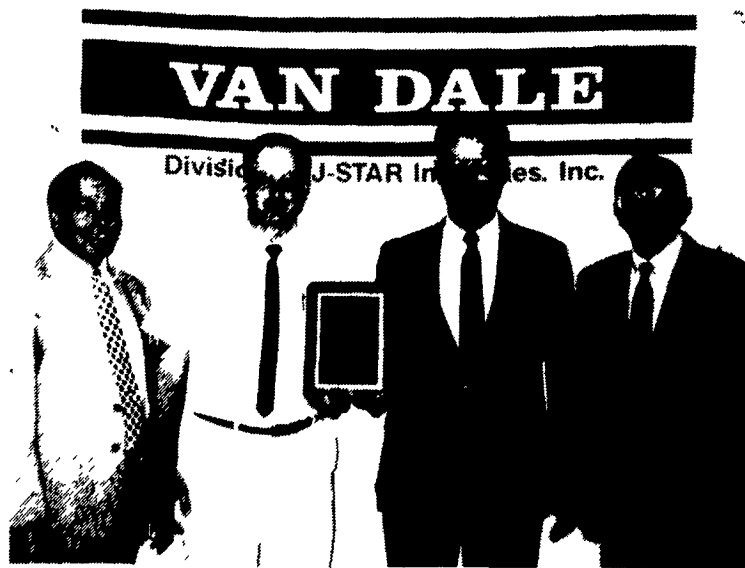




Business News

Van Dale Honors McMillen Bros.



Loysville (Perry Co.) — Clair and Clee McMillen of McMillen Bros., accept their Top Sales Performer Award from Gene Kapsner, far left, vice president of J-Star's Van Dale Sales Division and John Neill, far right, president of J-Star Industries.

The prestigious Top Sales Performer Award recognized the top 20 1993 sales volume leaders for all Van Dale products.

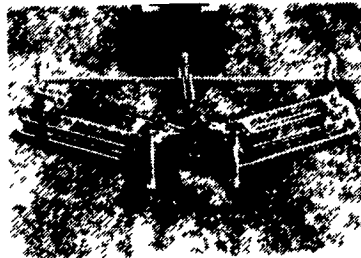
The presentations took place at the Van Dale National Dealer meeting held in Madison, Wis. The meeting gave Van Dale dealers from all over the United States an opportunity to hear about new products, innovations, and programs featured for 1994.

TwinRake Is Hydraulically Controlled

PELLA, Iowa — A new hydraulically powered TwinRake, capable of forming 3-6 foot windrows while sweeping 18- to 24-foot swaths of hay, has recently been introduced by Vermeer Manufacturing Company.

The new Vermeer R-24 TwinRake works well in virtually any hay harvesting system and is ideal for operators looking to increase raking capacity. It cuts field time by as much as 66 percent over single rakes. Raking widths (18 to 24 feet) and windrow widths (3 to 6 feet) are both hydraulically adjustable to accommodate different haying conditions and to more accurately match windrow sizes to different balers and pickup widths. The unit also adjusts to handle different types of crops, as the basket speed is controlled, independent of ground speed.

Going from field to transport takes just seconds, and it's all hydraulically controlled from the tractor seat. The rear assembly lifts to start the folding sequence. A two stage hydraulic system slides the telescoping stabilizer/linkage arms along the tongue drawing the front-fold baskets together. The baskets are then locked into position on a center post and lifted for transport. Tooth height is preset with easy-to-adjust cylinder stops and ratchet jacks (on the rear end). Minimum hydraulic require-



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ment is 6gpm @ 2250 psi. Transport width is 104 inches.

Farm Credit Returns \$2.5 Million Of Members' Investment

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The board of Keystone Farm Credit recently approved the return of \$2.5 million of "A" stock to borrowers of the financial cooperative. The majority of "A" stock was created in 1989 when Keystone reduced the amount of stock required to support customers' loans.

Philip Kimmel, president and

GB Introduces High Performance Loaders

GREAT BEND, Kan. — Great Bend Mfg. Co., Inc. has introduced the new 240, 260 and 280 quick attach loaders.

These loaders offer rock-solid performance with such features as strong, rugged frames that include 3/4 inch solid steel front supports, dual torque tubes for heavy duty applications, heavy duty, high capacity bucket options, quick and easy tractor mounting systems, and a new tractor mounted joystick valve that furnishes the tractor with permanent dual remote hydraulics complete with quick

couplers.

Also available is the GB series valve that provides simultaneous, easy operation of the bucket and boom. Integral joystick handle can be position-controlled to offer regenerative dump speed enhancement.

