

Block names members to Potato Board

WASHINGTON, D C — Secretary of Agriculture John Block has named 28 members to 3-year terms, beginning April 1, on the board which administers a producer-sponsored national research and promotion program for potatoes.

Block made the appointments to the National Potato Promotion Board to fill vacancies left by members whose terms are expiring.

New potato board members are: Alabama—Thomas H Benton, Foley; Florida—Lawrence A Masters, Jr., Hastings; Idaho—John D. Hansen, Rupert; C Eugene Peterson, Idaho Falls, Illinois—William Hoekstra, St Anne; Iowa—George E. Schmidt, Muscatine, North Dakota—Philip Bertheussen, Grand Forks; Texas—Bill Reinauer, Hereford, and Washington—Earl E Larsen, Pasco.

Members being appointed are: Colorado—Gene McDonald, Monte Vista; Georgia—Calvin L. Smith, Trenton; Idaho—John R. Duffin, Aberdeen, Don E McCormick, Parma; Frank H Stoddard, Grace; William L. Webster, Rexburg; Maine—Laurence A Park, Presque Isle; Carl D Smith, Corinna; Michigan—John Crawford, Lakeview; Minnesota—John Edling, Clear Lake; North Dakota—Richard Clemenson, Hoople; Ok-

lahoma—D Bruce Price, Hinton; Oregon—Philip G Blohm, Malin; Rhode Island—Gerard J Albert, Exeter; Utah—Clinton P Bowler, Enterprise; Virginia—Elvin R. Custis, Jr., Craddockville, Washington—Bryan W Alford, Pasco, Jerry Radach, Moses Lake; and Wisconsin—Donald Wirz, Antigo.

Each state is entitled to one member on the potato board, plus one additional member for each five million hundredweight (225,000 metric tons) of annual potato production above the first five million.

The potato research and promotion program is financed through producer assessments authorized by the Potato Research and Promotion Act of 1971. The board carries out projects designed to increase consumption and expand domestic and foreign markets for potatoes.

Current annual budget for the program is \$2,210,000.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service monitors the program and reviews its budget, plans and projects.



