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Q How does one go about applying for a patent? Do blueprints have to accompany the idea or is it possible just to file the idea. If not, where can blueprints be drawn up? A F.

A. As you know, many fortunes have been made in this country from ideas which people have carefully patented. The method of preparing an application for a patent and expressing the idea in words explicit enough and yet broad enough, and in preparing proper drawings, is the work of a patent attorney. This branch of the law is highly specialized and it would be absolute folly for you to attempt to prepare your own application for a patent including the blueprints

Q Can a son, who is married and has two teenage children, who also owns his own home and works steady, be compelled to take care of his 74-year-old mother who is paralyzed on one side and bedfast? For the past 18 months the woman's daughter and son-in-law have been caring for her in their home. The daughter has not had one day off in the past 18 months. Caring for the mother by herself, with no assistance from her relatives has become such a burden on the daughter that she herself is near collapse. The son lives nearby. What can be done to give the daughter and son-in-law a break? W.K.

A. The son cannot be compelled to take care of his 74-year-old mother in his home. Nor is there any legal means he can use to compel his other relatives to spend part of their time in his home taking care of his mother. The mother would have the right to compel all of her children to contribute towards her support and this would include the cost

Octoraro Farmers Meet; Program of 1956 Discussed

Octoraro Farmers Club met on Saturday at the home of Mr and Mrs. Ammon Huber. A short morning session was held with the vice president, Melvin Boyce, presiding.

Mrs Gertrude Weickel showed samples of the herbs theme and sweet basil which she grew. Horace Walton asked club whether it was too late to pray for chickweed.

Louis Ferguson and Horace Walton were appointed on the inspection committee, following which the club recessed for dinner.

After enjoying an excellent dinner, the club reconvened at 2 p. m. The president, Ammon Huber, conducted the afternoon session. Devotions were conducted by Melvin Boyce. For the host's essay Mr. Huber gave an interesting talk about children.

Barbara Best and Barbara Maule sang a Valentine song. A male quartet, composed of Ammon Huber, David Huber, Richard Maule and Melvin Boyce, sang two selections

James Jackson discussed the Farm Program for 1956 William Fredd spoke on "Vegetable Growing for Profit" Almus Shoemaker discussed Social Security Program for the farmer.

Discussion followed about plans for the 100th anniversary of the Club to be held this summer, but the definite date has not been decided.

Club adjourned to meet at the regular time in March with Barnard and Jean Pownall.

of taking care of her in a nursing home or in employing a nurse to take care of her in the son's home. Since this can only be done through legal proceedings, it would be advisable to obtain advice from an attorney.

Q If a man or wife has deserted, could either party claim to be legally divorced after seven years and remarry? M.M.

A. Absolutely not; the mere absence of one spouse does not automatically terminate the marriage. A willful and malicious desertion without just cause persisted in for a continuous period of two years will give the other spouse cause for divorce on the ground of desertion. However, the procedures prescribed by the Divorce-Law must be followed to have the marriage terminated on this ground.

There is also the possibility that an unexplained absence of seven years, during which time nothing has been heard from the absent spouse, would raise the presumption that the absent spouse has died, and a proceeding might be instituted in the Orphans' Court to have him declared legally dead. Successful accomplishment of this procedure would also terminate the marriage, leaving the other spouse free to remarry.

DENVER DWELLING \$107
Seller for \$107 with provisions that the buyer move the 2 1/2-story house from its location in Denver, H. H. Leid auctioned the home off to Paul Mellinger, East Cocalico Township Household goods also sold.

TRUCK \$1,010
Two tractors sold at \$830 and \$620, a truck at \$1,010 in the LeRoy Glick farm sale near Honey Brook. Auctioneer was LeRoy Zook of Atglen. A baler brought \$915, 1949 auto \$430, manure olader \$177.50, wagon \$180 and transplanter, \$130.

FORNEY SALE HALTED
Heirs of P. J. Forney Friday purchased the 100-acre farm for an undisclosed figure at private treaty, withdrawing the property from public sale. A tractor sold for \$1,875, another at \$940, potato sprayer \$300, wagons \$147 and \$212. Elmer V. Spahr was auctioneer.

HESSDALE HOUSE \$8,350
Frank Esbenschade, Willow Street, purchased the 2 1/2-story Sue L. Bowman resident in Hessdale Saturday for \$8,350. A nitre box sold for \$40, an enfil brought \$11, and a small cake stand \$26. Stanley H. Deiter was auctioneer.

Irrigation Use In Pennsylvania Increasing Now

To overcome dry spots caused by irregular rainfall, more and more Pennsylvania farmers are turning to irrigation, the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District was told Thursday night last week.

Speaker was Maurice K Goddard, secretary of forests and waters in Pennsylvania, who pointed out that less than 10,000 acres in the Commonwealth were under irrigation in 1954, but the use and the prospective use is increasing each year

One Continuous City

Prospects that the Eastern seaboard some day may be one continuous city was also emphasized by Mr. Goddard. Population is increasing rapidly, and water use will more than double in the next generation

Pennsylvania, with an average yearly rainfall of 42 inches, uses 92 billion gallons of water every day. Half is soaked up by vegetation, the remainder is a small part of the 11 billion gallons needed daily.

Thank God for Surplus

"Thank God for the surplus rather than famine," Henry H Hackman, R3 Manheim, told the group. He is vice president of the soil district "We have more and better food, and more surplus than any nation in the world," he remarked earlier

Named Lancaster County's outstanding Conservationist of 1955 was John E. Melhorn, operator, of three farms in the Mount Joy area. He received a plaque from Harry R. Metzler, former county commissioner and SCS director

During the year just closed, 66 agreements covering 5,382 acres of land in 26 townships were approved

Chester-Delaware F B Meet Saturday

Three will be elected to the board of directors of the Chester-Delaware Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn Saturday in an 8 p.m. meeting in the Unionville High School

John D. Ross, manager, announced a 6:30 banquet to precede the business meeting

Nominated to directors recently were Honey Brook — William E. Payne and Glen Moore, both Honey Brook R1 Oxford — E. Harvey Chase, Lincoln University, and John B. Landis, Parkesburg R1, Director at large — J. Carl Empe, Glen Mills RD Pusev L. Moore, Chatham and J. Franklin Styer, Concordville

Reports on the past year's operations will be delivered by Ross, George Stegle, Pocopson, president, and Styer, treasurer. A motion picture will also be shown

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