



THE EXT, the world's first battery-powered lawn and garden tractor, was introduced by its co-sponsors, the national Farm Electrification Council, and the Lead Industries Association. Powered by six, 6-volt lead-acid batteries, the EXT (Electric Experimental Tractor) can be used on today's farms for feeding and cleaning chores around poultry houses, and for daily clean-up around stables and free stall dairy barns. The tractor has a low noise level, and doesn't give off any fumes — both of which are advantageous when

using this type of vehicle in livestock confinement areas. The EXT's batteries, which will run up to two hours without recharging, can be fully recharged in 12 hours on 110-volt house current. Tests indicate that the tractor can be recharged for 9 to 12¢ — at average electric rates — or, about the price of a quart of gas. Manufacturers indicate that EXT production models, in a size comparable to 7-hp engine units now on the market, can be built and sold for around \$1,000.

● **Meat Inspection**
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about the effect of the law on the future of the industry. This meeting has been developed in cooperation with the Meat Hygiene Division of the State Department of Agriculture to "clear the air" on many of the issues."

Speakers for this meeting are as follows: Dr. George H. Zacharke, Chief, Meat Hygiene Division, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, who will discuss "The 1968 Pennsylvania Meat Inspection Law"; H. Louis Moore, Livestock Marketing Specialist, The Pennsylvania State University, on the subject, "Possible Changes Needed and the Future of the Industry";

Laurence Yager, Area Marketing Extension Agent, who will discuss "The Impact of the New Law on Consumers."

The law will affect about 1,400 slaughtering operations in Pennsylvania including about 120 local operations.

● **Warwick Youth**
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The winner at Wednesday's contest was Ed Copenhaver, Lebanon County Vo-Tech School. Copenhaver's subject title is "Say It With Flowers." Martin and Copenhaver now are set to compete at FFA Activities Week at Penn State July 1 to 3.

In the Parliamentary Procedure Contest held at the same time and place, Norlebeco High School

● **Corn Planting**
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Spring of 1968, the grass in the fine stand had shot up ahead of the alfalfa. But this year, the alfalfa is maturing nicely, with or ahead of the grass. Good proof of the warm Spring weather the County had experienced this year.

Across the county conditions for accomplishing field work were good. Plowing, preparing seedbeds, seeding and fruit spraying continued on schedule. Tobacco growers reported the plant beds were growing nicely with the little plants growing rapidly. Vegetable growers were active, planting cabbage plants and sweet corn and sowing beets, lettuce and setting onions. Asparagus cutting is in progress and strawberries are showing blossoms with plant condition appearing good.

The dairymen were turning cows out on lush pasture, but watching closely for grass-flavor in the milk. Most cows weren't being left out over night yet.

Turkey Hunting

The turnout of hunters for the second spring gobbler season this week is running higher than last year throughout the state, according to Pennsylvania Game Commission field reports.

Hunting pressure ranges from "slightly higher" in some areas to "much higher" in other sections. After a good harvest on the opening day, hunter success

has dropped off. In most areas hunters have taken more birds than last year, but in locations where hunter pressure has been greatest, the harvest apparently has dropped from last year.

A number of sportsmen have been observed combining turkey hunting in the morning with fishing in the afternoon under nearly-perfect weather conditions. Some youths have even been able to bag a gobbler early in the morning and to reach school before the opening bell.



Gerald Martin

in Lebanon County placed first and Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill County was second. Solanco, winner in both the County and Area Contest was third.

Judges for both events were: T. M. Malin, Former Vo-Ag Supervisor of York and Lancaster Counties; Richard Lighter, Former Vo-Ag Supervisor of Adams, Franklin, Cumberland and Perry

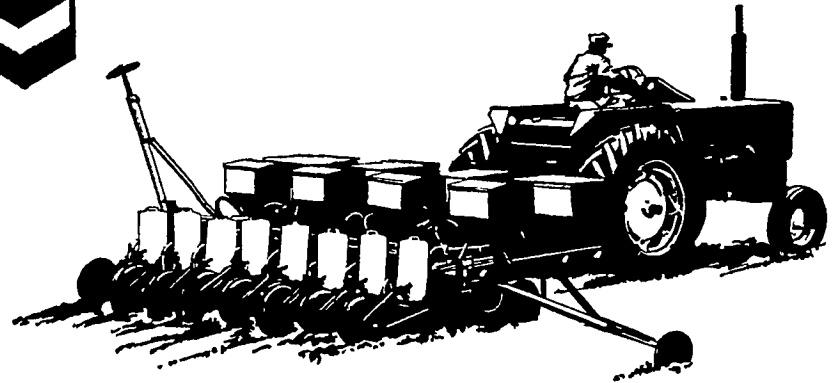
Counties, and Harry Hoerner, Assistant Professor of Ag Education at Penn State.



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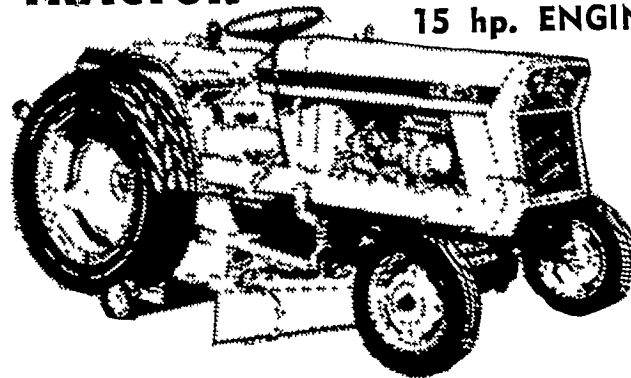
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