

Herr

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does and is so easy to operate and to know that I have been able to design and construct something that has been practical. I feel pleased that I have been able to perform a needed service and I have gotten compliments on my work. It makes me feel very good that have been able to work for the same family and serve the next generation like here with Ken Porter.

Herr worked for Edgar Porter, Ken's father, when Ken was 10-years-old, in 1949 at the farm on Letort Road outside of Millersville. In 1971 Ken moved to Centre County where he was also serviced by Herr. Ken also spent time with Herr on the equipment. Ken will be carrying on the tradition begun by Herr through out central Pennsylvania and continue serving customers in southern York and Lancaster counties.

Seed cleaning and conditioning is a process which separates good grain to be used for seed from the chaff and to sort out all of the

material unsuitable for seeding. That material which is not used for seeding is not discarded. It goes into different bags to be ground into feed.

The process is done through the use of three shelves which sift the grain and other particles. As the grain is sifted a high-power fan will lift the inferior particles and grain away from the seed grain and the prime seed grain will go into a separate bin where it will be chemically treated before it is bagged.

According to Herr, some farmers feel the homegrown grain used as seed is superior to certified seed which can be purchased. However, Porter pointed out that while some farmers are receiving around \$2 per bushel for their grain, they have to pay up to \$6 per

bushel of seed grain, so there is a substantial cost benefit in using homegrown over certified grain.

Although there are still seed cleaners available from local feed mills throughout the state, the number of independent seed cleaners is diminishing. Herr, said the decrease is due to the number of farmers who no longer grow small grains and therefore do not require the service of the seed cleaner.

In the past 40 years Herr has seen many changes, specifically in the development of farm land. In York County he has seen a decrease in the number of farms with an increase in the size of the existing farms.

In Lancaster County he has seen the land being developed and

commercialized. Land outside of Lancaster, along Abbeyville Road, where he was raised, used to be nothing but farmland and all of that's developed.

"Of course more corn is being farmed. We used to take a drive into Amish land to find wheat shocked, I always like to see that, but it's getting hard to find that anymore, said Herr." "Villages and country stores are no longer around. I guess it's just a matter of people adjusting to the modern way. That things have just shaped up. They used to be a pleasure to go to, meet people, exchange information and now it's just a memory".

Through the loyalty of his established customers, Herr has been able to keep busy for the six weeks in the fall and two weeks in the spring. Herr never had to do any advertising, except for his first year. Then he went from farm to farm in Mifflin County looking for business. But he never had to again.

"What was a big benefit to me was that I was able to work at other

jobs and still be able to take off to do the seed cleaning," said Herr.

For the past 11 years Herr worked with Goodhart & Sons, Inc. doing fabrication in the shops. For the past three years he had been working for them compiling detailed drawings for patterns.

"They have cooperated with me and have given me the time I need to conduct my personal business every spring and between July and October. It's been a beautiful arrangement," said Herr. "I have had the opportunity to meet some wonderful people. They were more than just customers."

Retirement for Herr will mean more time to catch-up with a backlog of things, not the least is spending more time with his wife of 52 years, Marian, and his four daughters and nine grandchildren. Top on his list is the restoration of a 10-ton steam roller. Herr is one of the founding officers of the Rough and Tumble Association which was begun in August 18, 1950.

"I don't think I'm going to be sitting around with a lot of time on my hands," said Herr.

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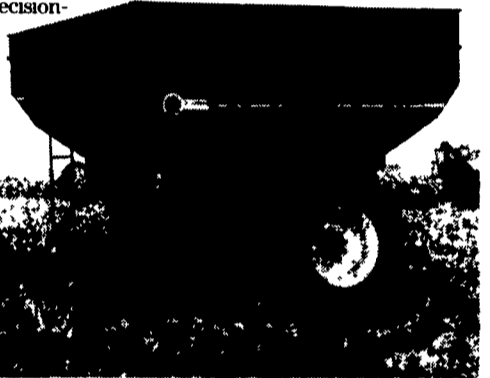
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