

## Farm Credit

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directors Norman Blocker, spers R1; and Marlin E. Miller, Carlisle R3, current PCA vice-president. Featured speaker for the evening program was Grant G. Gard, author of "Don't

Talk About It - Do It", and motivational humorist. Gard, who's spoken to over 700 conventions and meetings, is a former farm boy from Nebraska, and has worked with the Dale Carnegie course.-JB

## Some big bears will be out Monday

**SKYTOP** — There are some mighty big bears roaming around in northeastern Pennsylvania, and if any of them are harvested during the November 24 bear hunting season, all previous records will be broken.

Game Commission personnel recently handled the biggest bear ever recorded in the state, but there's at least one more that is even larger.

The bear caught recently was making a nuisance of himself by upsetting garbage cans. Game Commission personnel trapped the bruin, and found it had been previously trapped, in 1975, in the Promised Land area of Pike County.

At that time, the bear weighed 368 pounds. It was trapped and marked in a routine research operation.

In some Game Commission bear research, efforts are made to chart the course and movement of bears, but no special significance was attached to this particular bear at that time. But that wasn't the last of the bruin.

In the spring of 1977, the bear was again trapped near Skytop, Monroe County. At that time, he was tipping over garbage dumpsters in the area, so he was moved and released in the Kellogg Mountain area of Bradford County.

Bear weights are usually near their low mark in the spring of the year, and in the spring of 1977 the bear weighed 519 pounds.

The bruin obviously returned to his home area from Bradford County, and was caught again by Game Commission personnel in response to complaints about his habit of rummaging around in Lackawanna County garbage.

When caught this year, the 10-year-old bear weighed 650 pounds, the largest bear weight ever recorded in Pennsylvania. He had a chest girth, when caught, of 64 inches.

This time, a radio was attached to the bruin, and Game Commission personnel have been monitoring

his movements since his most recent release.

After being trapped recently, the bruin took off for another county, and soon hooked up with another bear which all observers say is even bigger. And Game Commission personnel believe the reports, because they have dealt with the

second bear before.

The second bear, 15 years old, has been trapped and marked in August, 1977. Equipment was not available then to record the second bear's weight, but the bruin had a chest girth at that time of 68 inches, four more than the present 650-pounder's measurement.

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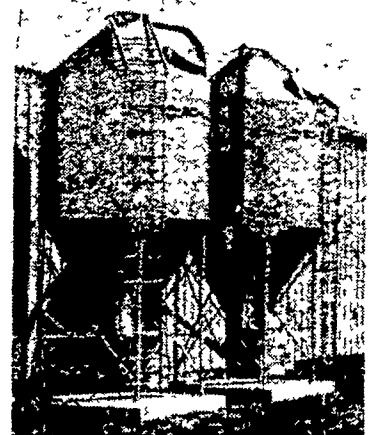
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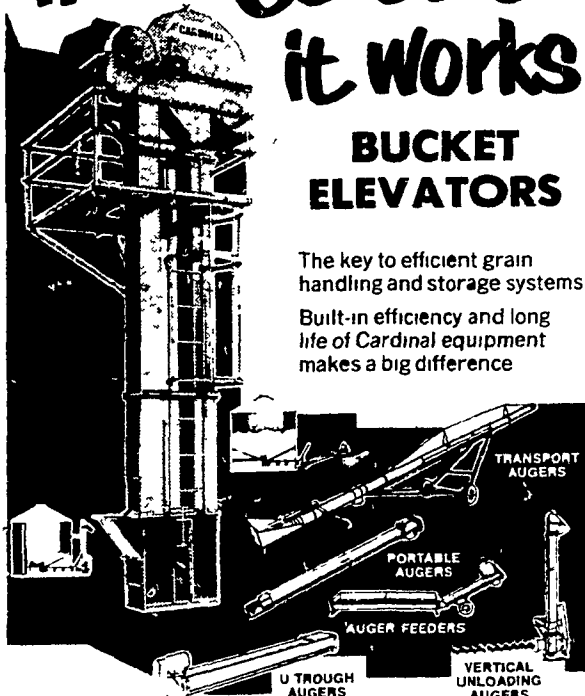


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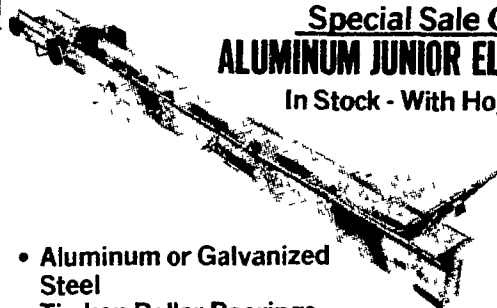
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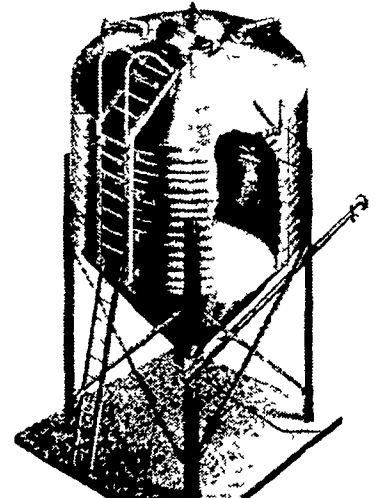


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