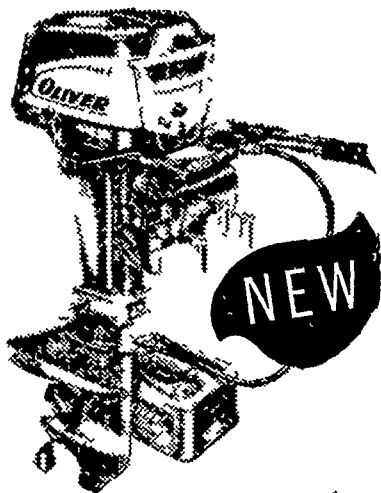


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Apple Crop in State Declines By 2.5 Million

HARRISBURG — In its first estimate of the season on Pennsylvania apple production the State Department of Agriculture today announced a commercial crop of four million bushels, 2,500,000 under last year. Late May freezes and poor pollination are responsible for the drop, observers said.

The estimate is nearly two million bushels under the 10-year 1945-54 average, according to Federal-State surveys.

The Pennsylvania peach crop is estimated at 2,300,000 bushels compared with 2,900,000 last year and the average of 2,311,000 bushels.

Sweet Cherries Drop

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Here is a sight familiar to many a Lancaster County visitor, the Town Clock at Gap, towering above the horizon of the

two hills that dip to give the town its name. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Red cherry picking is now underway with the crop estimated at 6,500 tons, just one-half of 1955 production of 13,000 tons. The 10-year average is 7,260 tons.

First estimates of the season on grapes are for a crop of 23,500 tons, the Department said. This compares with 24,000 tons last year and the average of 17,900 tons.

The sharp declines in apples and cherries have hit some growers rather seriously, observers said. Cold and wet weather during April and May delayed blooming but the freezes of late May caused great damage and prospective yields dropped sharply. In many sections poor pollination was an important factor, the Department said. Conditions in June were generally favorable.

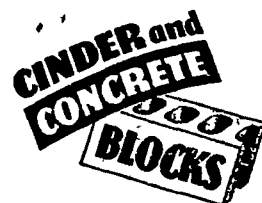
A heavy June drop of apples was expected and realized. Spraying operations brought

down many tiny apples in some orchards. Prospects are spotty with the Berks-Lehigh fruit belt showing more promise than other commercial areas, it was said.

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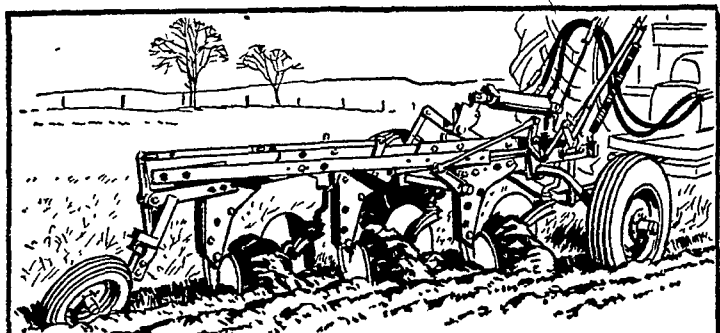
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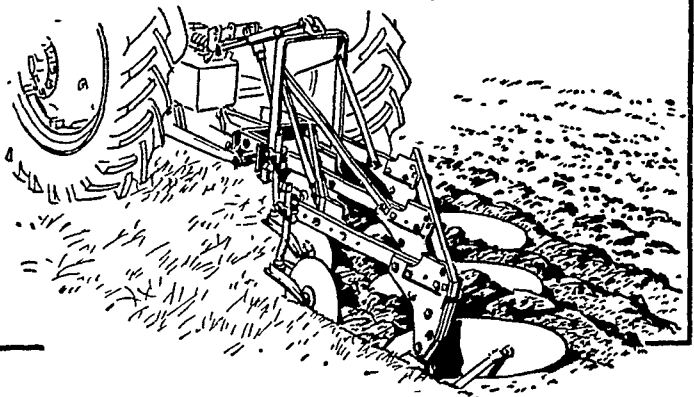
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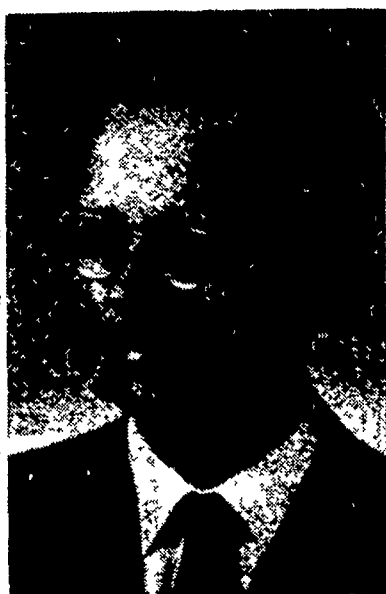
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Warwick High Will Enroll 21 in Vo-Ag

With Robert Henny as instructor, Warwick High School in Lititz will offer vocational agriculture for the first time this



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fall. Mr. Henny is from Dallas in Luzerne County, and has started students on their on-farm projects.

Mr. Henny is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, and served in the U. S. Navy from 1950 to 1954. He was graduated this spring with a degree in agricultural education and sciences.

In Quarryville, Ralph Bitler, Jr., has been appointed to the vo-ag faculty of the Southern Lancaster County Joint School. He will serve with Jackson H. Owen and Luther D. Peck. Mr. Bitler, a native of R4 Marshallton, will receive his bachelor of science degree from the Pennsylvania State University this August.

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