

From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



**Selinsgrove
Outstanding Young Farmer**
Jacob Troutman, Port Trevorton RD2, has been named the Outstanding Young Farmer of the month at the Selinsgrove Chapter

Troutman has been farming full-time since his graduation from high school as a vo-ag student in 1967. In January of 1971 he assumed full responsibility for the ownership and operation of the two adjoining farms in Chapman and Union Townships near Port Trevorton. The farms consist of a total of 220 acres with 165 acres in cropland. Upon advice from Leroy Hibbs, Young



Jacob Troutman

Farmer Instructor at Selinsgrove High School, Troutman purchased the farms on a long-term installment sale agreement which results in a tax savings to the seller and gives the purchaser a real break in that he doesn't need to provide all of the purchase price in the early years of his business venture.

Troutman is young, just 23 years of age, but long before his graduation from high school he was preparing himself for the responsibilities which were later laid upon his shoulders. While in high school he was recognized by his vo-ag teachers as possessing capabilities in the area of dairy farming. For three years in succession he was awarded the Dairy Farming Award at the annual Parent-Son FFA Banquet. Part of this recognition stemmed from the fact that he had exhibited dairy animals for three years in each of the following dairy shows: Rolling Green Youth Dairy Show, Central District Dairy Show, Beaver Fair, and the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show at the Farm Show Building. He also exhibited his outstanding dairy animal at the All American Dairy Show held in Harrisburg during the second year of his showing experience. He now owns 50 dairy animals of which 25 are dairy cows and one-third of the herd are purebred registered Holsteins.

During Troutman's senior year

in high school he received the Keystone Farmer Degree at the Winter FFA Convention at Harrisburg. One of the criteria in selecting for this award is the amount of money invested in the Supervised Farming Program which is an integral part of Voc-Ag & FFA. By this time he had owned eight registered Holstein cattle. Now in addition to the dairy herd he owns a complete line of farm machinery to help mechanize and save labor on this one-man farm operation.

During the past few months Troutman has realized the im-

portance of a Conservation Farm Plan and recently became a cooperator in the Snyder County Soil Conservation District. While a student in Vo-Ag he had placed second in the Sun Area Land Judging Contest and went on to Penn State to participate in the State Land Judging Contest.

Jacob is one of a family of 11 boys and two girls. His father, George Troutman Sr., still resides at Richfield RD.

Leroy Hibbs
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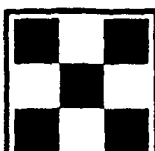
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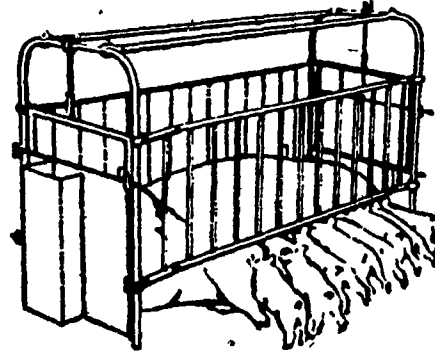
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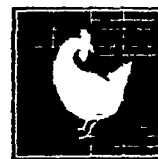


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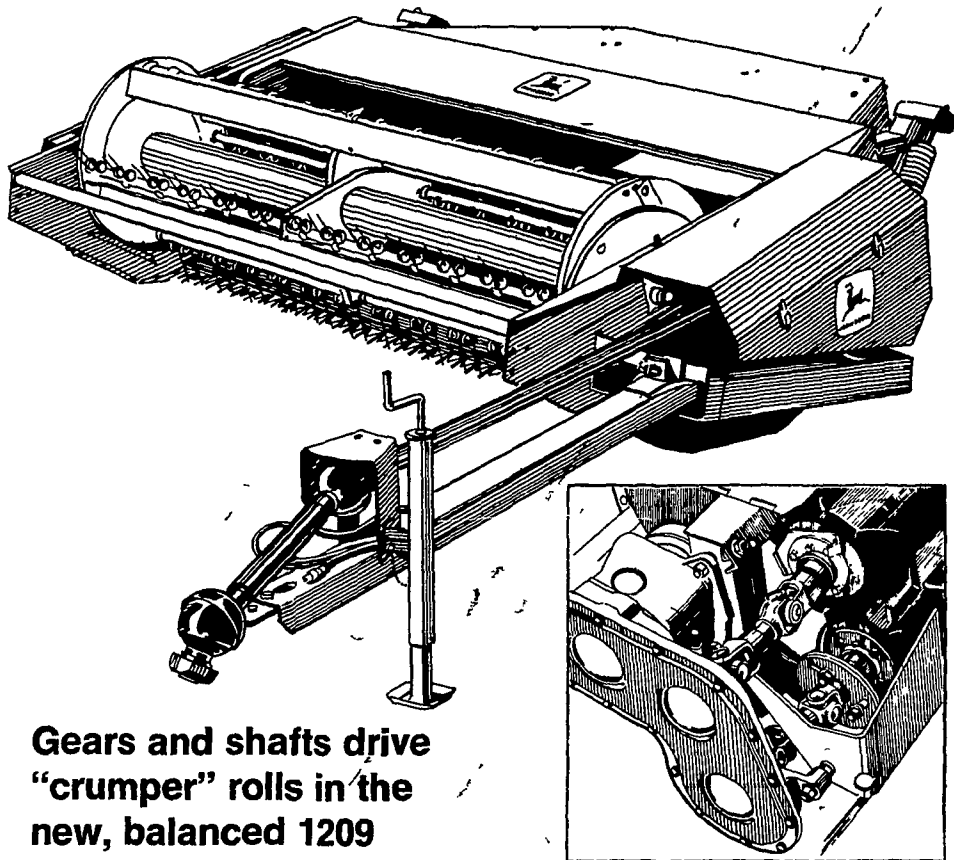
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