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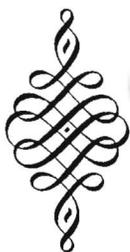
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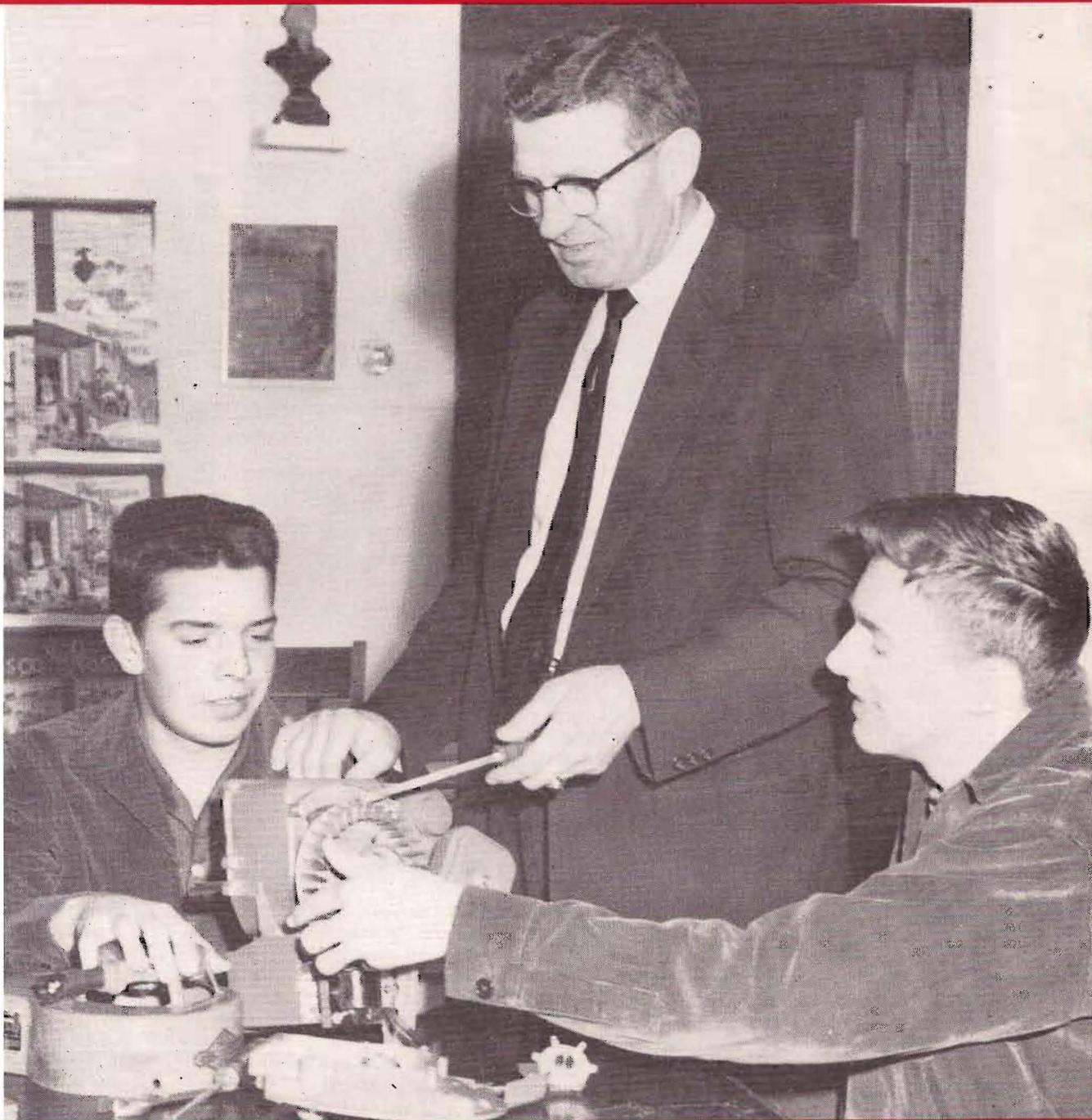
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COUNTY PRESIDENTS IN BIRMINGHAM

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Birmingham Host To County Presidents



A HEARTY WELCOME to Birmingham is extended to the Future Farmers by Mayor Hanes. He is shaking hands with Jimmy Barnes, State FFA President, while T. L. Faulkner, State Advisor, and W. D. Alston, chairman of the agricultural committee, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, look on.

