

## Landfill borrows a page from agriculture

CREAMERY — The Boyertown Sanitary Disposal Company borrowed a new agricultural conservation concept to protect the soil on its Gilbertsville landfill site. Roger Krout, Operations Manager of the landfill site, sought to help of local farmer Ernest Long and the Montgomery County Conservation District to no-till the exposed slopes on the fill.

"Dry weather last fall caused our grass seedings to fail in spots," explained Krout, "leaving us susceptible to erosion on some slopes. We were reluctant to work up the soil again before spring rains." Meanwhile, Gilbertsville farmer Ernest Long had rented the Conservation District's No-Till Grain Drill to plant oats on ground that adjoins the landfill. This attracted the attention of the Boyertown Sanitary Disposal

Company.

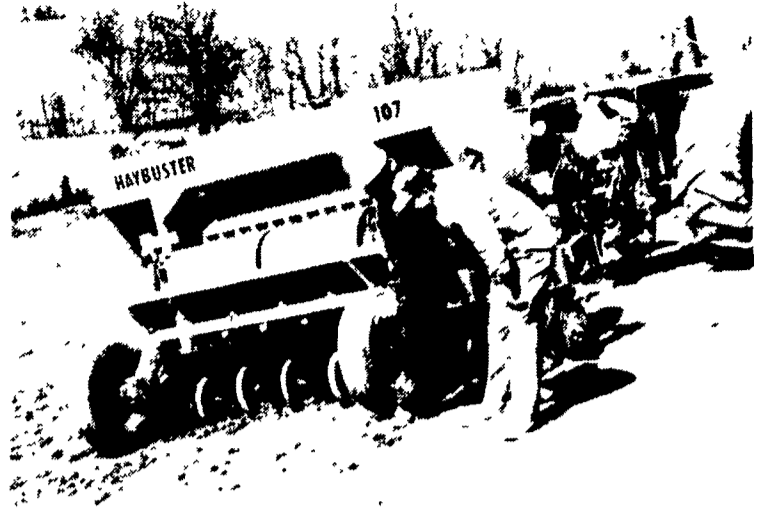
After consulting with Bill Steuteville, No-Till Coordinator for Montgomery County, they decided to try no-tilling grass on their susceptible slopes this spring.

"We generally work with farmers," says Steuteville, "but we were happy to assist in stabilizing the soil on the landfill. This is a critical area because of the steepness of the slopes. The agricultural principles are the same."

Ernest Long used his tractor to do the planting.

Adds Steuteville, "I'm glad Ernie did the driving, I would have been very nervous on those slopes."

The Montgomery County Conservation District has no-till corn planters as well as drills available for farmers and landowners. Anyone interested, should call Bill Steuteville at 489-4506



Ernie Long (left), Gilbertsville farmer, and Roger Krout (right) Operations Manager of the Boyertown Sanitary Disposal Company, inspect operation of Montgomery County's no-till drill.

## York feed grain acres due June 15

YORK — The final date for York County feed grain/wheat farmers to report 1985 crop acreages for small grains is June 15. July 15, is the final date to report corn and grain sorghum. Note that these dates are also the final disposition dates for these crops.

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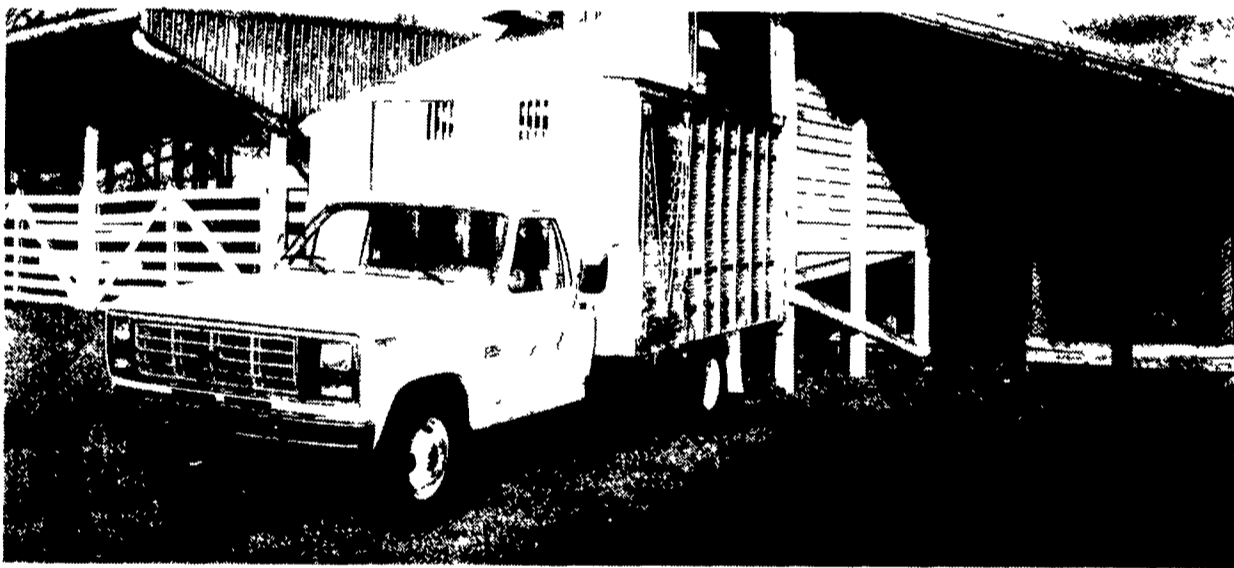
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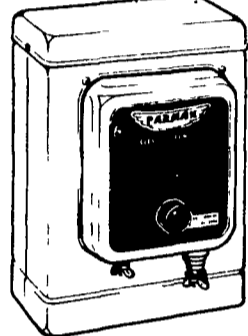
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