



OUTWARDLY UNAFFECTED BY THEIR high standings in the SOLANCO FAIR Rural Youth contest, the six high boys in the over-all competition posed for the photographer shortly after their placings were

announced From left, front row, are Harold Redcay, 4th; Thomas Keene, 1st, and Charles Myers, 2nd Back row, Tom Jackson, 3rd, Scott Greenleaf, 6th, and Dale Herr, 5th. LF PHOTO

High Yields Drain State Soil Fertility

Most farms have been drawing heavily upon the fertility in the soil this year, and hay yields of 4 to 5 tons per acre have been reported throughout the state.

To produce these yields, a legume-grass hay field has removed from each acre 50 to 80 lbs of phosphate and 120 to 18 lbs of potash. Unless this fertility is replaced there may be a very little left in the soil for next year's crops. Hay fields will go into the winter hungry and many plants will die over-winter from starvation. Thus, next year's hay yield will be reduced. If the sod is plowed under for corn, the corn yield will be poor.

To prevent future crop failures we suggest checking the soil fertility by having soil tested. Apply promptly for the amount and kind of fertilizer needed.

A soil sampling kit and complete instructions for taking a soil sample can be obtained from the county agent.

Sage's Death Leaves Void

Jack Reichard, formally known as V O Reichard, has passed on. He was the sage of Southern Lancaster County. From the very founding of Lancaster Farming, he wrote for this paper. His historical column on our editorial page was a 'must' in every issue.

About a month ago Jack wrote us saying that his heart condition was forcing him to give up this work. We didn't fill his post, hoping that he could come back.

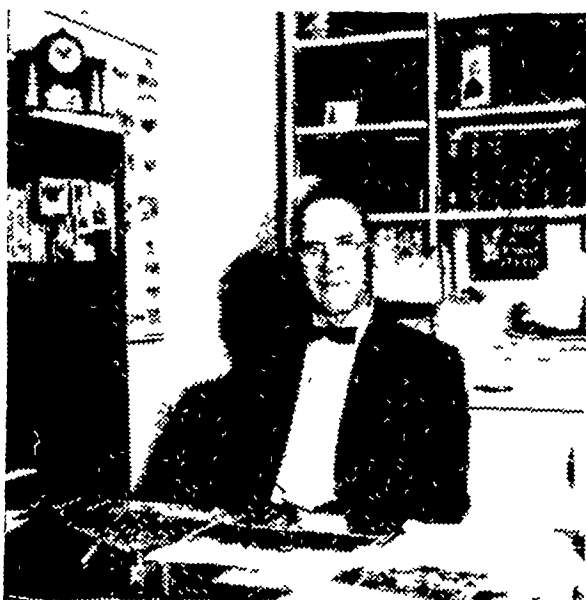
A week ago we wrote him, asking that he give it a try. Last Saturday we heard of Jack's passing. In the morning mail we received a personal letter from him as follows:

I am presently being confined to a bed and chair for observation purposes. My doctor feels that with rest and proper medication my condition should improve within the period of another six or eight months, permitting me to carry on some of my former home work. I assure you that it will be a happy day for me when I can again submit material to your publications."

His place will be hard to fill.

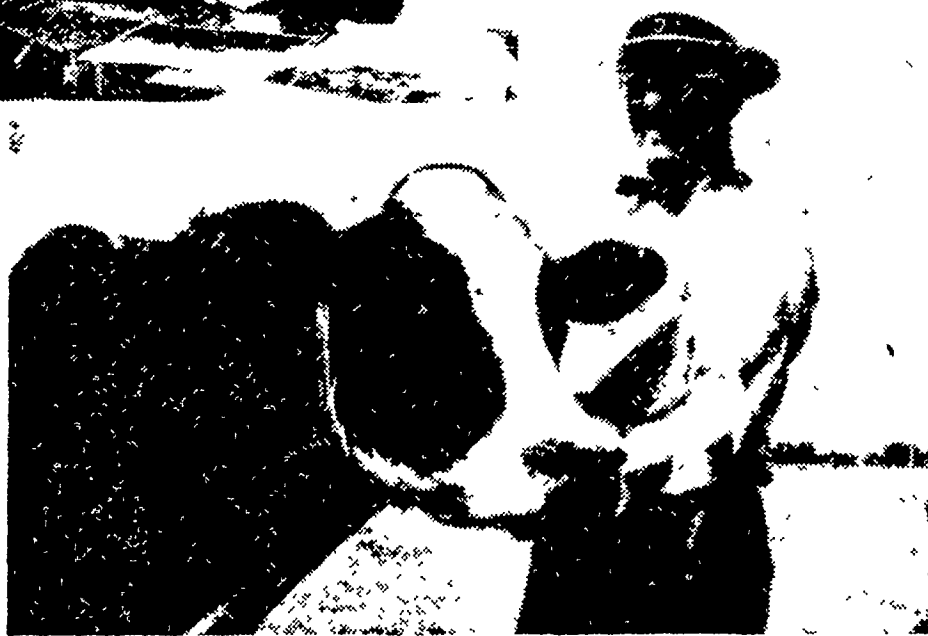
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