

It's The Law

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Q. If a resident of Pennsylvania drives his automobile across a State line to purchase liquor or cigarets in another State and then return to Pennsylvania, what penalty may be imposed by our Commonwealth? Does the State have the right to confiscate the merchandise and the automobile?

F. K.

A. Upon conviction of illegally importing liquor from another State into Pennsylvania, a person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$300, and on failure to pay such fine shall be imprisoned for not less than one month nor more than three months, and for any subsequent offense shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$500 and to undergo imprisonment for a period of not less than three months nor more than a period of one year (47 P.S., Sec. 4-494, Act of 1951, P.L. 90, Art. 4, Sec. 494)

For conviction of having in his possession 200 or more cigarets upon which State cigarett tax has not been paid or to the containers of which Pennsylvania cigarett tax stamps are not affixed, a person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$25 and costs of prosecution for each 200 cigarets found in his possession, the cigarets shall be forfeited to the Commonwealth, and in default of the payment of said fine and costs shall be imprisoned in the county jail one day for each dollar of fine and costs unpaid (72 P.S. Sec. 3165 (E), Act of 1949, B. L. 336, Sec. 1).

Where liquor is illegally imported the law provides for confiscation of the vehicle in which the illegal liquor is transported. Where cigarets only are involved the law does not provide for confiscation of the vehicle.

Q. The place where I work has what they call a Sunshine Club. Money is collected each payday. When you leave, get married, etc., a present is given you. I dropped out of this club over two years ago and was told the money I paid in would be given to me when I left. Now a memo has been posted saying that those who drop out forfeit the money I would like to know if they can do this since nothing was said about it when I joined. Several others are interested, also.

W.H.

A. Most clubs which are incorporated associations have By-laws or Rules and Regulations. Frequently such By-laws provide that they may be amended from time to time. It would be impossible to determine your rights without examining the By-laws or Rules and Regulations of your club.

Farm Calendar

(If you wish your Coming Events listed in these columns, write a card or letter to LANCASTER FARMING, Quarryville, Pa. Be sure to include name of sender.—Editor).

MARCH

March 10—Society of Farm Women 13 entertains Society 4, Farm Bureau Building, Lancaster.

March 12-16, Second Grassland Farming Short Course, Pennsylvania State U.

March 12-17—Philadelphia Flower Show.

March 13—Farm Women 22, auction of homemade materials, home of Mrs. Eugene Bare, R1 Bard-in-Hand.

March 14—Farm Women 16, home of Mrs. Jean Powwall, Christiana.

March 14—Farm Women 9, 10, 15 attend Philadelphia Flower Show

March 14—Society of Farm Women 14, home of Mrs. Robert Esbenshade, R1 Ronks.

March 14—Farm Women 22, visit Lancaster County Home.

March 15—Lancaster County Poultry Association Banquet, 7 p. m., Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

March 15—Farm Women 6 to Philadelphia Flower Show, meet 6.30 A. M., home of Mrs. S. A. Sheaffer, 434 So Main St, Elizabethtown.

March 17— Farm Women 18 entertain Farm Women 16, 1:00 p. m. luncheon meeting, Farm Bureau Building, Lancaster.

March 17—Farm Women 9, food sale, Mrs. Jeanne Breneman, R1 Conestoga, hostess.

March 17—Farm Women 3, Brickerville Fire Hall, Mrs. Charles Weachter, Hopeland, hostess; Speakers—Louis and Myrtle Tremblay; Movies—"It's Spring."

March 19—Southern Lancaster County 4H Tractor Club, E. L. Herr Garage, Wakefield.

March 21—Farm Women 6 Serve dinner, Wyeth Laboratories, Marietta.

March 21—Farm Women 1 to entertain husbands, Zinn's Diner, Ephrata

March 21—Farm Women 15, luncheon, Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church, Mrs. George Reinhart, chairman.

March 24—Farm Women 12, Mrs. Estella Mower, hostess, Highville.

March 27—Farm Women 12, Cinerama Holiday, Philadelphia, Mrs. Roy Eshelman, chairman.

March 28—Farm Women Society No. 2, home of Mrs. Janet Miller, Glen Roy.

March 28—Rural Homemakers Club meeting, home of Mrs. William Neyman, Oxford.

March 31—Society of Farm Women 4 hostesses to Society 21, Mountville Civic Center.