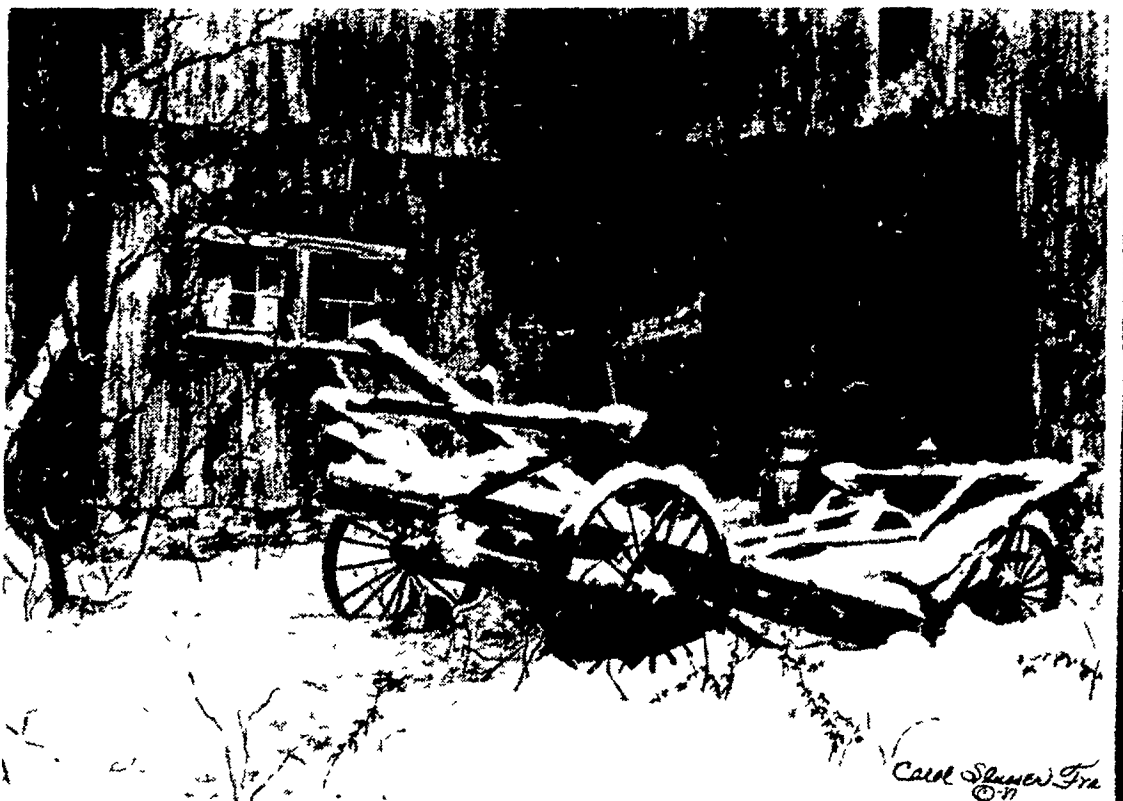
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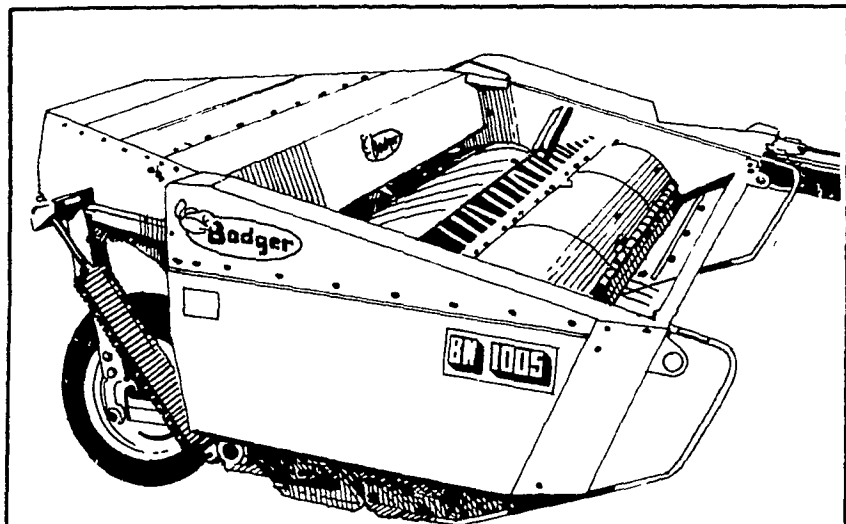
as a drawing or painting.

"I hope that society will institute changes that will protect and preserve our valuable farmland, rather than allow it to be swallowed up by industrialization and developments," she said.

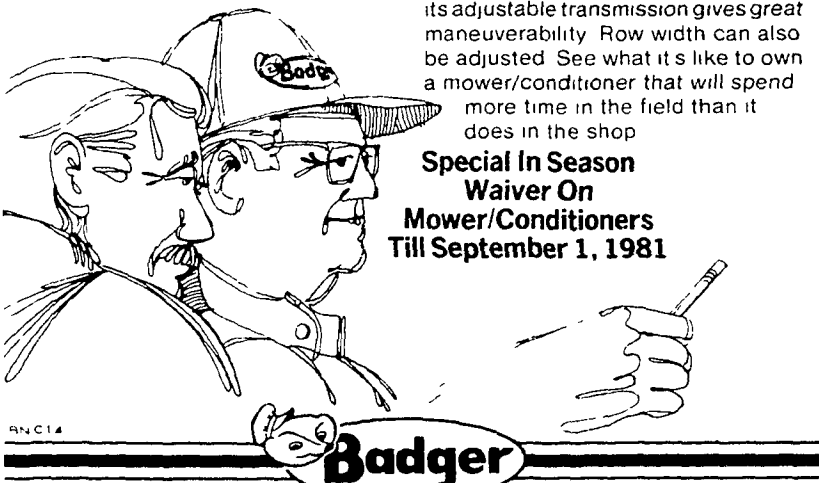
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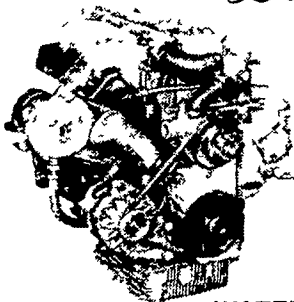
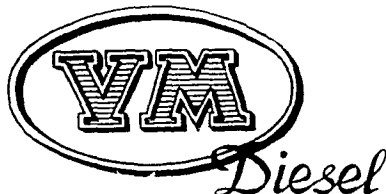
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