

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Bennington College ~~H. H. Jones~~

Date May 21, 1943.

TO Mr. Jones  
FROM Mr. Tschorn

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When we realized last summer that we were going to expand the farm in 1943 to include 100 acres of cultivated land in order to provide almost all of the food necessary for the 400 persons on the campus, we ordered on September, 12th 1942, from a local dealer, the necessary equipment to carry out such a program. We received all the necessary farm machinery at that time with the exception of the hand lift two row cultivator which was to be utilized in conjunction with a new Model 101 Jr. Massey-Harris tractor.

On February 24th, 1943 we received our U.S.D.A. Purchase Certificate (Serial No. 21 application No. 34) from the Bennington County Farm Rationing Committee for the purchase of the cultivator.

On March 31st, The Massey-Harris Company returned our U.S.D.A. Purchase Certificate and mentioned "Until we are notified that a Massey-Harris tractor cultivator has been allotted to Bennington County, we would have no authority to ship same."

On April 21st, Mr. George D. Bailey, Chairman, Vermont U.S.D.A. War Board at Burlington, forwarded an appeal to Mr. M. Clifford Townsend, Director, Food Production Administration at Washington, D.C., to increase by one the Vermont State quota of tractor mounted cultivators and to have that one given to the Massey-Harris Company to be shipped to Bennington County and to be tagged for Bennington College.

On May 15th, Mr. Bailey, wrote us that he had just received from Washington a reply to his appeal, which read, "There are no machines available for allocation from Washington at this time." In other words, all machines have been allocated.

We are now in a very serious predicament with 100 acres of land to cultivate and no cultivator.

As no Massey-Harris cultivators have been allotted to Bennington County, nor to the whole State of Vermont for 1943 and yet we hold a U.S.D.A. Purchase Certificate for a cultivator and the Massey-Harris Company will furnish a cultivator if one is allotted to our County, I am wondering if there is not some means whereby a further appeal may be made.

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