

Seedling sale improves environment

HARRISBURG — In observance of Arbor Day the Dauphin County Conservation District will conduct its annual seedling sale on April 24, 1982. During the past seven years, more than 144,000 trees have been planted by landowners for environmental improvement through the Conservation District's seedling sale.

Hardwood species available for sale this year are: White Flowering Dogwood, European White Birch, Silver Maple, Black Locust and Pin Oak.

Evergreens available are: Douglas Fir, Austrian Pine, Blue Spruce, Scotch Pine and Concolor Fir. The size of these three and four year old bareroot seedlings are 18-24" for the hardwoods and 8-16" for the evergreens.

Trees have many benefits, not the least of which is energy conservation. During the summer months shade trees act as "nature's air conditioner." Evaporation from a single large tree can equal the cooling effect of 10 room sized air conditioners running 20 hours a day. A tree shading an air conditioner will enable the machine to cool the house rather than the air conditioner itself.

In the country, trees have additional benefits. When planted together as windbreaks, they break the force of soil-eroding winds in the summer and help to distribute snow evenly on a field in the winter, providing needed moisture for the next year's crop.

Tree leaves break the force of pelting raindrops so soil can absorb as much water as possible. The use of firewood as an alternative fuel is yet another benefit of trees. Black locust produces 29.5 BTU's a cord.

Other benefits of trees are, privacy, property beautification, reduction of noise levels, wildlife, habitat and, of course timber production.

Seedlings must be purchased by placing a prepaid order. Unlike past years there will be no cash sales on the delivery date. Individuals interested can call the 24 hour "Evergreen Line" at 652-7073 to request an order form with prices and seedling information. The deadline to order seedlings is April 2, 1982.

Orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday April 24, 1982 if you live south of Peters Mountain your pick-up location will be the Central Dauphin East Sr. High School, 626

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Rutherford Rd., Harrisburg from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. If you live north of Peters Mountain your pick-up location will be the Upper Dauphin Area High School in Elizabethtown from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon.

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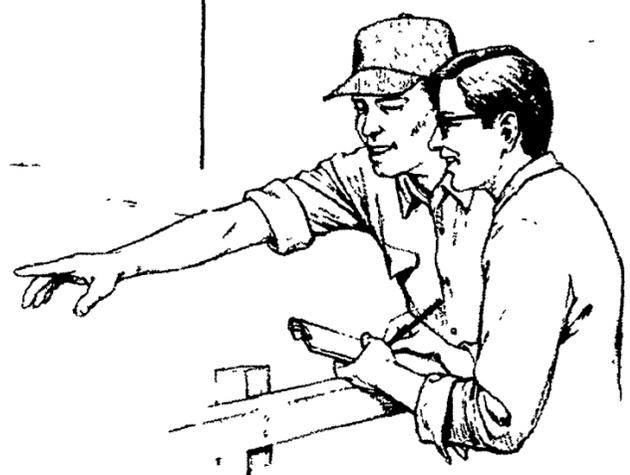
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