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**DAIRY COWS** on lush pasture or high-moisture green chop need a small amount of hay daily. Feeding dry hay will help prevent a drop in butterfat test, which often occurs on pasture or immature green chop. The dry hay remains in the paunch of the cow longer than either pasture or green chop. This, in turn, contributes to a more nearly normal digestion and helps produce a more normal and consistent butterfat test. Also, a small amount of hay fed daily to the cows will increase milk production—Bill Mudge.

**LIVESTOCK** and poultry exhibited at county and state fairs must meet health requirements of the Minnesota State Livestock Sanitary Board. Most cattle, swine, sheep, dogs and poultry may need health certificates, and some will need tests before exhibiting. Exhibitors should check health requirements well before fair time. Ask your county agent or veterinarian for special health requirement information. In no case can livestock or poultry under quarantine, or originating from a herd or flock under quarantine for any infectious or communicable disease, be exhibited or allowed entry to exhibition premises—Raymond Solac.

**LEAVING** dry dairy cows in pasture without grain until calving time is false economy. Feeding the dry cow grain before calving pays off in higher milk production following calving. Feed one pound of grain per day for each 100 pounds of body weight of the cow during at least the last three weeks before calving—Bill Mudge.

**SOILED** eggs usually bring the equivalent of a "C" Grade price, even though the eggs may be Grade "A" in quality. This discrimination against soiled eggs is dictated by the housewife, who expects the eggs she buys to be as sanitary and wholesome in appearance as other foods in the market. Soiled eggs are not only unattractive and unappetizing to the consumer, but the soil on the shell is loaded with bacteria which can cause spoilage and off-flavors of the egg contents—Robert Berg.

**MILK** and dairy products can be made more resistant to oxidation if the cattle are fed rations supplemented with either tocopherol (vitamin E), or ethoxyquin. These supplements will increase the milk's resistance to oxidation, regardless of the cause of oxidation—V. S. Packard.

**FOR** information on control of insects and disease in home fruit plantings consult University of Minnesota Extension Pamphlet

An all-purpose spray may be made by combining methoxychlor, malathion and ferbam or captan—Orrin Turnquist.

**MINNESOTA** law recognizes only brands that are burned into the live animal's hide with a hot iron. Freeze and chemical branding are not recognized under the law. All letters, numbers, and figures in the brand must be at least four inches or more in length or diameter. Also, herd identification must be registered. Get an application form for registration from the State Livestock Sanitary Board, 1246 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. 55104—Raymond Solac.

**PICK** strawberries often during the fruiting season and pick all the ripe fruit each time. Over-ripe berries in the patch become moldy and attract insects. Fruit rot may be controlled by spraying captan following a picking. It is approved for use during the harvest period—Orrin Turnquist.

**THE** wide-spectrum, weed-killing chemical—Dacthal—has been made available this year in commercial garden weedkillers. Weedkillers containing Dacthal can be used effectively in gardens containing a wide variety of vegetables. Further information can be obtained in most garden shops—Orrin Turnquist.

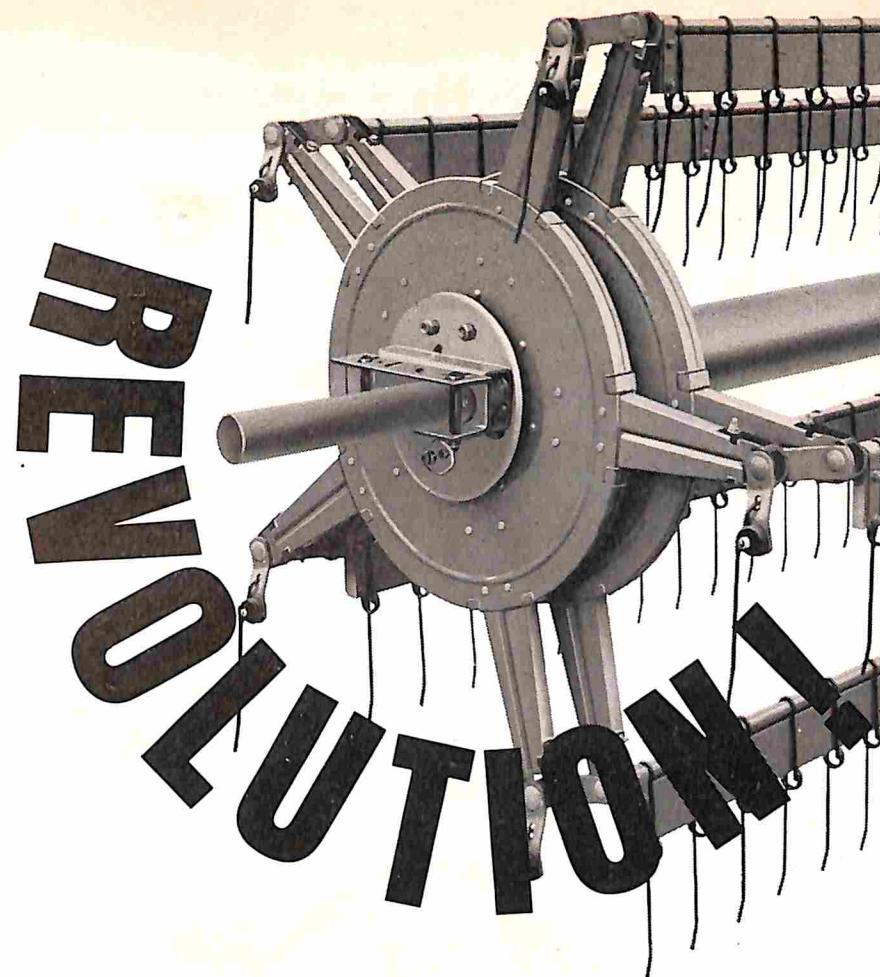
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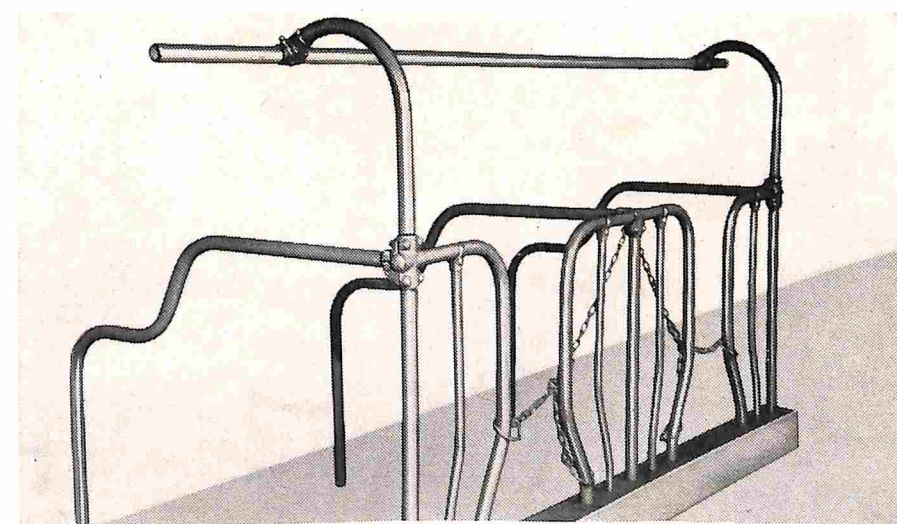
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