

## Farm Women 12 Carry Theme of Mother's Day

The Farm Women's Society No. 12 met in regular session at the home of Mrs. George Kneisley, Conestoga, on Saturday, May 19.

The program was on the theme of Mother's Day. Mrs. Edwin Rineer, who had charge of devotions, read as the Scripture Proverbs 31. During the business meeting the president, Mrs. Lester Sigman, read cards of thanks from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Mrs. Lloyd Husson gave a report on the State Convention of the Needle Guild held at Hanover. Over four million garments were distributed to the needy in Pennsylvania.

One new member, Mrs. Clair Henry, was received into the society. Dennis Rineer sang two selections — "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "I Will Pilot Thee."

The speaker was Mrs. Ernest Groff, Lancaster. Her subject was "Mothers of Men." Included in her talk were such famous mothers as Hannah and Naomi, from the Old Testament, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and mothers of John Wesley, Peter Marshall, Abraham Lincoln, and James McNeill Whistler.

Hostesses were Mrs. George Kneisley and Mrs. Wilbert Brinton.

The next meeting will be June 16 at the home of Mrs. Edith Harnish and Mrs. Paul Harnish, Conestoga Route 1.

Henry Ford 2d has retired as chairman of the Ford Foundation to give his full time to the Ford

## Green Tree Thimble Club



Here are officers of the Green Tree Thimble Club, which was organized in 1917. Standing are Mrs. Myra DeLong, vice president the past three years, and Mrs. V. Roscoe Carter, treasurer since 1949. Seated in front are Mrs. Forrest

Rice, president the past eight years, and Mrs. Agnes McGuigan, who served 25 years as secretary, and was succeeded by her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Sprout. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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## Thimble Club Serves Goals Sought in 1917

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Down in the Southern end of Lancaster County, a group of farm women sat a meeting and decided in 1917 they needed recreation. All resided around the Sign of the Green Tree, the farm home of Robert Fulton's father on the Quarryville-Christiana Pike.

Recreation? Each winter the Green Tree Thimble Club turns out four, six or eight quilts. Some are auctioned, some are given to needy families. The Club also has a committee that sends cards of sympathy to all in the community in need.

Mrs. Harry High and Mrs. John McClure were among the

first organizers, and Mrs. William Pickel was first to be named president. She held this office 32 years, and the position was handed down to her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Rice. Family names have been carried on down in the roster of officers by others, too, like Mrs. Agnes McGuigan, who served 25 years as

### First Organizers

secretary and resigned in 1955, turning the position over to her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Sprout. On that occasion, a certificate was awarded Mrs. McGuigan.

In addition to making quilts for needy families and sending sympathy cards, the Club once had a large donation program, which has since been combined into donations to the Community Chest and Polio Fund.

Up to this year, annual banquets have been held at the Bart Fire Hall, with an average attendance of 40. This year the banquet moved to the Educational Hall of the Middle Octorara Church, and attendance jumped to 75 members and their families. A variety program was presented. Invocation was by Rev. George Shea, pastor of Middle Octorara, and the group sang "God Bless America." June Fox and Rose Fox sang "The Bible Tells Me So," with Sandra Graham at the piano. Vicky Prange recited a poem, "I Am Mother's Little Darling." Slides, Movies Shown

Katherine LeFever and Alyce Faye Prange sang "Where Poppies Grow." Rose Marie Fox sang a solo, "Let the Sun Shine In."

Ernest J. Neill, editor of Lancaster Farming, showed slides taken on his trips to Mexico and Nassau, Bahama Islands. Movies of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rice were shown. Program arrangements were by Mrs. V. Roscoe Carter.

## Penryn 4-H Club Names New Officers

Betty Kaylor has been elected president of the Penryn 4-H Club.

Other officers named were: Joan Shreiner, vice president, Dorothy Hoffer, secretary, Meda Shelly, treasurer; Connie Gibble, news reporter; Linda Dohner and Phyllis Heisey, game leaders, Kathryn Heisey, song leader, Shirley Brubaker, pianist; Mrs. Abel Hoffer and Mrs. Rufus Heisey, club leaders.

## Farm Women 18 Honor Mothers; Slides Shown

Thirteen mothers and 26 members of the Society of Farm Women 18 were entertained Saturday at the home of Mrs. David B. Hess and Mrs. Richard Hershey, New Danville Pike.

Devotions were in charge of Mrs. William Shelton. Roll call was answered by naming a favorite place nearby for a picnic.

John W. Price, curator at Franklin and Marshall College, showed colored slides of northern Lancaster County.

The June meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lester Kreider, 169 Buch Ave., Lancaster, at which time there will be a showing of flower arrangements by the group with five different classes: miniature, teapot, roadside, dining room and exotic.



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