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**TRENCH SILO**

Mr. G. C. Herter, of near Lexington has only five milk cows, yet he has just finished digging a trench silo in which he is going to put green feed this summer in order to have a good ration for his cows this winter.

Mr. Herter is the type of farmer that is always looking for something that will increase his production and at the same time cut the cost. He with other farmers of Lee County made a trip to the Luling Foundation Farms a year or two ago and he saw there his first trench silo. He talked with Mr. Shelton, Manager of the Foundation Farms and learned from him what the value of green feed for dairy cows was in the winter, so he decided to build a trench silo.

Mr. Herter has cut this silo in a clay hill close to his barn, 35 feet long, six feet wide at the top, four feet wide at the bottom, and five feet deep. He is planting five acres of red top cane with which to fill the silo. Should this be more than is needed to fill it he will use the rest for hay.

He has bought a small feed cutter and has mounted it and a blower, that made himself, on a truck, which is also home-made. He is using an old Ford engine for power. With this small investment he expects to get green feed for his cows this winter at a very small cost.

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