

## New Concept in Sealed Storage

A revolutionary "silage stuffer" developed in Germany stands ready to show its stuff to American farmers looking for "lower cost seed storage."

"I'm really sold on it," says John Kopp, a Canadian farmer who one year ago bought the first "silage stuffer" sold in North America. John was born and reared in Germany and moved to his new farm near Sebringville, Ontario, in 1970. He had just started building a trench silo when he heard about the new "stuffer" concept from Germany. In comparing it against trench and conventional upright storage, he decided it had the most to offer and had a complete unit shipped over.

Called the Eberhardt Silopress, it's pto-driven and stuffs silage in huge 80-ft. plastic encased sausages. Each sausage is 8 ft. in dia. and so firmly packed that it holds 75 to 100 tons, depending on the material.

"I figure I saved \$16,000 by buying the Silopress rather than two conventional tower silos. It offers quality storage at a price that's tough to beat," says Kopp, citing these additional advantages of his "stuffer" system:

"It's highly mobile—you can fill and store the bags in the field, at headquarters or on different farms. If you move to a new farm, you can take the complete system with you—a real plus for tenant operators."

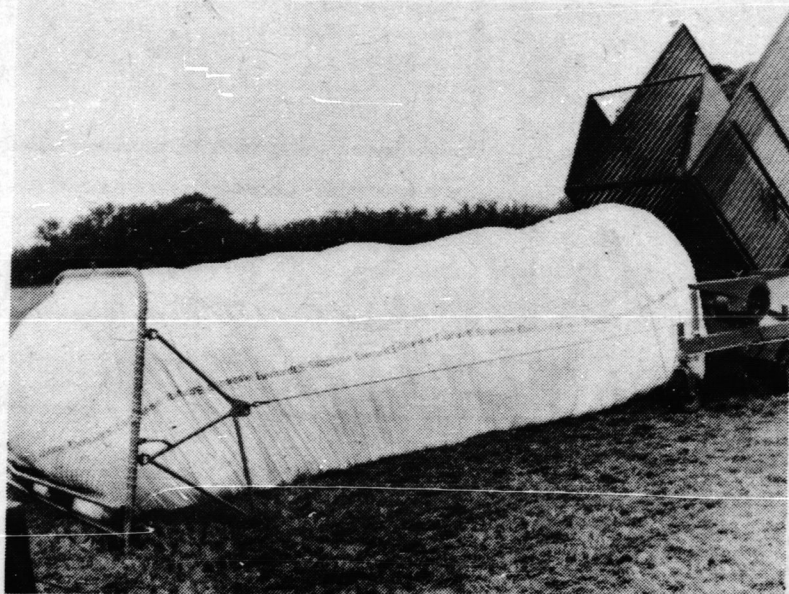
"It'll store almost anything going into conventional sealed storage structures, whether haylage or high moisture grain." Last fall, Kopp put up 2½ bags of corn silage and 1 bag of high moisture shelled corn, most of which went into storage at an average moisture content of 25 percent. The plastic bag is drawn over the shaping tunnel of the press. A tubular frame carrying rope netting and attached by steel ropes to tension drums on the Silopress is then set into position. The sealed end of the sack is placed against the frame. During filling, feed pressure moves the press and tractor slowly forward, the rate and therefore the consolidation being controlled by adjustable drum braking on the pay-out of the steel ropes, leaving the filled sack on the ground. A 50-hp tractor is all it takes to operate the unit.

"The bags are easy to unload," says Gerald Storm, of Storm Sales, the London, Ontario based firm which is marketing the new sealed storage concept in Canada and the U.S. "Whole layers flake off at a time, the same way the material is stuffed originally. You can load it out several different ways—with a tractor-mounted loader, or with a trench silo unloader. Or, you can self-feed right out of the individual bags."

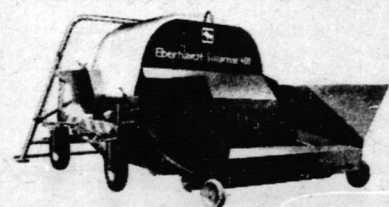
Cost of the unit is \$10,900, plus \$1.95 per running ft. for the special plastic bags which come in 198 ft. rolls.

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## NIGHT

I drove along a country road

All silent on a starry night;

The breath of flowers filled the air,

And fire-flies danced in wild delight.  
Within the clover-laden fields

The drowsy cattle were at rest;

A night bird fluttered in the woods

Alert to keep her hidden nest.

