

## For the Farm Wife and Family



### Mrs. Greider Host Soc. 18

Farm Women Society 18 met on December 13 at the home of Mrs. Christ S. Greider, Route 1, Mount Joy. Mrs. Robert R. Good, president, presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Maris Smith. Twenty-five members were present.

The society voted to give donations to the Tuberculosis Society of Lancaster County, Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n. and the Infantile Paralysis Ass'n.

Delegates to the State Farm Women's Convention at Harrisburg on Jan. 12 and 13 will be Mrs. Robert R. Good, Mrs. Raymond N. Miller, Mrs. Kenneth S. Brubaker, Mrs. Benjamin Greider, Mrs. Jay Landis and Mrs. John N. Hess.

Mrs. Martin N. Swarr of Landisville gave a demonstration of gift wrappings.

At 1 p.m. January 10, Society 7 will entertain Socie-

ty 18 at a luncheon meeting at Paradise high school. There will be no regular meeting of Society 18 in January.

### U.S. Per-Cow Milk Flow Up 8 Per Cent

On December 1, milk production per cow in crop reporter's herds averaged 19.27 pounds, nearly eight per cent above the previous high for that date last year, and it was at a record high in all regions of the country.

A total of 8,856 million lbs of milk was produced in November, up one per cent from November 1957. In the first 11 months of 1958, milk production totaled 116.7 million lbs, below the 117 billion during the first 11 months of 1957.

### Yule Party Ends Soc. No. 2 Year

Farm Women's Society No. 2 observed the annual Christmas party at Penryn Fire Hall, Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. John Dourte, vice president, in charge of the program. Mrs. Margie Shelly delivered the Scripture reading and the group sang Christmas carols. With the roll call, each member received the Society's 1959 Year Book with

### Keep Your Christmas Tree Fresh

About 40 million Christmas trees now are used annually in the United States. Of these trees, about 28 million are produced in the U. S., and 12 million are imported from Canada. The majority of Christmas trees marketed are, Douglas fir Balsam fir, Black spruce, Eastern Red cedar, Scotch pine, Norway spruce, Red pine, Eastern White pine, and Red spruce.

How to treat the Christmas tree to make it fire-resistant is a question that comes frequently to State extension foresters and to the U. S. Department of Agriculture every December.

The answer is: Buy a fresh tree and see that it has enough water to keep fresh.

Many chemicals have been tried for fire-proofing trees. Even substances like sugar, aspirin or fruit acids have been used in water for this purpose. None has proven as effective as plain water, which keeps the tree naturally moist and thus resistant to flame. Some solutions tested for fire-proofing have had the opposite effect because the trees, unable to absorb them, have become dry and flammable.

Buy your Christmas tree early because you can choose your tree while it is still fresh and moist and before it can dry out from long exposure to sun and air on the

sales lot. Keep it fresh by keeping it in water. Early shopping also offers more opportunity to select the size, shape and kind of tree you want.

If the tree is fresh, the needles will feel moist as you run your hand over the boughs. If needles fall when you move or shake the tree, it already is dry and probably no longer able to absorb water.

As soon as the tree comes home, throw cold water all over it. Then cut off the butt end about an inch slantwise to open pores for drawing up water. Set the tree in water. Keep it cool and shaded until it comes indoors for trimming. Good location for a Christmas tree is in the cool part of the room, away from radiators, hearthfires, TV sets or other source of heat.

The lighter the load in your automatic clothes dryer, the more wrinkle-free your wash will be, states Miss Helen Bell, Penn State extension home management specialist. It's a good idea to put no more than two double cotton sheets at a time in the dryer with other smaller articles. The light load will give the sheets a chance to tumble freely and fluff the wrinkles out.

an enclosed photo from Mrs. John Snaveley, society president, who is in the hospital.

Officers' and committee reports were followed by a vote to offer donations to the Muscular Dystrophy, Multiple Sclerosis and Infantile Paralysis Foundations.

Mrs. Ronald Gordley and Mrs. Henry Hess were selected as delegates to the State Farm Women Society convention in Harrisburg in January. Mrs. Fred Hahn and Mrs. Earl Petticoffer were named as alternates.

The annual society banquet was scheduled for Jan. 10, 1958 in Rosetown restaurant, Manheim and a committee of six named to supervise it.

### Wheel-Track Planting Saves \$5 Per Acre

A recent Univ of Minn. report says that 1,400 farmers in that state saved nearly \$200,000 this year by planting their corn in tractor tracks directly on freshly plowed soil, a practice commonly known as wheel-track planting.

Since the method eliminates all disking and harrowing normally required on corn ground, and one or two cultivations — due to scant weed growth between rows — Minn. soils men estimate the practice saves \$5 per acre in equipment costs and labor.

Even more important, they claim, is the fact it protects soil structure. Moreover, tests and crop yield reports have shown repeatedly that yields from wheel-track planting are as high as when corn is planted by the more common method in that state.

### Canadian Feeder Cattle Sales Up

The Foreign Agricultural Service reports that sales of feeder cattle were up sharply in Canada during October of this year.

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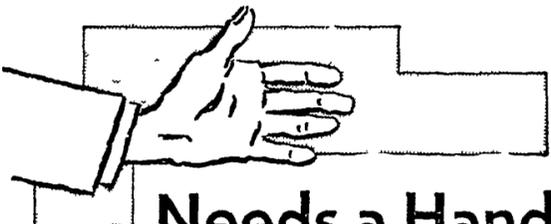
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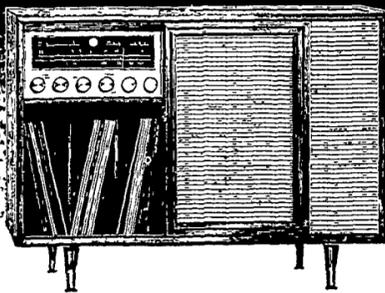
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