The GB 240 has a lift capacity of 1,120 pounds and maximum lift height of 8 feet 5 inches, the 260 lift capacity is 1,450 pounds and maximum lift height 8 feet 7 inches while the 280's lift cap is 1,830 pounds and maximum lift height is 8 feet 7 inches.



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Harness Xtra To Be Available For Control

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Harness® Xtra herbicide for consistent control of grasses and broadleaf weeds in corn has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for use in 1995, Monsanto Co. has announced.

The new premix combines atrazine with acetochlor, a new active ingredient introduced last March in Harness herbicide by Monsanto for pre-emergence control of grasses and small-seeded broadleaves.

"Harness Xtra combines two proven products, one for grasses and one for broadleaves, to provide consistently superior pre-emergence weed control," said Rick Greubel, marketing manager for Monsanto.

Greubel said acetochlor has more

activity against broadleaf weeds than other pre-emergence grass control products. "When you combine the grass control and broadleaf activity of acetochlor with a proven broadleaf product like atrazine, you can expect to have good control of a broad spectrum of weeds," Greubel said. "Harness Xtra will even control triazine-resistant weeds such as pigweed and lambsquarters because of the broadleaf control you get from acetochlor."

Harness Xtra controls 35 types of grasses and broadleaf weeds in addition to yellow nutsedge. It reduces competition from eight other grasses and broadleaf weeds. Harness Xtra works effectively in all tillage systems.

System Encloses Insecticide Transfer Process

WAYNE, N.J. — American Cyanamid and Deere & Company joined forces just over four years ago to offer growers the Lock'n Load closed handling system. The revolutionary design of Lock'n Load completely encloses the insecticide transfer process, providing growers with the simplest, most effective protection on the market today against exposure to granular insecticide.

Thousands of growers across the country have switched to the Lock'n Load closed handling system since its introduction. In fact, during the 1994 season, more than five million acres were treated using Lock'n Load. This represents more than 21,000 growers who avoided exposure to insecticides, and nearly 750,000 bags that were not burned or buried.

According to Rick Radliff, technical specialist-insecticides for American Cyanamid, the Lock'n Load system provides a

means of handling Counter® systemic insecticide-nematicide and Thimet® soil and systemic insecticide with substantially less exposure to the user than with products handled in bags.

In addition to the added safety that Lock'n Load provides, it is easier to use than many conventional application methods. The loading valve on the 40-pound container simply fits inside the receiving valve on specially equipped hopper lids made for John Deere Max-Emerge and Case/IH planters. Other popular

Invention Brings Versatility To Grounds Managers

BIRD-IN-HAND (Lancaster Co.) — Millcreek Manufacturing Company has received U.S. Patent protection on its invention for a grounds care spreading mechanism it calls a "PowerBrush."

The innovative combination of a unique patented spreading mechanism with a simple proven piece of equipment has proved a winning combination for hundreds of schools, universities, municipalities, and golf courses around the country. The Millcreek topdresser/spreader is changing the way many grounds managers think about materials spreading by giving them more options for restricted budgets.

Millcreek uses a simple agricultural manure spreader, a box on wheels, with a "moving floor that

conveys material toward the rear of the box for spreading.

Millcreek fits a 22 inch diameter, 3 foot long stiff-bristled polyethylene "PowerBrush" at the rear, which works with a set of adjustable fins to direct material into various spreading patterns.

The PowerBrush works like this: take a coin and place it on a table, then flick it with your finger to sail it along the surface. That's how the Millcreek PowerBrush sends material flying. The tension in the bristles provides propelling action for spreading sand-and-peat topdressing on athletic fields and golf courses. But this unique spreading action also provides additional benefits to operators.

Utsch Joins Farm Credit

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Louis W. Utsch of Easton was recently hired by Farm Credit as a financial management service (FMS) specialist.

Utsch will serve clientele in a nine-county region that includes Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Pike, and Schuylkill counties. Financial products and services which Utsch will deliver include financial accounting and record keeping, tax planning and preparation, payroll preparation, financial software sales and support and business management counseling and advice. Utsch is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, where his emphasis was business and corporate law. He also has a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Utah State University.

Utsch was most recently employed as a loan officer with Farm Credit of North Central New Jersey. Previous work experience includes employment as a financial consultant. Utsch also has extensive farming experience, having worked on various livestock operations during high school and college.

Utsch will be based in the Keystone Farm Credit office located at Fogelsville. He can be reached at (610) 395-6831.