Eighty-three Future Farmers serving as County Presidents, State Officers, and entertainment groups were royally entertained in Birmingham February 22-23. They were guests of the Agriculture Committee of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce with Mr. J. A. Beaty, Manager, in charge.

Jimmy Barnes, State President, Jimmy Golson, State Vice-President, and Glenward Spivey, State Reporter, arrived in Birmingham Wednesday afternoon and met with Mr. Beaty at the Chamber of Commerce building to help complete last minute arrangements. During this meeting they were taken on a tour of the Chamber of Commerce building. Later, the group was welcomed to Birmingham by Mr. Art Hanes, Mayor.

The boys began arriving early Thursday morning from every county in the State. They registered at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel and were officially welcomed to Birmingham by Mr. Beaty. Thursday afternoon the group made a tour of downtown Birmingham, WBRC-TV, and the Birmingham Food Terminal and Farmers' Market. Mr. Terry L. Jackson and Mr. Paul R. Moon of the Alabama Power Company served as official guides and pointed out places of interest to the boys.

Thursday night the FFA members were guests of the Alabama State Fair Authority and the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce at a Smorgasboard in the

Agricultural Building at the State Fair Grounds. Needless to say, the food was superb and all of the boys thoroughly enjoyed it. Special activities during the program, at which Mr. Bedford Seale, Chairman of the Birmingham State Fair Authority, was Master of Ceremonies, included welcoming remarks by Mayor Hanes; very inspiring address by Jimmy Barnes and Phillip Holman, Alabama's Future Farmer of the Year; presentation of leadership awards to the State Officers; and speeches and comments by Birmingham business and civic leaders. During the program Elza Fowler, Goshen, and Prattville's string band entertained the group.

Following this program all the FFA members were guests of Mr. H. C. McGlohon, manager of the Alabama Theatre, for the "Alabama Junior Miss" finals.

An early breakfast at Britling's Cafe-

teria, courtesy of the Standard Oil Company, started the activities on Friday. The breakfast was followed by an educational tour of TCI Division of the U.S. Steel Corporation. Mr. Clinton R. Milstead, Director of Public Relations for the Southeastern Division of the U.S. Steel Corporation, was in charge of the tour.

A luncheon at the Terrace Ballroom of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel as guests of the Birmingham Agricultural Club brought the exciting two-day festivities to an end. A very interesting program was also presented in connection with the luncheon. Highlighting this program was a talk by Phillip Holman and Jimmy Golson. The FFA talent group also entertained.



ELZA FOWLER, Goshen FFA member, entertained during the county president's meeting in Birmingham.

Sixty-five counties were represented and in addition to the boys, Mr. H. W. Green, Subject Matter Specialist, Auburn; Mr. J. A. White, District Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, Auburn; Byron F. Rawls, FFA Executive Secretary, Auburn; and Rayburn Holloway, FFA, Vo-Ag Editor, Auburn, were present. One member of the FFA Advisory Council, Mr. F. B. Killough, from Auburn also attended.

During these two days the Magic City and farm boys from over the state got a good look at each other, with each seemingly satisfied with what they saw.

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PRATTVILLE FFA STRING BAND entertained during the visit of the county presidents to Birmingham during National FFA Week.



"MY FIRST TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM." That's what these Future Farmers had to say during their recent visit with the county presidents.

On The Cover

Mr. R. D. Claybrook, vocational agriculture teacher at Palmetto, is instructing one of his classes in the repair of the gasoline engine. The FFA members observing are Travis Davidson, left, and Paul Keating.

This scene is being duplicated in many vo-ag departments now that small engines are so widely used.



