

THE TREE ON THE left is the type buyers want in the lot. It is full bodied and well shaped. The trees on the right are trees that have been allowed to grow without pruning or care. They are too open and do not have the desired shape. (LF Photo)

## Beef Breeders Planning Tour Of Australia

Harold Thieman, Polled Shorthorn breeder of Higginsville, Mo., will lead an all-breed tour of urebred cattle producers to the Sydney Royal Show in Australia in April, continuing around the world.


Thieman has been selected by the board of the Sydney Royal Show to judge Shorthorn cattle entered in the famed Easter-week event. He will be accompanied on the tour by Mrs. Thieman. The tour, open to all breeders of purebred cattle, is being arranged by the American Star

Tour & Travel Service, Inc., 731 Rialto Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

The Thieman tour will depart from Kansas City on March 30, leave San Francisco on April 1, and will stop in Hawaii and New Zealand en route to Sydney. Visits to leading Australian breeding establishments after the Royal Show are being arranged.

Cattlemen and their wives on the tour will have the choice of returning to the United States following the Royal Show, or continuing with the Thiemans to the Philippines, Hongkong, Bangkok, Calcutta, Istanbul, Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris, London and Edinburgh.

The itinerary calls for arrival in New York City on June 2; and return to Kansas City on June 3.



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### Christmas Trees

(Continued from page 12) is pruned in the winter and early spring before the buds start to open.

Pines, on the other hand, must be pruned in late June and early July.

Pruning is what makes the difference between a well shaped, full thick tree and an uneven open tree. If the tree is allowed to grow, for even one year, without pruning, it will tend to be open and thin.

The value of this type tree is low, and in times of extreme competition, may find sale only as boughs.

Marketing the trees is also a big factor to be considered. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that the prospective grower locate his future market well in advance.

Competition in the market is keen now and with the expected influx of Soil Bank growers, it will become keener.

The annual consumption of trees in Pennsylvania is estimated at three million annually, including Canadian trees. The Pennsylvania State University, in a survey made last year, estimated that six million trees were being

### Farm Calendar

**Today**  
Final sessions of the State Brucellosis meeting in Harrisburg

**Tuesday**  
Eastern States Membership Meeting 7.30 p. m., Pequea School, West Willow.

**Wednesday**  
Southeastern District Extension Service meeting—10 a. m. to 3 p. m., First Presbyterian Church, 137 East Orange St., Lancaster. H. R. McCullough and Ellen Garber, district leaders, will preside.

Eastern States Membership meeting—7.30 p. m. at Penryn Fire Hall.

**Thursday**  
Irrigation conference at Penn State University, University Park. Plant and landscape meeting—9:30 a. m. at the Lancaster Poultry Center, 840 West Roseville Rd., Lancaster. Plant materials and planting demonstration.

Monday through Saturday, March 25-30  
Philadelphia Flower Show  
Wednesday, March 27

District Extension Conference for southeast counties—at the First Presbyterian Church, 137 East Orange St., Lancaster.

**Friday, March 29**  
Plant and landscape meeting—9 a. m. at Bart Mennonite Church one block north of Route 372 from Christiana to Green Tree. Plant materials and planting demonstration.

Plant and landscape meeting—1:30 p.m. at Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Co-operative, Route 230, Lancaster. Ornamental pruning, care and management demonstration.

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To overcome the overproduction problem, the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers' Assn. has proposed that a uniform grading system be established, a co-operative marketing system based on the grades be established and that additional research be done on stock, culture and pest controls.

Christmas trees can be a part of the farm cash crop, but the farmer must realize that they are a crop that requires extensive care.

As one commercial grower, a professional forester, said, "Christmas trees are more like an orchard than a forest."

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