



Standing in new corn, Arthur E. Brown, R2 Nottingham, just south of Little Britain in Lancaster County, here has as a background contours that helped him win

the title of Lancaster County's Outstanding Soil Conservationist for 1956. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

### **Strip Farming by An Expert**

Although the hills of his farm are not as rugged as many in Lancaster County, strip farming and better soil conservation practices have been put on a paying basis by Arthur E. Brown of R2 Nottingham. | ing Staff Fhoto).

Here is a view of his farm, with the farm home across the pond, Guernseys grazing in the meadows, and, in the far background, strip cropping. (Lancaster Farm-



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## **Outstanding County Conservationist** 40-Year Graduate of Penn State

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the new Little, Britain Elemen- | "Original cost was minute, tary School, are has colorful and it was spread over four strip-cropped fields. Just south years to work the strips in," of the village itself is his three- Mr Brown told. Once establish-quarter acre pond, protected by ed, there has been no need to an electric fence, a pond built work them up again, and the on a swamp, but whose depth program of one plowed-up strip, ranges up to ten feet. A spring one strip in clops has worked feeds an adequate supply of wat- well. er for livestock use.

Describing the Lancaster are some drawbacks to soil con-County Soll Conservation Dis-servation, but it works out bettrict, of which he was the first ter on some farms than on othpresident, Mr. Brown told, "The eis," he advises district was formed in 1938, Most crops not fed green go made up of 15 townships south into the 14-by-45 foot tile silo of the Lincoln Highway Betore that holds 150 to 160 tons The that time we had government balance of the crops are picked demonstrations and the Civilian for grain.

did much of the early soil con-are planted in wheat, to round servation work at no cost to the out the rotation program farmer.

He Was Skeptical Once er," he continued, "several in farm-minded. Wilfried T, 34, the neighborhood were anxious lives on an adjacent farm, and to organize, but I was a bit has been in the trucking busiskeptical However they asked ness since 1950 Mis Charles me to serve as supervisor. Two (Elizabeth) Jackson, Jr, lives were appointed by the Governor, on a farm joining the homeplace three were elected.

dubious," Mr. Brown related, on a farm the other side of "for the idea of 'one hundred per cent on the contour' didn't look too pratical There were too many points, too many corn- Brown operation is that given ers, but farmers on the board by Mr and Mrs Clarence Waglooked for leeway"

And they found leeway as cows and chickens - 600 White time went on The straight-edge Leghorns, from which the pullet measuring gave way to practical- crop provides replacements each ity This depression-born idea year "They're doing a nice job, grew into something that today and we're well pleased," Mr. causes Mr. Brown to conclude, Brown replied

Those in the rolling hills of Brown has been a trustee of Southern Lancaster County can Little Britain Presbyterian well apply these principles The Church 24 years, treasurer for Brown farm is rolling, not hilly, 20 years He's served 33 years hence he saw no need for diver- as a director of Faimers Nasion ditches, although they were tional Bank at Quarryville, now recommended originally. Today chairman of the Southern Lanhe's holding his soil by contour caster County Joint High School, stripping

Fiom Steers to Dairying For the first ten years of his both the Lancaster County Farm farming career, Mr Brown fed Bureau and the Southeastern steers, then found the need for Pennsylvania Aitificial Bieeding more crops, and finally he shift- Cooperative, and from 1944 to

Located across the load from contour, each in 100-foot strips.

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"There's no question there

Conservation Coips camps which Timothy, alfalfa and clover

The Brown family, in addition to Mr and Mrs Brown, two "Before the district was form- daughters and a son, are also to the northwest, while Mrs. "As a supervisor, I was less Kenneth (Veia) McCauley lives Chestnut Level

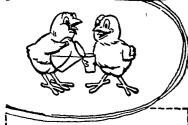
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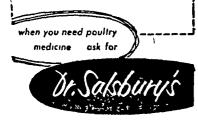
"There are very few farms that In addition to being the outcouldn't use some conservation " standing conservationist, Mr. a member of the Quarryville Lion's Club, a past director ot

1947 was Clerk of Quarter Ses-| Sixty acres are cropped on sions Court in Lancaster County.

We are still waiting on that ed to dairying. flying platform—family size.



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HARRISBURG - In the first Pennsylvania fruit production forecast of the 1956 season the State Department of Agriculture today said the peach crop is estimated at 2,450,000 bushels, 450,000 under last year, but 139,-000 bushels above the 10-year 1945-54 average.

As predicted, the May 17 freeze failed to affect peaches as much as other fruits, observers said Pennsylvania last year ranked third among all states in peach production Apple and red cherry estimates are not yet avaılable.

Sweet cherries and pears were hard hit by the freeze and were wiped out in many spots. The Federal-State June 1 forecast for sweet cherries is production of only 700 tons compared with 1,300 tons last year and the average of, 1,100 tons

Pennsylvania's .commercial pear crop this year is estimated at 80,000 bushels compared with 140,000 in 1955 and the average of 188,000 bushels.

Killing frosts occurred generally over Pennsylvania on May 17 and 25, the latest of 1 scord in a number of localities, the Department said.

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