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FFA WEEK was well advertised this year thanks to the "Outdoor Advertising Agencies" in Alabama. Mr. H. F. Gibson, District Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture is inspecting one of the 200 signs posted in the state.

Keep America Ahead

By ALVIE SMITH

Agriculture has made America great! As the years go by, the American Economic System is becoming more and more dependent upon an efficient agriculture.

Today American Agriculture has become the most productive in the world. For example; in America only 10% of our population is required for farming, while in Russia 45 to 50% is required and in other countries 80 to 90% of the people are engaged in farming.

Just a couple of years ago Mr. Khrushchev, of the U.S.S.R., came to the United States on a good will visit and saw how we raise corn. Mr. Khrushchev studied our methods very carefully, returned to the Soviet Union, and tried them several times and failed repeatedly. This failure was due to the fact that the Russian people lacked in knowledge of agriculture.

In every respect agriculture has made America the dream of the world! However, with all of our success our goal has not been reached. Our goal is not only to make America strong but to keep it strong and feed our people without over producing in any one crop. In a speech recently the Honorable Richard M. Nixon said, "The American people are the best fed people in the world!"

Fellow Future Farmers, I challenge you to keep America ahead in agriculture and our people well clothed and well fed. May we all work toward our goal as time marches on.

—FFA—

Challenge Of Agriculture

By JIMMY BARNES

With 180 million people in our country, the farm area per person is only eleven acres and three million people are being added every year. By the end of the century, we will be down to an average of five acres for every person. This exploding population poses a formi-

dable challenge to the farmers of America as early as 1975. It is estimated that if our people are to have three square meals a day by then, our farmers will have to produce at least 50 percent more eggs, hogs, vegetables, cattle and milk. In addition to feeding our own people, we supply food to the hungry nations abroad. These facts indicate that there will be an ever increasing demand for everything that agriculture produces. That is the challenge of agriculture today.

Men who are willing to accept this challenge of agriculture—and able to accept it—do not just happen. They

must be trained. They are the product of the vocational agriculture program and the Future Farmers of America. Personally, I have found inspiration and guidance in the FFA organization. May it live on and grow to reach new heights in the training of farm youth to meet and cope with the challenge of agriculture today, and play its part in continuing the words of Abraham Lincoln when he said, "That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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A Message To Reporters

By GLENWARD SPIVEY

The Reporter is a key man in the FFA chapter officer group. His efforts will have considerable effect on members' pride in their organization, and appreciation of the FFA chapter by people of the community. In most well organized chapters the reporter is named chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Members of the committee work with him in preparing publicity material, along with other public relations activities.

Why publicity? Good publicity will keep people of the community informed about the FFA and gain their support for chapter activities. FFA publicity will help gain community support for the school, since it is a part of the school program. It also helps in getting support from business corporations to carry on its activities. Local publicity strengthens the State and National programs of FFA. Many people who read home-town newspapers have influence that extends far beyond the local community.

Each year a Star FFA Reporter is elected. The purpose of the contest is to

encourage FFA reporters and chapters to have better public relations programs in order to keep the public informed of their work and accomplishments. I would like to encourage more chapters to get behind their reporters and get him to enter the contest. The winner of the contest receives a watch, \$60, and chapter banner. His advisor will receive a camera. I think this is something for a reporter to work toward. Not only should he work toward this award, but toward the improvement of his chapter.

I would like to ask that all chapter reporters cooperate with me to "... strive to inform the people in order that every man, woman and child may know that the Future Farmers of America is a national organization that reaches from the State of Washington to Puerto Rico and from the State of Maine to Hawaii."

