

**Farm Women 7
Hold Meeting**

Mrs. Harold Mower presented a most enjoyable and constructive demonstration on power arranging at the Saturday afternoon meeting of the Society of Farm Women.

number seven held at Shreiner's greenhouse near Paradise. Mrs. E. E. Shreiner and Mrs. Arthur W. Eshleman were co-hostesses. Devotions were under the direction of Mrs. Eshleman.

A resolution of respect in honor of a charter member of the society, Miss Ella McIlvaine, was read and ad-

opted. Miss Shelia Eddy, a 1960 graduate of the Pequea Valley high school was presented the Society's award for her work in English at the school.

An offering of \$15.90 was received to be forwarded to the Red Cross for disaster relief work in Chile.

Plans were announced for a bus trip to West Grove and Philadelphia on June 15th. A family night will be held at the home of Mrs. Milton Landis near Parkesburg on July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Trees
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done as soon as the new shoots have made their full length so that they can push new buds for the following season's growth.

Farrand recommended waiting until the transplants have been in the field about three years before starting to shear in order to prevent too dense growth of the tree since the shearing must be done each year and each shearing makes the tree thicker.

"If the top leader grows more than 10 inches before the tree is three years old, it should be cut back to ten inches or a hollow spot will develop in the tree," Farrand said. But he cautioned against removing too much of the growth from a very young tree.

In general all shearing of pine trees should be done between June 1 and July 15. The new growth is usually completed when the needles on the shoot are evenly spaced and the buds at the tip are well formed.

The general procedure for shearing pines, according to Farrand is to cut out all multiple top leaders and shorten the top leader back to about 10 inches. Cut the top laterals four inches shorter than the leader. Cut the side terminals and other strong branches with the aim of producing the desired taper to the tree.

Be careful that the lower side branches are not cut back too severely since they grow slower than the top leader and a cylinder rather than a conical shape may be produced, Farrand cautioned.

Spruce and Fir trees should be sheared between August 1 and April 1 beginning about the fourth or the fifth year in the field and following similar practices as with pines.

Farrand recommended the use of sharp hedge shears well oiled and free from pitch and dirt. He suggested that growers check the balance of trees and try to correct the shape gradually.

Finally, he said, it is the customer who dictates how the tree should be sheared.

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