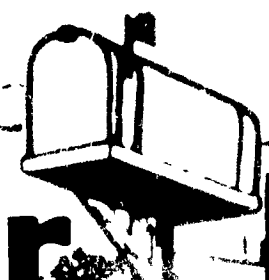


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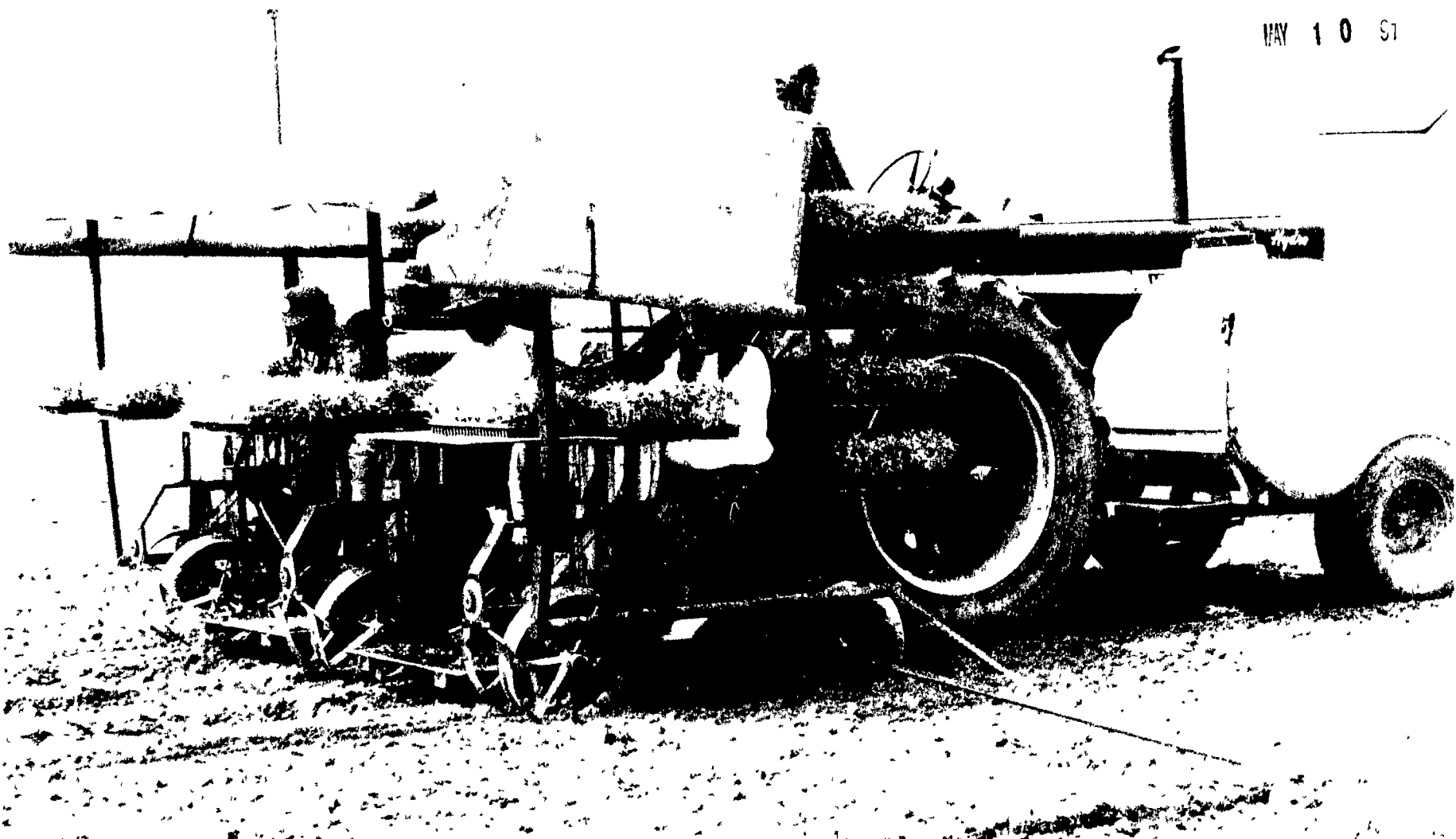
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The Charles family in Lancaster literally "pitches in" with tomato transplanting at the start of the 1991 vegetable season. On the specially built 3-row transplanter, the family inserts tomato seedlings into a rotating 8-cup tray which inserts the plants into the ground. Abram Charles, Cliff's father,

drives the tractor. From left to right, Mark, Eric, Cliff, and Nancy. Cliff was honored with a tomato grower award recently at the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Conference in Hershey. Photo by Andy Andrews.

ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Details, details, details. It was the little details the "whole way along," said tomato grower Cliff Charles, that helped net him first place recognition for the highest yield in his class at the Pennsylvania Vegetable Conference in Hershey.

Charles was recognized with growers having the highest tomato yields in Pennsylvania.

But it wasn't any one management technique or growing method that enabled Charles to gain the recognition. Rather, a combination of close management, correct fertilizer and pesticide application rates, and watching the plants with a careful eye during the season that netted him the award.

Tomato crops
Charles farms a total of 400

acres, including 80 acres of tomatoes, 70 acres of beans and 250 acres of corn. Those who work on the farm include his wife, Nancy, and children Eric, 10; Phillip, 6; Darren, 3; Crystal, 11; Mark Char-

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PSU Expo Highlights Dairy Skills

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)— The 66th Penn State Dairy Expo Showing and Fitting Contest ended with Terri Packard as the All-Around Champion. The Dairy Science Club held the annual event on April 27 at the Ag Arena.

A sophomore in dairy science from Troy, Terri captured the Grand Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Fitter titles. She is a Pennsylvania Holstein Association 1991 Distinguished Junior Member and is the daughter of Richard and Marilyn Packer of Pack-Herd Registered Holsteins.

Reserve All-Around Champion was Ben Dum, a senior from a Perry County dairy farm. Ben, who was last year's show mana-

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Winning the judging competition at the Bedford County Junior Field Day were, left to right: David Brown, first, senior; Mike Draeger, second, junior; Troy Brown, second, senior; and Jerry Beegle, first, junior.

Bedford Jr. Field Day At Yoder Farm

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ALUM BANK (Bedford Co.)— Jr. Field Day was held at the Carl Yoder Farm with students in agricultural programs from Bedford, Northern Bedford, and Chestnut Ridge participating.

Programs for the day included student judging, a veterinarian presenting a program on mastitis,

and program on feeding dairy cattle, and Susan Fox, extension county agent talked about the importance of ventilation in the dairy barn and how it affects the production of the dairy cows.

Winning the judging competition were David Brown, Chestnut Ridge, first in the senior division, and Troy Brown, Bedford, second in the senior division.

In the junior division, Jerry Beegle, Chestnut Ridge, was first, and Mike Draeger, Chestnut Ridge, second.

Troy Brown said he had done some judging previously. The boys said they looked for good udders and good udder support and good teat placement.

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