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Techniques of minimum tillage noted

By KENDACE BORRY
LANCASTER - Today more and more farmers are trying minimum tillage. The practice is used for its ability to save time, fuel, and soil. Every farmer can see his fuel and time is saved, but it takes a closer look at the fields to notice the long-range erosion-stopping process.

The practice of leaving the crop residues on the soil surface to protect it from the erosion factors of rain and wind is known as conservation tillage. It has the potential of being an excellent erosion control measure for use on cropland.

But how good a system of minimum tillage is depends directly on how much crop residue is left on the soil surface after planting. The
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Careers available in ag education

Editor's Note: The following is the first in a two part story on career opportunities in agriculture education. This week's article deals with the opportunities in the field. Next week's story will include personal interviews with vo ag instructors.

By JOANNE SPAHR
LITITZ - In an age when the skyrocketing price of land and equipment as well as spiraling rates of interest make it nearly impossible for a young adult to go into farming, many agriculture oriented individuals are wondering just where their niche in this field of endeavor will be. Although the marketplace virtually welcomes individuals with an ag background, one particularly open job area at the present time is
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Lancaster Farming photo by Dieter Krieg

For all the love they share, and work they do, Mothers are very special people.

Foreign land purchases arouse U.S.

WASHINGTON - Foreign investments in American farm land are arousing suspicion among U.S. farm groups and members of Congress. Both the National Farmers Union and American Farm Bureau Federation have voiced concern, testifying at congressional hearings that are looking into the matter. Meanwhile, Congressman Robert Walker of Lancaster, Pa. has introduced a bill in the House to require registration of agricultural transactions involving foreigners.

Ironically, while this is going on, the U.S. Senate is nearing a vote on a treaty which will make it easier for foreigners to buy U.S. farms. The legislation is known as the United Kingdom Tax
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Farm bill waiting on President

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Legislation giving the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to increase target prices for wheat, feed grains, and cotton, whenever a set-aside is in effect for any of these crops has been approved and passed by both the Senate and the House. The bill has been sent to the President's desk who has until May 17 to act on it.

The bill also sets a minimum price support loan for upland cotton of 48 cents per pound. The Senate action, on a voice vote, approved the second effort by a House-Senate conference to write emergency farm legislation. The first conference report was approved by the Senate on April 10 but was defeated in the House on April 12.

The second conference
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Dairy issue coming

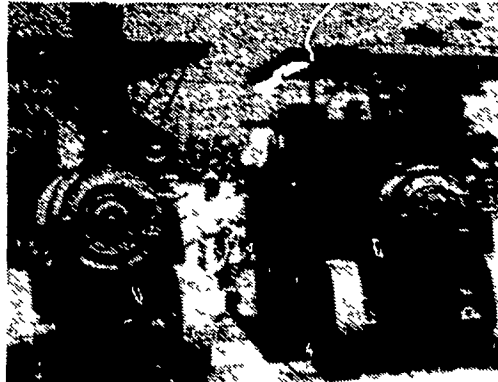
On June 3, LANCASTER FARMING will recognize the area's dynamic dairy industry with its Annual Dairy Issue.

We extend a special invitation to dairy groups and organizations, as well as individuals, to submit articles and news on dairying for the Dairy Issue.

To be sure you make the Dairy Issue, please submit all advertising and editorial material by Tuesday, May 30. Call us at 717-394-3047 or 717-626-1164. Or write Lancaster Farming, Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543.



Aaron Stauffer is an outstanding conservationist. See page 131.



Steam power is on display today at the Rough and Tumble Museum grounds near Kinzer, east of Lancaster. See page 90.



A big craft show took place this week. See page 129.

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