

# Selinsgrove Young Farmers Award Top Honors to Bailey

Clyde Bailey, Winfield RD1, has been named the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Month of the Selinsgrove Chapter. Bailey was recently awarded a trophy as top grower in the Selinsgrove Young Farmer Corn Club for 1972.

Bailey and his wife Dot own and operate a 242 acre farm and rent an additional 60 acres. Of this total acreage approximately 200 acres are tillable and Bailey expects to plant 126 acres of No-Till Corn in 1973. This will be the fourth successive year of No-Till Corn on his farm.

In the 1972 Selinsgrove Young Farmer Corn Club, Bailey's top

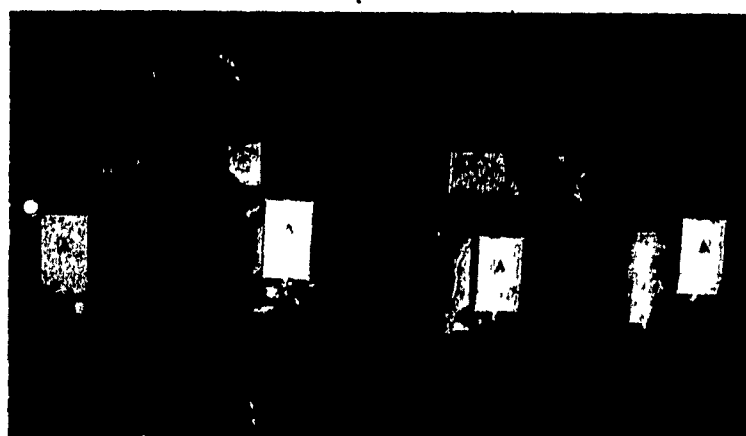
yield of 154.59 bushels of dry shelled corn was obtained with 29,538 plants. This No-Till Corn was grown at an exceptionally low cost of 32 cents per bushel, which is due partially to the use of high amounts of poultry manure as a source of fertilizer nutrients. Poultry manure is in plentiful supply since there are 36,500 caged laying hens on the farm.

In addition to the crop farming and poultry enterprise, Bailey also finishes out three batches of hogs per year making an average of 450 fattening hogs that leave the farm each year.

Bailey started farming in 1947

and took over his present farm in 1949. By 1959 he realized the importance of a Conservation Farm Plan and to date has applied all of the practices called for in his original plan. This included 4,700 feet of diversion terraces to walk the water around the hills, about 15 acres of tree plantings on steep slopes, the use of a No-Till corn planter with stubble mulch and rye seeded after harvest as a winter cover crop. With this type of crop farming and an acreage of 115 acres of No-Till Corn in 1972, there was very little if any noticeable erosion during the Agnes Flood in June.

Last fall a corn dryer was put



Clyde Bailey, Winfield RD1, checks the corn hopper of his No-Till corn planter in preparation for the annual spring rush.

into operation on the farm to put the corn into a marketable condition and keep it safe for storage. The corn is stored in a shed with a concrete floor and is loaded with a payloader which

serves a double duty by also being used to clean poultry houses.

The farm pond, also a part of the Conservation Farm Plan, provides fishing fun and recreation for the boys. It's stocked with large mouth bass and bluegills.

The Baileys have two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Bailey is interested in home ceramics.

## Garden Spot Club Elects Officers

The Garden Spot Community 4-H Club held its first meeting at Conestoga Valley High School. There was an election for new officers.


The officers are: Dwight Houser, president; Judy Risser, vice-president; Jenny Wagner, secretary; Margaret Canning, treasurer; Lorraine Woodruff, news reporter.

Roberta Myer and Tom Trimble, song and game leaders, Dwight Houser, Jenny Wagner and Lorraine Woodruff, County Council representatives.

Mrs. Risser, Mrs. Myer, Mr. Houser and members of the 4-H group explained about the projects to the new members.

News Reporter  
Lorraine Woodruff

Cream soup makes an excellent main dish and is a delicious way to use leftover vegetables, meat, fish or poultry. For each cup of vegetables or meat use two cups thin white sauce made with two tablespoons each butter and flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt and two cups milk. Serve with crunchy crackers and Cheddar cheese.



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