

## Leadership Conference Attended By Chester County 4-H's

Four Chester County 4-H members were among the 133 4-H members from Pennsylvania who recently took part in the Northeast States 4-H Teen

Agribusiness Conference in Washington, D.C. Those attending from Chester County were Joan Liesau, Spring City; Pam Taws, Paoli; Ernest Pyle, Malvern; and Charles Soulliard, Steelville.

of business, industry, government and education.

The conference was made possible by contributions from state and county agricultural organizations and industries in the form of scholarships. These scholarships were used to defray the conference costs for the 4-H's.

While at the nation's capital, the group participated in group discussions and assemblies, took bus tours to points of interest, a boat ride down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon and were involved in numerous recreational activities.

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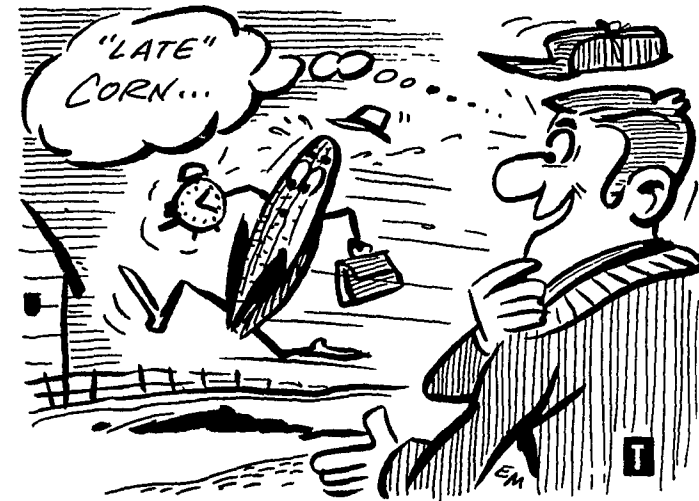
The conference, held at the National 4-H Center, was designed for 4-H members to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, become aware of the role and need for strong agricultural leadership, and become acquainted with leaders

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### WAIT TILL YOU TRY NO-TILL



When a no-till farmer describes his operation as "rotated double-cropping with barley beans following corn in rye winter cover," the non-no-till farmer might well respond: "How you goin' to harvest a mess like that?"

No-till, or no-tillage, doesn't mean "no-tillage." Rather, it refers to a variety of crop production systems employing a reduced or limited amount of tillage. How "limited" depends on who you are and where you live.

No-tillage crops and rotations have created a number of terms that may be confusing to some. "Double-cropped soybeans," for example, doesn't mean two crops of soybeans, but rather soybeans planted after harvest of another crop the same season.

Date of planting and crop maturity terms often become confusing, too. When a no-till farmer refers to his "full-season corn," he generally means it was planted early. "Late corn" doesn't mean a full-season maturity rating, but rather a late planting date. "Early beans" means early planting... not early maturity.

Double-cropped soybeans are often referred to as late beans... which again has nothing to do with the soybean variety.

As no-till farmers spread their seeds throughout the land, specific herbicides for all no-till areas are also catching on. According to *No-Till Farmer* magazine, some 52 herbicide combinations were recently evaluated for no-tillage corn planted in fescue sod during 1972. Of the nine herbicides that received excellent weed control scores, the herbicide combination of AAtrex/Princep led the field, pointing out the need for both broadleaf and grass control.

There are many good things to say about no-tillage, and many no-till farmers are saying them. One of them noted: "No-tillage allows you to get in the field a lot earlier so there's not much conflict between chopping that first cutting of hay and corn planting... Minimum tillage is saving our soil, adding an extra hay crop and, perhaps more importantly, cutting down on man-hours per acre."

#### Water Roses

Make sure that newly-planted roses get plenty of water, say Extension ornamental horticulturists at The Pennsylvania State University. Direct a small, slow-moving stream of water from a garden hose around the base of each plant. Soak to a depth of eight to 10 inches.

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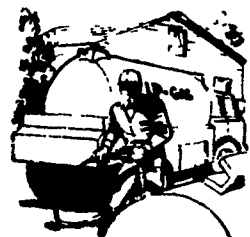
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