

● **Waterways**

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many farms that strip-cropped, they have an even more important role in an all-corn program

But by themselves they do not mean much. Bass notes they are simply a first step in developing a working conservation plan for such a farm. They pave the way for the next step — terraces — which slow down the rate at which rainwater moves across the rows. The terraces then deliver the water at slow speed to the waterways which in turn

carry it harmlessly off the field. In slowing the runoff, terraces also give the ground a chance to absorb more water.

**SITES VISITED**

In an effort to get a better understanding of waterways, this reporter visited several sites this week with Bass to see waterways in various stages of construction.

In commenting on the increased interest in waterways, Bass noted that since July 1, 1966, 30 acres of waterways had been constructed on Lancaster County farms.

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PART OF THE 6000 feet of waterways on the Neff farm at Millersville R1. From left, Robert, Christ, and Richard Neff shown on this newly constructed waterway give the viewer an idea of the width and contour of this conservation device. L. F. Photo



ONE OF THE LAST steps in constructing a waterway is stapling down this netting, called Mulchnet, to hold the seed and mulch in place. Here Robert Neff shows how netting is secured over the mulch on Neff's recently completed waterway. Netting doesn't have to be removed, it's made of a paper compound and will rot after its function is completed. L. F. Photo

● **4-H Consv. Roundup**

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educational bus trip, which he will take June 26-28.

In the same contest, Merriam noted, the Northern 4-H Conservation Club had placed second in the state as a club entry. A plaque will be presented to the club by the State Assn of Soil & Water Conservation District Directors, Inc. at a later date.

In addition to the plaque winners, blue ribbons were presented to Ronald Stauffer, Paul Scheuing, and Gerald Martin. Red ribbons went to Jeffrey Pfautz, Ricky Pfautz, and Karen June Horst. White ribbon winners were Dale Groff, Lewis Horst, Myron Zimmerman, Leon Roy Martin, and Galen Martin.

**CONSERVATION TALK**

Slaton presented an illustrated talk on "Our Pennsylvania Resources". He noted that Pennsylvania is the 16th most important state in the

nation, and has an important part in the job of feeding the world.

"If all the hungry people in the world lined up at your back door, the line would extend around the world 25 times," Slaton said.

"We have to learn how to conserve the land and water we have in this country now," he stated, adding "it is equally important that boys and girls in town learn just as much about conservation as farm children."

Leaders for the northern club are Aaron Stauffer and Leroy Pfautz. Vincent Hoover is the southern club leader.

**SWCD**

At the district business meeting following the 4-H program, directors discussed plans for

the annual state meeting to be hosted by Lancaster County in November of this year. Mrs. Aaron Stauffer modeled a Pennsylvania Dutch apron and bonnet which the women of the hospitality committee will wear at the state meeting.

Although a final decision was not reached on a date and site for the annual county field day and plowing contest, it was decided that land judging and 4-H tractor driving contests will be included this year.

Directors also accepted eight new cooperator agreements totaling 513 acres.

A doctor says "More people kill themselves by over-eating, than by over-work." Maybe, but it's much more fun.

● **Pork Queen**

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the association's annual meeting in Maren.

**QUEEN CONTEST**


In seeking a girl to represent the Lancaster County pork industry, the association notes she must be single, between the ages of 17 and 21, must reside on a swine-producing farm, and be the daughter of a member of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association (parent can qualify by becoming a member by the contest deadline of June 1, 1967).

Contestants will be required to present a short talk, not to exceed five minutes, on one of the following subjects: How to promote more pork consumption; The value of pork in nutrition; What the housewife can do to help the pork market; Any other subject pertaining to the pork industry.

In addition, judges will quiz contestants on subjects relating to swine and pork. Formal dresses will not be necessary for the contest.

By the June 1st deadline any girls interested must have their entries and a picture suitable for news release sent to Warren C. Leininger, Denver, Pa. 17517.

Judging will be on the basis of beauty and personality (30 points), essay content (30 points), and presentation and poise (40 points).



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