

Features

Red tape ties up farmer's fuel

Still to produce gasohol, not moonshine

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ELMER, N.J. — Bruce Bishop had a great idea. He would build a still, use cull potatoes to feed it and cut the cost of operating the trucks and tractors on the farm he works with his grandfather.

The shiny steel and copper contraption, which looks as if it belongs in moonshine country rather than a barn in southern New Jersey, has been ready to run for a long time. But bureaucratic red tape has stalled its operation repeatedly. And big government has found another means of obstruction now, just when it appeared all the other red tape was cleared up.

Initially, a lot of potatoes had to be thrown out, some mash leaked and damaged the soybean crop and the whole project had to be put off until this fall's crop.

"I've never seen anything like it. Those potatoes shrunk down to nothing. The neighbors started complaining about the flies and maggots," said Bishop, 21, a junior at Glassboro State College.

"We had to pump all that mess out of storage. It seeped out and killed all our soybeans for us. That would never have happened if they had given that permit to us."

The loss of the potato "mash" did not cut into the potato crop since fuel for the still is gleaned only from the "culls" — potatoes too small or

The still uses culls from the potato crop on their 200 acres to produce 190 proof, 95 percent pure alcohol.

imperfect to be marketable. But Bishop figures a lot of potential fuel was lost.

Then, Bishop found out recently that, although he got the state license permit he needed after long delay, it only permits him to keep his still on his land. It doesn't actually allow him to use it.

"Now we need an operator's permit," Bishop sighed. "They said it was supposed to be coming, but they said that a couple of weeks ago."

It seems Bishop has reached his limit. Permit or not, he insisted, he will fire up his machine as soon as he has got enough spuds.

"If they want to give us a hassle, fine. I wanted to do it right, but you just give up after a while."

Bishop is proud of his metallic monster. It uses

the culls from the crop he and his 85-year-old grandfather harvest from their 200 acres to produce 190 proof, 95 percent pure alcohol. He'll mix it with gasoline to make gasohol for the fuel tanks of the farm's 10 trucks and seven tractors.

He is helping fight the energy shortage in the process. He says it may save his family and the country the better part of 10,000 gallons of fuel a year.

It all began last April. Although some of his potato crop is sold to Frito-Lay, the family is not always in the chips. The still seemed a quick way to cut down the fuel bill for the farm's vehicles.

Building the still was no problem. A professor at Glassboro turned it into a class project. Ten students worked on completing his and several other stills.

Bishop then applied to the state and federal governments for the permits needed to run his still and produce alcohol.

The bureaucrats took so long to issue his permits, Bishop's frustration turned to anger.

"I guess the state just didn't know how to handle it," says Bishop. "I guess they just didn't know what to do. I got the runaround for quite a while. I guess it (license application) just sat around on people's desks."

Wife wants to visit dog after divorce

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dorothy V. Whaley, whose husband Roy has filed for divorce, says she wants the right to visit their small mixed-breed dog after the couple splits legally.

She and her husband adopted the dog and she loves it, Mrs. Whaley told Judge Tom Glaze.

She asked the judge to force Whaley to bring the dog by her house twice a week for her to see.

Whaley, who works for the Post Office, took the dog with him when he moved out, she said. She contends the pet is not his alone.

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East Europeans can escape to weekend country houses

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BELGRADE — In Yugoslavia they are called vikendicas; in Czechoslovakia, chatas, or huts, and in East Germany, borrowing from the Russian, "datsche."

Weekend houses have become a widespread phenomenon in Communist Europe.

Millions of city dwellers from the Baltic to the Balkans get away to privately owned retreats ranging from pre-fab boxes to lakeside villas.

In Poland, where some 700,000 weekend houses were built in the past five years, authorities have introduced regulations limiting their size and grandeur. This came after it was found private builders use stolen black market materials and charges that building materials necessary for urban housing were diverted to the second homes.

In Yugoslavia, Belgrade television exposed farmers selling plots at inflated prices for use as weekend house sites instead of using the land for agriculture.

million weekend houses, most of them along the shores of picturesque Lake Balaton or the banks of the Danube River.

Another factor is the limited travel opportunities. Coupled with a growing automobile culture, this makes a hut, dacha or vikendica desirable.

"To own a weekend house is a status symbol and form of snobbery, especially in Prague," said a resident

of that city. "Almost half of all Prague families spend the weekend in their own or friends' weekend houses, and the roads into and out of the city on Friday and Sunday nights are always blocked with traffic."

Of the estimated 500,000 weekend houses in Czechoslovakia, many are built — as in Poland — with stolen materials or ignoring various building regulations.

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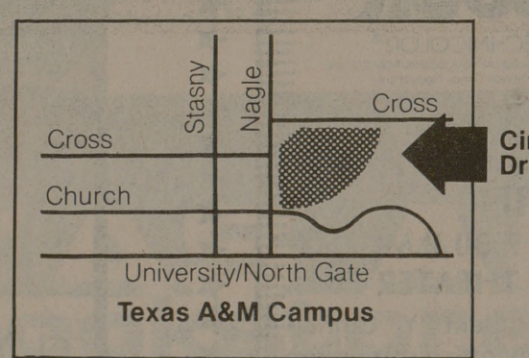
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