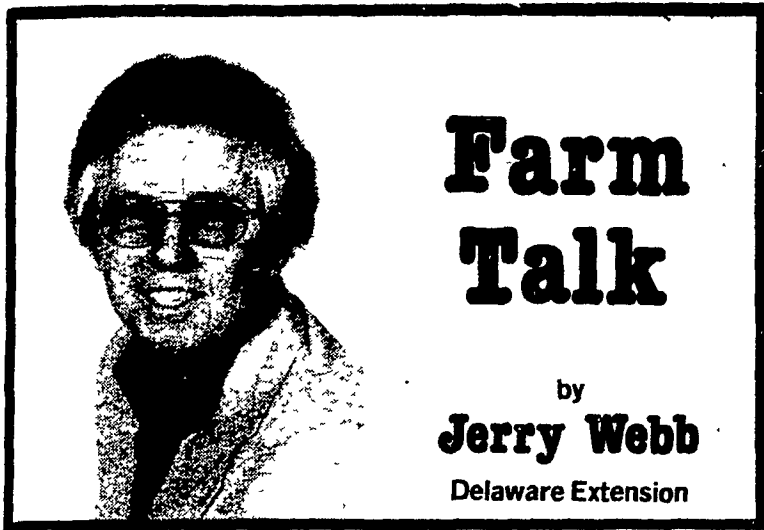


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# Farm Talk

by  
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### Zoning Alarm

Farmers have good reason to be a little alarmed over some of the zoning stories that are making the rounds these days. More and more pressure is being applied for farmers to clean up their operations and to meet hitherto unheard of standards. These efforts, carried out by citizens' groups and various levels of government, are causing farmers to give considerable thought to the

future of agriculture in the urbanized East.

The time may be at hand for some farmers to pack up and head west. It's a tough decision, but it may be the only logical one for a swine producer or other odor-intensive agricultural entrepreneur who must daily face the harassment of governmental sleuths and irate neighbors.

There was a time when farmers could simply say, "We were here

first. Our agricultural enterprises have always smelled about like that, and there's nothing much anybody can do about it." But those days are truly gone. As sad as it may be, farmers are having to comply with standards set by nonfarm people with little understanding of agriculture. Existing operations are being forced to clean up and deodorize, and farmers are finding it more and more difficult to obtain the necessary permits for new agricultural enterprises that may provide sight, sound, air, water or odor pollution.

### Trench silo landfill

Examples of these hassles abound throughout the urban areas as farmers struggle to modernize and expand at the same time their nonfarm neighbors seek to improve their own quality of living. It's not hard to understand why a downwind neighbor would object to a large confinement hog operation on a piece of land that used to grow corn or perhaps provide a pasture for a few beef cows. And it's not hard to understand why a nonfarm neighbor wonders about the runoff

from a feedlot and the quality of his downriver drinking water.

Farmers are being told they must build new livestock buildings many yards from the nearest neighbor — in some cases unreasonable distances that cannot be met on existing land tracts. So without saying it, local zoning rulings are forcing farmers out of certain enterprises or at least are keeping them from expanding.

One tale brought to my attention involved an illegal landfill on a farm. Further investigation showed that landfill to be a trench silo. It's an inexpensive way to store a large amount of livestock roughage and it makes very little contribution to any kind of agricultural pollution. But technically, it probably does fall under the bounds of some governmental unit that's involved with landfills.

### Where will it end

Where will it all end? That's anybody's guess. But it's a pretty sure bet that farming in the urban fringe is going to become more and more difficult. The rural residents

just keep coming, vacating the cities and suburbs for life in the country. They come seeking fresh air, open space, and a place to keep a pony. They bring with them urban standards that are sometimes completely incompatible with rural life-styles.

An urban dweller who was raised with the constant stench of an oil refinery in his nostrils can get downright nasty about the occasional whiff of hog house essence that is carried on a gentle summer breeze. Like it or not, farmers are going to have to listen to this kind of a guy because he lives in the neighborhood, he pays taxes, and he's involved in the community. He wants a better place to live, and the elimination of barnyard odors is high on his list of community betterment projects.

The best hope farmers have right now, it seems to me, is an intensive educational effort to at least make the nonfarm rural residents understand why there are occasional bad odors, and also it would behoove farmers to do everything in their power to cut down on those sorts of problems.

There are plenty of examples of intensive livestock operations successfully maintained in close proximity of nonfarm residents. They require some extra effort and some give and take. Meanwhile, the farmer who ignores this situation and goes about his business with the attitude that he was there first is headed for a disappointing surprise.

### 4-H presents

### Easter baskets

ALLENTOWN — An Easter Basket was contributed to the Allentown Hospital by each member of the Spurs-N-Burrs 4-H Club, which held its monthly meeting on March 11.

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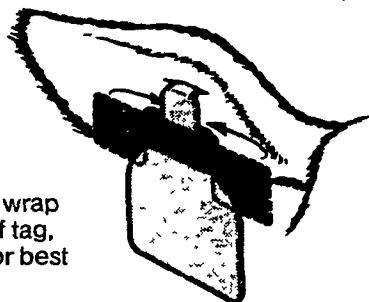


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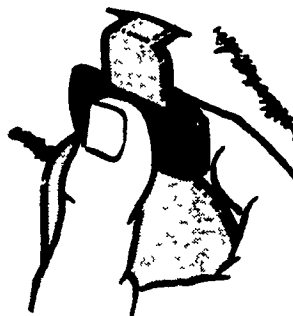
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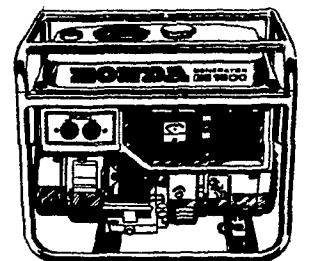
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