

# Tobacco planting begun

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Washington Boro R1, who, along with his son, Robert, plans to plant 35 acres this year, said on Wednesday eveing that up to that day they had 10 acres planted.

"We started on June 1," he said.

This year Burkholder, who farms the Richard Mann farm, is pleased with his plants.

"They are plenty thick,"

he stated. "They're a little late because we had a cool April, but they look good."

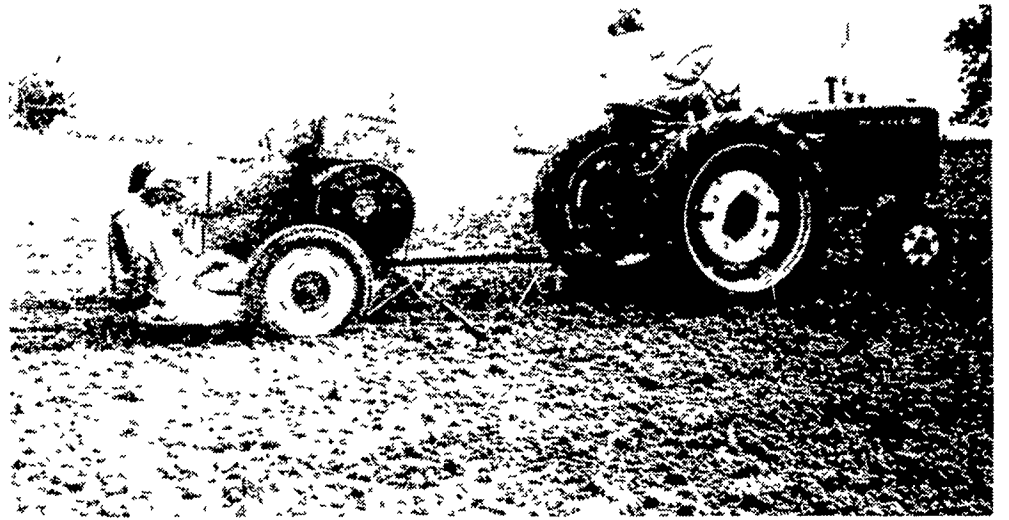
Burkholder's cousin, Ezra Burkholder, Washington Boro R1, also started planting early — on June 1 — and he notes that, so far, he is pleased with his plants, also.

"They're better than some years, I'd say," reports Ezra Burkholder. By mid-week Burkholder, who intends to

plant 14 acres, had 3½ of those acres in the ground.

The Burkholders were exceptions, for the most part. On the whole, farmers in the Central Manor area began planting by mid-week and had about one to two acres in the ground.

The Larry Fry family Washington Boro R1, is one family who held off until the end of the week. Although Mrs. Fry reports that their



Tobacco planting began this week in several areas of Lancaster County. This picture was taken on the farm of Lester Weaver near New Holland.

seedling beds look "really good" and are "as filled up as usual," she and her husband are waiting until their plants have a little more size to them. If the weather conditions are good,

they have hopes to start planting today (Saturday).

In the New Holland area, where a good number of plants are raised under plastic, planting has also

been going on for about a week.

All growers contacted do report, however, that because of the cool Spring, the tobacco crop is behind last year on the average.

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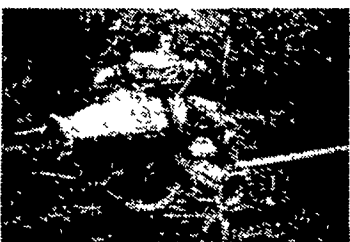


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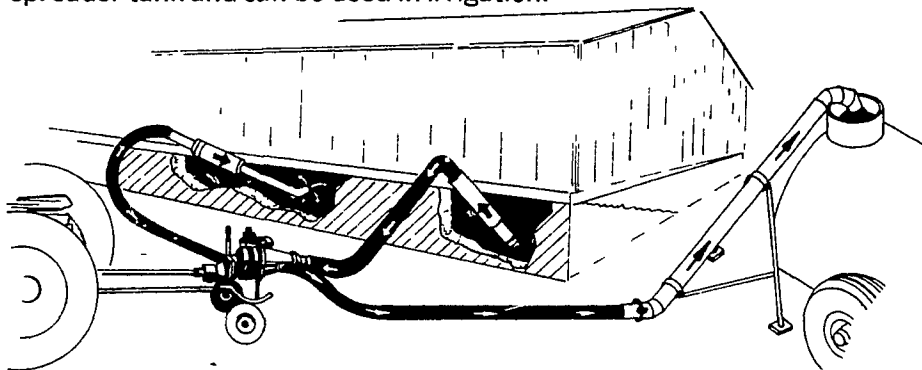
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