

Farm Bureau wants tax reduction

Farm Women Societies

Society 25

Farm Women Society 25 held their December meeting, as a family Christmas party, on Saturday evening, Dec. 13. The party was held at "Shady Maples", home of Mr. and Mrs. Cheater Eshlemen. Twenty-four members and their families enjoyed a delicious covered dish dinner. The Business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Carl Gish. A Christmas Gift of \$50 will be given to a needy family in the neighborhood.

It was also decided to continue to support the Welsh Mountain Clinic during the next year.

Delegates to the State Convention in January will be Mrs. Laban Byers and Mrs. Wade Groff.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Goss on January 10 at 1:30.

Society 24

Farm Women Society 24 had their December meeting in the form of a Progressive supper, entertaining their husbands. Four members served as hostesses. They were as follows: Mrs. Elwood Mehle, Leola, Appetizer; Mrs. Chris Lantz, Leola, Salad; Mrs. Wilbur Mellinger, New Holland, Main Course; Mrs. Floyd Myer, New Holland, Dessert.

A total of 25 members and their guests enjoyed the conversation and food. A short business meeting was held, to make plans for State Convention. The next meeting will be January 28, 1976 at the home of Mrs. Ira Mast, Elverson.

DES PLAINES, Ill. - The resolutions committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation has called for Constitutional amendments to require that the federal budget be balanced and that federal taxes be limited to a "realistic percentage" of the gross national product.

The committee, which has been in session here during the past three days, is composed of the presidents of each State Farm Bureau, the chairman of the American Farm Bureau Women's Committee, and the chairman of the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Advisory Committee. Allan Grant, of Visalia, California, vice president of the Federation, is the committee chairman.

The committee report will be presented to the elected voting delegates of the member State Farm Bureaus at the Federation's annual meeting, which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, from January 4 through 8. The voting delegates may accept, amend, or reject any of the resolutions submitted by the committee.

The committee said deficit spending by the federal government is a basic cause of inflation.

"The economic stability of America requires a reduction in the inflationary level of government spending," the report said.

"Farmers can and will continue to supply the American consumer with the world's best and most economical food," the report continued, "but full agricultural production in the U.S. is largely dependent on both domestic sales and expanding export sales of agricultural commodities."

The resolutions committee said, "all forms of government controls on agricultural exports, including moratoriums, embargoes, prior approval

requirements, and government-to-government agreements result in loss of income to farmers and subsequent increases in food costs to consumers."

The resolutions committee report urges Congress to enact legislation to prohibit transportation strikes, including dock strikes. "The judicial route should be followed to force labor to fulfill its contracts with shipping suppliers in loading ships with export items," it said.

The Farm Bureau resolutions committee reaffirmed the Federation's commitment to creating "a climate which will enable agriculture to operate under the market price system."

It said no new government farm program legislation should be enacted until 1977, when the current statute is scheduled to expire.

In other recommendations

to the Federation's voting delegates, the resolutions committee called for -

-Reform of the estate and gift tax laws.

-Curbs on federal regulatory agencies.

-Welfare reform.

-Rejection of proposed increases in the minimum wage.

-The use of agricultural chemicals and drugs "unless scientific evidence shows

conclusively that the benefits associated with use are exceeded by the risk to man or to the environment."

Elsewhere in the 110-page report, the resolutions committee set forth detailed recommendations for the Federation's stand on natural resources, international affairs, transportation, farm credit, agricultural research, health, and education.



MD questions listed

HARRISBURG — State Health Secretary Dr. Leonard Bachman has released a new consumer booklet, "What To Ask Your Doctor," listing 15 questions for patients to ask their physicians.

"Hopefully this booklet will do much to improve the patient-physician relationship here in Pennsylvania," Bachman said.

"One of the biggest problems facing health consumers today is the growing alienation of our medical delivery system from the people it is supposed to serve. In blunt language, the medical profession has grown away from people."

"What To Ask Your Doctor" was written by Attorney Carole W. Soskis, a health rights advocate for the Department of Health's Southeastern Region.

Bachman said the questions, when "answered as truthfully and concisely as the physician is able, will provide the patient with the information he or she needs to give an informed consent to treatment."

The booklet may be obtained free of charge by writing the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Community Education, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, 17120.

Bachman said "What To Ask Your Doctor" represents the first of a series of consumer guides designed to bring about greater consumer knowledge and awareness of good health care.

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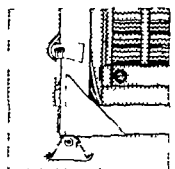
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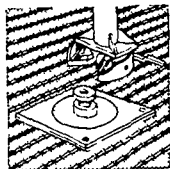
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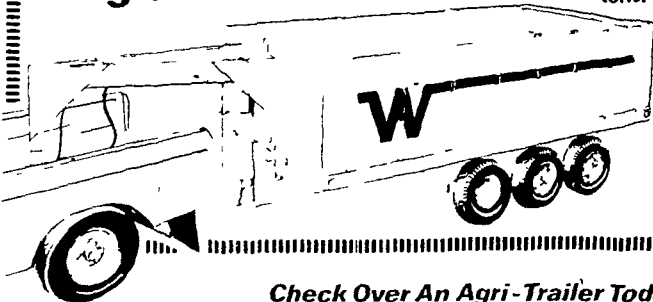


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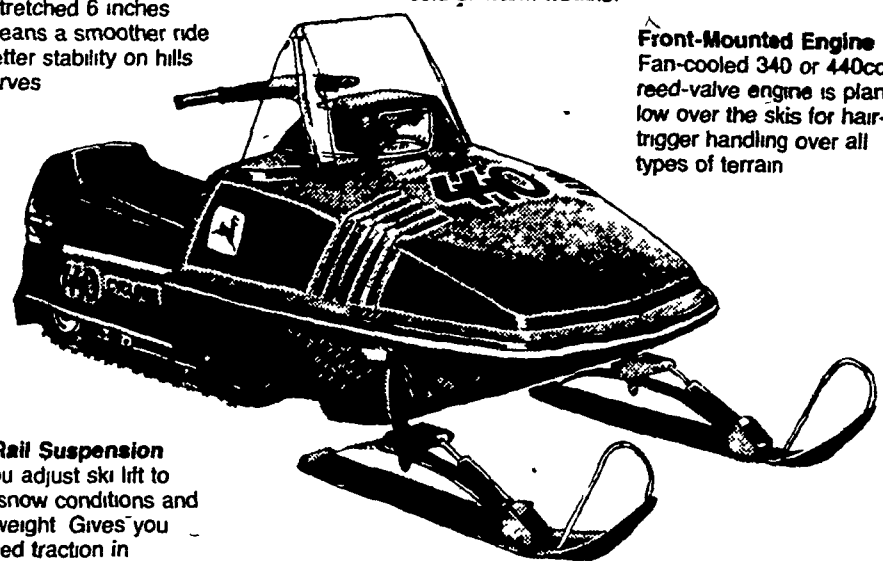
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