

It's The Law

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Q I am 20 years old and the sole driver of a car that is titled in my father's name. My father neither drives nor has a driver's license. To what extent would my father be liable for any accident in which I might become involved? Assuming that the automobile insurance policy is written in the name of the owner of the car, would my father and I be equally protected, regardless of who owned the car? The policy states that the owner of the car is covered together with anyone who drives with the owner's permission. What changes, if any, would take place with regard to the answers of the above questions when I became 21 and/or 25 years old? D. K.

A. Unless you were on your father's business, or on a specific mission for him, and thus under his direction and control at the time of the accident, your father would not be liable for any negligent conduct of yours which may have caused the accident. If your father merely lends you the car, to use as you please, he is not responsible for your negligence.

Assuming that your father carries the standard automobile liability insurance policy, any person driving the automobile with the permission of the owner is covered by the policy. In a situation where you were driving on a particular mission at your father's request, the policy would protect both of you, because your father is the named insured. But as explained above, it is probable that you would be the only one liable, and the protection of the policy would be required for you.

The foregoing answers would not be changed if you were either 21 or 25. However, your father's insurance premium rate should decrease when you reach age 25, since policy rates are generally lower where no regular driver of the insured automobile is under that age.

Q. A first Will which left everything to one sister in a family of four was torn up. Now no one has seen the second will and the sister who got all the property says it is none of our business. Can we get to see or hear the second Will?

A. C. Yes the Register of Wills, at the request of any party in interest, shall issue a citation (order) to any person alleged to have possession or control of a Will of a decedent requiring him to show cause why it should not be deposited with him. Then the Will is a matter of public record.

Q If a person makes application for marriage license in the State of Pennsylvania and does not state that she was once legally married and lived as common law wife for more than 7 years to another man, can she be held for perjury because of false statements under oath?

A. B. She has since married in Pennsylvania. What legal steps can be taken?

A. B. In all probability she could be held and convicted of perjury. However, it is suggested that you contact an attorney relative to the possibility of having the second marriage annulled. If the marriage is annulled, perhaps no one would have any interest to prosecute for perjury.

Q. Recently I purchased a house adjoining two properties. Each has a tree in the pavement in front of the house. There are no trees directly in front of my house but these trees on either side are causing the section of pavement in front of my house to crack and the roots have extended through my cellar wall and into my cellar. Who is responsible for these trees and what can I do to prevent further damage to my property?

N. P. A. The owners of the trees are responsible for this encroachment on your property. If requests directly to the owners have failed, your only resort is to a court of equity, which would enjoin the owners from permitting such trespass and direct them to compensate you for your property damage.

The American League lists games under lights in 1956.

500,096 POUNDS OF CHEESE FOR EXPORT TO BELGIUM

USDA reported sales of 500,096 lbs of Commodity Credit Corporation - owned cheddar cheese for commercial export to Belgium. This brings sales of CCC-owned cheese for commercial export to 2,944,578 lbs since June 1954 including a P. L. 480 sale (foreign currency), the total sold for export amounts to 4,104,578 lbs.

Middlecoff cards 202 to take the Crosby golf tourney

Red Meat Demand Much Higher in Year Just Ended

Harrisburg, — Lower prices to consumers created a greater demand for red meat from Pennsylvania slaughtering establishments during the first 11 months of last year, the State Department of Agriculture reported today.

There was an advance of more than 35 million lbs during the period, Federal-State surveys showed, a good share of it in pork products which increased heavily in the fall months as spring pigs reached market weights.

Red meat production for January-November totaled 803,528,000 lbs in Pennsylvania compared with 768,233,000 for the same period in 1955, the Department said.

For November the output of commercial slaughter plants in the State came to 81,295,000 lbs, dressed weight, of beef cattle, calves, hogs, sheep and lambs. This compares with nearly 80 million lbs in October and almost 79 million lbs in November of last year.

For the United States, red meat production for the January - November period totaled more than 23 billion lbs, seven per cent more than for the same period last year.

Sales rise in 1956 are seen below 1955 rate.

WAGNER PURCHASES SIRE

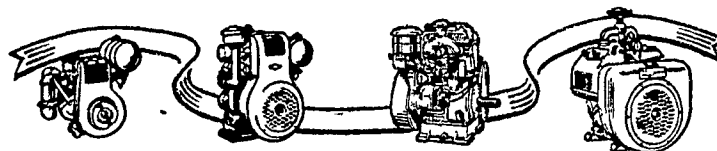
PETERBOROUGH, N. H. — Emory D. Wagner, Kirkwood, Penna., has just purchased the Guernsey sire, Anchor Man, from Herbert Girvin, Quarryville, Pa., according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club. This bull is out of the cow, Bo-Char's Flora, and is sired by Coldspring's B.R. Chief.

GAS TAX EXEMPTION

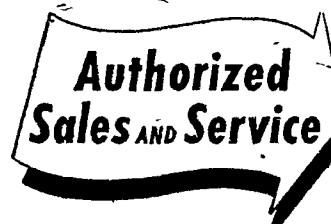
A bill has been approved by the House Ways and Means Committee to exempt farmers from the two-cents a gallon federal excise tax on gasoline used on the farm. Lubricating oil is not included. Farmers would pay the tax when buying gasoline, and then could claim refunds, retroactive to Jan. 1, with first claims due June 30.

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