

# Four-wheel drive tractors gaining popularity

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is a growing market and it will continue to thrive." He stated that the Case four-wheel drive tractor is very versatile in the fact that it can be used for pto work, utilizing full engine horsepower. There are also the advantages in using the

tractor for row farming, and the steering in it is ideal for hillside work. What about the farmers who use the huge four-wheel drive tractors? Lancaster Farming went to the fields to talk to the men who use the machines day after day in their work. LaVern Martin, from East

Earl, works for Jay Foreman, of Lititz, who does custom field work in Lancaster and Lebanon County. He has put in over 1000 hours in the four-wheel drive Steiger that he uses. Martin likes the giant machine. He thinks it can turn a lot sharper than a traditional tractor and can move better on tight spots. The four-wheel drive tractor has more traction and less slippage, he finds.

The four-wheel drive machine was bought because it was needed for the tree digging season which is in the early Spring and late Fall. "And in the early Spring, there are problems with mud," Fry commented.

take a two-wheel drive in the fields." Working an 1800 acre dairy operation, he stated that the tractor is used primarily for fieldwork and tillage. He also commented that it uses less fuel than other models of traditional tractors.

And, noting that his was the first tractor in the area when it came three years earlier, he stated that the large machines are becoming more popular. At the present time, there are now four to be seen in the surrounding countryside.

## 4-H officer training held

LEBANON—On Thursday evening, April 27, an Officers Training Program was held at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds for all newly elected officers in the Lebanon County 4-H Program. Approximately 100 4-H'ers attended the program which began with game playing, led by Karen Hoke, Bev Hale, and Sue Bomberger. The participants then divided into workshop groups. These groups were headed by a chairperson and a special guest. The special guests included Lowell Morton (Vo-Ag Instructor at Annville-Cleona High School), Lorraine Royer (Secretary of the Lebanon County Farm Women), Sue Moyer (Lebanon Daily News Reporter), and Sandra Smith (Teller at the Lebanon Valley National Bank).

Upon completion of the training period the 4-H'ers enjoyed a special treat sponsored by Lowell Morton. Morton's Parliamentary Procedure Team was on hand to give a demonstration of their championship talents. The 4-H Officers Training Program then ended with refreshments and folk-dancing.

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"It does big fields better than the old style tractors," he noted. "About the only place it isn't good to use is in a small field with lots of rocks." He also related that he found the fuel efficiency better, and in general, the tractor uses its power more efficiently. "It's great for large jobs," he stated. Thinking of the future, he commented that he believes that the farmers that have them now like them, and more will get them in the near future. "The next couple of years will tell for sure," he added. From Ephrata R3, Morton Fry, of Miles W. Fry and Son, talked of his recently purchased four-wheel drive tractor. The operation is a nursery and farm combination, involving 300 to 400 acres.

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