

## From the Senate Side

Pennsylvanians undoubtedly will enjoy many of the vacation and recreation opportunities available to them in their state during the coming vacation season.

Officials have been predicting that as a result of the energy crisis people will do less long distance traveling this year. They'll stay closer to home.

They also predict a record season for camping, a form of recreation that has been growing over the years. Camping will be a lot more popular this year since it doesn't require much traveling to get to a good camping site anywhere in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania has 36 parks throughout the State that provide 6,400 camping sites, ranging from simple tenting sites to locations for tent trailers and travel trailers. A few parks even have cabins

which can be rented, although reservations have to be made well in advance.

With that in mind — and with the realization that more and more people are enjoying the pleasures of camping — the Bureau of State Parks, Department of Environmental Resources, has plugged into the Ticketron Reservation System.

Simply, it means you now can reserve a camping site in any of the Commonwealth's parks by making a reservation with the nearest Ticketron outlet. There are 60 outlets across the State. If none is convenient to you, you can make a reservation by mail. You can get an application form from any Park or Forestry office or from the Bureau of State Parks, Box 1467, Evangelical Press Building, Harrisburg, Pa., 17720.

Complete it and send it with your fess to Ticketron, 7 Parkways Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15220.

The reservation fee is \$1.50 for a single site for the length of your stay. Camping fees are \$3 a night for sites with improved sanitary facilities, and \$2 a night for sites with water pumps and pit toilets.

The Bureau plans to start accepting reservations in mid April for the Memorial Day weekend. Normally, reservations open 90 days before the weekend being reserved, and cover the week from Saturday to the next Friday. Reservations can be made for all or any of the days in the seven-day period, or for more than one period.

One thing the Bureau of Parks does emphasize is that reservations are not necessary to go camping. All of the parks will still operate on the old basis of renting available sites to anyone who arrives at a park without a reservation and there are sties open.

## Clean Air Act Will Mean Higher Costs to Drivers

Under a law which starts to go into effect July 1, motorists will pay up to \$260 more a year to operate their cars. In addition, the law could result in a 12 percent loss of gasoline supplies, according to Hugh W. Elliott, President of the Pennsylvania Petroleum Association (PPA).

The Clean Air Act of 1970 specifies that starting this July, most service stations must have lead-free gasoline available, and that the lead content of all gasoline must be reduced 60 to 65 percent under a phase-down program starting in 1975.

"This law will substantially boost the prices that motorists must pay and will contribute further to gasoline shortages," Elliott noted.

Elliott said that the \$260 average yearly increased cost of operating an automobile was calculated

by the National Academy of Sciences.

This does not include, he said, the higher price tag of at least \$275 in new cars starting with the 1975 models this Fall.

Elliott noted that the law was passed without full scientific investigation and based on the desirability of the catalytic converter,

which is now being questioned because of the potential effect of hydrocarbons which it releases.

He urged that the present regulations be delayed for two years, until the consequences of the petroleum shortage are assessed and more scientific study is made on the effect of lead and hydrocarbons on the environment.

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The former drag racer drives a Cockshutt chassis with 2-440 Dodge engines, the same kind of engines found in high-speed dragsters. Giant 30.5-30 tires are added to help get a "bite" in the track. Miller is manager of the local Chemgro Fertilizer Plant.

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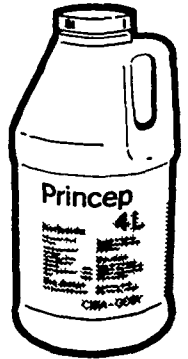
Allison of Washington, with a Farmall M-427 Chevy. He competes in the 5,000 lb. modified class. Another puller is Kenny Moore of Georgetown, Pa., with a cockshutt 40 chassis and a 427 Ford.

Miller competes in the 7,000 lb. and 9,000 lb. modified classes.



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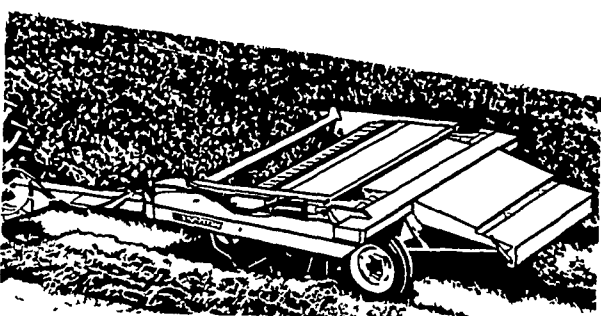
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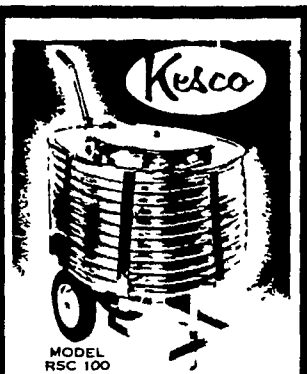
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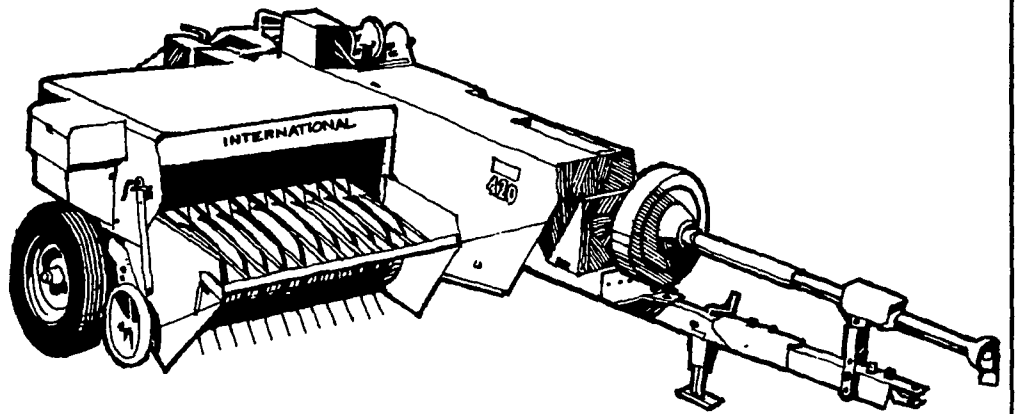
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