

**● Conservation**  
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thus do not give adequate attention to whether the road is clear of traffic.

"Some even feel it is the duty of the traffic to look out for them. The ground, corn stalks, and sod clumps that fall off the paws are a hazard to moving traffic. After a rain the roadway becomes slippery from the mud on the pavement."

Plowing too close also hits the pocketbook according to John Detz, County Superintendent of Highways. When farmers plow to the road they may cut off drainage, he said. Many drainage ditches are completely ruined in one plowing and the Department must then send equipment and men to open the road ditch, he added.

"All this is paid for by the taxpayer" said Detz. "Every year it is necessary to send out equipment and men to clean out road ditches which have silted with soil from farm fields. Soil conservation practices such as contour strips and diversion terraces would reduce the frequency with which these ditches must be cleaned."

A Highways Department study in York County has shown that road maintenance costs are 16 times as high in areas where farmers do not use conservation practices as in areas where farmers plow carefully and use soil conserving practices.

Hourly earnings of food marketing workers is up 70 percent, but the labor cost of a pound of food has risen only 34 percent. Increased efficiency has held down costs.

**New Strawberry Is Available**

Midway, a new high-yielding strawberry, resistant to redstele disease and virus-free, is commercially available from nurserymen for the first time this spring. Midway has produced good yields of high quality strawberries in tests by the Agricultural Experiment Station at the Pennsylvania State University.

The new strawberry variety is a cross of Dixie-land and Temple. It ripens late in the season and produces medium-large, deep red berries with glossy surface, firm flesh and skin, and yellow seeds. It is rated a good dessert-type strawberry and freezes well.

The new variety has yielded nearly 500 24-quart crates of strawberries per acre in tests at Beltsville and Salisbury, Md.

**● Lancaster Poultry**  
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Closing date for entries in the Exposition was advanced a week. Entries must be post-marked by September 25th. The old closing date was October 1.

It was announced that the sheep area at the 1961 Exposition is to be enlarged to

allow for expanded classes is held annually in November. The Farm Show is expected to non-Pennsylvania exhibitors whereas the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition open to exhibitors from any state or province of Canada. Today, one hour of farm labor produces 4 times as much food and other crops as it did in 1919-21.

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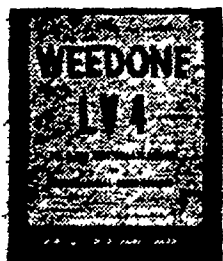
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