

# THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MAY 7-13

This week is lilac-scented.

Fruit trees blossom now . . . Mother's Day May 13 . . . First quarter of the Moon May 9 . . . These nights are lighted by fire flies . . . Average length of days for week, 14 hours, 26 minutes . . . Rain on the 8th means a wet harvest . . . Two-thirds of U.S. tornadoes occur this month . . . skunks born now . . . Germany surrendered May 8, 1945 . . . Once uttered, words run faster than horses.

**Old Farmer's Riddle:** What country are children happiest in? (Answer below.)



**Ask the Old Farmer:** What is the "youngest" antique sold these days and how young can one be? And I mean aside from automobiles which, as I understand, can be officially "antique" at age 30. J. A. S., Baltimore.

*You don't talk about "young" antiques. If they are less than a century in age, they are "period pieces." If over, it depends on what country you are in. Nothing is antique in Scandinavia if it is less than 500 years old.*

**Home Hints.** To remove grease spots from carpeting, brush in baking soda, leave overnight and then vacuum . . . Apply a half-and-half mixture of turpentine and ammonia to remove hardened paint stains from clothing . . . Riddle answer: Lapland.

### OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Spring has arrived: clear with high temperatures in 60s all week.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Clear to start, then cloudy and warm; showers latter part.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Week begins cloudy and warm, then rain and very warm; rain continues to end of week.

**Southeast Coastal-Piedmont:** Mostly clear and warm all week; high temperatures for weekend.

**Florida:** Clear and warm to start, then some showers, end of week clear.

**Upstate & Western N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal:** Clear and cool at first, then light rain; end of week clear in west, cloudy with showers in east.

**Greater Ohio Valley:** Most of week clear and very warm; hot and showery for weekend.

**Deep South:** Clear and hot to start, then rain by midweek; clear and hot latter part.

**Chicago and Southern Great Lakes:** Week begins clear and very warm, then partly cloudy and cool; end of week clear and warm.

**Northern Great Plains-Great Lakes:** Very warm and pleasant most of week; showers and cool for weekend.

**Central Great Plains:** Cloudy to start, then scattered showers; rain through end of week.

**Texas-Oklahoma:** Week begins cloudy, then rain by midweek; end of week very warm.

**Rocky Mountain Region:** Cloudy and hot at first, then showery; light rain and cool latter part.

**Southwest Desert:** Partly cloudy and warm to start, then clear and hot to end of week.

**Pacific Northwest:** Rain and mild all week; rain heavy at first, then tapering off by weekend.

**California:** Light rain to start, then cool; mostly clear and warm latter part.

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## Game Commission Backs Amendment

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has announced its full support for the Constitutional amendment concerning agricultural land which will appear on the Spring Primary Election ballot on May 15.

The proposed amendment reads as follows: "Shall Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth be amended to permit legislation for establishing standards, qualifications and special tax provision for agriculture reserves and land actively devoted to agriculture use?"

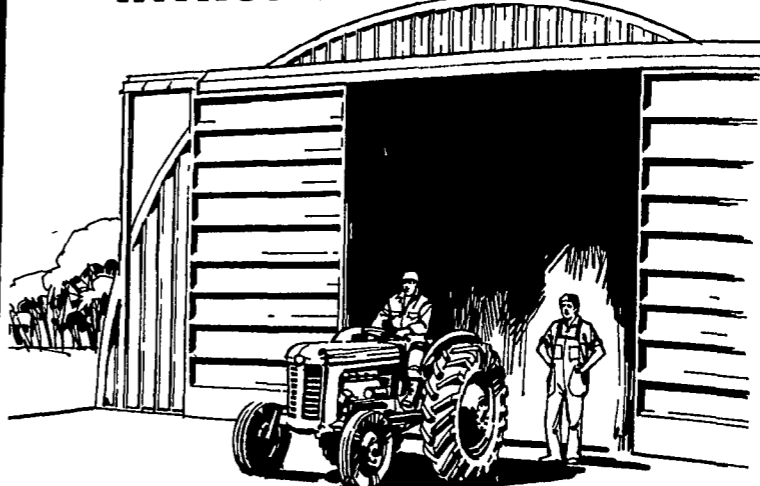
Much of the hunting (particularly small game) done in Pennsylvania is on private, "open" land which is rapidly being gobbled up by housing developments, shopping centers, etc. When agricultural land values skyrocket because of the proximity of property perhaps zoned for commercial, industrial or residential use, the private landowner often is forced to sell due to unbearable taxation.

