



Friends and family of Luke Kurtz, R1 Fleetwood, joined in helping clean up the aftermath of a disaster which cost the dairyman 30 head of cattle.

The cows were killed when a high voltage line went down during a storm.

30 cows killed

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approximately 9 p.m. when the accident occurred. The light was reported to have been seen several miles away.

Kurtz indicated he heard it happen and could see the flashes from his bedroom window.

"It was like daylight outside," he said. The flashes were so bright he could see a neighboring farm as clear as if it were day.

The voltage carried through the power line apparently surged three times, causing three flashes before



Luke Kurtz lost 24 milking cows and six heifers in a freak accident Sunday evening. The aftermath of the disaster was cleaned up with help from friends and neighbors.

shutting off. Kurtz said he believes the cattle were scared when the pole fell and ran into the lines, thus being electrocuted.

Of 46 cattle out in the lot where the pole stood, only 13 cows and three heifers survived.

The young dairyman indicated he felt many more cattle would have survived if

the power had shut off after the initial flash. From all indications the dairyman said he believes Metropolitan Edison Company will pay restitution for his cattle.

Kurtz was milking about 37 cows and farming 150 acres. He also trucks high moisture corn from his silo and also trucks corn for neighboring farmers.

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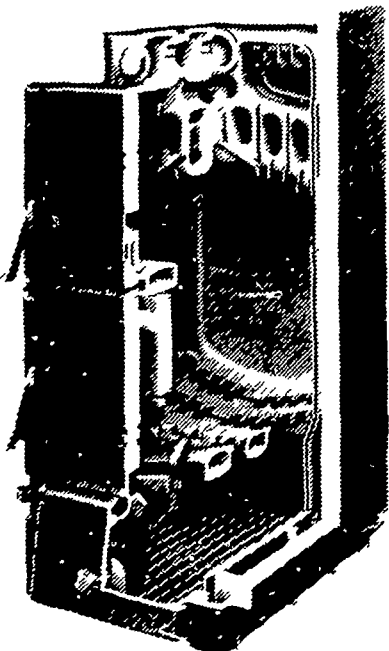
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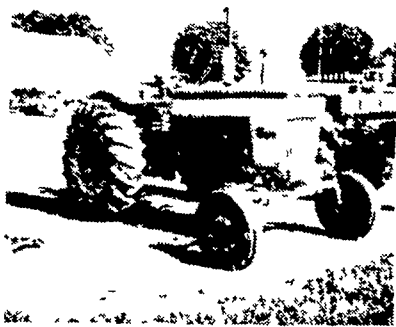
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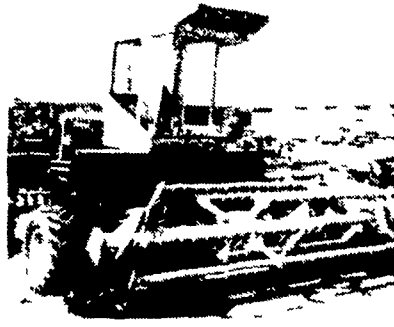
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