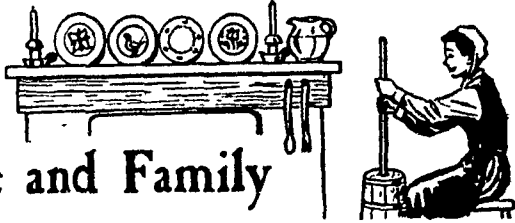


For the Farm Wife and Family



Farm Women 15 & Families Hold Christmas Dinner

Farm Women 15 and their husbands held their annual Christmas dinner Thursday night, Dec. 20, at the Spanish Tavern, Quarryville, with about 100 persons attending. The dining room was decorated with tall red candles and Christmas greens. Small sleighs were filled with candy canes.

Retiring president Mrs. Robert Weicksel turned over the gavel to the incoming president, Mrs. Bernard Jackson. Officers and their husbands were seated at the head table.

Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Ernest Miller, choir director of the Union Presbyterian Church. She was accompanied by

Mrs. Melvin Boyce, Farm Women 15 pianist.

Mrs. Alicia Sterling, Fairmount, gave three readings: "Anna and Willie's Prayer," "The Modern Mother," and an excerpt from the play "Family Portrait."

Gifts were exchanged and Big Sisters revealed.

The group's next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. Abram Herr, Kirkwood, RD.

Committee members in charge of the dinner were: Mrs. Almus Shoemaker, Mrs. Robert Whiteside, Mrs. Mack Willard, Mrs. Donald Weicksel, Mrs. Lindley Jackson and Mrs. William Adams.

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FARM WOMEN 12

HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Society of Farm Women No. 12 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Wissler, 36 East Cottage Avenue, Millersville, Saturday, for their Christmas program. Mrs. James Brenner had charge of devotions and also read several poems. Roll call was answered by telling "What I would like to give to mankind for Christmas." There were 30 members and one visitor present.

A donation was given to the Clarence Weider Fund and a Christmas gift was presented to one of the older members. A new treasurer and a secretary were installed, Mrs. Raymond Aston and Mrs. Paul Harnish, respectively.

The President, Mrs. Lester Sigman, asked for volunteers for delegates to attend the Farm Show at Harrisburg on Jan. 14-15.

A Christmas party followed with exchange of gifts and serving of refreshments by hostesses, Mrs. Harold Wissler, Mrs. Raymond Aston, Mrs. George Brenner, and Mrs. William Henry.

The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Willis Gluck, Creswell, Conestoga, Route 2, Jan 19.

Bad Weather Plagues Flight To Meeting

L. L. Logan, London Grove, returned from Wichita, Kans., last week where he attended the regional directors meeting of the National Flying Farmers Association.

Accompanying him in his four place Cessna 170 was John B. Gehman of Baito, Montgomery County. Mr. Gehman is President of the Pa. Flying Farmers Association. Mr. Logan is director of the national organization.

The day that had been set upon for their departure was one of those wet, foggy, ones. They were not able to fly until afternoon, but had an uneventful trip to Beaver Falls, Pa., where they spent the night with The Reverend and Mrs. Harold S. Faust, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Beaver Falls. Mr. Faust was formerly pastor of Toughkenamon, Unionville, and later Faggs Manor Presbyterian Churches.

The next morning it was foggy and raining in the Pittsburgh area, but the flyers decided to try anyway hoping for better weather, to the west but were soon grounded at the Penna.-Ohio line, so spent another night with Flying Farmers in that community.

They took off just before day-break the following morning with an 800 foot ceiling and went as far as Delaware, Ohio, by 8 a.m. where they struck freezing rain and had to turn back after several attempts, only to learn that even the airlines were canceling most of their flights westward. Finally, late in the day they and about 40 other persons who had been stranded at Columbus, Ohio were given tickets aboard a new twin engine Martin of Trans World Airlines.

They flew right into the ice storm and were scheduled to land at St. Louis. After several attempts to land the plane in an ice storm the pilot gave up and proceeded to Kansas City where they finally landed in a snow storm. They then traveled by Constellation to Wichita which had picked up an inch of ice in passing through the storm in the Chicago area, but continued the flight after 4 hours delay while crews cleared the plane of the accumulated ice.

In spite of the flying difficulties, all directors were on hand eventually for the business sessions which had to be postponed for their late arrivals.

Mr. Logan visited his distributor in the Kansas and Nebraska area.

Mr. Gehman and Mr. Logan left Wichita by night plane for

Farm Show Draws Record Entry Of Livestock

A record number of livestock will be seen at the Farm Show according to state agriculture Secretary William L. Henning.

The total of dairy cattle entries is an all time record of 643 head. They include 462 in the open classes, 144 entries by 4-Hers, and 37 by vocational agriculture students.

Beef cattle entries received by the closing date total 419 head, including 130 young steers entered by 4H baby beef club members. A rearrangement of stall space in the beef cattle barn will take care of this large number which will fill the barn to capacity.

Sheep entries total 467 head, but this number will have to be reduced due to unavailability of pen space.

Swine entries total 407 head including 52 entered by F.F.A. students.

Horses number the same as for the show last year, 89.

Poultry entries exceed the capacity and must be reduced to about 4,500 birds. This will make the poultry show one of the largest in the East.

\$35,595 in premiums will be divided as follows: Horses, \$3,850; beef cattle, \$8,043; dairy cattle, \$16,069; sheep, \$4,686; and swine, \$2,947.

Poultry premiums total \$9,440 50.

Chicago after their evening banquet was over and arrived in Columbus about day break. They picked up their plane just as another storm was setting in and with one stop in Pittsburgh arrived home in time for lunch. Most of the way home was storming and rough. A 50 knot tail wind from Pittsburgh enabled Mr. Logan to break his previous time record from Pittsburgh.

The flight to his home took only 1 hr 35 minutes but the turbulence was quite severe and there was rain and snow as far as Altoona.

Greensburg Herd Of Holsteins Wins Highest Recognition

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Silvis Farms, Inc., Greensburg, Pa., have qualified for the Progressive Breeders' Award — the highest recognition attainable by a breeder of registered Holstein cattle. This is the fourth time that Silvis Farms have been so recognized.

The last production test of the Silvis Farms herd in the Herd Improvement Registry program was completed Oct. 31, 1955, with the 23-cow herd averaging 12,330 lbs of milk and 485 lbs of butterfat on two milkings daily. The herd has also been officially classified for type with an average score of 83.7. The current award is based on a herd of 55 animals, of which 40 have freshened. Thirty of these were born and developed on the Silvis Farms.

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