



THE YORK INTERSTATE FAIR, one of the oldest in the nation, was off to a flying start this week despite cloudy skies and rain. However the rain was so welcome

that not a word of complaint was heard about it. Also starting this week are fairs at Reading and Lititz. (LF Photo)

Farm Equipment Dealers' Assn. Lists Exemptions From Sales Tax

A wide variety of farm items used directly in the production of food has been declared exempt from the Pennsylvania Sales and Use Tax, according to Wayne Hindman, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers' Assn. Many harvesting implements, feeders and other equipment used in caring for livestock, fertilizers and fertilizer distributors, and seeds are included in the new list of more than 65 items now exempt from the tax. Some of the more important tools exempted are ensilage cut-

ters, farm tractors and accessories, milk-handling equipment, irrigation equipment, barn cleaners, rotary hoes, sacks, silo unloaders, water pumps, and tires used on agricultural implements. The list was drawn up to clarify the sales-and-use tax status of farm machinery, says Hindman. Further studies by the sales-tax office are still in progress. Members of the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers' Assn have the latest complete information on machinery exempted from the sales-and-use tax. All member dealers also have the required exemption certificates.

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Mrs. Florence K. Shultz, R1 Washington Boro
We want to take this opportunity to tell you how much we enjoy each issue of Lancaster Farming. The format is pleasing, the news timely and the recipes are out of this world!

One certainly gets a full dollar's worth from your publication in spite of the ever-present inflation. May success continue to be yours in this second year of your enterprise.

Mrs. Martin E. Geihat, R1 Stevens
I like your paper very much. I would say for many reasons. It has many items concerning our community.

It's The Law

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Q I would like some information on an Act passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature giving county authorities the legal right to place a lien up to 50 per cent on the wages of a man delinquent in support payments to dependents. I understand the Act was signed by Governor Fine in 1954. — J R C

A You are apparently referring to the Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Support Law of 1953 which provides for the attaching of wages of any person owing a duty of support by serving a certified copy of the order of support on the employer, together with an order directing the employer, among other things, to make no payment to the person against whom the order of support is entered over 50 per cent of the amount due him until further order of the court.

The court shall then determine the amount of wages which shall be paid regularly by the employer to the Domestic Relations Division of the Court and shall so notify the employer.

Q Do you have to file a will for probate as soon as the person dies or do you have a certain time? I was told that if you do not file a will as soon as the person dies, the will is not valid. — M. R.

A The laws of Pennsylvania provide that a will, other than a

nuncupative will, may be offered for probate at any time after the death of the person who wrote the will.

A nuncupative will is defined as an oral will, declared or dictated by the testator in his last sickness before a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwards reduced to writing. A nuncupative will may not be admitted to probate unless notice has first been given to those who would be entitled to the estate in case the person had died without making a will.

Q Is a landlady permitted to charge 3 per cent sales tax on room rent? — J J M

A Under the provisions of the Hotel Occupancy Tax Act, an operator of a rooming house, assuming that you are referring to such a situation in your question, is required to collect a 3 per cent tax on the rent received for the occupancy of a room or rooms for less than 30 days. One who has occupied or has had the right to occupy a room or rooms for at least 30 days is deemed to be a permanent resident and is then excluded from the imposition of the tax.

Kangroos May Help In Cattle Research

A veterinary research problem may be aided by the wallaby, a kangaroo type animal weighing 4-10 pounds and native to Australia, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The wallaby has a complex stomach somewhat similar to ruminant animals such as cows, sheep and goats. Australian veterinarians report that the animal survives well under the poor grazing conditions of Australia's central deserts.

Of less economic value and smaller in size than ruminants, the wallabies may prove to be of value for veterinary nutritionists studying the peculiarities of rumen digestion in domestic cattle, the Association said.

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- 3 Lack of exercise and not enough to do.
- 4 A tendency toward prolapses (eversion of the egg laying organs) in some strains.
- 5 Inherited cannibalistic tendencies in some strains.

Picking Among Chicks and Growing Pullets Chicks may start picking because they are too warm, because they are left too long without feed or do not have an adequate water supply. White-washed walls causing too bright a house can cause picking in chicks and older birds.

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We will discuss Number 2 next week.

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