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Q. A man deserts his wife after they have been married for almost 10 years, and goes to live with another woman and has a child by her. Is it possible for his wife to make him pay for a divorce?

E. A. W.

A. Yes, the wife may petition the court for reasonable counsel fees and expenses after her divorce action is commenced. It is then within the discretion of the hearing judge to allow the requested counsel fees and expenses. The amount that will be allowed, however, differs with the circumstances and would be determined by what the husband earns and owns and also the financial position of the wife.

Q. We bought a home and there is a space between our home and the neighbor's with a three-foot wall. He now claims that he has eight inches of ground beyond the wall, which would cut off eight inches of our walk that leads around the house. We always thought the walk was our property. Can he move his wall over eight inches, which

would make our walk very narrow and difficult to use? Or can he be made to leave the wall where it now is? The house we bought is an old one and the wall must have been there for years. He moved into his home about five years ago.

M. D.

A. He cannot move his wall over eight inches unless it can be determined that the wall was erected with his permission or that of the former owner of his property. If the wall was there for an uninterrupted period of 21 years and it remained there with the knowledge of your neighbor or the former owner of his property, that it was eight inches on his property, without anyone objecting to its being there, he cannot interfere with it now. The fact that your walk would be made narrow and difficult to use is not important. The other factors discussed in this answer are important.

Q. When a hedge is used as a property line between two properties, is one of the parties involved allowed to cut it when the other party does not wish it cut and has asked them not to cut it?

B. C.

A. Since the normal use of the hedge is decorative and the hedge is customarily cut and trimmed, it would seem that if the hedge was on the property line, either party would have the right to cut and trim it and that neither property owner would have the right to forbid the other from doing so. In fact, a hedge, if left to grow wild and untrimmed for several years, can detract from the looks and value of a property and can shut out light and air to which a property owner is normally entitled.

Service Plugs In Farm Engines Before Spring

Farm engines will perform better when the busy season arrives next spring if the spark plugs are given some attention before that time.

C. L. Hill, extension agricultural engineer at Purdue University, says spark plug maintenance is an easy chore. He suggests this routine:

Remove plugs with a plug wrench or socket of the proper size. Unscrew the plug only a turn or so and blow out any dirt accumulation before complete removal.

Inspection of the plug may tell many things about the engine's condition. Powdery brown or greyish deposits indicate normal heat range and engine condition. Poor engine condition is evident if the plugs stay wet and oily. A burned or blistered appearance of the plug should lead to an investigation of the engine cooling system.

If the plug is normal it should then be cleaned, the outside electrode filed flat, regapped and checked. Gap setting should be checked with a round wire gauge.

Use a new plug gasket when re-installing the plug. Be sure the gasket seat is clean or compression leakage will occur.

Gaskets fail when a plug is tightened too much. Turn the plug "finger tight" and only tighten it three-fourths to one full turn with the wrench.

Over 50 per cent of veterinary calls on dairy farms in one state with large numbers of dairy cattle last year were for noninfectious diseases such as ketosis, breeding problems, retained fetal membranes, weak calves, traumatic gastritis and bloat. Many of these problems could be prevented by better feeds and feeding methods.

Two Boys, Two Girls Named To Receive Rural Youth Awards

Two boys and two girls have been named to receive 1956 Lancaster County Rural Youth Awards for their outstanding achievements in 4-H Club, Future Homemakers of America, and Future Farmers of America programs during the past year.

They are: outstanding FHA girl, Trevena Stehman, 2817 Marietta Pk., outstanding FFA boy, J. Richard Herr, R1 Ronks, outstanding 4-H Club girl, Miriam Roland, R1 Mt. Joy, and outstanding 4-H Club boy, Robert Kreider, R1 Quarryville.

Miss Stehman, who received the State Future Homemaker Degree last month at Farm Show, is president of her FHA chapter at Hempfield High School. She is also fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania Assn. of Future Homemakers of America and serves as advisor to the Lancaster County Future Homemakers of America.

Herr, a member of the Garden Spot FFA chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, was named Lancaster County Star Farmer when he received the Keystone Farmer Degree in January. He is a past president of his FFA chapter and was district and county winner of the FFA Supervised Farming Program Record Book Contest in 1956.

Miss Roland, a Donegal High School graduate, was president of the Donegal 4-H Home Economics Club and the Donegal 4-H Community Club. She is a junior club leader and vice president of the

Lancaster County 4-H Home Economics Council. Last year she won a county gold medal in recreation and rural arts in the national 4-H awards program.

Kreider is president of the Lancaster County 4-H agricultural council and has served as president of the 4-H farm and home electric club, the southern Lancaster County 4-H tractor maintenance club, and the Drumore 4-H Community Club. He participated in 4-H Club Week activities as a member of the County dairy demonstration team and the vegetable demonstration team.

The rural Youth Award fund was set up in 1953 by the Rural Youth of Lancaster County, a voluntary organization of former active members of 4-H, FHA and FFA groups formed in 1937.

When the RYLC was dissolved, all remaining assets were invested in Lancaster County Farm Bureau stock, earning interest annually under the name of the Rural Youth Award Fund.

All interest is used as four annual awards to the outstanding members of the youth groups.

The RYA Fund is administered by the educational director of the Farm Bureau, Wayne B. Rentschler, who has announced that the awards this year will amount to \$7 each. The awards have shown an increase each year, he said.

The individual awards will be presented at meetings of the organizations to which the 1956 winners belong.

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