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ing the summer but enough to finish most crops to above average. With the good crop yields, we did not feel the price squeeze so much. The cost of production is up and the prices we receive makes the margin too small. We cannot tell about the weather conditions for the 1960 growing season. But prices will not be much more favorable, as the big surplus is still with us.

AMOS H FUNK, president Vegetable Growers Association:

The acreage planted to



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processing crops in our county slipped again in 1959. The cost price squeeze has continued to make things difficult for both the growers and the processors.

The ever present wall against prices to growers will again be evident in 1960. In creasing competition from out of state fresh and processed vegetables will con-

tinue to influence acreage and price.

Growers for processing and fresh market need to seriously consider growing more acres of the vegetables they grow best, and discontinue growing those less suited to their farms or to their management practices. We need to specialize and give more attention to details and to reducing costs per ton or per bushel.

In 1960 as in the past few years, if we do not grow it better and cheaper someone else will.

Although many of us farmers are getting a little weary of the phrase, "Efficiency in farming", it seems to be ever present at the end of each furrow, or as we scan our financial statements looking for some way to increase our labor income which is often too low.

MARTIN MUTH, Soil Conservation Service, Work Unit Conservationist:

The Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, considers the year 1959 another good year in the amount of soil and water conservation work completed by our Lancaster County farmers. The application of conservation practices used by the farmers this year showed an overall increase. This increase will be noted in the annual report of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District. This report will be available in February 1960.

Our farm land is being protected by our progressive farmers. Soil and water progress is indicated by the enlargement of the areas of work in the Terre Hill section there was a large increase in the acceptance of conservation measures.

The rapid movement of land into use for new high-

ways, homes, industries, etc. causes concern to agriculturists. This development normally uses our most productive and easily maintained farming land — the flatter



MARTIN MUTH

areas of well drained, highly productive soil. These farmers must move to harder to manage and less productive farms. It also results in lower total productive capacity for the County.

For 1960 we see a continued increasing interest in soil and water conservation among the farmers. Application of conservation measures will increase and will protect our farming land so that we may continue to produce enough food and fiber for the increase we expect in our population in the ensuing years.

The city people and those who are building close to the cities in the so called urban areas will find that they too have soil and water problems. The Soil Conservation Service is preparing to handle requests for such assistance.

RICHARD P. MAULE, Master, Lancaster County Pomona Grange.

We had a good growing season during 1959. Feed crops are in good supply and the price of milk is at a pretty favorable level. Personally we would be better off if we put all our efforts toward producing dairy products and let the hens go. Perhaps we will get rid of the poultry next year.

Mrs. Maule has always said, "You are farther ahead if you do less better", and I think that is going to be

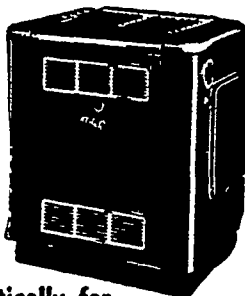


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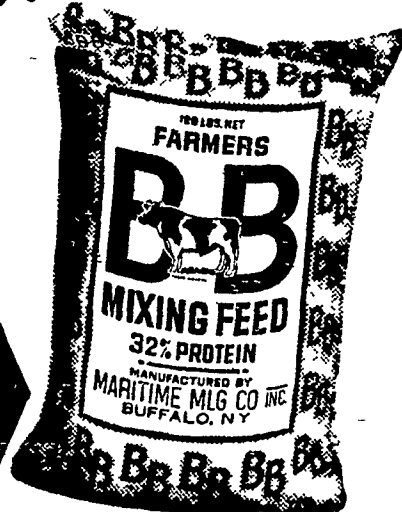
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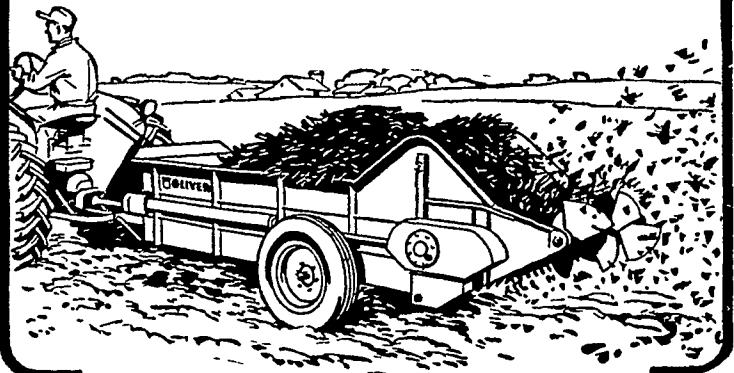
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