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Berwick Vegetable Cooperative

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and more farmers give up because there are a lot more easy ways to make a living. Today, we are beginning to realize that we must learn the lesson, and learn it quickly. Further delay and further disregard of agricultural problems will only add to the cost of the solution and compound the difficulty.

"You can pray that your kids will love the soil enough to find some sort of satisfaction and contentment in watching things grow out of that irreplaceable resource, the good earth, that God provided. Thank God some people still like to farm, and would rather do that than take an easier way out, like selling out to a developer, and those people are the hope of a world getting hungrier and hungrier and depending upon American agricultural production for something to eat.

"But it must be made profitable and attractive to keep them down on the farm...and on the family farm.

"A recent consultation held by 24 religious denominational and ecumenical agencies found that the family farm must be maintained and strengthened because:

1. It was found to be the most efficient unit of food production.
2. It is the best unit for conservation of land and water resources.
3. It preserves a genuinely competitive element in the national economy.
4. It provides a solid economic base for strong and cohesive family life.
5. It represents a way of life and containing the valuable elements of personal freedom, self-reliance, and vocational fulfillment.
6. It provides the best and

most suitable basis for the social and economic institutions of the rural community.

"The family farm must, necessarily and justly so, be able to earn a return equal to the cost of production plus a reasonable profit - and "reasonable" means return on investment as well as decent monetary gain based on the number of hours worked. And the return must come from the marketplace, and not from government. We're looking right here at a perfect example - you in the Berwick Vegetable Cooperative have developed a process for marketing your produce and getting a fair return, and it's through your own ingenuity in the marketplace.

Admitting that he is not a farmer, the Schuylkill County politician nonetheless said early in his remarks that he had one interest in common with his listeners. "And I also have one deep and abiding concern that I know you share with me," he added. "Our

common interest centers on the questions of how are we going to convince our kids that it is in their best interest to carry on the family farm - or the family small business. After all, all the worrying we do is done because we're concerned about our kids' heritage - not only the mundane things we might be able to love them, but what kind of social and economic world we are going to pass on to them."

BVC

Business Report

In other activities at the 25th anniversary meeting, BVC manager Burton Hetherington reported a profit for the period under review and that the profits would be distributed to the patrons of the cooperative within the time prescribed by Pennsylvania cooperative law. Hetherington noted that the co-op is in a sound financial position.

New directors elected to three year terms were J. Wilfred Richards, Dalton; Clemon Smith, Nescopeck; Robert Seesholtz, Jr., Bloomsburg; Dale Whitenight, Catawissa; and Joseph Skala, Ringtown.

Nature 4-H club meets

TAYLORIA - The first meeting of the 4-H Nature Club was held recently and officers were elected. Steve Aument was named treasurer, Lisa Bilheimer was picked news reporter, and Dannette Groff elected secretary.

The group then went on a

hike along the Octorara Creek, collecting specimens and observing nature. After returning, the plants and flowers were placed on boards and pressed.

The next meeting of the group will be held on June 17 at the home of Mrs. Kleinb, Tyloria.

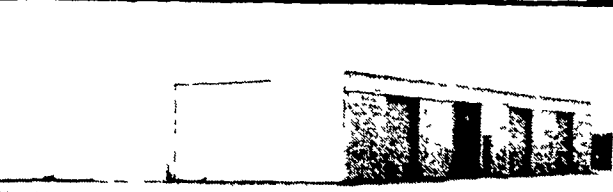
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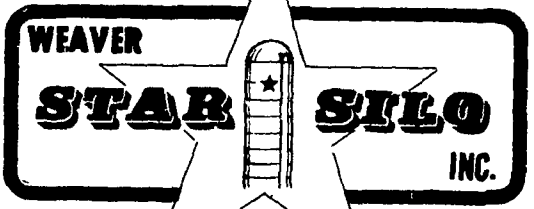
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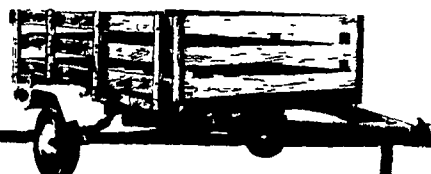
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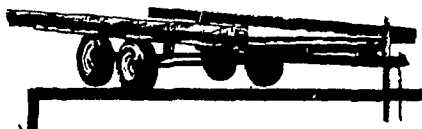
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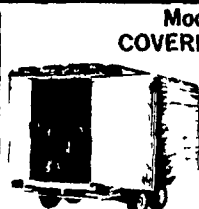
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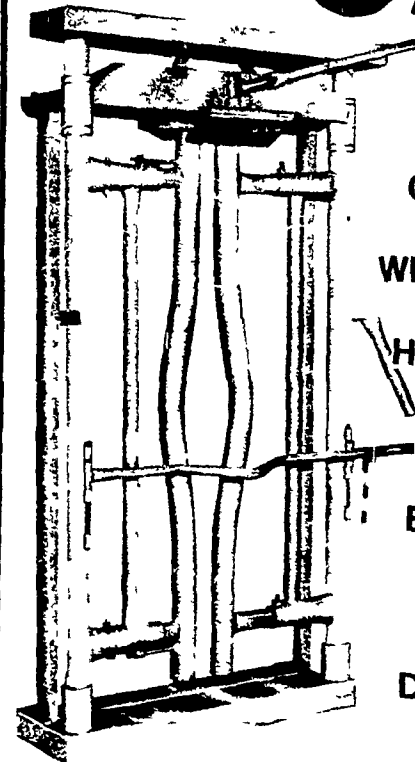


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