

Dwarf trees challenge Starner

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A year ago in June, Starner suffered a heart attack and has been forced to slow down his pace somewhat. He is still involved and works at "everything but the picking. I can't take the physical work." During the picking he keeps busy keeping trucks loaded and bins unloaded.

He has also given up some of his community involvement which he had felt was important, but notes, "There comes a time when somebody else can take your place."

He had been a member of the board of the Adams County Fruit Growers, Inc., for 21 years, taught Sunday School at the Bendersville Lutheran Church for 34 years, was president of the Upper Adams Young Farmers twice, was active as a school director and president of the PTA. He is an annual bus guide for the Apple Blossom Festival, something he feels is important because, "It gives the general public an idea of how much work goes into growing apples."

Starner now lives on part of the home farm where his father was a fruit grower and general farmer. Starner began at Penn State in agricultural economics and extension but his education was interrupted by the first peace time draft. He never went back to college and took a job with Duffy-Mott as an apply buyer. He also traveled to Mexico as an International Farm Youth Exchange student, and then got into the fruit business.

He points out, "Every building and shed I built myself." There is always work on a fruit farm, with machinery to fix and, as Starner puts it, "things to invent." His picking aide was not his first invention. He said, "I built a tree planter. There is now a commercial one, but I had mine built before the commercial ones came out." With good humor he says, "I built things that don't work too."

Starner's operation may be small, but he is quick to use labor-saving devices. He says proudly, "I have not used ladders to pick apples for 17 years." He adapted a hydraulic pruning device to use for picking, saying "It was only the second one to come into the county. It goes all winter to prune trees. I had to make a lot of changes to use it for a picker, and I put a fan on it to keep cool." With that, Starner, the observer of weather patterns, says, "It's been hotter in the Falls. We've had a lot of hot weather in October. The sun has really been hotter."

For the Starner family, a small orchard is what they prefer. It offers an adequate living and allows them to work together as a unit. And in those small orchards, the small trees are offering the challenge which Starner enjoys.

It's easy to predict that Myles Starner will continue to educate himself about the trees, and continue to think of ways to make production easier. It's that challenge which makes him a successful fruit grower.



Dot picks apples from the dwarf trees and will simply need to turn and empty her bag into the bin which is carried on the slow moving vehicle. When that bin is filled, it will be dropped off, and another bin will be lowered from the top. The aide is designed to carry four empty bins and there are several picking buckets so that the driver always has an empty one as hers is filled.



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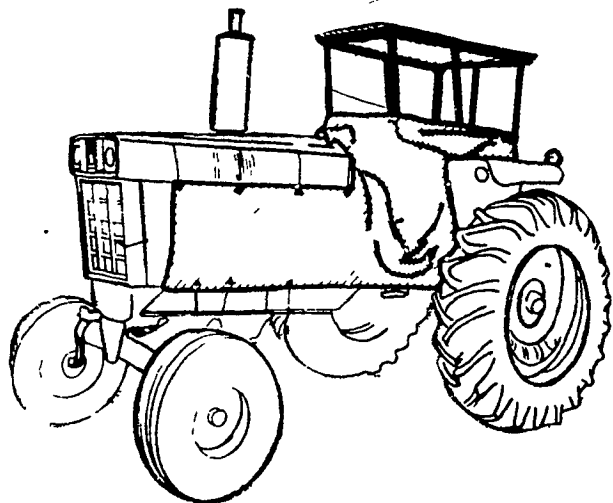
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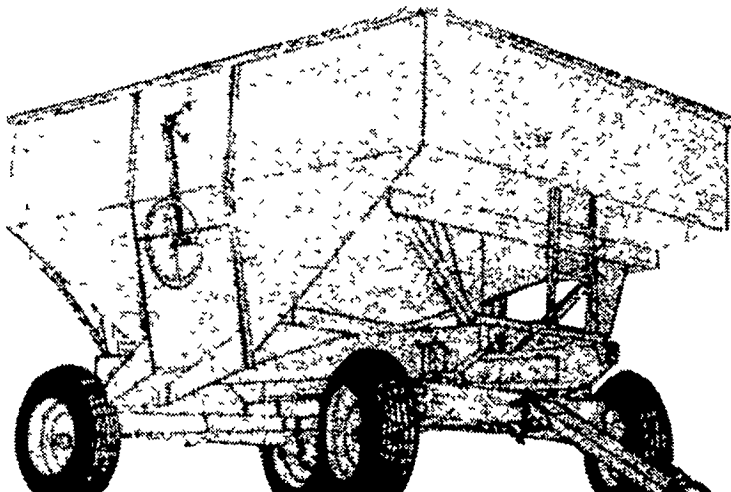


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