APRIL

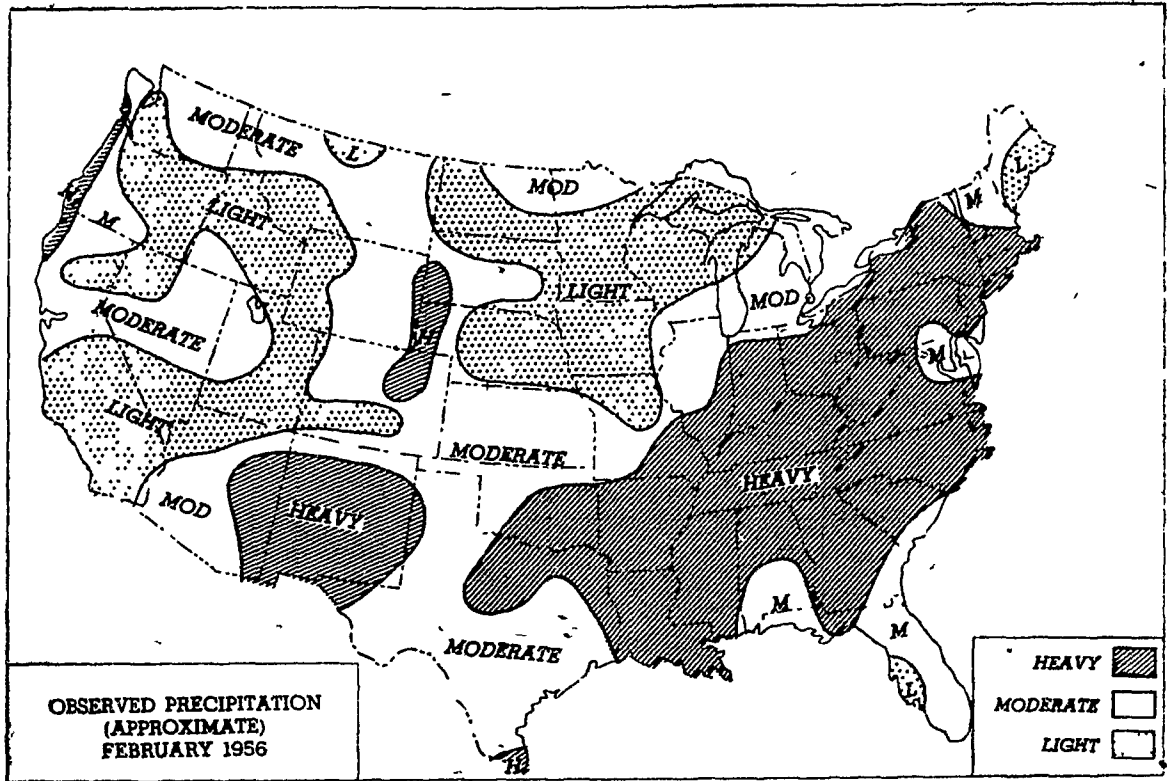
April 1—Sacred Concert, Memorial Methodist Choir, Quarryville, 7:45 p. m.

April 2—New Holland Community 4-H Club meeting.

April 3—County Farm Women's Society Executive Board, 2 p. m., home of Mrs. Henry Reist, R1 Mount Joy.

April 4—Farm Women 1 recover lampshades, Raub Supply Co., Lancaster

April 7—Farm Women 1, home of Mrs. Monroe Hufford, 175 Delp Road, Lancaster



This chart shows the general nature of total precipitation which fell during the preceding 30 days. Precipitation is expressed in three classes: light, moderate, and

heavy, and the precipitation amounts which determine these classes are obtained from an analysis of many years of record at many stations.

From Years Ago: John A. McSparran Named State Ag Secretary in 1930

Lancaster Farming here presents another in a series of articles prepared by Charles C. Slentz, Quarryville — a look into the past history of Lancaster County, gleaned from files of county newspapers

Lancaster County was in the state limelight mid-January, 25 years ago, both agriculturally and politically. The local figure in focus was John A. McSparran, late of Furness, Drumore township. He was master of the Pennsylvania State Grange ten years, and Gifford Pinchot, then returning to Harrisburg for a second gubernatorial term, named this warm friend to the post of Secretary of Agriculture. The re-elected Governor was quite effusive in appraising the qualifications and capacity of his new appointee, conceded to be a man "as familiar as it was possible to be with the day-by-day problems of agriculturalists throughout the state."

