

## Inter-State Schedules

### Annual Picnic at Bland Park

SOUTHAMPTON - Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative Districts 13, 18, 20 and 21 have scheduled their annual picnic at Bland Park, Altoona, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

Guest speakers will be Inter-State General Manager Paul E. Hand and Member Relations Manager James R. Barnett.

Members will also hear reports

from 1986 Young Cooperators John and Cynthia Keith, District 13, and Glen and Cathy Over, District 20.

Picnic registration will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Milk and ice cream will be provided.

Inter-State Districts, 13, 18, 20 and 21 cover Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clearfield, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin counties and parts of Clinton and Snyder counties.

### Shear Pine Trees Now

Homeowners wishing to control the growth of pine trees may follow the same procedure as commercial producers follow in shaping their trees, says Jeff Jabco, Delaware County Cooperative Extension agricultural agent. Shearing pines should be done in the period from early June to mid-July after the new branches finish growing. Spruce and fir may be sheared in late summer, fall or winter.

Pine trees should be sheared for the first time when they are two to three feet high. This is usually the third year after planting. Then

they need yearly treatment.

A sharp hedge shears with eight or nine-inch blades is an efficient tool for shearing pine trees. A new tool now being used is a light meat slicing knife with 12 to 14-inch blade and razor edge. Special safety precautions must be taken when using this tool.

The top leader of the tree is usually cut to 10 inches in length, at a 45 degree angle, this eliminates spindly growth at the top. If there is a double leader, remove the weaker one or cut back far enough to suppress its growth.

Other top branches, called top laterals, should be cut five inches long. New branches over the rest of the tree are sheared back so that the taper of the tree is about half as wide as it is high.

For the homeowner wishing to limit the growth of a tree more closely, cut the top leader back to six inches, top laterals to three inches, and new side branches to 2 inches. Don't make the beginner's error of shearing only the upper branches; this makes a 'squatty tree, too wide and sparse at the bottom.

## Sire Power Sale Slated

TUNKHANNOCK - This year's Sire Power Sale promises to be an outstanding and successful event. The 1986 Sale is scheduled to take place at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, August 6 at the Kutztown Fairgrounds, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

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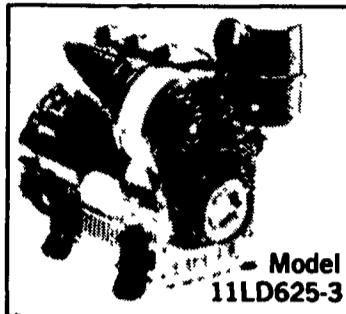
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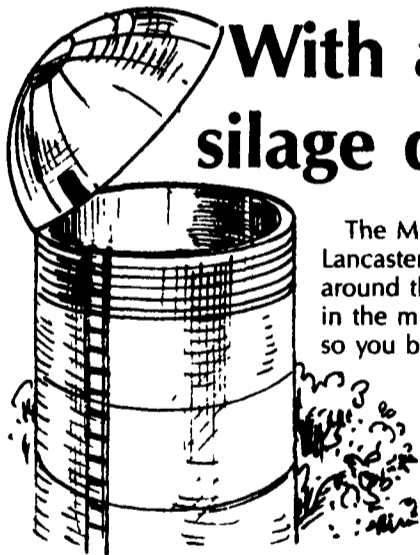
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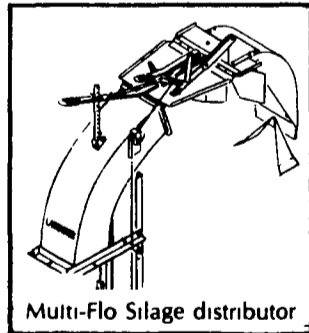
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