



Ladies Have You Heard?

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Take A Tip From Your Taxes

Have you tried once and put your tax return away? April 15 may seem like a long way away, but it's not. It's tax time now.

Whether your financial situation is simple and straightforward or complicated and complex, the more orderly your papers are, the easier your job will be.

This year, as you struggle along, promise yourself to be organized for next year. Begin now to sort out your papers and receipts to make doing your taxes more easy next year.

Even if you haven't taken deductions this year, you won't know if you should next year unless you know what deductions you have. Here's a handy list of categories to use for filing your papers so they will be ready for next year's tax time.

— Medicines and drugs. This year, to deduct anything under this category, your expenses must have been more than one percent of your adjusted gross. Unless you keep careful records, you'll never know.

— Other medical and dental expenses. Include doctor, dentist, nurse, hospital and insurance premiums you actually paid. Also include transportation for medical and dental care and other medical items such as hearing aids, dentures and eyeglasses. If this combined figure is larger than five percent of your income, you may have a deduction.

— Taxes. Within this category keep track of all state and local taxes, real estate taxes, general sales taxes on large and small purchases, and personal property taxes, occupational taxes and occupational privilege taxes.

— Interest expenses. These are sometimes difficult to record as you go along, but at the end of each year, your charge accounts should list the amount of interest you paid over the year. Include home mortgage interest paid to financial institutions, home mortgage interest paid to individuals, credit card and charge card interest, interest on credit union loans and interest on other personal loans.

— Contributions. These are restricted to qualified charitable, educational, religious, scientific, literary, or other organizations for charitable or public purposes. If you are in doubt, contact your local IRS tax information office.

— Job-related costs. Includes child care, union dues, the cost of supplies and equipment related to your job, professional and trade journals, and expenses incurred in seeking new employment in the same trade or profession.

Keep Those Appliance Use And Care Books

You may not think of those use and care books that come with home appliances as valuable reference works, but they are. Use and care books can save you time, money and aggravation.

A clearly written, well-organized use and care book can help you select the appliance in the first place, because it gives you information about what the appliance will and will not do.

They are essential for learning how to operate the appliance properly and efficiently and most of them explain safety or energy saving features in detail.

A good use and care book will tell you how to maintain the appliance,

and it should contain a checklist that you can use to diagnose and possibly handle simple problems before you call for repair service.

This is extremely important since in-home repair service is costly. No one wants to have a repair service representative come to their home simply to throw a switch on the circuit breaker or plug in an electric cord that has come loose.

If you do need service, the use and care book should tell you where to get it. In some cases it

HARRISBURG — The Dauphin County Conservation District observed National Wildlife Week, March 18-24 by judging their annual conservation poster contest. The poster contest theme, "Acid Rain," was related to the 1984 National Wildlife Week theme of "Water, We Can't Live Without It."

will contain the warranty.

Use and care manuals are either attached to the appliance, such as inside the lid of a washer, or hung from it in the form of a tag or booklet.

To gain the most satisfaction from a new appliance, you should carefully read the use and care book and become familiar with its contents. Store the information where it will be easy to find and use. Consider establishing a notebook or special file just for the use and care information on all your appliances. If there's a special place for them, they'll be there when you need them.

Schools throughout Dauphin County submitted 110 posters made by students from all grade levels. The 1984 Poster Contest winners are:

Kindergarten to Third Grade Division: First Place - Brad Bixler, a second grader from the Lykens Elementary School.

Fourth to Eighth Grade Division: First Place - Beth Middelkoop, a fifth grader from Hershey Elementary School, Second Place - Matthew Boyer, a fourth grader from Elizabethville

Elementary School, Third Place - Yemongia Smalls, a fifth grader from Hershey Elementary School.

Ninth to 12th Grade Division: First Place - Laura Etzweiler, an 11th grader from Halifax Area High School.

Each winner received a cash award plus a Conservation District SW. . . . The first place winners from Dauphin County will be entered into the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District Directors, Inc. statewide contest.

4-H Dairy Club

On March 12, the annual Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss 4-H dairy club held their first meeting of the season at Farm and Home Center at 7:30 p.m. to reorganize and elect new officers as follows, Pres. Greg Kerdleman; Vice Pres. Angie Spickler, Secretary Dana Clark, Treasurer Randy Groff, News Reporter Max Brommer, Game & Song Leaders Earl Esheleman and Anita Brommer,

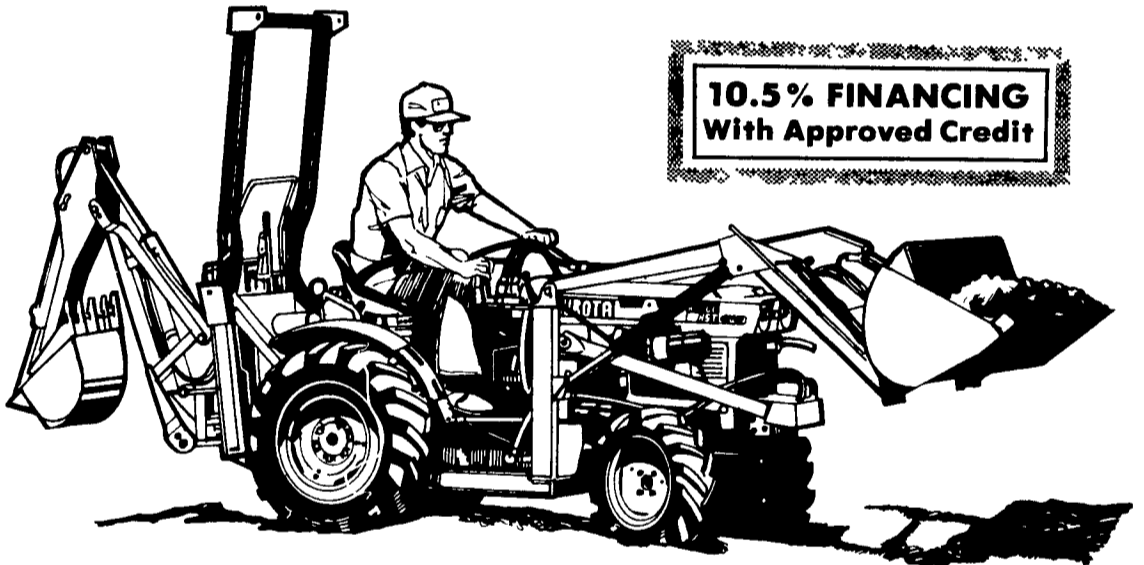
County Council Earl Esheleman and Anita Brommer.

County Agent Glenn Shirk showed slides on information of Feeding Dairy Heifers, and five new members were received.

The next meeting will be April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Edward Brommer.

An Easter basket auction and dairy bowl is planned.

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