

### MF adds another big tractor

Ferguson is further expanding its line of articulated four-wheel-drive tractors with the addition of the 375-engine horsepower MF 4900. It joins the 320-hp 4880, 265-hp 4840, and 225-hp MF 4800 to extend 4WD advantages to even more farmers.

An eight-cylinder, turbocharged 903-cubic-inch Cummins engine with rated speed of 2600 rpm is standard on the 4900. The engine's cooling system incorporates large water passages around cylinder liners, valves and injectors. Dual modulating by-pass thermostats regulate coolant temperature.

An optional, factoryinstalled three-point hitch is electronically controlled. This enables the operator more precisely to match his implement's working depth to varying field conditions providing more effective horsepower use and better fuel economy. First of its kind in the North American market, this hitch provides positive position control, full draft control, or an infinitely variable intermix of the two.

An 18-speed transmission with three-speed shift-onthe-go is standard, with constant mesh gears and transmission brake on the top input shaft for shifting ease. An independent, 1000-

LITITZ - Massey RPM power take-off is available as a factory option.

Its two double-acting cylinders provide precise, easy steering. Steering oil is cooled and passed through a 10-micron filter to improve reliability and decrease servicing requirements.

**Mid-mount** 

## mower

#### available

LITITZ- The new MF 218 mid-mount mower for utility mowing is now available from Massey-Ferugon. Its three overlapping, offset blades cut a 60-inch swath. The unit also features a minimum six-inch transport height for easy obstacle clearance.

The MF 218's three-point, scissor-linkage lift arms keep all three blades' cutting plane parallel to the ground regardless of cutting height (2.5, 3,5, 4.5 and 5.5 inches) selected. This feature also provides even wear on the heavy-duty, high-carbon, heat-treated spring steel blades.

The MF 218's grass discharge can be set for either mulching or spreading.



The large, standardequipment cab is isolationmounted and designed for optimal operator comfort and efficiency. All controls are positioned for maximum convenience. The cab's 50square-foot-plus windows provide superior field visibility.

Two axle lengths are available. the standard 91.6inch, and the 125.7-inch for additional flexibility in tread widths and axle-mounting dual ures.

## Co-op council asks rail shipper safeguards

WASHINGTON, D.C. -The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives is insisting that any rail reform regulatory legislation passing Congress this year must contain adequate safeguards for captive shippers

The Council recently told Congress that a bill drafted by the House Commerce Committee would give the railroads too much power. NCFC supports, instead, amendments sponsored by Congressmen Bob Eckhardt and Nick Rahall.

Eckhardt-Rahall The amendments complement

by refining the balance between carriers need for greater pricing freedom, and shippers and consumers need for protection against monopoly market power abuses. The refinements are designed to assure that neither side has unfair advantage over the other under a revised rail regulatory system.

NCFC President Kenneth D. Naden said that unless the problem is addressed by Congress, many shippers dependent on a single railroad for service will be forced out of the market-

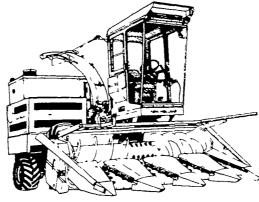
the proposed rail reform bill place. "They will no longer be able to compete with other businesses which have transportation alternatives," he warned. "That will result in lower prices for some farmers and higher prices for consumers "

Congress plans to finish consideration of rail reform legislation after it returns from this week's Democratic Convention recess.

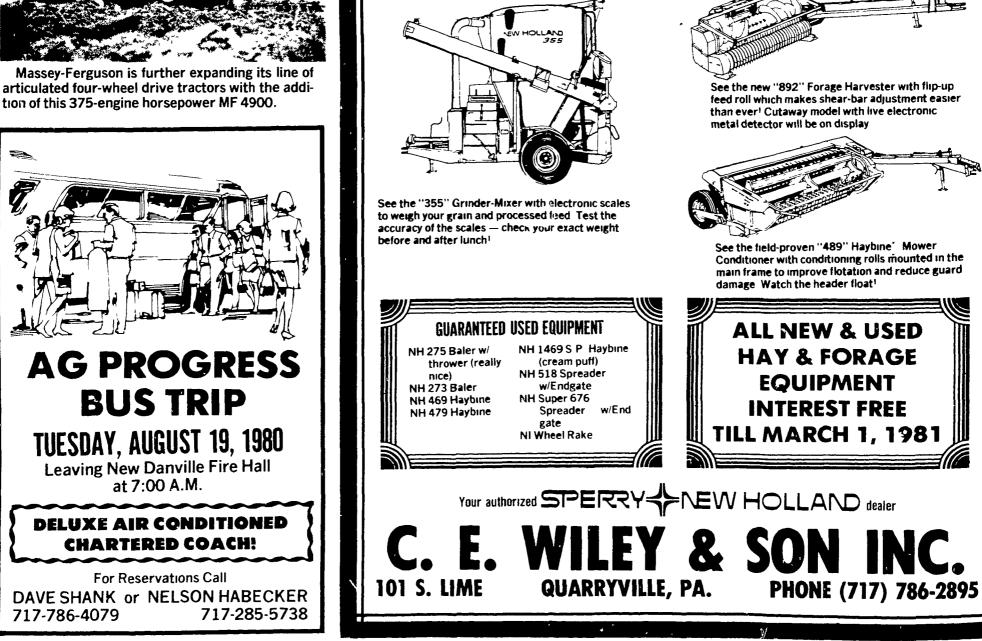


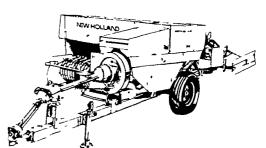
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