

## Binkley & Hurst technician goes to Case IH school

BURR RIDGE, IL — Raymond Rutt, service specialist at Binkley & Hurst Bros. Inc. has just completed a 4½ training course at the Case IH training center in Burr Ridge. The course emphasized the repair and servicing of Case IH planting and tillage equipment.

This training program included hands-on study of planter basic hydraulic and electrical systems, as well as monitors, row units, and the basic planter chassis. Additional subjects included grain

drill and tillage equipment service. To sharpen their servicing and repair skills, students disassembled and reassembled components. They also practiced performing critical adjustments and learned precise testing and troubleshooting procedures.

Case IH offers a wide variety of training courses for dealer service specialists. Personnel from dealerships throughout North America take advantage of this training.

## Zook & Ranck hold forage seminar

GAP, PA — Zook & Ranck, Inc., Papillion Agricultural Products, Inc. and TransAgra International are sponsoring a Forage Production seminar on January 28, 1986 at 1 PM at the Leola Family Restaurant, Leola, and January 30, 1986 at Bart Fire co., Georgetown.

TransAgra International, manufacturers of Culbac hay and silage preservatives, will make a contribution to the American Dairy Association; "Milk's Got More" promotion for each person attending. Funds from this contribution will be used to erect a 6x10 foot permanent "Milk's Got More" sign in Zook & Ranck, Inc. trading area.

In addition, each dairyman in

attendance will be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing of a registered Holstein calf named Autumn-Ridge Astronaut Debbie born September 3, 1985. "Debbie" will be awarded at the conclusion of the Forage Production seminars in March 1986.

The Forage Productions Seminar will be highlighted by audio visual presentations on hay and silage production management by Dr. Keith Bolsen of Kansas State University and Mr. John Arledge of New Mexico State University.

Mr. Thomas P. Mullineaux of Papillion Agricultural Products, Inc., Easton, Maryland will discuss "Calbac: The Low Cost, Safe Alternative".

HARRISBURG, PA — Governor Dick Thornburgh electronically cut the ribbon on the Pennsylvania Extension Network's PENpages, a data base of current information, in conjunction with the opening of the 70th Farm Show.

Thornburgh was the first person to use PENpages, which gives Pennsylvanians a direct connection through their home computers to information from the Pennsylvania State University's College of Agriculture and other state and federal agencies.

For the past year and a half, faculty and staff in the College of Agriculture have been building the computer network, linking each Penn State campus and the offices of its Cooperative Extension Service. The network increases the reach of Extension to any Pennsylvania resident having access to a microcomputer, modem (telephone hook-up) and appropriate software.

The system contains a variety of agricultural and extension information ranging from daily, weekly and monthly agricultural news and alerts to more permanent types of reference material. For example, home gardeners can to access information needed to identify and control many types of vegetable diseases — including up-to-minute

details on the new diseases and the latest research.

Homeowners can access information on clothing, textiles and home interiors. Young people will find information on 4-H career and leadership opportunities. Farmers will find specific information on many production agriculture concerns.

The Pennsylvania state legislature appropriated \$1.9 million in 1984 to begin the Extension Computerization Project, and provides funds for its continuing operation. Extension computer specialists have trained more than 750 faculty and staff members, in addition to purchasing equipment and developing PENpages.

To date they have completed 41 computer programs including family dollar decisions, farm business analysis, stress management and machinery analysis.

How it all works is the focus of

the College's Farm Show exhibit. Extension computer support agents are staffing the exhibition booth to explain the operation of the network and to answer any questions. A user guide is available through county Cooperative Extension Service agents, offering a detailed outline of the PENpages data base, as well as specifications on the necessary computer accessories.

Additional home horticultural information, poultry diagnostic lab reports, national and local agricultural market information and farm management programs are but a few of the topics under development.

"Experts predict that by 1990, 40 to 50 percent of families in the United States will be using computers at home for information exchange," says Graham Bell, Penn State Extension computer support coordinator. "The Pennsylvania Extension Network brings that future much closer for the people of Pennsylvania."



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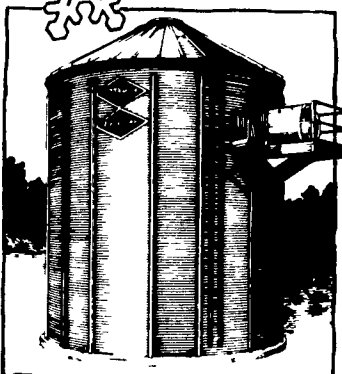
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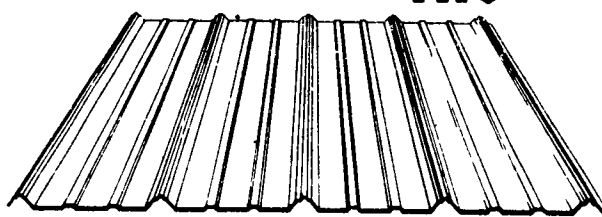
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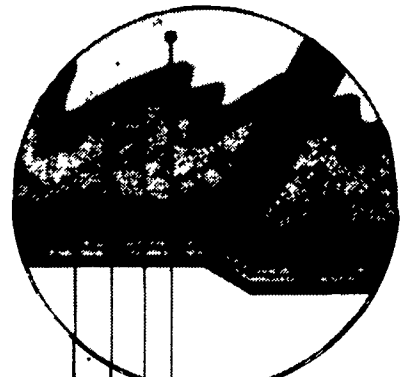
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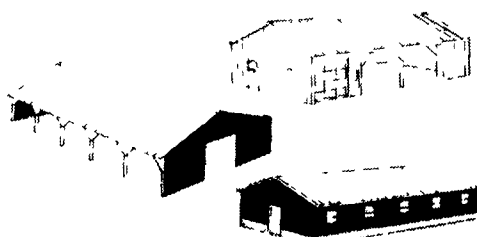
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