

Farm Bureau announces energy idea winners

LANCASTER — Energy saving proposals aimed at energy conservation, more efficient farm production and improved net farm income surfaced here today in the climax to American Farm Bureau Federation's nationwide "energy" idea search.

AFBF President Robert B. Delano said the 10-month long search for energy saving and energy creating

ideas focused on practical, simple projects that could be adapted by other farmers on a do-it-yourself basis.

Ten entries submitted by Farm Bureau members throughout the nation were selected for awards of \$500 cash each and an expense paid trip to the Chicago area to attend the two day "energy idea symposium" that concluded last week.

Five of the winning ideas

came from Arkansas, two from Wisconsin and one each from Idaho, Illinois and Iowa.

Arkansas winners were Warren Dale Bliss, Bluffton, who built a stationary charcoal gasification system to run a 60 horsepower engine; Bernard H Kreul, Nashville, whose 2000 gallon solar pond heats a 3,000 square foot greenhouse; Harold Meyer, Yellville, who

integrates solar, wood and water energy with an earth-sheltered home; Jim Southard, Blytheville, with an underground heat exchanger system to moderate extreme air temperatures in his home; and James A. Stengle, Paris, with a unique earth-sheltered home insulated by a garage-recreation building above the living area.

Wisconsin winners were

Vernon Davis, Fort Atkinson, whose special tillage-planting system saves about 2000 gallons of diesel per year on his 750 acres; and Richard Lettner, Trempealeau, whose unusual dairy barn manure handling system eliminates odor, flies, electricity and most maintenance.

Other winners were Will Anderson, Idaho Falls,

Idaho, whose aerated drip irrigation system has nearly doubled his potato yields; Tom Warren, Somonauk, Illinois, with a heat recovery system on a high temperature corn dryer that save substantially on electricity and propane; and Wayne D. Frederick, West Branch, Iowa, whose "no-till" system on row crops saves 10 to 20 percent of his total farm energy budget.

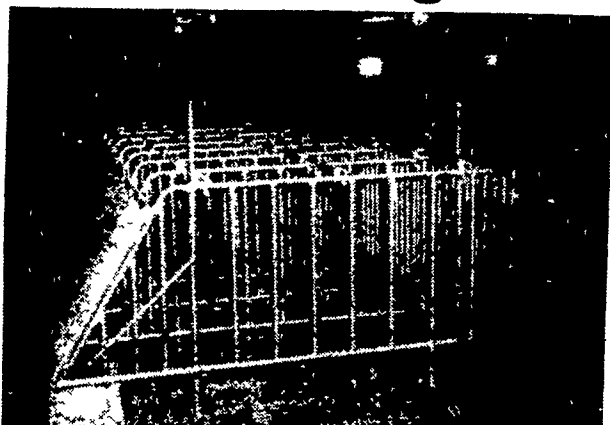
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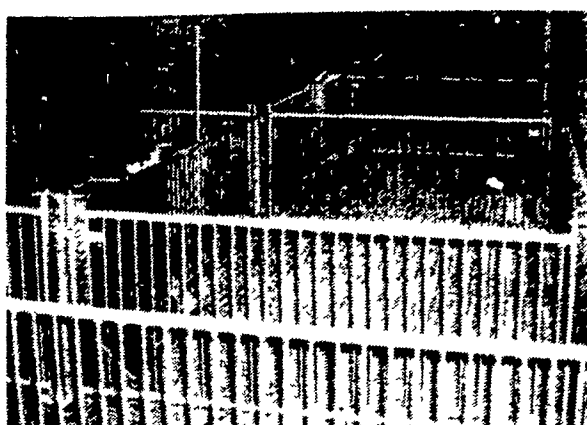
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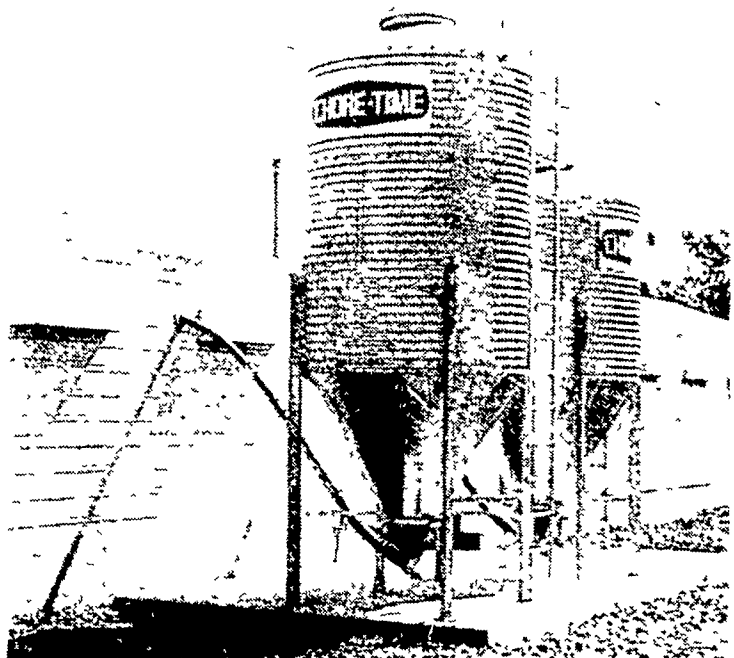


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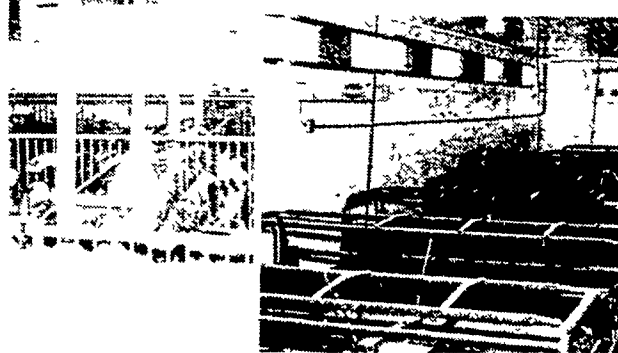


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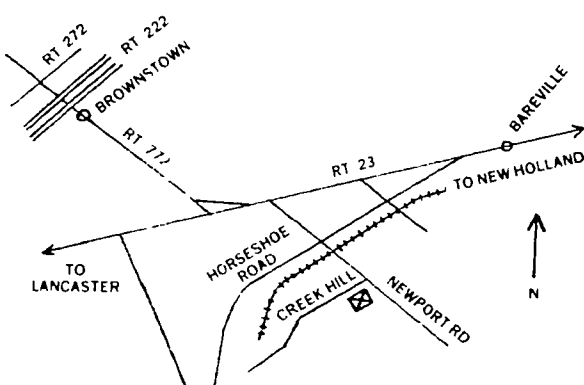


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