### Now is the Time

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tilized. Just because the land is covered with grass or a grasslegume mixture, we should not overlook the value of fertilization. A complete soil test is the place to start and meet the recommended needs. Forage crops can be produced on all types of land and are usually some of the most efficient feeds that can be fed to livestock. Proper fertilization will make greater utilization of forage lands.

### TO MAKE SURE

PONDS ARE SAFE Over the last two or three weeks I've noticed a lot of people, both young and old, ice skating on farm ponds. It's good exercise and an excellent sport. But, be sure you are prepared in case of an accident. Owners should be certain that rescue equipment is handy and not in the barn or garage

several blocks away. Wooden ladders, boards or other items can be shoved out to the person in the water if needed: it should be large enough to distribute the weight of the person making the rescue. A rope is also a good item to pull people out with.

Skating is a very enjoyable winter-time sport. Don't be the victim of an accident that could have been prevented.

TO PRUNE SHADE TREES

Winter is a good time to prune the shade trees on your property because the trees are dormant and won't be affected by the trimming as much. The bare limbs let you see where and how much to prune. And it's easier to reshape tangled and low-handling branches.

Most trees need thinning when they approach maturity. But, corrective pruning is important when trees are young. While the young tree is growing it's important to remove a branch starting in the wrong position because this branch could change the whole tree structure. Pruning consists mostly of cuttings that train the tree . . . but it generally involves more and more thinning

### **OUR READERS WRITE**

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Federal government. This is absolutely not the case.

Again we appreciate your sending reporters out to cover these farmer meetings. However,

it is incidents like this that sometimes makes us wonder if we should continue to invite the press.

**Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative** Curtis E. Akers **Director, District 12** 

### Hogging the credit

I am a subscriber to Lancaster Farming. I am a 4-H and FFA member and exhibited hogs and a steer at the Farm Show.

Every year at the Farm Show the buyer of the Champion Baby

out of weak and dead wood as the tree matures.

There is a saying that "as the branch is bent, so will the tree grow." With pruning, the results are even more drastic, for a limb which is cut will not grow back. So it's important to know the proper method of pruning before you start. The pruning of dormant shade trees while they are young will determine, to a large measure, the beauty and health of a tree in later years.

Beef gets all the recognition for buying the Champion Steer. I feel that Hatfield Packing Company should be given recognition for buying the Champion and Reserve Champion Junior Market Hog at the Farm Show plus fifty-five of the ninty-three hogs sold in the sale at prices two to four times of market price. They also purchased the hogs that didn't quality to sell in the sale at the Farm Show.

I feel that a company that supports the 4-H and FFA members that much and returns every year to buy the majority of the hogs at the Farm Show should receive more recognition for their support in your paper.

OOPS!

In our Janury 23 issue, the name

of the author of "No laughing

matter" in OUR READERS

WRITE, and other opinions, was

inadvertently left out. The letter

was submitted by Jane Lee, a

dairy farmer from Etters.

Chris Hopple **R2 Mechanicsburg** 

## Gypsy moth seminar Feb. 17-18

Correction

In the article entitled "IMPCO

reviews, łooks ahead" (Lancaster

Farming Jan. 23, 1982 issue) it was

produced 1/5 of CCC purchases."

stated that "IMPCO members fy

The sentence should have read;

According to District 12 director

Curtis Akers, CCC purchased 12.6

billion pounds of surplus milk in

1981 almost 10 percent of the total

national production. IMPCO marketed 2.3 billion pounds of milk

in 1981. CCC purchases equalled 5.5

times what IMPCO marketed.

UNIVERSITY PARK - A twoday seminar dealing with the impact of the gypsy moth defoliations in Pennsylvania is scheduled for Feb. 17-18 here at

The seminar, entitled "Coping with the Gypsy Moth" will cover the life history, population dynamics and spread of the gypsy moth. The speakers and panelists also will share research findings and interpretations for managing affected forest resources.

All sessions will be conducted in the J.O. Keller Conference Center at the University. Advance registration, including a fee of \$20, is requested to assist in proper meeting management.



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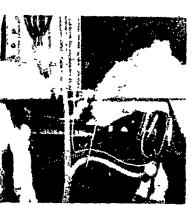
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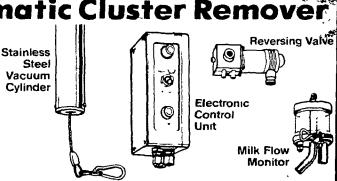
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