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FFA In Today's World

By JIMMY GOLSON

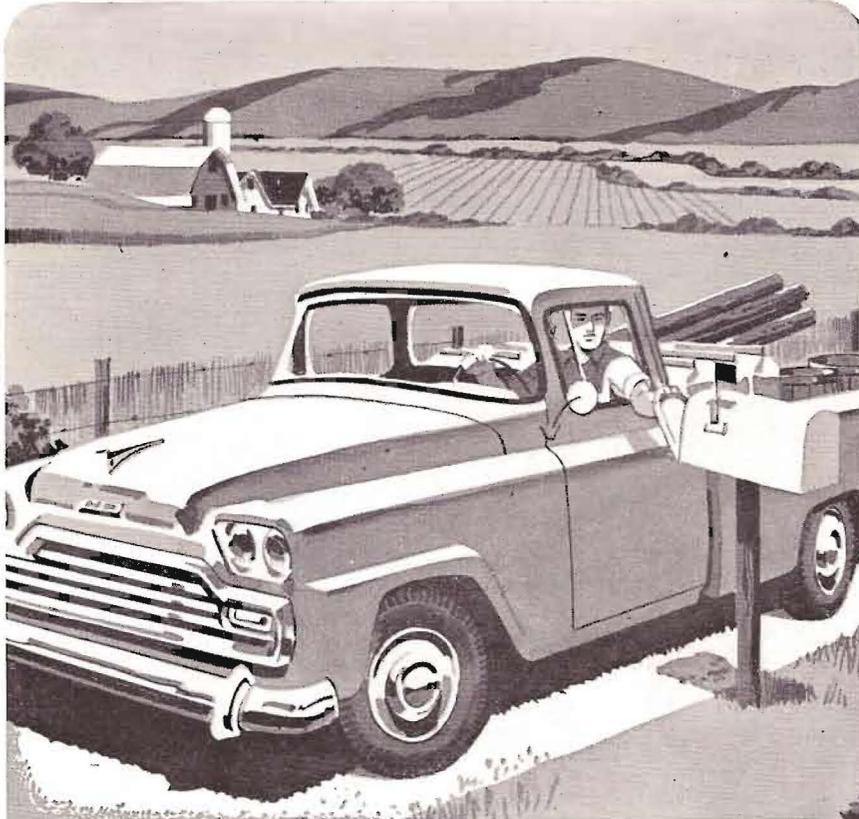
Today we are living in the first few years of the space age. In this age our standard of living will continue to rise while scientific achievements unparalleled in the history of civilization will become commonplace servants of mankind.

New developments in medicine, science, industry, and agriculture will revolutionize the average man's way of life. But along with these new boons to living, new problems will develop. New discoveries in the field of medicine allowing people to live longer and longer plus the ever increasing birth rate will rapidly cause the over-population of our earth. Therefore, a great need for highly skilled farmers will develop to furnish the food for our expanded population.

The ever present cold war will continue to become hotter creating a drastic need for competent leaders who will be able to guide the destinies of the American people. Likewise, new developments in industry will create a greater need for capable business leaders.

To remain the world's leading country we must take full advantage of the American youth and train them to be the leaders of our future. I am proud to be a member of the Future Farmers of America, the organization which I, and many leaders of America, believe is capable of now, and will continue to be capable of, producing the agricultural leadership needed by our country now and in the future.

Our FFA has the primary purpose of developing agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship. It carries out this purpose by sponsoring many contests to develop leadership and those qualities which a Future Farmer should possess.



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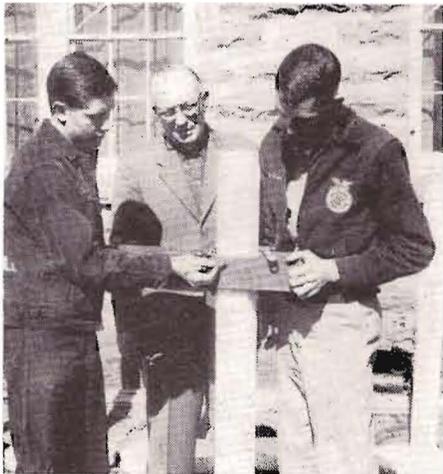


Agricultural Leadership

By BILLY POWELL

Never in the history of our country has the need for agricultural leadership been so important. With the number of farmers decreasing while our population is increasing, and with more and more economical and social problems arising, we can easily see an important need for an increase in our agricultural leadership. We, as Future Farmers, can supply this need. The primary aim of the FFA is to develop *agricultural leadership*, cooperation, and citizenship.

