

Prefab parlor saves energy on Hafer dairy farm

DOUGLASSVILLE — Playing host to the many visitors who stop by his dairy operation is one of Earl Hafer's favorite chores.

"These days, it's real easy to go under in this business," says Hafer. "You've got to have good management. And that means keeping up, having the right equipment."

Hafer manages more than 230 Holsteins on his 75-acre farm, which is located at R2 Douglassville in the southwestern corner of Berks County. He rents an additional 450 acres nearby, on which he raises corn, wheat and alfalfa.

A third-generation dairyman, he purchased the farm from his grandfather several years ago.

Today, the farm's labor force comprises Hafer, his wife and two

sons, and his father, helping part time.

Hafer recently constructed a new milking parlor, a Surge Double Six Herringbone Low Line system manufactured by Babson Bros. of Chicago. The structure

enclosing both the parlor and the adjoining milk house is a prefabricated, insulated metal building supplied by Bally Case & Cooler, Inc. of Bally. The building was installed by Longacre Electrical Service, Inc., also of Berks

County. Longacre is Bally's exclusive representative for milking parlor installations.

Measuring 34'x21', the prefab parlor is annexed directly to Hafer's pole barn where the dairy cattle are housed.

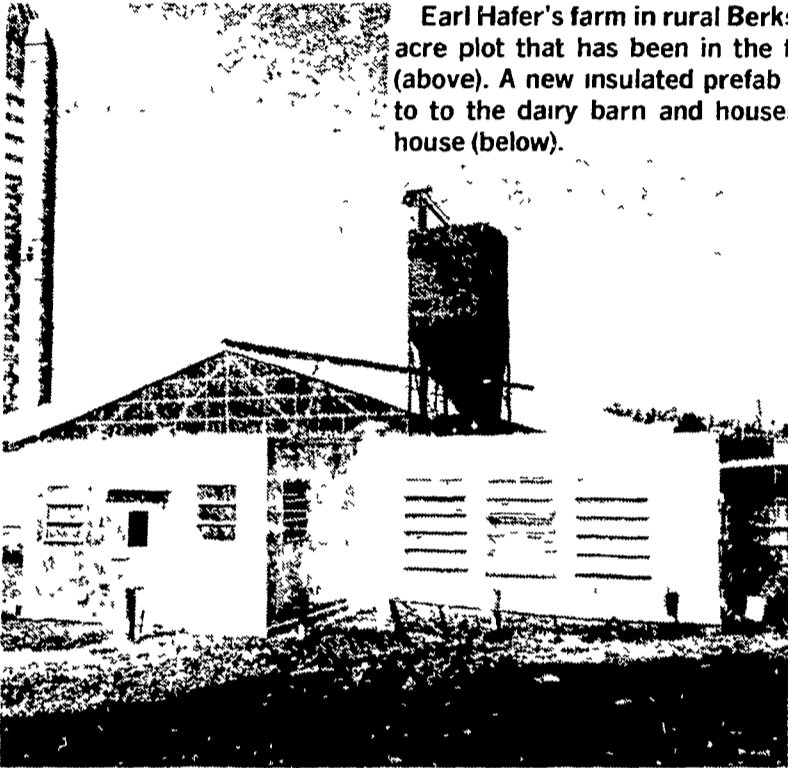
Abutted against the parlor, the

milk house measures 24'x16' and is partitioned in half. The side representing the milk receiving room houses the bulk head of the cooling tank, automatic washing systems, a telephone and assorted system controls.

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Earl Hafer's farm in rural Berks County, is situated on a 75-acre plot that has been in the family for three generations (above). A new insulated prefab building is attached directly to the dairy barn and houses a milking parlor and milk house (below).

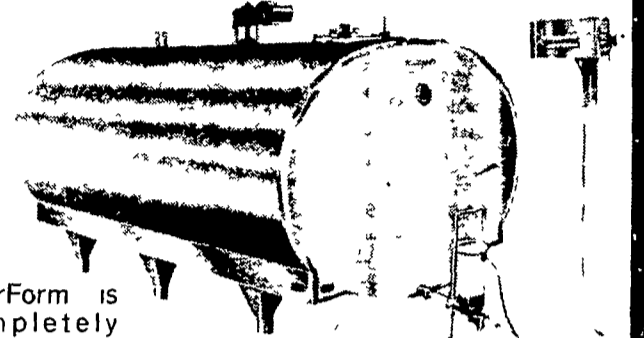


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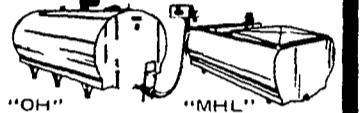
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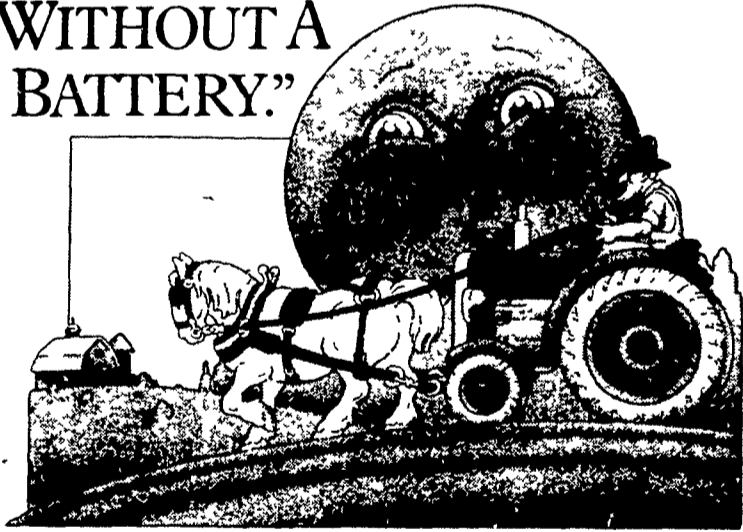


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