

Farm Women 22 Mark Birthday

Tenth anniversary celebrations were held by Farm Women's Society 22 Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard Landis, 2306 Horseshoe Road.

After devotions, led by Mrs. Lester Landis, the co-hostess, members responded to roll call with, "My favorite Christmas Carol." Mrs. Landis gave a Christmas reading, and Mrs. Lloyd Herr gave a history of the society.

A four-tiered birthday cake baked by Mrs. Carl Diller, president, contained the names of all past presidents on the top layer.

Delegates to the state convention of Farm Women in Harrisburg in January will be Mrs. Kenneth Habecker, Mrs. Wilmer Andrew and Mrs. Diller. Mrs. Willis Rohrer is alternate delegate.

The society voted to donate \$5 to the Lancaster Chapter for Infantile Paralysis. Gifts were exchanged among the members.

The January meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. William Weller, 15 Mylin Ave., Willow Street, with Mrs. Harold Ranck as co-hostess.

Failure to drain garden hoses before storing them may result in the hoses bursting from ice pressure.

About 40 of each 100 high school graduates now start on a college career — about twice the number of 30 yrs ago.

could bring about as great a change in farming as automation in production has caused.

Farm Women 2 Donate Toys

Members of the Farm Women's Society number two have contributed children's furniture and toys to the Bureau of Children's Service.

The gifts will be used in the room where parents have regular monthly and holiday visits with children living in foster homes. The society hopes the gift will serve to make the room a brighter place during this holiday season.

Funds for the furniture

and toys were raised by members of the society selling turkey barbecue sandwiches at the Manheim Farm Show in October. Seventy turkeys were used to make the sandwiches from an original recipe. It was the fifth year the group has sponsored the activity.

Mrs. Ronald Gord'ey served as chairman of the purchasing committee for the furniture and toys. Officers of the society are Mrs. Henry G. Hess, president; Mrs. Alvin Graybill, vice president; Mrs. Rufus Waltz, treasurer, and Mrs. Paul Herneisen, secretary.



RECORDS ARE AN IMPORTANT part of the operation at the Earl Metzler poultry farm. Here Metzler, left, checks production records on one pen of his layers with Joe Wolgemuth, Jr., the hatchery representative. Both egg and feed records are marked on the chart each day and pounds of feed per dozen eggs is an important factor in planning future production.

Metzler

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tion of birds. This has not been the case in the Metzler flock. Out of the 3,500 birds only 11 died in November and only eight died in October.

Does the vending machine pay?

Metzler says it this way "I should have about 200 dozen per week to make it worth while, but the vending machine is paying its way now."

Metzler does not hope to market all his eggs through the coin machine. He sells most of his production through the firm of Hess Brothers at Ephrata, but a few still go to a local market and to customers who come to the farm.

The difference of about 10 cents per dozen between the

dealer price and the coin machine price doesn't sound like a great deal, but with the cost of production at about 33 cents per dozen, the retail price of 50 cents could almost double the profit on every carton sold through the machine.

Will Metzler add more machines? Does he plan a further flock expansion?

"I can handle the work by myself now," he says, "If I expand I will have to hire labor, and that can cause problems."

"I think I have a pretty good location, right along route 72 in the edge of Manheim, and I don't think another machine in Manheim would be profitable. If this one goes well, I might try another one in Lancaster sometime, but I don't think so now," Metzler said.

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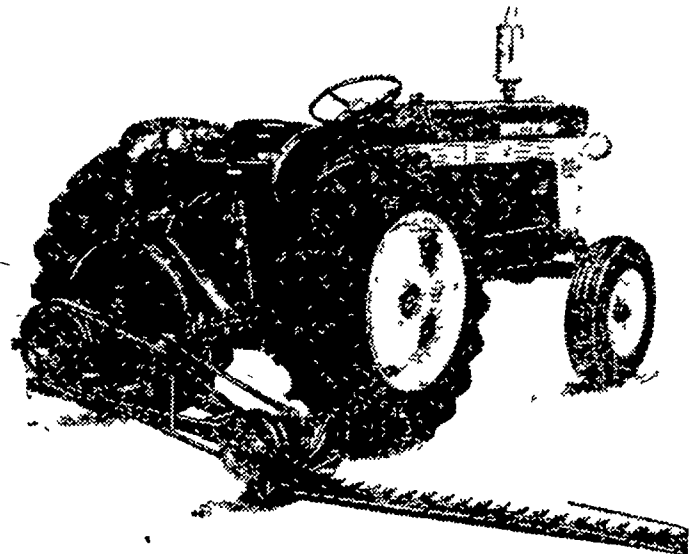
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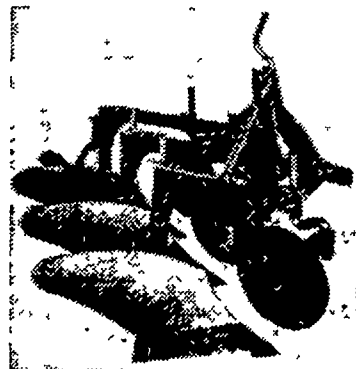
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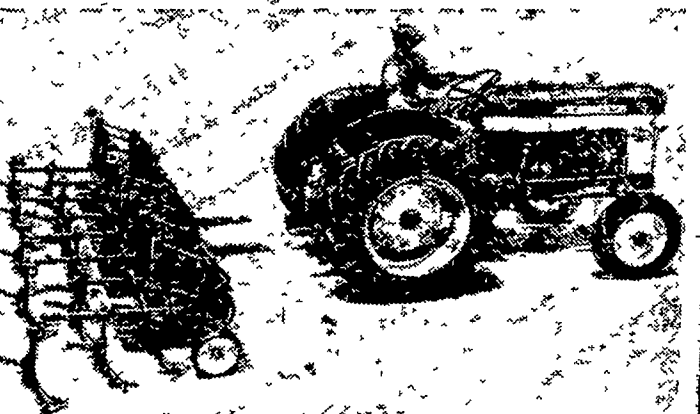
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