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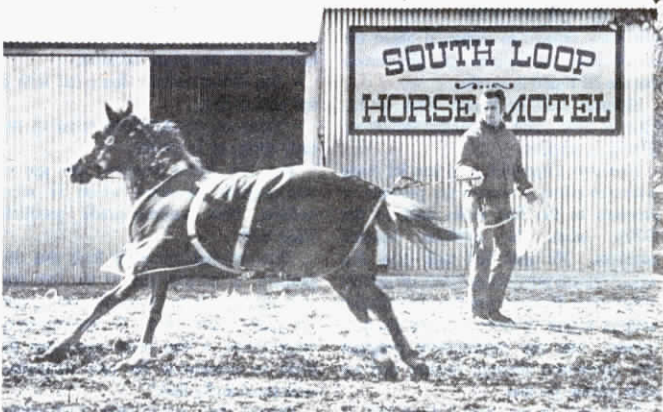
WORKS OUT DAILY ON HOT WALKER

German Shepherd Thinks He's A Horse

"Whenever I place the horses on the walker for exercise, Duke will join them," says Charles Dosier, a Marshall, Texas, horse trainer who boards a stable of horses.

Dozier doesn't know if Duke, a 1-year-old German Shepherd, rides the hot walker because it's fun or because he

thinks he's a horse and that's what he's supposed to do. "He's got powerful jaws and will hold on regardless if it's set at either walk or gallop speed," says Dozier, noting that Duke has been taking the walk on his rear legs ever since he was a 5-month-old pup.



Horse accommodations are complete with running water and show facilities.

IT'S GOT STALLS OUT BACK

This Texas Motel's Built For Horses

An enterprising Texan says he tapped into a big market when he built his "Horse Motel" for weary travelers with horses.

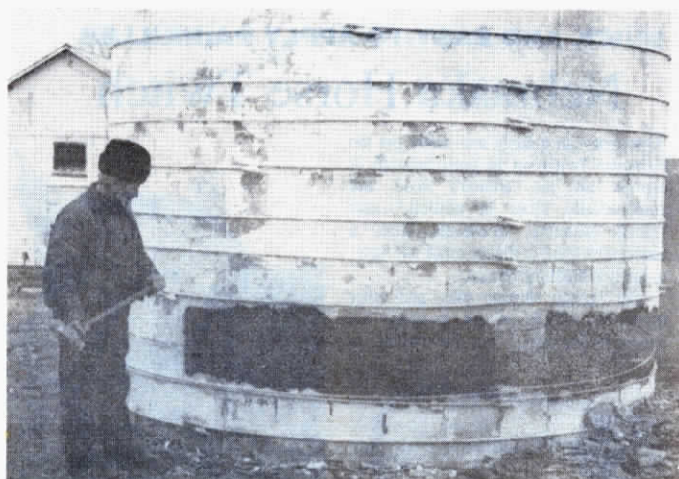
Tony Griffith, who runs the South Loop Horse Motel in Fort Worth, says his motel is one of only two in the country that take horses. He's able to take advantage of the year-around stream of horse owners traveling to horse show and rodeo events in Fort Worth, but says the idea might work anywhere lots of people travel through with horses.

The South Loop Horse Motel features accommodations for owners up front and a line of stalls - complete with running

water and show facilities - in back. While customers must provide feed and other equipment to care for the horses, the motel does provide "maid service" when the horses leave.

Guests without horses are welcome, too, and Griffith says they seem to enjoy the presence of horses. South Loop motel rooms rent for about \$35 apiece while the horse stalls go for \$15 a night.

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The first step is knocking out a few layers of staves at the base of the silo.

SPECIALIST'S ONLY TOOLS ARE 'ELBOW GREASE AND A SLEDGEHAMMER'

One-Man "Silo Buster"

By Cathy McCullough

Homer Dotson, of Leetonia, Ohio, a one-man "silo buster," takes down silos without benefit of dynamite or fancy equipment. Using "elbow grease and a sledgehammer" as his only tools, he can bring down an old or damaged silo in only a few minutes.

Dotson pounds out a few layers of staves or tile near the base of the silo, working in an area about half the total circumference of the silo. He stops occasionally and puts an ear to the silo, listening for interior sounds of falling debris -- an indication the silo is ready to fall and a warning for Dotson to make a speedy retreat. The pounded-out area faces the direction he wants the silo to fall and, in more than a dozen silo take-downs to date, Dotson hasn't been wrong in his calculations.

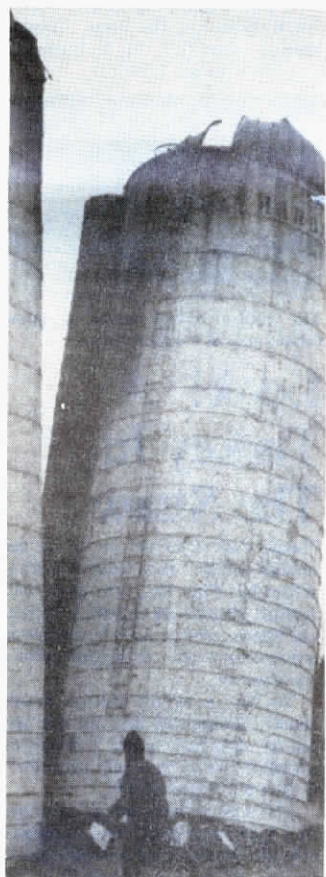
Most recently, he was summoned to the Harold Koontz farm near Salem, Ohio, where he toppled two heat-damaged concrete stave silos. Koontz, cleaning up from a barn fire last August that damaged the two silos, had a hired crew on hand to clean up and haul away the debris after the dismantling.

Dotson began his unique "silo busting" craft several years ago when he took down a silo for neighbor Russell Cook. "I figured taking down a silo would work the same as felling a tree. After taking down the silo for Russell, the news spread fast and I knocked down a half dozen or so within the next year."

Once, Dotson took down three silos in one day at one location. The second silo he worked on that particular day "went over half way and stopped," Dotson recalls. "The gash I'd made in the bottom looked like two big jaws. I didn't knock the hole wide enough to start with so I had to do more precarious sledgehammer work under the leaning silo to finish the job," Dotson recalls.

Over the years, he has helped dismantle old wooden silos, but he doesn't use the "sledgehammer treatment" on them. "You have to tear them down piecemeal," he notes.

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Homer Dotson makes a quick retreat as silo starts to fall.

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