

## Cecil Co., Md. Winter meetings set

CALVERT, Md. — The first of the Cecil County Winter meetings will be Cecil County Dairy Day to be held February 20, at the Calvert Grange Hall on Route 273 near Calvert, Maryland. The morning program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts, and the viewing of a film "A Vet Looks at Functional Type". Dr. Robert Fry will talk on herd reproduction physiology and Dr. Michelle LeBlanc will speak on raising replacement heifers. Lunch

will again be sponsored by local agri-businesses and prepared by the ladies of the grange.

The afternoon topic for the Dairy Day program will be waste management. Various local dairymen will explain their systems and will then serve on a panel to answer questions. Herb Brodie, ag engineer for the University of Maryland will be on hand, along with Dave Wilson of Soil Conservation to answer questions and give detailed information on the different

types of systems that are available.

The Cecil County Agronomy Day will be held on February 22, at the grange hall also. At 9:30 a.m. the meeting will begin with coffee and donuts. At 10 a.m. a film on 208 entitled "Non-Point Pollution 83" will be shown. The first speaker on the program will be Tom Williams, agricultural engineer from the University of Delaware who will speak on "Energy Requirements for Con-

ventional and No-Tillage Systems." Frank Webb, agronomy specialist at the University of Delaware will speak on "Weed Control in Conventional and No-Tillage Corn — Beating the Weeds in '79." Soil testing and fertilizer placement will be discussed by Dan Derr, farmer and consultant for Brookside Laboratory. Following lunch Dr. Morris Decker, agronomist from the University of Maryland will discuss "Planting and Managing Alfalfa." Then a panel discussion will be held on "Hay Packaging Equipment." Panelists will include Bill Kunkle, George McDonald and James Schuber. The final topic will be covered by Scott Sawyer who will discuss sunflowers as a cash crop.

## Safety check needed for fireplaces

NORRISTOWN - Winter is the perfect time to curl up in front of a cozy fire. But before operating the fireplace or wood burning stove, one should take time to make sure he doesn't have a fire hazard, cautions experts.

One should: Make sure his chimney and flue lining are in good condition and free of blockage; never use the fireplace as an incinerator or garbage disposal, and be careful about throwing papers and other objects into the fire; always keep a screen in front of the fireplace and keep flammable objects and household furnishings away from the fire; never leave a fire burning unattended,

especially through the night; and if the house is tightly insulated, consider leaving a window open a crack for ventilation.

Wood burning stoves are very popular because of their practicality and charm. They can also cause tragic fires when improperly installed or used. One should check with the local fire department if he has any doubts as to proper procedures.

## No official grain inspection for Del.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Due to a lack of requests for full inspection services, there are no plans to designate an official agency in Delaware for the inspection of grain under the U.S. Grain Standards Act, a U.S. Department of Agriculture official said.

Leland E. Bartelt, administrator of the department's Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), said a survey of the state's grain industry indicates that an official agency is not presently needed in Delaware in order for persons to obtain most of the factor analyses they require for grain trade in the state.

A report on grain inspection activity in Delaware shows that less than three per cent of the inspections performed in the state during the past fiscal year were on a full-grade basis.

Nearly 98 per cent of the inspections requested during the past year were only for one or two factors, such as moisture or foreign material, rather than for an official U.S. grade.

Bartelt said the situation

will be kept under review to determine the need for official grain inspection services in the state.

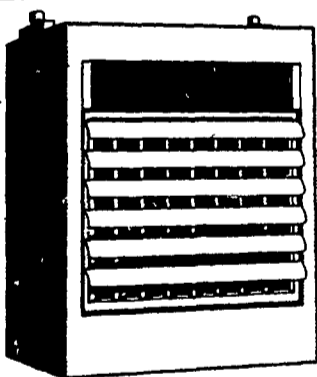
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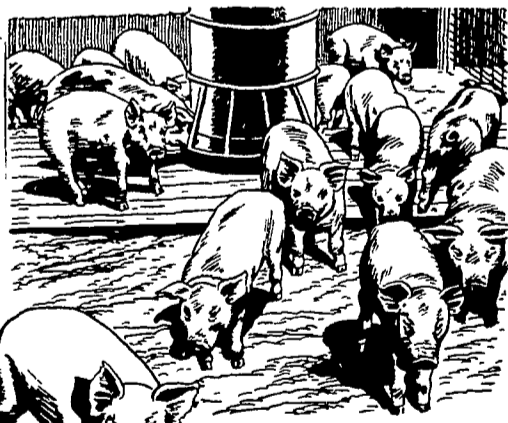
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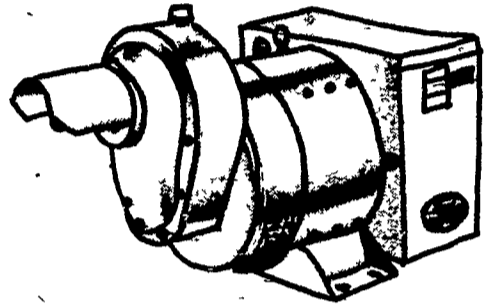


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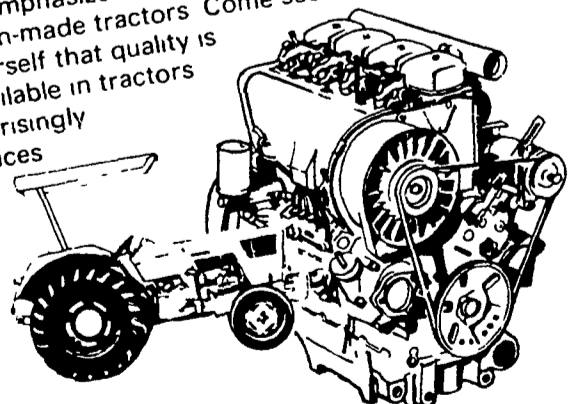
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