There, on the hilltop standing guard

In close communion with sky

A lone pine murmurs to the night

A faint bewitching lullaby.

And this, I thought is eventide--

All tired folk have taken flight

On wings of sleep; How can they know  
God walks in secret depths on night?

Margaret Elsom, Normandale

## Spouses to benefit

New legislation which will benefit thousands of Canadian couples who, until now, have had to live on one Old Age Security pension has been introduced in the House of Commons by Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde.

Under the legislation, expected to go into effect October 1 of this year, spouses 60 to 64 years of age who are married to Old Age Security pensioners will be eligible for benefit payments of an income-tested Spouse's Allowance which at the maximum would be equal to the Old Age pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement.

It is estimated that between 65 and 90 thousand spouses will be eligible for benefits under the new program, at an estimated additional expenditure of \$100 million.

The income needs of other groups such as singles, widows, etc., are being examined under the income support and supplementation proposals of the Federal-Provincial Social Security Review. It is hoped that agreement can be reached to implement the

income support part of the system next year.

The Spouse's Allowance will escalate quarterly in line with increases in the Consumer Price Index just as the Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement payments do now,

and will have the same status as the GIS for Income Tax purposes. This means that it will be deducted from the income of the recipient in determining the taxable income.

Mr. Lalonde stressed that application forms would be supplied to pensioners who are presently in receipt of OAS and GIS benefits.

The Bill also provides for other technical amendments as follows:

The Governor-in-Council would be given the authority

to make a regulation whereby certain periods of absence from Canada may be counted as presence in Canada in determining eligibility for OAS.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare would be given the authority to write off small or uncollectable over-payments of benefits at his discretion to ease financial hardship.

If agreement were to be reached by a province and the federal government, any provincial benefits similar to those payable under the OAS Act may be added to the OAS cheque.

The Old Age Security Fund would be abolished and benefits would be paid directly out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The Old Age Assistance Act would be repealed.

**Dollars & Good Sense**  
by William J. Martin  
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For the next couple of months, people everywhere will be trying to keep themselves cool. Today I'd like to drop a few hints on how to accomplish this while still saving energy.

As you are probably aware,

an air conditioner is a major user of energy. A complete home air conditioning system can be your number one user of electricity this summer, so when it comes to saving power, this is the place to start.

Begin by trying to keep the house as cool as possible without the air conditioner's help. Shut drapes and blinds to keep the sun's rays out. Consider reflective window coatings and awnings where the sun is a real problem. And encourage growth of trees and shrubs around the house to provide shade. If you can keep the outside walls of the house cool, then the inside will be cooler too.

When your air conditioner is on, close all the doors and windows and try to keep warm air from intruding into already cooled areas. And be sure to close your fireplace flue. Check the weather stripping around your doors and windows periodically.

It is vital that your equipment be properly maintained. This will insure efficient cooling and energy use, as well as longer equipment life.

One last rule. Don't "over-cool" the house. Set the thermostat at 78° and you'll be comfortable and still save energy.

Readers' questions are welcome and should be sent to Box 5857, London, Ontario.

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## TODAY'S HEALTH

### Common sense often helps hay fever sufferers

by David Woods

The fact that hay fever is poorly named — it's not truly a fever, and hay isn't its main cause — is little consolation to the two or three million Canadians who suffer from it.

For them, hay fever means several weeks of the summer marred by itching and sneezing, streaming eyes and, often, difficulty in breathing.

The pollens, from ragweed, grass, trees and other plants, that cause all the trouble are harmless enough in themselves. What happens is that people who are allergic to one or more of these airborne

irritants continue to experience hay fever symptoms until the allergen — the offending pollen — disappears until next year.

The best solution is to move away from whatever's causing the problem. But this isn't too practical since the various hay fever-causing plants pollinate in waves between March and June — and you may be allergic to more than one of them. Also, the pollens, which are most active in Ontario along the shore of the Great Lakes, can travel up to 400 miles.

But there are, according to Ontario allergist Dr. William van Hoogenhuize, certain common

sense precautions you can take.

If you're driving, he advises, travel in the early morning or in the evening when it's cooler so that car windows can be kept shut; also, air conditioning — in the car or the home — affords some protection.

Dr. van Hoogenhuize suggests, too, that hay fever sufferers stay out of fields because of the much higher concentrations of pollens there and that they avoid swimming, since the allergens tend to settle on the surface of water.

