



WEEDS AND HONEYSUCKLE were a big problem in the evergreen plantations on the Joseph Lesley farm until they were brought in the sheep. Sheep keep the weeds and vines under control but do not destroy the cone bearing trees. Much of the farm is too steep for most types of farming. Christmas trees provide a crop and help hold the soil.

—L.F. Photo

Christmas Trees
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... in Poultry Husbandry. Although, now a partner in the business, has moved his wife and two children into a new home overlooking the evergreen plantation and the lake. Two other children are part of the partnership. Tom and his sister Mary Lou are students at Solanco High School. Sem, a senior, when he enrolls in college this fall, will follow his flair for writing, inherited from his father, a part time teacher in English, and his love of the outdoors, handed down from his forester father.

Christmas tree production is a year-round business, although it does have its busy seasons. New plantings must be made in the spring, the

young trees must be sheared to give them a desirable shape and density, and the honeysuckle vines have to be controlled.

Part of the job of weed control on the Lesley farm is taken by the flock of sheep grazing among the trees. The sheep eat the weeds and the honeysuckle, but with very few exceptions do not damage the conifers.

About Thanksgiving time, the Lesleys began cutting trees at the rate of 250 to 300 trees every day. They wholesale many of the trees to dealers in suburban Philadelphia and have two retail outlets besides the farm.

We will have about 600 customers come to the farm every Sunday for several weeks before Christmas, Joseph Lesley said.

We handle a few Canadian

Best Food Buys

Bargains Require Good Shoppers

Savings in food expenditures this week will be largest for those shoppers who plan the menu carefully and exercise good buying habits. Weather conditions and widely ranging prices at the wholesale level are largely responsible for a cutback in retail food values, reports Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent.

Poultry is in good supply at this time of year when demand is usually weaker. With good supplies available, look for fryers and stewing chickens to be in the good buy category. Store specials will make them even more attractive.

Forequarter beef and fresh pork items, namely fresh picnics and loin cuts, will

be featured at attractive prices in many meat displays. Pork chops will be displayed in various size assortments for your selection. The price per pound will usually adjust with the proportion of meat to bone offered in each case. Chuck roasts of beef and shoulder cuts of lamb will wear attractive price tags.

The weather man has again entered the produce picture just as reports from Arizona and California had indicated one of the best lettuce crops in years. Freezing temperatures in these growing areas have resulted in considerable loss and will be reflected in higher lettuce prices. The arrival of heavy snow is expected to terminate the cauliflower harvest on Long Island, boosting prices on this item.

Firm prices persist for fresh fruits as supplies are

scheduled to market to satisfy demand. Quality is improved on Florida grapefruit which now is reaching full maturity. Small sizes continue as the best buy in oranges.

Large size apples are in greatest supply and the Rome Beauty and Stayman varieties are still available at reasonable prices; Red Delicious apples appear to be disappearing fast. Cranberries and Emperor grapes continue as good buys; pears, pineapples and bananas are available in limited supply and prices are generally higher.

FALL CHICKS PAY

Price spread between medium and large egg prices in the spring may be as little as 5 cents, but in the fall it may be 15 to 20 cents a dozen. That's why Carl Dossin, Penn State extension specialist, recommends brooding chicks in the fall.

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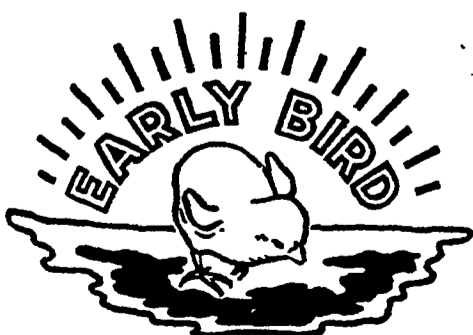
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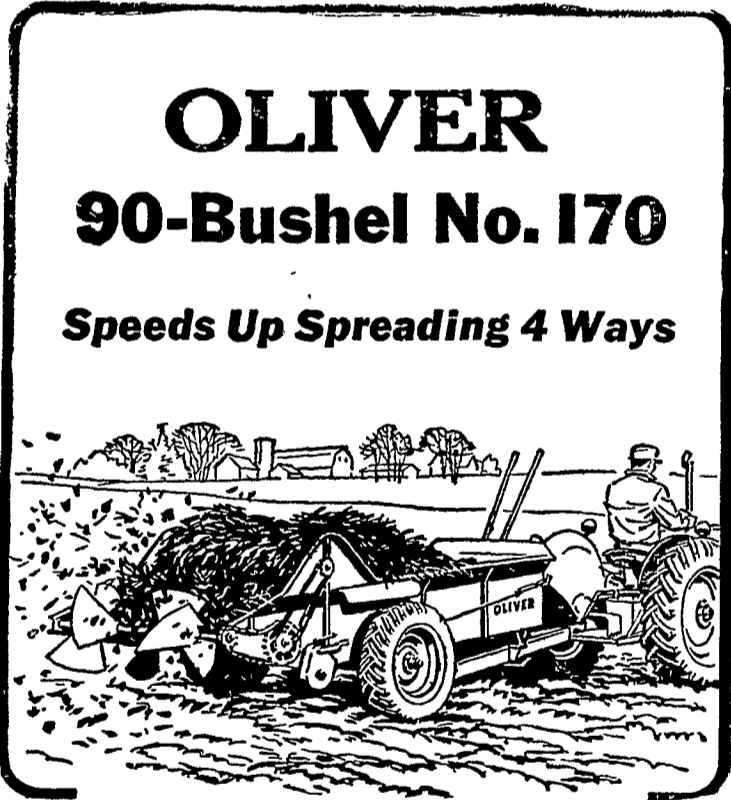


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