

Farm Women Are Given Report

Farm Women's Society No. 17 met last Friday evening at the home of Sara Stauffer, of Drummore Center. The regular meeting date had been changed for the convenience of the members. Roll call was answered by each member telling what she had brought for the Valentine auction. Twenty-two members responded. Cakes, pies, cookies, dolies,

handkerchiefs, aprons and candy were brought by the members. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$134.85, with \$16.25 realized by a plastic sale. A donation of \$35 was made to the Junior Band Uniform Fund and a \$5 donation made to the American Bible Society. Sara Stauffer reported on the Harrisburg convention. Plans were made to conduct a food stand at the John O'Donnell farm sale.

Catherine Kreider entertained

with slides of Germany and an auction was held with Anna Mary Burkans in charge Refreshments followed in the Valentine theme. Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Shaub were co-hostesses.

Society No. 16

Farm Women's Society No. 16 met with Mrs. Edith Meridenhall, Nine Points. Mrs. Lucy Mendenhall, co-hostess, led in devotions. Mrs. Harriet Graham, vice-president, conducted the meeting. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance on hand. A memorial service was prepared by Mrs. Lillian Hanna.

Mrs. Jennie Groff gave an account of her trip to the state convention of Farm Women, held in Harrisburg, and of the tea party given by Mrs. George Leader, the governor's wife. The society will meet in March with Mrs. Bernard Pownall, of Christiansa.

REA Estimate 93.4 Per Cent of Farms In U.S. Electrified

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — About 93.4 per cent of the Nation's 4,782,393 farms had central station electric service as of June 30, 1955, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. This compares with 92.3 per cent having service on June 30, 1954 and 77.2 per cent at the time of the 1950 Census.

The new estimate is based on the Rural Electrification Administration's latest unelectrified farm survey and on 1954 farm census figures recently announced by the Bureau of the Census. The REA survey shows that there were 314,350 unelectrified farms on June 30, 1955. On the basis of the total number of farms shown in the 1954 census, this indicates that 4,468,043 farms were receiving central station service of that date.

The census reported that there were 4,448,462 electrified farms as of Nov. 1954. However, census figures include farms with home plans, while REA is required to consider as electrified only those farms having central station service.

More than four million farms have obtained central station electricity since 1920 and of these nearly 3.75 millions have obtained service since 1935, when REA was established. In 1935 only 10.9

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Husband—Peace.

per cent of the farms had high-line electric service; in 1940, 30.4 per cent; and in 1945, 45.7 per cent. In addition, electric service has been extended to many hundreds of thousands of rural establishments which have passed out of the farm category as the total number of farms has decreased.

In 1935 Pennsylvania had 191,284 farms of which 45,182 were with electricity, representing 23.6 per cent. The number of farms declined to 128,876 in Nov. 1954, yet the number with electricity jumped to 124,376, or 96.5 per cent. New Jersey farms are 99.1 per cent equipped with electricity, highest in the nation.

NO HUNGER STRIKE.
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Summer Drouth, October Rains Curtail Crops

HARRISBURG — Summer drouth and floods followed by twice normal rains in October reduced production of some important Pennsylvania farm crops to less than last year and less than average, the State Department of Agriculture announced today following Federal-State surveys.

Corn and potatoes were hardest hit, with considerable acreage of each remaining to be harvested the first of November, the Department said. Yield of corn per acre is estimated at 42 bushels, lowest in 11 years.

Corn Loss Heavy

Prospects for corn declined as harvesting progressed and it is now evident that drouth damage was more severe than indicated earlier, the survey showed. Wet ground and tangled stalks hindered operation of mechanical corn pickers and considerable hand husking was necessary. The State corn crop is estimated at 57,120,000 bushels, 6,000,000 under last year and about 2,400,000 under average.

Wet ground delayed harvesting of potatoes and on November 1 digging was incomplete in all areas, the Department reported. Low prices discouraged growers and some acreage may not be worth harvesting, it was said. Threat of damage by freezing is causing some concern although freezing temperatures came about two weeks later than usual. Yield per acre average 235 bushels, 15 less than in 1954. The November 1 estimate is for a crop of 13,395,000 bushels compared with 14,500,000 last year and the average of 18,568,000 bushels.

On the brighter side, the extended growing season without killing frost permitted ripening of nearly all late plantings of corn and favored growth of grasses and winter grains. Pastures were better than usual and cattle had to be grazed sparingly on lush growth to prevent bloating.

Hay Production

Hay production was not up to average and some sections in the central and southeastern parts of the State are short in supply. The southwestern and northwestern counties had more rain for all crops during the growing season and conditions there have not been as bad as in the eastern part of the State. The estimate for all hay is 3,479,000 tons, 18,000 under 1954.

Tobacco production is now estimated at 40,815,000 pounds, nearly 3,000,000 less than last year and 9,000,000 pounds under average. Oats, barley, rye and soybean production for the State will exceed last year. Wheat, at 16,172,000 bushels is about 3,600,000 less than last year and the same amount under the 10-year 1944-53 average.

Good Time Was Had By All

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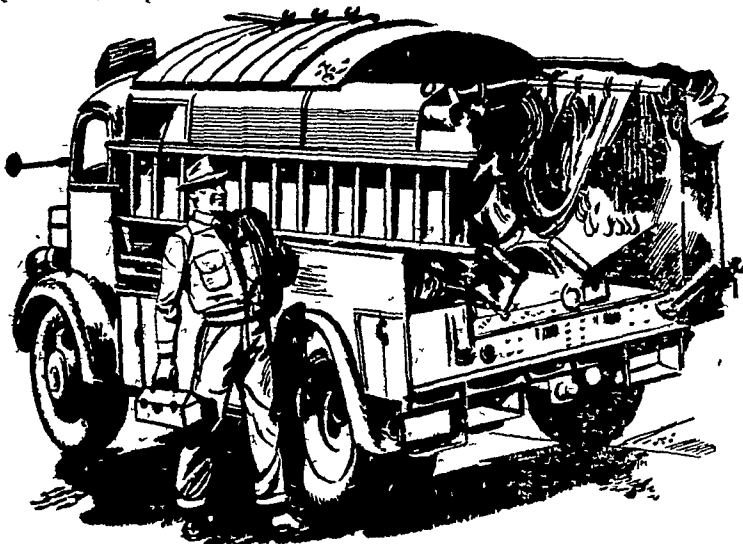
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