The proposed Constitutional amendment would permit the Legislature to provide special relief to private landowners so that agricultural and forested land could remain "open" and in production.

As a concerned conservation agency, the Game Commission endorses the objectives of the proposed amendment, thereby favoring its passage. The preservation of open space is of

great concern to the Game Commission in carrying out its foremost mission of perpetuating, through sound management, the wildlife resources of the state.

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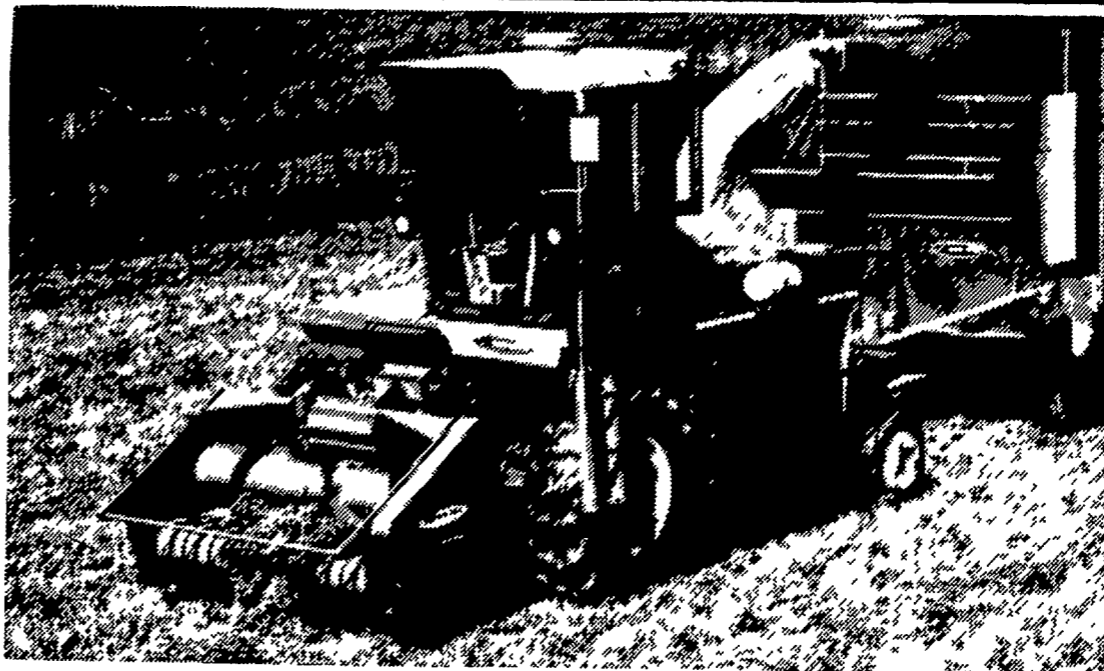
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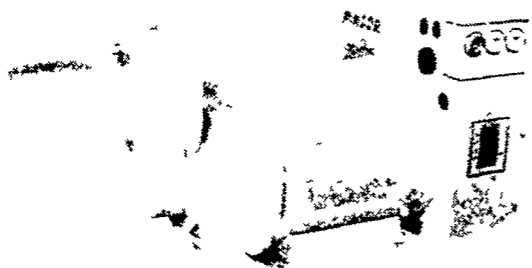


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