Ag graduates speak

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purposes," Manbeck told Lancaster Farming. Manbeck also plans to work on the family farm upon graduating, and possibly continue his education in agricultural mechanics at

the local vo-tech school. Ken Sanner of Kutztown High School feels yields must continue to rise also. "But," he asks, "how far will they be able to?" The amount of research involved in agriculture will have to continue to increase, he said.



Ken Sanner

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Richard Hershey

He also believes farm land will always be taken from agricultural use, no matter what measures eventually taken.

Sanner plans to work on his father's dairy farm but feels it is continually becoming harder for families to work on farms. He sees larger family owned farms involving more laborers other than the family members in the future, the smaller farms won't be able to keep pace



Ray Zimmerman with the rising production costs.

Richard Hershey of Tulpehocken High School, thinks farming in the future will involve much more mangement and less actual labor. "No-till and minimum tillage saves time in the fields but small farms will





Art Noss

continue to use conventional tillage methods," predicts Hershey.

There will always be constant changes in agriculture, one change taking place right now is the way farmers are handling commented manure, Hershey. Because everyone

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Norman Manbeck

is becoming environmentally conscious.

Jeff Bollinger, also of Tulpehocken, agrees with Hershey that chiseling saves time and may be the answer to some problems. Farming keeps involving more investment, he stated, little farms may eventually go because of it.

Joel Hettrick Tulpehocken, feels management is the key to higher yields. He thinks farmers will have to find ways to feed more cattle per acre. Concerning minimum tillage, he added. "But," he said, "not everyone will go to minimum till, it depends on what's right for different people and their farms."

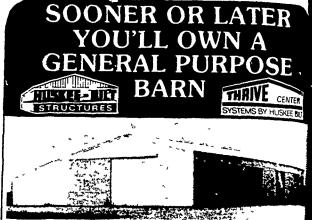
Manbeck on the other hand feels mimimum tillage won't continue to catch on at the present rate. "We tried it one year," he explained, "and din't get the weed control."
"But," he admitted, admitted, "everything has it's advantages and disadvantages." Sanner also



Jeff Bollinger

agreed that weed controls disadvantage. this year with volume corn," he commented Asked what other change they felt there would be the future, Sanner stan that he felt farmers will he to get higher prices for the comodities. If not, more more farmers will be fore out of business. "T consumer will have to spe more on food." he say Today people feel the money for cars and mater possessions is m important then for the food, but his attitude

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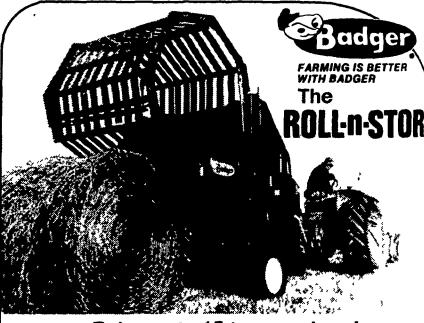


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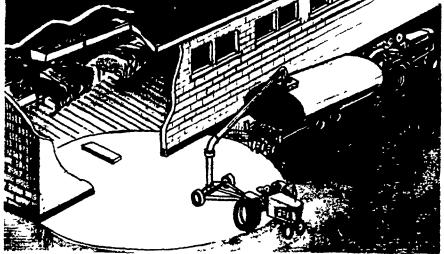


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