

# Maplebound Farm

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"I feel I can get more production that way," he says.

Even at night while the family sleeps, there's no skimping on nutrition for the herd. Silage is

automatically ushered in front of the herd via a gutter-cleaner-like conveyer.

Almost a quarter of a century since Dorcas and Don began farming, they still set goals.



The rabbit business is alive and well at Maplebound Farm. The enterprise is passed through the years from oldest on down. The young entrepreneurs have partially financed school and even bought a cycle with the bunny profits. Currently, Sue, bottom right, operates the hand-me-down business.

"We want to share our blessings," Dorcas says.

"We want to breed better cattle than we have now," adds Don.

And that adds up to more work, more trials and in the end the satisfaction reaped from a job well done. The Hostetters will continue to rely on each other from the oldest on down.

"We want to give God credit for allowing us to work with the registered Holstein cow, since everything we have and own belongs to God," says Don.

In this day and age when social scientists bombard us with reports of eroding family structure and increases in teen-age crime, the Hostetter family is like a breath of fresh air. And surely one of the greatest blessings they will share with others is the love and mutual respect they practice at home.



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A trip through the barn office presents a pictorial history of some of the Hostetters' breeding foundation including the framed photo of the family's favorite "Lassie" cow. Before she left the Maplebound herd at 17 years of age, the Holstein had a lifetime production of more than 250,000 pounds and classified 91 4E.

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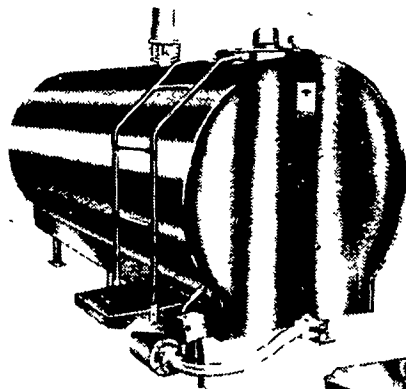


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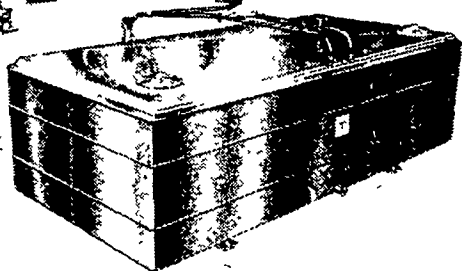
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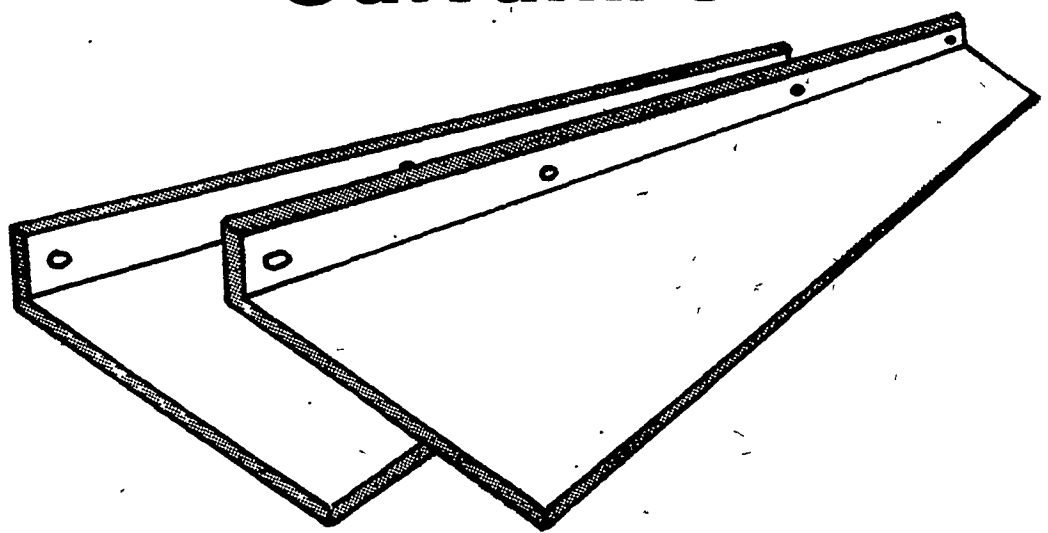
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