

Social Security For Farmers Is Explained

M. S. Gleaton, Social Security District Manager in Lancaster, today reminded farmers who operate farms on a calendar year basis that their social security self-employment returns must be filed and the tax paid by April 15th. However, Gleaton pointed out that self-employed farmers who are required to file estimated tax returns and have not done so by January 15, 1963, must file the final return and pay the social security tax by February 15, 1963.

Gleaton explained that farmers and farm operators file their returns on Form 1040 and 1040F. Form 1040 is the general tax report form used by city and farm people alike. Form 1040F, the second form, is especially for farmers. But both must be completed and filed by self-employed farmers.

Unlike other self-employed persons, self-employed farmers have certain options in reporting their earnings. These options are

- (1) If gross farm income is more than \$1800 and the net earnings are \$1200 or more, then the actual amount of net earnings must be reported.
- (2) If gross farm income amounts to \$1800 or less, then the actual net farm earnings two-thirds of the gross farm income may be

Trail Riders' Board To Meet

The board of governors of the Pennsy Trail Riders will meet Wednesday, February 13, at the clubhouse. All members of the board and any club member wishing to aid the horse show committee are urged to attend.

The Elizabethtown horse show will be held Sunday, May 12, with June 2 set as the rain date.

Nominations for officers were scheduled to be opened at a meeting last night, and officers will be elected at a later meeting and installed at the birthday party in March.

The meeting which was to have been held on January 23 was cancelled due to the snow. This meeting, which would have been the 101st, was the first meeting in the club's history to be cancelled due to bad weather.

Local Mill Expansion Nears Completion

Another phase of the modernization program at Eby's Mill, Lititz, was completed this week, according to Joel Haebecker, partner in the firm.

The new addition will feature completely automatic handling of bulk feed from railroad hopper cars, through mixing and grinding to bulk truck for delivery to the farm.

The modernization will increase the storage capacity for protein ingredients at the mill by 100 tons. The out bins for bulk truck loading will have a capacity of 96 tons.

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The firm also owns and operates Hempfield Mills, East Petersburg.

counted as net farm earnings.

- (3) If gross farm income is more than \$1800 and the net is less than \$1200, count as the net earnings either the actual net farm earnings or \$1200.

The optional method, based on gross farm income, is used only in figuring self-employment tax and applies only to farm income. Where the optional method of reporting applies, individuals who prefer to report actual net income will receive credit for social security purposes if the net amount is \$400 or more.

Gleaton further stated that detailed questions about filing the return and payment of the tax should be directed to the nearest office of the District, Director of Internal Revenue. However, for further informa-

License Plates To Be Retained

Harrisburg, Jan. — The State Department of Revenue has announced the life of Pennsylvania's license plate will be extended.

Upon the basis of information the Department of Revenue has acquired through spot checks of the present semi-permanent license plate, the life of the plate is being extended at least one more year.

The condition of the plates has exceeded expectations, and

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it is now clearly evident that in the interest of economy the tags will survive several more years of use. Substitution of the small pressure-sensitive renewal sticker for the yearly license plate has contributed to an annual savings of approximately \$1,000,000.

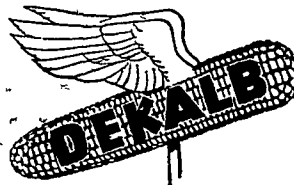
The semi-permanent plate was inaugurated in 1958 with expectation of effecting a 5-year savings of \$1,363,000.

However, the program has resulted in a savings of approximately \$1,000,000 each year. Since Pennsylvania instituted the system, a number of other states have adopted similar programs.

Feed The Birds

If you'd like to have some fun, and do a good deed at the same time, Robert G. Wingard, extension wildlife management specialist at Penn State, suggests feeding the birds during the winter months. A copy of Leaflet 174, titled "Songbird Feeders Are Fun" can be obtained from any county agricultural agent. It tells how to construct simple bird-feeding stations that will be a pleasure to you, and a lifesaver to the birds who spend the winter with us.

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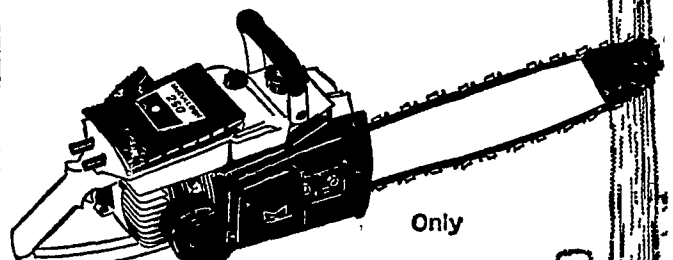
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