

## Master Gardeners Set Workshops

NEWARK, DE. — Delaware master gardeners have lined up a variety of courses for their spring workshop series. Each session will include handouts, slide programs, hands-on exercises and individual instruction. All workshops will be held at the University of Delaware Fischer Greenhouse on the grounds of the College of Agricultural Sciences. The college is located on South College Avenue across from the Chrysler plant.

An introduction to organic gardening is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 7 to 9 p.m., Room 103 Fischer Greenhouse. Fee is \$10.

Composting from kitchen and yard wastes will be covered on Monday, April 26, 7 to 9 p.m., Room 103 Fischer Greenhouse.

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Ornamental grasses is the topic on Tuesday, May 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Room 103 Fischer Greenhouse. Fee is \$10.

Meadow gardens, their installation and maintenance will be taught on Wednesday, May 5, 7 to 9 p.m., Room 103 Fischer Greenhouse. Fee is \$10.

The final workshop is a walking tour of the perennial garden outside of the greenhouse on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon. This workshop is free to anyone registered in one of the other workshops. Others may attend for a \$5 fee.

To request a registration form or for further information, call the New Castle County Cooperative Extension office at 831-2506.

## Tractor Certification Program

TOWANDA (Bradford Co.) — Farmers who expect to hire anyone under 16 years of age to work on a farm should be aware of the Child Labor requirements in Agriculture under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Under Child Labor provisions of the Act, it is unlawful for an employer to hire anyone under 16 years of age to operate a tractor of over 20 P.T.O. horsepower, or connecting or disconnecting an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor. Also, illegal according to the regulation would be the operating or assisting to operate most tractor powered or self-powered equipment. Some livestock, lumbering, storage and pesticide work is classified hazardous and illegal. Youth employed by parent or guardian are exempt.

Some may question the legal importance of the training, since

there haven't been any court cases in Pennsylvania. However, if a serious accident involving an uncertified youth occurs, the resulting investigations could be very uncomfortable for the employer. Fines to an employer may be \$1,000 first offense, and more than \$10,000 or up to six months imprisonment or both for a second offense. Youth 14 and 15 years of age may be legally hired if they become certified through a tractor certification program. The certification indicates that the bearer has completed safety instructions and is not an operators license.

A certification program will be available from 7:00-9:00 p.m. May 17, at the Bradford County Extension Office at 701 South Fourth Street, Towanda.

If a youth 14 or 15 years of age plans to work on a farm this summer or if a farmer plans to hire a person of this age, they may become certified by completing this course. There will be four-evening sessions starting at 7:00

p.m. on May 17, 19, 24, and 26th and a morning session starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 29 (or by arrangement) during which a driving test will be given. Youth 13 years of age will be accepted but will not receive their certification until their 14th birthday.

The certification course is organized and sponsored by Penn State Bradford County Cooperative Extension and the Wyalusing Valley Area School District. Contact Tom Maloney at the Extension Office (265-2896) or Morris Otten at Wyalusing High School (746-1218) for more details if needed. Registration is necessary and should be made by May 7 either by telephone or writing to Thomas Maloney, PO Box 69, Extension Service, Towanda, PA 18848.

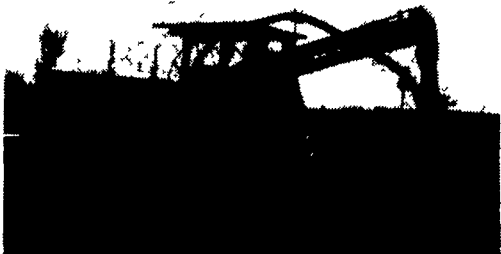
Even if a youth works on the family farm during the summer, the safety training offered by this course is invaluable.

There will be a charge of \$5 to cover the cost of study materials.

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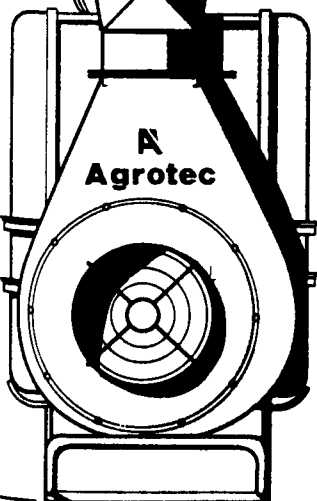
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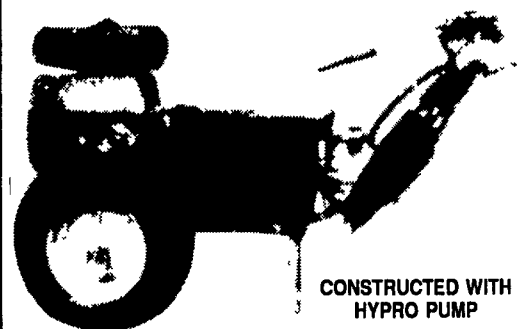
LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Advance directives, more commonly known as "living wills" will be the topic of a Penn State Cooperative Extension seminar conducted by Russ Powell, extension agent business management, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on April 29 at the Ag Center. The seminar will cover the purpose and execution of a living will, your rights, the Commonwealth's obligations, revocation procedures, and other considerations.

Advances in medical care have

made it possible for doctors to keep patients alive for months or even years by artificial means. However, this prolonged life may be accompanied by pain and suffering for you and your family, and bills that could bankrupt you and/or your family. Now you can decide what measures you want to have taken before such a decision must be made.

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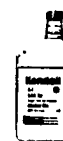


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