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plant them and let them grow "They make a forest OK," Paul says, "but we can't cut them for Christmas."

At first, this project led Eckman to consider Forestry as a future occupation. But now, "I don't think so," he says. Maybe planting 1000 trees by hand changed his mind. He didn't say

Paul has another interest that many have to wait until after he gets himself set up in farming. "I have an interest in flying and sometimes during the summer I go to the New Holland Airport and take a ride." The youth says he would like to get his license some time but going into farming after school will "take enough money." So flying is in the distant future, if ever.

Paul isn't sure which type of farming he wants to follow. "Maybe that's why I have so many different kinds of projects," he laughs. "I'll keep my Guernsey heifers until I'm 21,

of course. And for a while I thought I would want to go into dairying. But now I'm leaning more toward beef and swine."

Not unexpected is Paul's favorite subject at school — agriculture. He has already learned to respect his new Vo-Ag teacher, Mr. Walter McDanel, who started at the school a few weeks ago. Eckman looks for Lampeter-Strasburg to have an outstanding FFA Chapter in the next several years.

The youth doesn't expect to go to college after high school but would like to try for a state FFA office. He sings in the Sr. High Chorus, is a member of the Conservation Hunting and Fishing Club and is class director for Interact.

Paul is president-elect of his chapter and was star green hand in 1967 and star chapter farmer in 1968. He is also a 4-H Guernsey Club member.

"I like it on the farm real good," Paul concludes. And the experience gained on the farm obviously will provide a foundation for many activities in the future for this, the new Lancaster County Red Rose FFA Chapter President.



Dr. Donald Singletary

Dr. Singletary Joins Weaver's

Dr. Donald Singletary of Myerstown has recently joined the management staff of Victor F. Weaver, Inc. at New Holland, Pa. In conjunction with his position as Quality Control Manager,

Dec. Potato Stocks Down 19 Percent

The 44 million cwt of potatoes in storage on Dec 1 was 19 percent less than the Dec 1, 1967 amount. These stocks consisted of potatoes held for all uses in the hands of Pennsylvania growers, local dealers and processors. Potatoes held by processors in excess of normal supplies for current operations were included in the estimate.

Disappearance (sales, home use, shrinkage, etc.) of 1968 po-

he will spend some time in diagnostic work for that company's Boiler Growing Division.

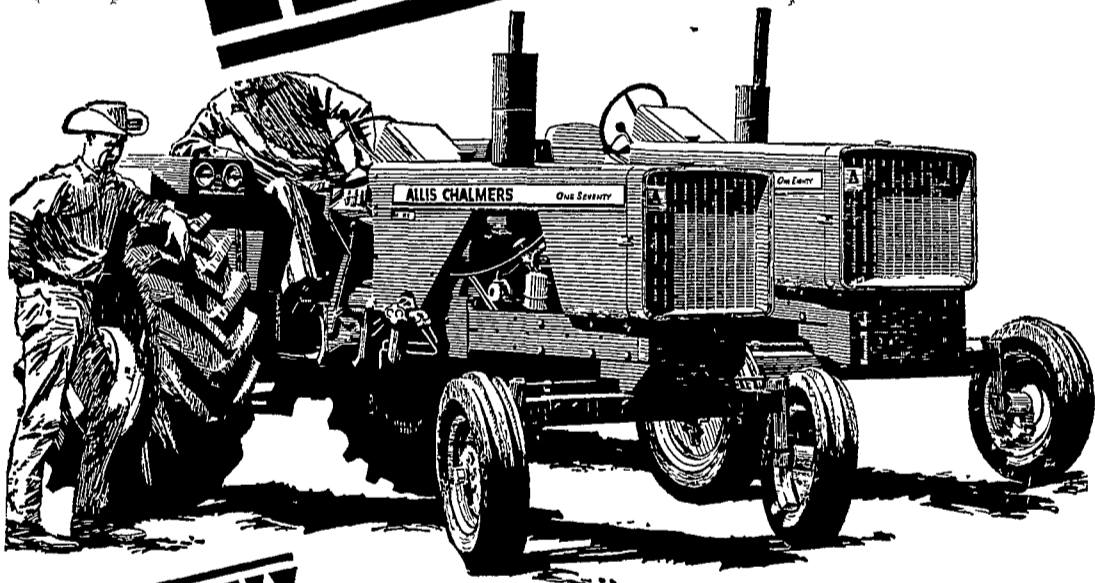
Dr. Singletary received his BS and DVM degrees from the University of Illinois. Following his formal education, he spent several years in a small animal practice as an assistant veterinarian in Chicago. Following that he spent six years in diagnostic work and technical writing for Whitmoyer Laboratories in Myerstown, Pa. Dr. Singletary is presently living at Myerstown R1.

tatoes to December 1, was 32 million cwt. Last year disappearance to Dec 1 was 37 million cwt and in 1966 was 27 million cwt. Loss of 1968 production through shrinkage and decay to Dec 1, was estimated to be much below last year. The 1968 crop of 76 million cwt. was 17 percent below the large 1967 crop.

Yield of the 1968 crop, 205 cwt, is the second highest of record and the second consecutive year for yields to exceed 200 cwt per acre. Crop quality was almost excellent, and growers expect culls and pickouts to be minimal.

Digging of the major fall varieties began about a week later than last year. However, harvest progressed with few interruptions and was generally completed by Nov 1. Tuber shape was good and very little hollow heart damage occurred. The specific gravity of processing varieties was reported as high, especially in the northern counties.

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