

Soil Conservation

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show farmers advantages of conservation farming. Demonstrations were installed at government expenses on hundreds of farms so neighbors could see how practices actually worked. Crop projects in all watersheds were started.

But none of these methods seemed to "click." Farmers were being asked to change habits handed down for generations. The advice was coming from outside and they were suspicious of government interference.

Soil Conservation Districts

Gradually concepts emerged that brought about the creation of unique, grassroots organizations, the soil conservation districts. In 1937 the governors of each state received

a letter from the President asking them to work for passage of state legislation to enable soil conservation districts to be formed. That same year Pennsylvania's state legislature, plus 21 others, passed enabling acts. By 1945 all 48 states had joined them.

The job of developing and carrying out complete soil conservation programs was given to districts created under this act. Today in Pennsylvania 59 county soil conservation districts are presently carrying out the policy of the Commonwealth to "provide for the conservation of the soil and soil resources of this Commonwealth, and for the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to preserve natural resources, assist in the control of floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wildlife, preserve the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth."

Next week: "The Powerless Government"

● Auctioneer

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ager of the sale, or any member of the auctioneers association.

All goods for sale should be brought to the Paul Z Martin sale barn in Blue Ball on the day before or on the morning of the sale, Landis said.

Elmer Murry will again act as sales manager, and Paul Martin will donate the use of his sale barn.

The sale is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on June 16.

Official Says Milk Surplus Is Intolerable

A high ranking official of the Federal Agriculture Department has called the surplus in dairy products an intolerable situation that offered farmers no hope of adequate profit and cost taxpayers up to \$600 million per year.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association in Syracuse, N.Y., John P. Duncan, Jr., an assistant Secretary of Agriculture, told farmers that unless price support legislation is revised,

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● 4-H Strawberry

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bers to forego exhibiting at the roundup. Snader beat the dry weather by irrigating twice with a perforated hose in the patch.

Snader, who planted two other varieties, Dunlap and Atmore, exhibited only Catskills. In answer to the question, "Do you like Catskills better than the other two varieties?" he answered, "Right now I do."

In second place in both phases Shrom, 16, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shrom, Manheim R4. She had a project of 95.5. Eric Stoner, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stoner, 1051 Eden Road, Lancaster was third in both divisions. He had a 93.5 score. Fourth place in both categories was Gary Porter, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Porter, Washington Boro R1. He had a project score of 90.

Berry picking began on June 2 in the Snader patch and has brought in \$30.20 to the present time with picking still going on.

The 300 plants were set out April 22 of last year and mulched with sawdust "to keep the runners where they should be," Snader said. A few days after Thanksgiving the berry plants were mulched with wheat straw. The plants had developed lots of runners, by that time Snader explained, and he didn't want the plants to have out in freezing weather.

The straw mulch was partially removed early this spring with a thin covering left on the ground to conserve moisture and keep the berries clean. Even so, Snader irrigated twice during the season.

Judging the event was Carl Bittner, Extension Horticulture Specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

Members of the Lancaster Rotary Club sponsors of the roundup bought the exhibited berries.



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