

Berks Society 4

The Berks County Society of Farm Women Group #4 met on November 4, at the home of Virginia Taylor-Sloan, Hereford.

During the social hour the group made reindeer pins and magnets to be distributed as favors with Meals on Wheels.

President Elsie Rothenberger conducted the business meeting. Ways and Means committee reported a total of \$341.15 in sales of Stanley products for the fall fund raiser.

The State Farm Women pamphlet was distributed to assist in our quest for new active members. Bingo at Berks Heim Main building will be held. Gifts are needed for Berks Heim Santas corner. Virginia Taylor-Sloan volunteered to get these and see

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DECORATIONS FROM THE GARDEN

Decorate your home with holiday greens from your garden

Greens from your garden often remain fresh or longer and provide variety for wreaths and holiday table arrangements.

that they are delivered. The Farm Women State Convention is January 12, at the Forum, Harrisburg, banquet at the Penn Harris. The cost for the banquet is \$19.

The next meeting is Dec. 2 at the home of Mary Fizz, Boyertown for the annual Christmas party and gift exchange. All are welcome to join the fun.

Choose evergreens with berries, pruning off branches from yew, Japanese and American holly, juniper, false-cypress, arborvitae or red cedar. This pruning during the holiday season won't stop new growth from the tips, but it will give you a more compact plant next year.

White pine, Douglas fir, and Norway spruce are also sources of greenery. However, use only the inside branches. Select and remove them carefully to avoid spoiling the shape of the tree. Pine and spruce do not produce new growth from the cut tips.

Cones are a big holiday-decorating plus. Your older pine, spruce and fir trees will supply cones to decorate wreaths and arrangements.

Fruited shrubs provide a beautiful trim for holiday decoration, but many of the berry-

producing shrubs have soft fruit which is eaten by birds or frozen before Christmas.

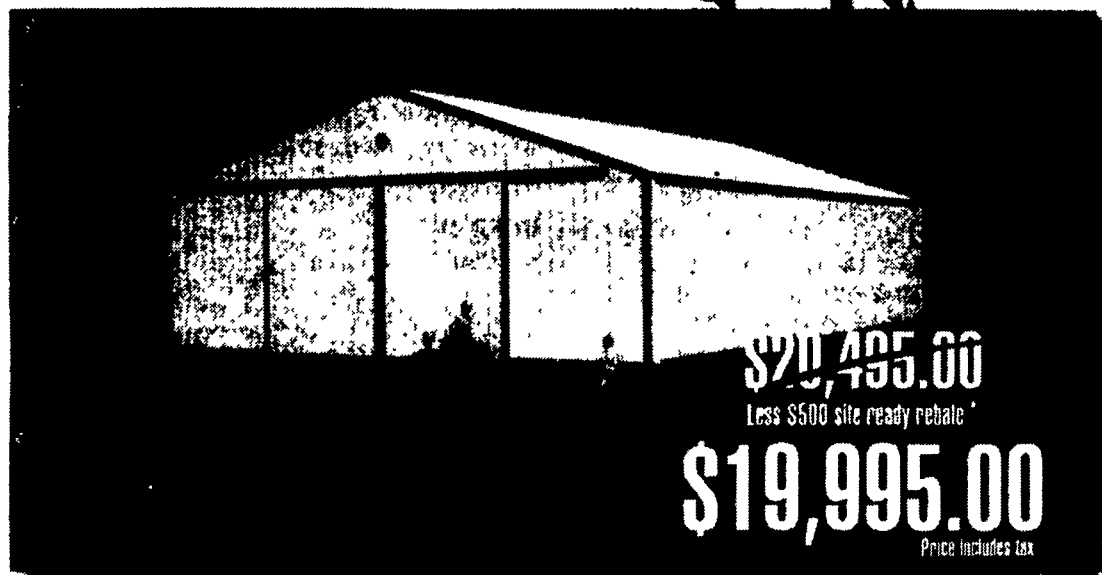
However several American holly (*Ilex opaca*) varieties have beautiful berries and foliage at Christmas time. The winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*) is a native shrub which drops its leaves in autumn, leaving beautiful berries along the twigs. *Ilex v. "Compacta"* reaches three to four feet tall when it gets four years old, is good for foundation plantings and low compact shrubs.

Plants these shrubs in groups with at least one male plant included. They grow well near ponds or in poorly drained soil.

Other plant stems used for decorating include ornamental grasses and herbs, like rosemary, lavender, rue, thyme and bed straw are traditional holiday fare.

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Rosemary (*Rosemarinus officinalis*) often is used along with holly, ivy, and mistletoe for decorating. Rue (*Ruta graucolins*) nicknamed 'the herb of grace' has unusual blue-green foliage and a distinctive fragrance.

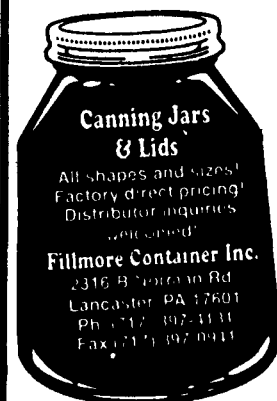
Thyme (*Thymus sp.*) invigorates the senses with a faint clove after-taste and the white flowers of bedstraw (*gallium verum*) bloom in mid summer. The common English name is "our lady's bedstraw."

Hers; additional decorating tips.

- Use the bluish berries on a silvery 'bloom' on some junipers. Add boxwood, holly, and rhododendrons for accents to decorations. Use a antitranspirant spray to prevent broadleaf plants from drying out.

- Pines have a soft feathery texture. Pines do not drop their needles as fast as spruce and hemlock. Use nuts and acorns on wired fresh wreaths. Barberry, oregon-holly grape, English ivy, bitter-sweet, periwinkle, and even deciduous shrubs provide interesting stems, large spines or bright leaves or fruit.

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