At the same time as our National FFA Convention, the President of the Peace Corps said at a press conference that the greatest need of the Peace Corps was people in the agricultural field. This, along with the many, many other openings requiring an agricultural background provide a great opportunity for FFA members. We have already shown interest in agriculture and have started out with a good background by being a FFA member.

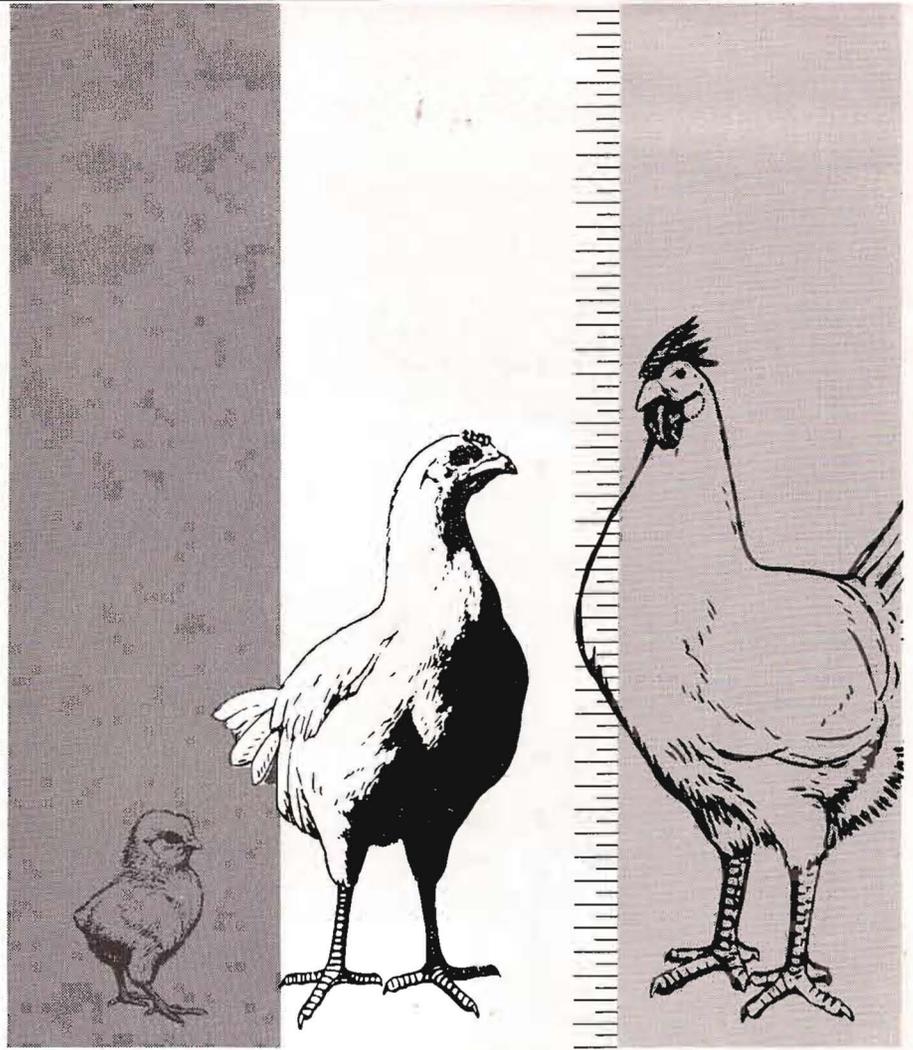


MR. H. B. WHITE, vo-ag teacher at Carbon Hill, along with Enoch Estes and James Nichols work on one of their mailbox posts. Their chapter has made and distributed over 350 of these posts in the community. They are very evident when you visit Carbon Hill.



MR. FRANK HENDRIX, FFA Advisor at Chavala, exhibits the chapter bull while a group of FFA members observe. The members, left to right, are James Williams, Steve Parkman, Calvin Bush and Bill Smith.

