

# Bottle, can collection held in York

**COLLINSVILLE** — Thirty farmers divided into a quarter-mile stretch of road frontage equals seven bags of trash.

That's the sum of the York County Farmer's Association's anti-litter "protest" staged last week on the Dwight Taylor farm, along Route 74 south of Red Lion. The roadside rally was part of a state-wide drive by the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association to move the Bottle Bill out of com-

mittee and into the state Senate and Legislative chambers for action.

Braving early morning cold, whipping winds, the trash protestors stalked the litter along Taylor's quarter-mile stretch of alfalfa acreage bordering the most heavily-traveled highway in the southeastern part of the county.

In the 15 minutes or so that it took for the group to cover the distance, seven feed bags were

filled with broken bottles, flattened plastic jugs, crumpled soft drink and beer cans, pieces of wire and metal and other miscellaneous unwanted items tossed away by careless motorists.

"I think the most disgusting thing I've ever found along here was a plastic bag full of used, disposable baby diapers," recalls the dairy farm owner, who goes through this pick-up process before every cutting of alfalfa taken from

the field, or about four times each season.

While Taylor purchased the farm some 26 years ago, he says that it has just been in the last decade that trash began to be such a problem.

"When we bought it, my father-in-law suggested that buying land with road frontage would be a real plus. But as far as this trash situation goes, road frontage has been a real minus," adds a

frustrated Taylor.

He does remember two instances in which money was found during pick up sessions. Taylor once found five dollars, while his daughter was fortunate enough to spot a ten dollar windfall. Still, for the wasted hours, the discarded feeds, the broken machinery, Taylor would trade that meager \$15 for permanently clean fields any day.

Ellis Crowl, president of the county farmers group, recently experienced his own problems with trash. When his new tractor tire and a broken bottle made contact, it cost Crowl \$80 to replace the damage.

"We're doing this (trash pickup) for every farmer!" Crowl attested. People find it difficult to throw money away, but find it extremely easy to throw away trash. We want to upgrade beverage bottles and cans from trash to something of value."

"The way to do that is to make beverage bottles and cans returnable by placing a deposit value on them."

As just one example of how trash can be turned to cash, — with a little incentive — Crowl cited the case of a nephew of his who recently earned \$35 for a day of picking up discarded, cans for recycling from along rural highways near by.

Several York farmers were among a group who met earlier this week with state senators and legislators to discuss the status of the bottle bill and other issues of farm concern. — J.B.

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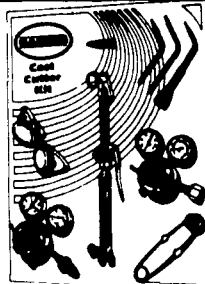
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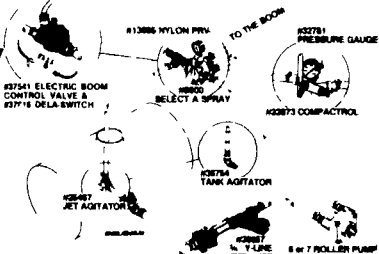
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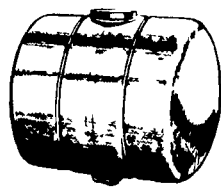
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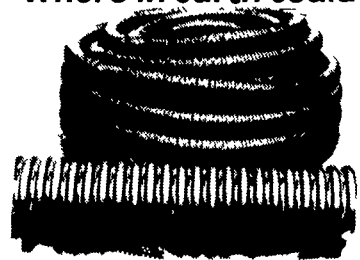
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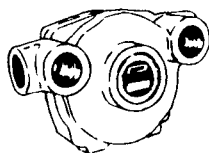
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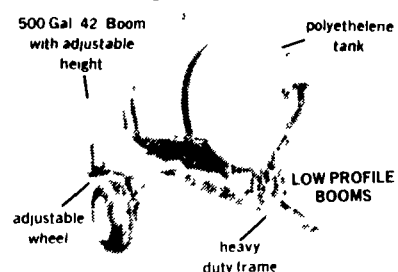
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