

# Future Farmers Seed Lititz Springs Park

Luxuriant greensward is anticipated for Lititz Springs park as the result of a Community Service project of the Warwick Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

The boys spent several days this week preparing and seeding the park in cooperation with the Lititz Springs Park Commission. The boys supplied all the equipment and the labor, and the only expense to the park is the seed and fertilizer. This comes to \$175 and results in a saving to the Park

Commission of close to \$200. One acre of ground was seeded this week. Before actually planting the seed, the land was plowed, and harrowed, picked up stone and debris, and spread fertilizer. After sowing the seed they applied straw mulch over the banks and steep places.

Last year the FFA seeded the Pierson playground for the school district, and the year before, 1961, they did a tremendous job for the school district by seeding the new foot-

ball field and athletic field. This saved the school district a huge sum of money, as the contractor wanted \$9000 to seed ten and a half acres, and the boys did the job for slightly over \$800. They hand-raked the entire ten and a half acres. Robert Henney is faculty advisor for the group.

Projects of this type are a part of the total experience gained through the Vocational Agriculture Department at Warwick High School. There are presently 42 boys enrolled in the department, each of whom is interested in some aspect of agriculture. The primary purpose of the department is three-fold, the advisor explains. One group of students is training to go back to their local farms and become farm



*Renewing Lititz Springs Park*

Members of the Warwick Chapter, Future Farmers of America shown during their community service project of preparing and seeding Lititz Springs Park. Above, Eugene Risser, Lititz R1, and James Brewer, New St., Lititz, are shown piling up old straw to be used as mulch on the banks and steep places after seeding. In picture below, Cletus Bucher, Lititz R1, is aboard tractor harrowing ground.



operators. A second group is their time equally between training to take jobs in fields shop and classroom. In the allied to agriculture. A third group is training so that they may go on to various colleges and universities and continue their education in agriculture. Warwick has the highest percentage of boys graduating in agriculture who go on to higher education of any of the schools in Lancaster County.

The program as such was started in this area in 1956 and has shown steady growth to the present. The boys studying Vo-Ag spend nine school periods per week in classroom and shop activities, and each must have a project or program in operation on their farms. The boys spend



**AID IN LITITZ SPRINGS PARK PROJECT.** A group of boys in the Warwick FFA are shown picking up stones and trash and loading them into a truck before proceeding with the seeding of Lititz Springs Park. Left to right: Eugene Saylor, Lititz R2; Mahlon Grube, Rothville; James Brewer, New St., Lititz; Eugene Risser, Lititz R1; Raymond Henley, Lititz R4.

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