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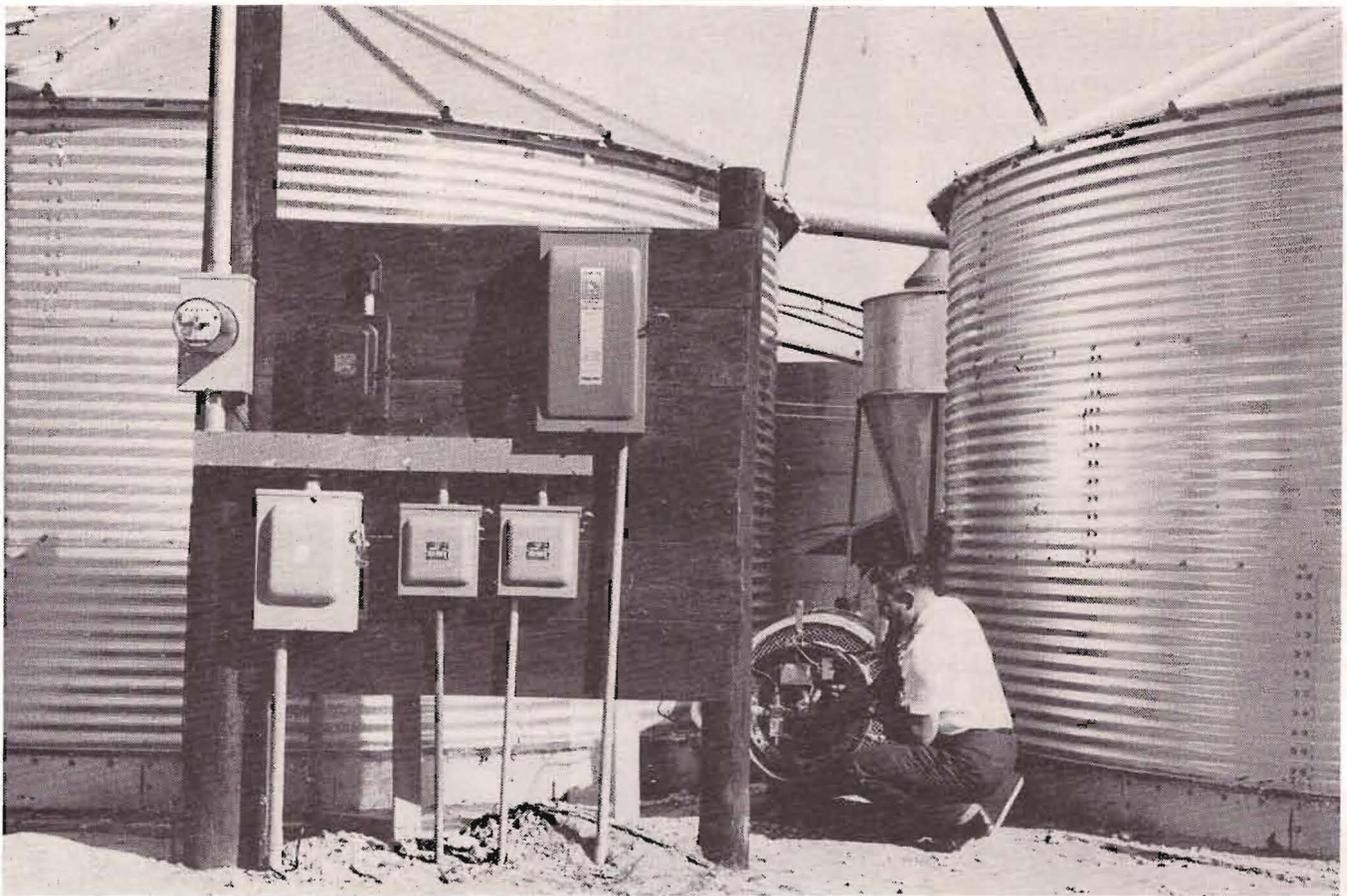
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