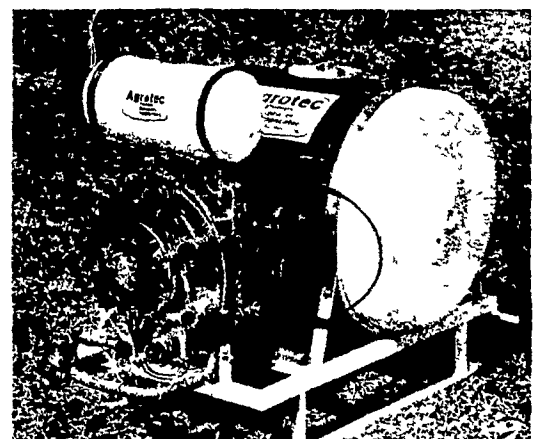
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