

**On being
a farm wife
- And other
hazards

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President Reagan, Governor Thornburgh, Congress, the Legislature. They're all calling for clamping down on crime.

There's a lot of support for that in this neighborhood.

It seems that lately our in-

Pumpkins

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MARSHMALLOW CREME

Soften:

1 T. gelatin in 1/4 c. cold water in large mixing bowl.

Combine:

1/2 c. hot water and 1 c. sugar and boil to soft ball stage

Add:

1/8 t. salt and 1 t. vanilla to gelatin mixture. Then beat the hot syrup mixture slowly into the gelatin mixture. Beat until firm and remove quickly from bowl to a jar to store or pour quickly into a confectioner sugar dusted pan. Later cut into squares and roll in confectioners sugar. Can be used in any recipe using marshmallows or marshmallow cream.

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terstate exits have been spitting out an increasing number of unsavory types who find lush grazing in the pastoral countryside homes, shops and businesses.

Law enforcement officers, speaking to a meeting called recently by neighbors who are plain sick and tired of the vandalism, theft, trespassing and other disregard for their property and rights, told disgusted property owners that there's little they can really do to keep people out of what doesn't belong to them.

You can lock up. You can put up extra night lights. You can pay extra attention to what's happening in the neighborhood, know who lives there, and write down descriptions of suspicious-looking characters and cars.

But do not, ever, ever, take up a gun to defend your property. You might get away with that if your life, or your neighbor's, is in jeopardy - but you'd better be dog-gone well able to prove even that threat.

One farm neighbor had already heard that. After repeated run-ins with trespassers who insisted on

sneaking onto his posted property to fish in his private pond, in sheer frustration one night he fired a couple of shots into the air.

Next thing, he was faced with criminal charges, law enforcement offices came and took his gun, and he was ordered to appear at a hearing.

Hearing night, the neighbors hereabouts packed our little township room, only to hear his accuser refuse to admit were he'd been that night.

Case dismissed.

Within about two weeks of that incident, the arrested farmer's neighbors, a young farm couple, were robbed. Twice.

The next place down the road was cleaned out of a variety of tools.

And, at the next place down the road, a car license and description were taken, plus two men were seen as they dashed from the house, and took off in the waiting car, leaving strewn behind most of the goods they'd been gathering, plus a pair of flip-flops one lost in his getaway hustle.

After calling for police, my dear friend who'd been robbed waited an hour and half for response, to later discover that officers had been located a bare half-mile up the road and never received her message for help.

Meanwhile, farm equipment dealers nearby, after being robb-

ed, and then told by their insurers that they must erect a fence around the entire property, had thieves cut the fencing and rip them off again before the enclosure was even completed.

So, who says crime doesn't pay? It certainly hasn't hurt the entrepreneur burglar alarm salesman who's been doing a booming business in our neighborhood.

Penn State offers workshop

UNIVERSITY - PARK — Whether you file your tax returns or you are a practitioner who prepares returns for others, you may be interested in a back to basics Income Tax Workshop offered by the Penn State Extension Service.

The workshops will be held October 27-29, Meadville; November 3-5, Carlisle; and November 10-12, Bedford and will be hosted by the county Extension service.

Participants will actually prepare tax forms with problems on handling expenses, income, depreciation, long and short term capital gains, and investment tax credit. They will get experience in preparing individual, farm and small business returns. They will also be exposed to the new tax regulations enacted by Congress.

They will get special instruction on how to file Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax. Other topics covered will include interest, dividends and royalties, and how

best to take advantage of Social Security benefits. Completion certificates will be presented to those attending at the end of the course.

The instructors, professor B. Wayne Kelly and assistant professor Jesse G. Cooper bring to the course 40 years experience in tax preparation as a team. They have held area tax meetings for practitioners for many years and are noted for the Farm Income Tax and Social Security Short Course held yearly on the Penn State Campus.

Each workshop will be limited to 50 registrants on a first come, first serve basis. A fee will be charged to cover meals and materials. Registration will close one week before the workshop is presented.

For details and an application call your local county Extension service office or write: Tax Workshop, 202 Armsby Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 16802.

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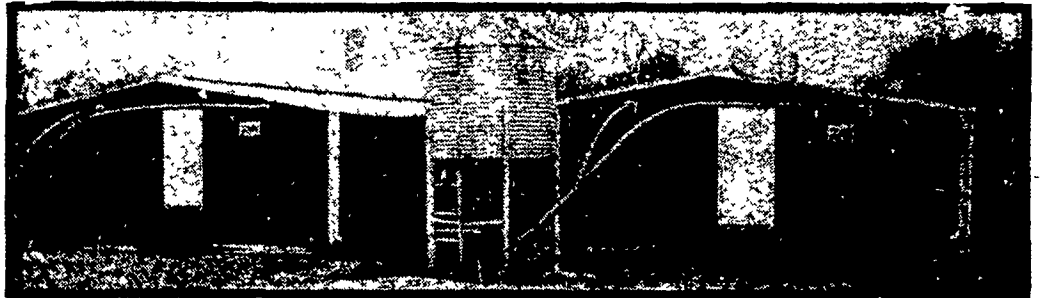


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