

PFA briefed on ag legislation

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Farmers from all over the state converged en masse on Harrisburg Monday for the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association's annual Legislative Tour to the Capitol. Over 400 farm men and women attended the afternoon session. Legislators joined their rural constituents at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in Camp Hill for an evening banquet.

There are a large number of bills in the Senate and House to be considered by the General Assembly that would affect farming operations across the state. Five major issues were outlined by PFA's Director of Public Affairs, Chester Heim, to come up for possible action in the Senate.

Senate Bill 1 is a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution which would provide for the election of the Attorney General. The position is presently an appointment slot.

"Sunset legislation" is what Senate Bill 2 is commonly termed. This proposal would require periodic review and expiration of all agencies to determine if they are accomplishing the purpose for which they were intended. Similar directives are found in Senate Bill 314 which would require the General Assembly to have periodic inspection and evaluation of the state's executive departments, agencies, and boards and commissions.

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Several House Bills are also earmarked for farm monitoring as the legislative activity picks up speed. Especially crucial is House Bill 111 which deals with the hottest issue in the area at the moment, land condemnation. That bill would restrict the right to condemn land for highways or waste disposal facilities, and would provide for a committee to determine feasibility of an alternate site on less prime agriculture land.

Tied closely to recent federal law changes is House Bill 103, which would appraise agricultural and forest land based on use for state inheritance tax purposes. The Senate is expected to introduce a similar bill shortly. Another tax-related proposal is House Bill 236, affecting installment sales provisions. If enacted, this legislation would permit real and

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Mechanic returns

NEW PROVIDENCE, Pa. - Alan L. Railing is back on the job at Cope and Weaver Co., here, after receiving service training in agricultural diesel engines and tractors.

Railing has returned from two days of schooling in Harrisburg. He is service representative at the Cope & Weaver IH dealership.

During the sessions conducted by IH service technicians, participants learned diesel engine troubleshooting.

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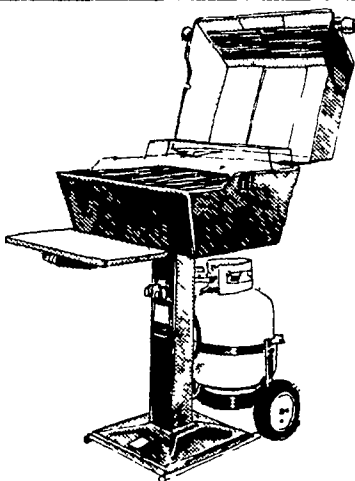
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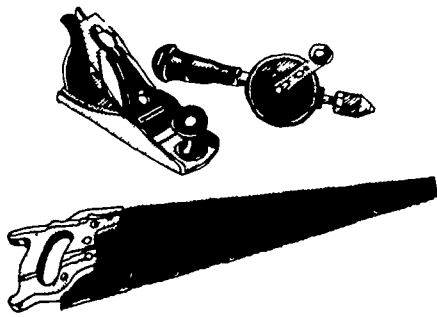
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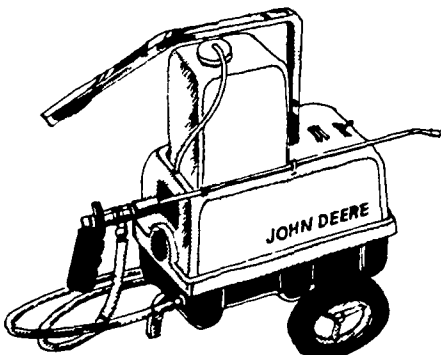
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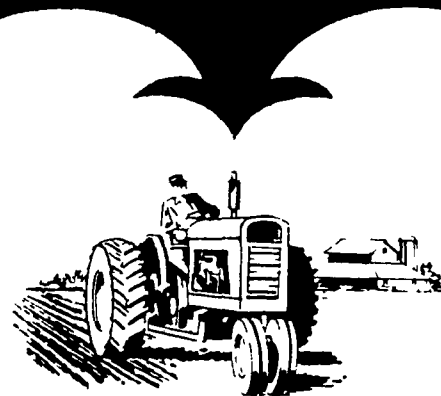


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