



THE SPRUCE ON the left has been well pruned and cared for. Note how thick and full the foliage is. The long terminal stem at the top will be cut back this spring. At the right is a tree on which a yearly prun-

ing had been omitted. The open space between the top cluster of branches and the next cluster is the result. By cutting back and shaping, the tree can be brought into good shape in about two years. (LF Photos)

Christmas Trees Are Crop Requiring Special Care for Adequate Return

Many farmers who are putting land in the conservation reserve of the Soil Bank have decided or are thinking about using the land for Christmas tree production. They feel that in the eight or 10 years that they must agree to keep the land out of production, a good crop of Christmas trees can be grown with little or no effort on their part.

At the same time, they are being deluged with catalogs from tree nurseries loaded with glowing promises of 100 per cent profits, no work required and, of course, how good the stock is.

Most farmers know, however, that there is not a crop that will produce a profit without work and are not misled by these anxious sales pieces.

And Christmas trees are a crop. They take about 10 years to mature, but they are a crop in every

respect. The seedbed must be right and the soil must be suitable. However, in the case of Christmas trees, the piece of ground that is best is one that has not been tilled for several years and that is acid. Other plant nutrients should be available in good supply.

Brush and weeds that might compete with the young trees for moisture and light must be cut before planting. To plant the trees, a single furrow planter is best and the most time and labor saving. They can be planted with a shovel in a furrow. The trees should be planted about four feet apart.

The first winter is the most critical time for young trees.

They are susceptible to heaving and rabbit damage is heavy.

Most commercial growers try to trap out all the rabbits in the fall to keep damage as low as possible.

In Christmas tree production, the biggest and most constant job is that of pruning.

For the farmer, the best tree to grow, so far as pruning is concerned, is the spruce. This tree

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WHO'S THE CHICKEN?

Teen-agers who know the facts about alcohol won't be much bothered by sarcastic remarks when they say "No thanks, I don't drink!"

They know that alcohol, in gin or vodka, wine or beer—or what have you, is a DRUG which men from ancient times have used as an escape from mental discomfort. To be a drinker demands no courage and requires no brains. In fact it takes real courage NOT to drink and secretly the drinker often admires the person with sense enough to say no. Meanwhile, aloud, he may be teasing: "Aw c'mon, take a drink. It won't hurt you! What are you Chicken?" Funny how many drinkers put on a big front to cover up their own failure to be original!

Here's the way one high school senior put it in a poem:

Everybody's doing it? No! Not Yet! Because - I'm Somebody, don't forget! Anyone with courage to stop and Think Is certainly somebody. I Don't Drink!

Many a "somebody" who didn't think, Became a "nobody" because of drink. Anyone can follow what crowds do; I'm trying to be somebody! How about you?

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