

## Two-Day Farm Finance Course Set for Lebanon

A two day Farm Financial Management Clinic will be offered by the Lebanon County Agricultural Extension Service on March 5 and 6 at the Municipal Building, Lebanon. The sessions, which will run from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. each

day, are specially designed for young farm couples or partners in farming. Instructors for the course will be Virgil Crowley, Penn State farm management specialist. One session will feature representatives of local lending institutions.

Ralph Horst, Assistant Supervisor of the Lebanon-Berks FHA, Chester Singley, Production Credit Supervisor, and Harold Bucher, Loan Officer of the Peoples National Bank, will explain their agencies farm loan policies.

As farm businesses become larger and farmers handle more dollars which result from higher farm prices and the increased use of credit, the success, in fact the very survival of that farm business is often dependent on the financial

management of that farm's income. While farmers are receiving more dollars they also are facing more demands for those dollars. Prices of inputs used in production are higher and increased debts means more dollars are required to service that debt.

Farmers interested in these questions and others relating to financial management will want to attend the Financial Management Clinic being held in Room 201, Municipal Building, Lebanon on March 5 and 6. Call the Lebanon Extension Office, 717-273-3748 before March 1 to enroll in the course.

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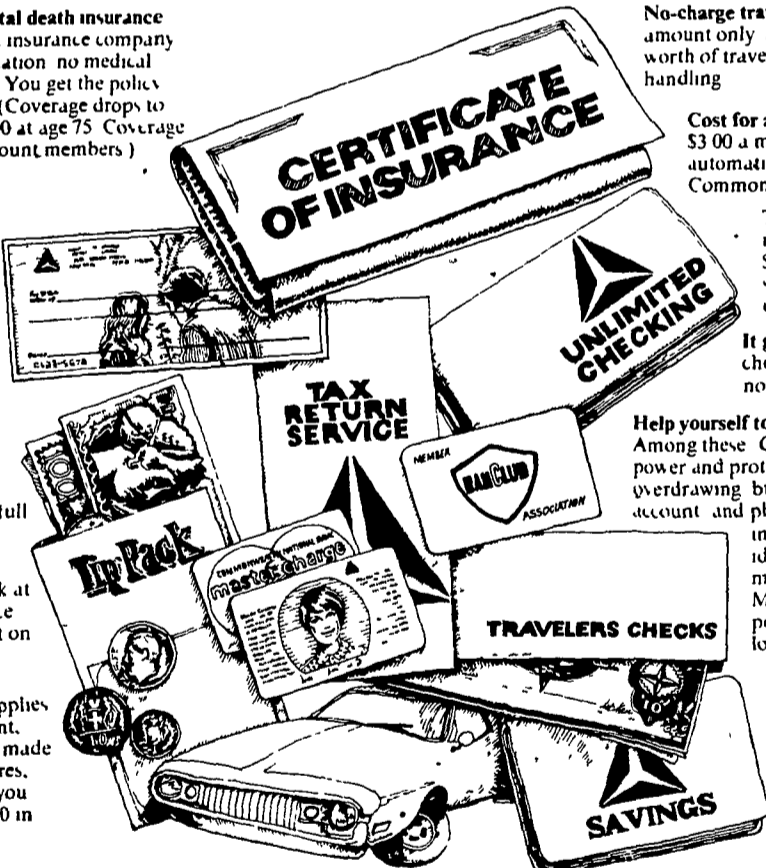
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Arson is suspected in a \$10,000 fire which leveled a Penn Twp. tobacco shed off Sun Hill Road early Saturday.

State Police Fire Marshal Trooper Robert Haycock said the shed contained no heat or electricity. Reasoning that no combustibles were present to start the fire, Haycock suspects arson.

He added Sunday, after viewing the rubble, that possibly someone was in the barn before the fire started and accidentally set the fire with a dropped cigarette.

He said the shed contained two empty tobacco wagons and some corn. He said owner Harold Diffenderfer, Manheim Rd1, has insurance for the building.

Firemen from eight companies were called from a banquet to battle the blaze. Firemen from Mastersonville, Penryn, Neffsville, East Petersburg, Elstonville, Brunnerville, Manheim and Lititz fought the flames for 45 minutes.

A nearby barn also was damaged slightly, according to firemen. Water had to be pumped through four pumpers, in a line from a pond more than a mile away.

Diffenderfer bought the farm a year ago as a site for future development.

### Laundry Planning

A laundry area should be planned to include space for collecting and sorting clothes, washing them by hand and machine washing and drying. Space for ironing, folding and hanging clothes is useful, too.



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