

● **Speedwell Forge**

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 was set up and a program of soil testing and fertilization was begun.

In 1952 the original barn, once used for the housing of high quality purebred horses, burned and was replaced, by a modern dairy barn in 1954

Since the rebuilding of the barn the dairy herd has grown to the 65 head of Holstein milk cows in the string today.

The farming program today would no doubt amaze the original owners of the historic landmark at Lititz R2. The house was built for James Old and was the mansion of the Ironmaster of the forging operation that gave Speedwell Forge its name.

When the house was built in 1760 most of the 2,000 acres in the holdings was in timberland. Much of the timber was cut off and burned to charcoal for the forging operations. Dark spots in some of the fields are a reminder of the charcoal pits once turning out fuel for the infant steel industry.

Today of the 450 acres remaining in the estate, only a mere 50 acres are in trees. The purebred Holsteins have access to 150 acres of pasture, giving the farmstead a picturesque setting.

This year the cropland will be divided with 75 acres in corn, 75 acres in grains and 100 acres in grasses. The grain acreage includes 25 acres of soybeans and sorghum which will go to fill the 125 foot trench silo built into the bank just above the barn.

"We have a practical farming operation" says Gerald

Darlington, "We don't do too much for show, and not too much experimental work. We are fully mechanized to cut down on labor costs."

Corn growing is mechanized to the point where a minimum tillage is needed. "We don't work our corn ground as much as we used to. We have not gone to wheel track planting yet," said Darlington. "But, we spray at planting and go

over the corn with a rotary hoe until the corn is five or six inches high, and therefore we need only one cultivation."

Hay has been harvested by using a baler with a bale thrower, but this year a bale conveyor has been installed in the barn to make the haying operation a one man job. The Darlingtons plan to make their bales (Turn to page 16)

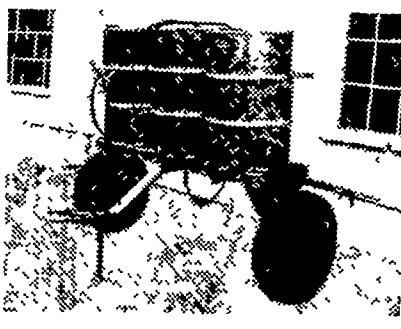


THE SQUIRE OF SPEEDWELL FORGE, William Darlington, left, talks over some items of the farming operation with his father, owner of the historic old farm at Lititz R2. The background is the dairy barn built on the original foundation of the horse barn after fire destroyed the first in 1952. Part of the dairy herd can be seen in the background. —LF PHOTO

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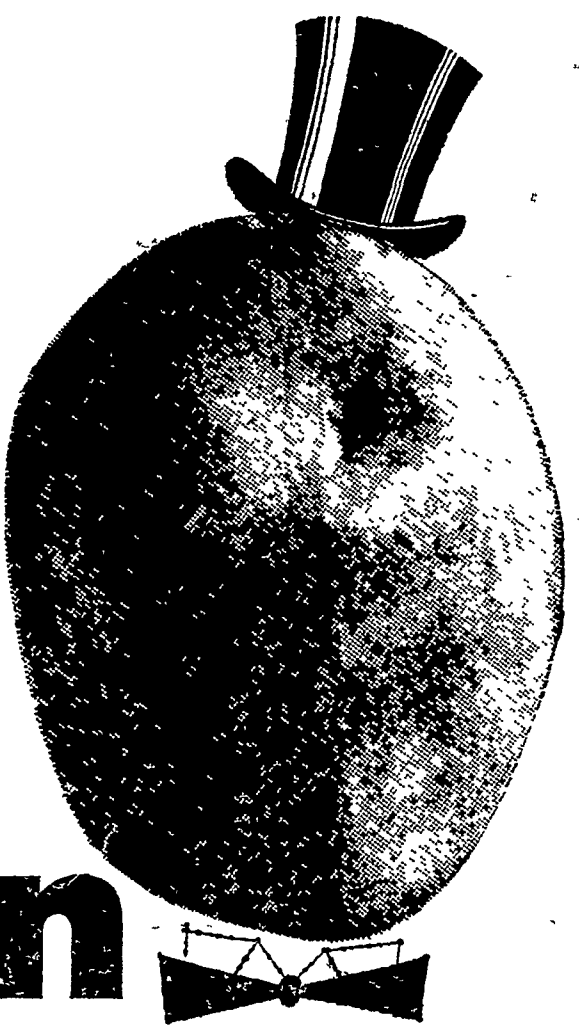
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