

Young York Countian Farms 2500 Acres

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kept busy during the growing and harvest season. Even so, he spent some \$14,000 on custom work last year. "I figured that it might cost money for custom work, but that way I don't have to worry about hiring another man and keeping him busy the whole year," Wright said. "I'm on the Pennsylvania Farmers Association farm management service, and last year their computer told me I had only 2.67 full-time men working here. I try to keep my labor costs as low as I can."

Wright figures his average corn yield last year was about 100 bushels to the acre, held back somewhat perhaps, by the fact that he didn't get it planted as early as he'd have liked. He has gone as high as 186 bushels on some of his best corn ground. Grain bins on the

home farm can hold practically all of Wright's corn crop. This storage capacity can be a big plus in getting past the price dip that always occurs during harvest. But some years, it just doesn't pay a fellow to hold on too long.

"This year I was too stubborn to sell for \$3.45 a bushel, so I waited until it got to \$3.10, then I sold," Wright said. The corn crop is generally sold over a four to five month period to feed mills in York and Gettysburg.

The peas and beans Wright grows are very low input enterprises. He supplies the fertilizer, and he plants them, but the cannery which buys his output supplies the seed and they also harvest the crop. Wright's contract with the cannery guarantees him a definite return on each acre. This is an especially attractive deal, Wright feels, because these leguminous crops don't need any nitrogen fertilizer, only phosphorus and potash.

Seed barley is grown under a contract for another local firm. "I like the barley crop because I only have to hold it for a month, and I get 50-cents a bushel over the market price when I take it in to my customer," Wright said.

His cropping scheme means Wright runs the planter through some fields

three times a year. A typical schedule would be planting peas the end of March, followed by limas in June after the peas are taken off, followed by barley in September after the limas go to the cannery. The barley, then, would be harvested the following June. Besides getting maximum use from his ground, Wright is also getting the benefit from the nitrogen which is left after the peas and beans are harvested. He figures he saves \$40 an acre by not having to fertilize his small grains.

Shirley Wright is a big help in the farming business. She's on the road helping to transport machinery, she does a lot of the errands and

keeps the farm records and the tax book.

Mrs. Wright is also her husband's biggest booster in his favorite hobby - tractor pulling. Wright's souped-up IH 1066 was a familiar sight on tracks around Pennsylvania this year. And he frequently won his events. He also competed against some of the nation's top tractor pullers in Harrisburg, Canada, Indianapolis and Louisville.

Wright has every reason to be optimistic about the future. At an age when many people are just thinking about getting started, he has been successful at his chosen work. The one note of concern he voiced was for the disappearing land.

"Developments keep

eating away at the available land, and there seems to be less of it around every year. But we shouldn't have too much trouble getting land for pretty many years to come. And if we ever have to

stick to just the 196 acres we own, we could always go to chickens or hogs."

Or dairy, we suggested. "No, I don't think milking goes too well with tractor pulling," Wright replied.

Pat Krall

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coordinating 4-H work in the county, recruiting new 4-H members and leaders along with aiding in other farm youth related programs.

Miss Krall attended Susquehanna University majoring in music and graduated from Millersville State College in December 1974 with a degree in elementary education and special education.

The Lebanon County miss was active in 4-H work for 10 years, being a member of the Cedar Crest Dairy Club and the Flintville Home Economics Club. She attended National 4-H Club Congress in 1970 as a winner in the dairy goods program and was active in the Lebanon County 4-H Teen Council. In addition to her 4-H program and has coordinated the Lebanon Area Fair. In 1972 she served as the Lebanon County Dairy Princess and will be the chairman of that event for this coming season.

Miss Krall graduated from Cedar Crest High School, where she was active in the music program, serving as accompanist for the choir and various musicals. She was a member of the

National Honor Society, the yearbook staff and the Medical Careers Club.

As a member of the Tabor United Church of Christ, Miss Krall also directs the children choir and plays the organ.

As youth extension agent, Miss Krall will be working with Alletta Schadler, Cheryl Reitz, Denis Hoke and Newton Bair in the Lebanon Extension Service located in the Municipal Building at 400 S. Eighth St., Lebanon.

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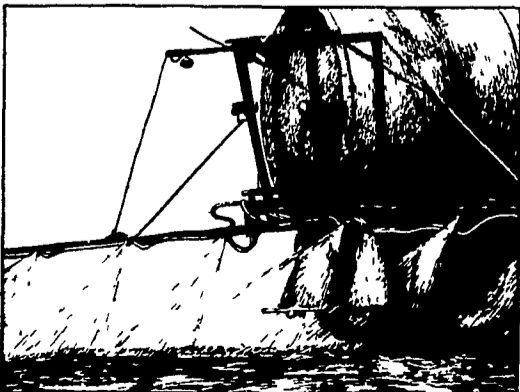
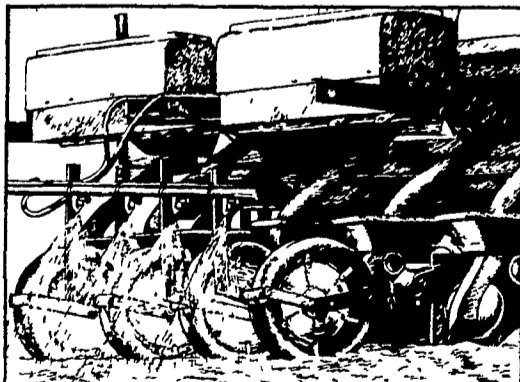
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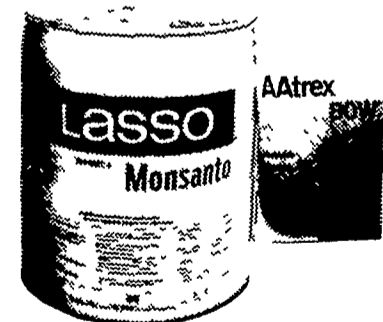
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