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Farmers Warned Of Hazard Law

Farmers employing 14 and 15 year olds as tractor drivers "could be in serious trouble" if an accident occurs in violation of the new federal hazardous occupation law, warns Jay Irwin, associate county agent.

Speaking at recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association at the Farm and Home Center, Irwin reminded area farmers that 14 and 15 year olds must be certified to drive a tractor except on their parents' farm. Certification comes through passing a hazardous occupation course at high school. The course is based on safety, Irwin said.

Irwin said that no one will be going around checking for violations of the law, but if an accident happens to a young person violating the law, "someone could be in serious trouble."

Irwin advised farmers to become familiar with the federal law, which also spells out other farm activities considered hazardous for young people.

Two movies on safety, one involving tractors and another concerning pick-ups, were shown and Mis-

Clyde Wivell said PFA women are promoting safety as a family affair.

Chester Heim, PFA legislative director, recalled a narrow escape he had while farming when he turned a tractor over. He emphasized the importance of safety.

He also warned farmers to be careful while driving farm equipment on the highway, or farmers will be faced with expensive and restrictive legislation controlling the movement of farm equipment.

He urged the purchase of the triangular slow moving vehicle signs for farm equipment on the highways. The PFA supports legislation requiring these emblems. "We're smart enough to accept the facts of life" and the emblems "will save many lives," Heim said.

Noting an incident in which a farmer straddled the center of the road, refusing to pull over so a line of cars behind could pass, Heim warned such actions will bring punitive legislation. "It isn't hard to be kind," he said.

Tractor Accident Alert



Two members of the Central Tractor 4-H Club are shown giving a tractor accident demonstration at the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association at the Farm and Home Center.

They are Ed Leaman, 2051 Butter Road, Lancaster, and Lynn Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, club president.

In this photo, they are showing how easily a tractor will upset while attempt-

ing to pull another tractor at an angle. The small tractor was electrically powered.

In another demonstration, the youths showed how a tractor would upset when on a hillside simply by raising a lift, which raised the center of gravity and upset the tractor.

They also showed a tractor upset by attempting to pull a stump or from the axle.

We Introduce Antique Column

Over the years, Lancaster Farming has found its subscribers have a heritage that dates back to the Revolutionary War and before.

That heritage includes a vast assortment of tools and odds and ends of just about every kind. These reminders of the past, some of them still usable, have become the basis for small antique shops and numerous hobbies.

In recognition of that heritage and to provide up to date and reliable information on antiques, Lancaster Farming this week introduces a new column, "Antiquing with Joel Sater." (See page 5).

"I don't consider myself an 'expert' on antiques," says the author of the new column "but I do know thousands of people who are experts. And these are the people I rely on to help me answer the hundreds of letters asking about antiques and antiquing that I receive from my readers."

"I think I know personally about 5,000 antique shop owners, museum curators, antique collectors, antique show and flea market managers and repair and restoration specialists."

As publisher of Antique Shop Guides for various sections of the country, Sater spends half his year travelling, speaking on antiques, visiting shops and collectors.

"Through the trend among businessmen today is toward fly-

ing," he says, "I find that no airline has yet figured out how to accommodate an antique like myself. I always drive the back roads and the old main highways and I've always got my eye peeled for that little sign with the arrow which says 'antiques'."

In his column Sater talks about his antiquing experiences, shops he visits, unusual private collections he discovers and of course just about any type of antique from old buttons and bottles to 18th Century furniture and Tiffany art glass.

And he'll answer your questions too.

Just send a note to him and enclose a long, self addressed, stamped envelope. "If I don't know the answer, as is frequently the case, I've got friends among the specialists who do or I'll refer you to a book or other source where you can find out."

If you enjoy antiques either as a novice or an expert, we think you'll enjoy going "Antiquing with Joel Sater."

Farm Calendar

Monday, March 30

7:30 p.m.—New Holland 4-H Community Club, home, 568 W. Main St., New Holland.

Tuesday, March 31

9:30-11:30 a.m.—Reupholstery Workshop, Friends Meet-

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Overflow Crowd Attends Swine Producers Banquet

An overflow crowd of about 350 persons attended the thirteenth annual banquet of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association recently at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

The program included a film, election of association directors, presentation of awards and discussion on the pork industry.

Max Smith, county agent, presented trophies and awards to winners of the association's recent carcass show. The best hogs were shown by Dutch Valley Farms of Manheim and Real Farms.

(For detailed story of the show and winners, see page one of Lancaster Farming's March 14 edition. For editorial comment, see page four of this edition.)

Three of 10 association directors were reelected: James Horton, Warren Leiminger and Donald Robinson.

John Henkel, past president of the association and active in the state organization, reported on the association's local and state activities.

He urged the "Nickels for Profit" program under which pig producers can have five cents per pig deducted for use in promoting pork.

State participation jumped from 55,000 pigs in 1968 to 132,069 in 1969. The latter figure is 30 per cent of the pigs grown in the state in 1969.

Nationally, some 20 per cent of pigs are involved in the promotion program.

Malvin Gainer, executive vice

president of the National Pork Council, commenting on a council film on "Facts About Pork" shown earlier in the meeting, the public tends to think of pork as being "too fatty and undigestible."

If pork is properly prepared, this isn't true, he stated, and said the pork industry is trying to overcome this attitude through its advertising program.

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Irrigation Topic At Farm Center

Management and cost return of irrigation will be the topics of discussions open to county farmers at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, at the Farm and Home Center basement.

Henry Wooding, Penn State extension engineer, will speak on "Irrigation as a Management Tool" and Fred Hughes, Penn State extension economist, will discuss "The Economics of Irrigation."

Wooding will also cover the increasingly controversial topic of "water rights."

In urging farmers to attend, Max Smith, county agent, noted, "The importance of irrigation is recognized by many producers and appreciated only by those with a dependable source of water. As water supplies become more of a public concern, the possibility of more crop irrigation gets more complicated."