There is, of course, medical treatment available. But this, says van Hoogenhuize, is rather like trying to shut the barn door after the

horse has bolted. The many varieties of antihistamines may be effective, he says, but the best course of action is prevention.

If you know you're going to get hay fever, go to your doctor well before the high pollen season begins. This will allow for adequate allergy testing to determine if you might benefit from a series of desensitizing shots. But remember the shots may take as long as two or three years to bring any real relief.

While hay fever is more of an annoyance than an outright disease, it may be associated with other respiratory problems. The solution lies in common sense, and in early prevention.

### Constructive use of leisure can improve your health

by David Woods

Whether you pronounce it to rhyme with pleasure or seizure, leisure is extremely important to your health and well-being.

Like its pronunciation, leisure itself is a matter of individual choice. But there's more to it than just slumping in front of the television set with a bottle of beer.

Ideally, leisure should be a change of pace. It should be an opportunity to recharge the batteries; a change to break up the routine. And leisure should be both relaxing and stimulating. But it

doesn't have to be extreme; taking a break need be neither a 10 countries in 10 days whirlwind tour of Europe, nor a lotion-daubed, lotus eating lie-in on a beach without moving a limb.

The secret is to make constructive use of leisure time on a regular basis. After all, most of us need to let off steam . . . to get rid of the pressures of modern living. Trying to do that by using liquor or tranquilizers is a short-term — and not very healthy — solution.

A far more effective approach is to get wrapped up in some activity that's both relaxing and enjoyable

— preferably something that contrasts with your work life. For example, the highly competitive executive might be better off painting or sailing than engaging in a sport — golf, say, or tennis — where he becomes furious and uptight if he doesn't win. Similarly, a clerical worker might derive greater satisfaction and benefit from leisure activities requiring leadership skills.

In any event, the point is that many people become so involved in their work that they never get around to its rewards . . . to enjoying the leisure they've earned.

This may be due, in some measure, to a sort of lingering puritanism — the idea that rest is rust. But even for work addicts — in fact, especially for such people — leisure is vital therapy.

A change of scene, new learning experiences, regular vacations, sports and hobbies and reading, or all of these can refresh and invigorate. They can help us back into the normal daily routine with a new outlook, a new spirit.

The dictionary defines leisure as having one's time free from the demands of work or duty. You owe it to yourself to make a healthy investment in that freedom.

### Come on a tour of beautiful Hamilton Place

Hamilton Place, Canada's newest performing arts complex, throws open its doors for free conducted tours beginning Saturday, August 2. These tours, which were inaugurated last summer, proved so popular that more than 13,000 people took advantage of them.

Each day, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and every half hour thereafter, thoroughly trained guides will lead visitors through areas of Hamilton Place that are not normally available to them during the regular season: the stage, backstage and dressing room areas. The

guides will explain the many interesting technical and architectural features of the Great Hall, the Studio Theatre and the Piano Nobile.

Hamilton Place tours will be held seven days a week, from August 2 through

August 31, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Remember, Hamilton Place is your place — so come out and see it.

The Special Events '75 Committee of the City of Hamilton is sponsoring the Hamilton Place tours.

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With the summer season comes the need to do more yard work, and this includes cutting the grass frequently. If you are among the 40 million users of power mowers, please take time to read a few words of caution.

There are three danger areas that require particularly special care: steep slopes, gravel drives and low hanging trees.

On slopes, when walking behind your mower, mow across the slope, not up and down the hill. On a rider-mower, do just the opposite to avoid the possibility of spills. If a slope is extremely steep, you should consider an alternative ground cover.

Be extremely careful of gravel and other small objects which can be picked up by the mower's blades and thrown out at terrific speed. Disengage a riding mower's blades and shut off a conventional mower's motor

before crossing a gravel area. It is also a good idea to periodically check your lawn for small rocks and debris that might be picked up by the mower.

Saturday gardeners often become so immersed in their work that they fail to watch where they are going. Low hanging trees can hit you in the face by surprise, causing you to lose control of your mower and creating danger for you and your family.

As with any power tool, exercise caution, and you can reap its benefits safely.

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## NOTICE

By resolution of Regional Council, June 12, 1975 Lawn or Garden Sprinkling will be allowed only between the hours of: 7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

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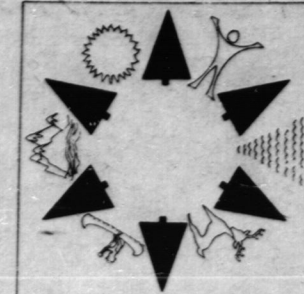
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