Farmer, preacher, ardent temperance advocate and prohibition leader, McSparran ever hewed to the line, letting the chips fall where they would as long as such hewing was to the line of righteousness. The name McSparran is still one to be reckoned with, in business and farming circles, for instance. Currently quite a number of productive acres in the southern part of the county are owned and cultivated by McSparrans — while the State Grange secretariat is in the hands of one of the late John A.'s sons, J. Collins. Another son, Charles G., is master of Fulton Grange No. 66.

(Mentioning the foregoing prompts an apology. Our recent article gave the date of the official opening of Oak-ryn Band (now Fulton Grange) Hall as 1708, rather than 1908. Sorry, a typesetting error.)

In the upper river section of the county, there was a stir over several geese, in the winter of 1906. Two men in Marietta stole four fat ones. Charges were preferred against the culprits; three geese were recovered. As for the fourth, sold to a hotel man, it was a case of "your goose is

cooked" — and eaten, of course.

A surplus of products, and unprofitable factory operation accounted for a "cooked goose" in the instance of a Rothsville cannery a few months prior to the season of 1906. The Litz Rec-ord Express in February of that year, gave these facts: "The officers of the Rothsville canning factory have decided not to do any canning next summer. There is considerable goods still on hand and besides it is no secret that the factory has not been on a paying basis and that there are a lot of debts."

No cooked goose or "wild goose chase" was involved when the Sharp boys hied to the hills, near Litz, in coon tracking 30 years ago. While not getting the object of their hunt, they did find something mighty sweet on the expedition. For details, here's another Record-Express paragraph dated Feb. 10, 1926. It seems that "Barton and Luther Sharp, boys who were reared on the farm in tracking a coon came upon a honey-bees' home in an old stump in the furnace hills. They collected 32 pounds of the finest honey imaginable. They failed to get the coon, but set traps for it."

HERTZLER SALE

Cows sold from \$108 to \$252 in the Saturday auction on the farm of Norman Hertzler near Blanesport. Sixteen cows were also sold. A stock bull went at \$93, six heifers, from \$45 to \$101; a tractor, \$700; a field cultivator, \$115; tractor cultivator, \$125; two discs, \$55 and \$61; tractor plow, \$55; grass mower, \$81; hay, from \$19 to \$22.50 a ton; a 1941 pick up truck \$157; a wagon, \$80, and a dining room suite, \$69.

Confusion on Farm in Sales Tax Prevalent

How does the newly enacted Pennsylvania three-per cent sales tax affect farmers?

This question prevailed at press time. Signed at 11:53 p.m. Tuesday, it went into effect seven minutes later.

There are 17 categories on which the tax applies: 1, motor vehicles and maintenance of them, 2, formal day and evening wear, articles using hides or furs; 3, construction, remodeling equipment and supplies; 4, furnishings and appliances for home and commercial use, 5, industrial, business, professional and commercial supplies; 6, cosmetics and drugs except drugs on prescription. 7, tobacco products except those already taxed by the Commonwealth;

8, luggage and leather goods; 9, jewelry etc., 10, books, stationery supplies, 11, games, hobbies, photographic equipment and supplies, also on sports equipment; 12, flowers plants, shubbery, trees, fertilizers, sprays, insecticides, bulbs, seeds; 13, fuel oil, petroleum products for heating purposes; 14, hardware, tools, paints, materials and equipment; 15, live animals, fish, birds, and necessary equipment, 16, Radio and television sets receivers, phonographs, sound recorders; 17, food and beverages when purchased for consumption on premises (as restaurants, clubs) except when purchased from church, school or hospital.

Items purchased by farmers in the process of growing food are exempt.

Electric and telephone service are exempt.

The tax rate is: 10 cents or less, tax free; 11 through 40 cents, one cent tax, 41 through 70 cents, two cents tax; 71 cents to \$1, three cents.

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MAY
May 7-10 — Pennsylvania Guernsey Association host to 79th Annual Meeting American Guernsey Cattle Club, Philadelphia.

JUNE
June 9—Annual Lancaster County Poultry Association Barbecue, Litz.

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