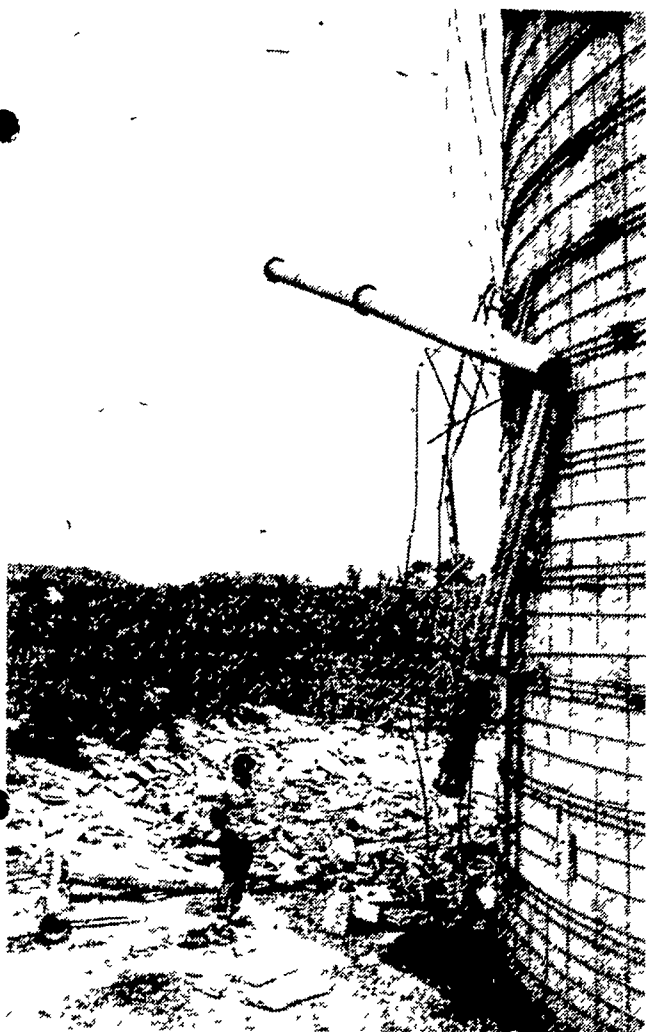


Windstorm topples new silo



Mark Nolt, R1 Manheim, surveys the damage done to the lower part of his 80 foot silo. Junk lying behind him was blown down during last week's violent wind storm.

MANHEIM — A 22 by 80 foot silo, up for fewer than three months, was cut to half of its original size in the violent wind and rain storm which ripped through the area last Thursday.

The top half of the concrete stave silo was blown off, scattering large hunks of block. The twisted metal silo cap and pieces of loader equipment were dumped at the base of the silo and in an adjoining corn field.

A 16 by 56 foot poured concrete silo standing next to the new silo had the metal cap blown about a foot off center but sustained no other major damage.

The silo is on land owned by Lester Nolt, R1 Manheim, and farmed by his son Mark

Mark Nolt said he thinks the older silo easily can be repaired.

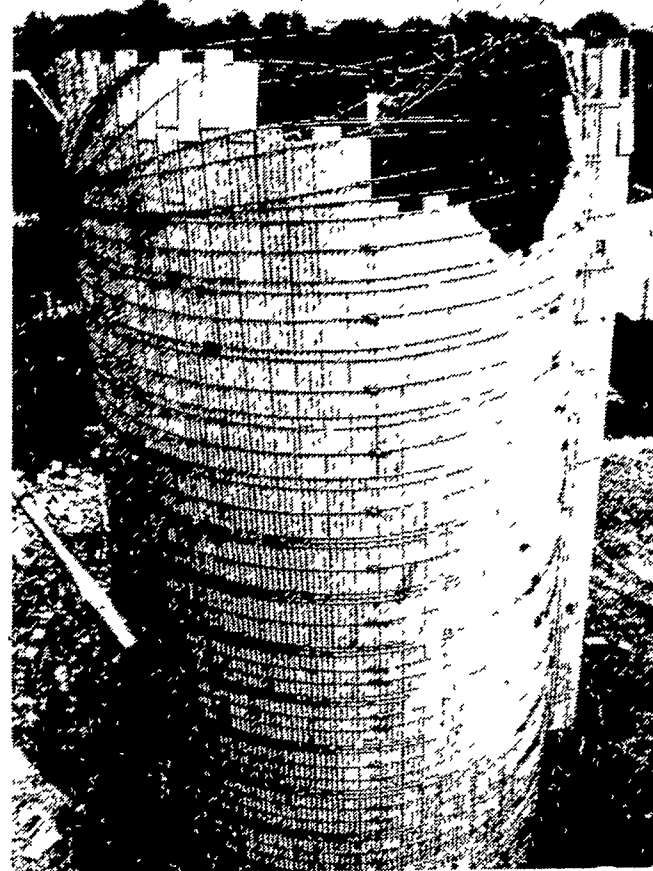
At the time of the accident there were about 15 feet of rye in the new silo. Since the unloader was smashed, the Nolts have been feeding out of the silo by hand.

Mark Nolt said the new silo, put up in late April, was uninsured.

Nolts expected to have the litter from the silo accident cleaned up by week's end.

It is the second time this year the Nolts have been faced with cleaning up storm damage.

The roof was blown off of an outbuilding containing pigs and straw on the Nolt farm this past winter.—CH



The upper part of the Nolt silo is a mess of cable and broken block. The concrete stave silo contained about 15 feet of rye at the time of the accident. Photo was taken from the top of a neighboring 56-foot poured concrete silo.

May egg output jumped 10%

HARRISBURG — May 1980 egg production in Pennsylvania totaled 352 million according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The May production was ten percent above the 321 million eggs produced in May 1979.

The May average of 15.9 million layers was nine percent higher than a year ago. Egg production per 100

layers was 2,219 compared with 2,207 in April 1979.

The nation's laying flocks produced 5.78 billion eggs during May, one percent less than the 5.85 billion produced a year ago. The number of layers during May averaged 279 million compared with 284 million a year earlier.

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