

## Farm Women 6 See Pictures

Miss Connie Nissley, an exchange student to Germany showed slides and spoke of her experiences abroad at a recent meeting of Society of Farm Women 6 in the home of Miss Ella Hiestand, Elizabethtown.

A contribution was voted to the Lancaster County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Plans were made for members to serve a dinner at Wyeth Laboratories next Wednesday. Cancer pads will be made in the home of Mrs. M. F. Eberly on Monday.

Devotions were led by Barbara Eberly and roll call was answered by members naming a favorite hymn. Mrs. Murial Saylor, president, was in charge of the meeting.

Refreshments in the Saint Patrick's Day theme were served by the hostess, Maria Hoffer and Sara Meyer.

## Farm Women 20 Host Husbands

Society of Farm Women 20 recently held a party for husbands of members in the home of Mrs. Herbert Mowery, Oxford R. D. The last meeting of the group was also held in the Mowery home last week.

The society voted a donation to the Lancaster County unit of the American Cancer Society.

Members voted to join with society 19 for a visit to the Lancaster County Home on March 21.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Mowery, Mrs. William Crawford, Sr. was co-hostess, and Mrs. Joseph Best, president, presided. Members responded to roll call with "A Television Personality I Would Like To Meet".

The state secretary of Farm Women, Mrs. Leroy Bruce, Chester County, was a guest. Richard Hamp, a member of Lancaster Fencibles, and Mrs. Hamp, a member of the Patriot Daughters, appeared in their uniforms and showed slides.

The next meeting will be held at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the home of Mrs.

## BEST FOOD BUYS

### Egg Month Promotes Good Buys

March has been proclaimed National Egg Month and economy-minded foodshoppers are alerted to the fact that egg production is at a seasonal peak and prices very reasonable, reports Tom Piper, Penn State Extension Marketing Agent. Based on price per pound, large eggs are the best buy now. Eggs are versatile and can be served any style — from soft-cooked to soufflé, in combination with fish, meats, poultry, cheese, in cakes and other baked goods, and in coups, sauces and salads.

Beef production on a week-to-week basis is running about 5 per cent above a year ago. Wholesale prices are below those of a year ago and some further decline is expected, especially on forequarter cuts. Retail price changes have lagged somewhat, reflecting in part the tendency to hold re-

tail prices fairly stable and to place major emphasis on total department and total store margins.

Ham, bacon, spareribs and pork chops join beef steaks and roasts as good values at the meat counter. Recent pork production has been about 7 per cent above a year ago, and will continue above a year ago through early spring. Large supplies of seafood are appearing in local markets as weather conditions have improved for fishing.

Best buys in fresh vegetables include sweet potatoes, carrots, celery, endive, escarole, mushrooms, large Spanish-type onions, green bunched onions, cauliflower and potatoes. Lower prices will be noted on cabbage, peppers, asparagus and hothouse rhubarb.

Demand for apples has been relatively good the past two weeks, and prices have been steady to slightly firmer on good fruit. Apples, pears, grapefruit and bananas provide a limited section of fruit but at generally unchanged prices. Imported fruit is increasing in volume and will be a big factor through the next six or eight weeks.

## Farm Women 22 Adds Member

Mrs. Earl Huber, Conestoga R1, was accepted as a new member by Farm Women Society 22 at a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Robert Brooks, 505 Lampeter Road.

Co-hostess for the meeting was Mrs. John Shenk. Members responded to roll call with "The Origin of Our Ancestors".

Members made plans to entertain their husbands at a progressive party on April 27.

The society gave \$5 each to Lancaster County Unit, American Cancer Society, and Lancaster County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Society 22 will entertain Society 22 at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 30, in Union Hall, Manheim.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the home of Mrs. R. Eugene Bare, Bird-in-Hand R1, when Mrs. Paul Miller will serve as co-hostess.

Thomas Ferguson, Kirkwood R. D. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Elam Hess.

## Farm Safety Program Set By Committee

HARRISBURG — Emphasis on farm and home safety needs to be on a year-round basis, State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said today following his appointment to the chairmanship of National Farm and Home Safety Week observance in Pennsylvania, July 21-27.

Secretary Bull said he was particularly interested in having the program get off to an early start so that its influence may be felt during the "spring rush" season on the state's farms.

He said farm accidents usually reach a peak in the rush of the haying and grain harvest season, and for that reason observance of safety week in July comes at an appropriate time. But he reminded that hazards to personal safety on the farm persist through the late summer and fall, and even during the winter, while in the home there may be still less variation from season to season in the pattern of mishaps.

He urged that concern for safety of self and others be adopted as a personal, individual creed to be practiced day to day and throughout the year.

## Insecticides Are A Necessity State Potato Growers Are Told

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — It is "unthinkable" for farmers to reduce efforts in control of plant insects and diseases by discarding modern methods of pest control as some have suggested, the 300 members of the 12th annual Pennsylvania Potato Growers Institute were advised here recently.

A representative of a Philadelphia agricultural chemical manufacturing company, Dr. E. M. Swisher, said American farmers every year lose \$3 million of agricultural crops and produce alone, and a similar amount to plant diseases and fungi, and again to weeds. "If we simply let nature take its course, nature would 'take' us, let there be no mistaken ideas about that," he said. Before a new agricultural chemical is offered commercially it is studied and restudied, Dr. Swisher explained.

"When a final selection is made, toxicity studies must be conducted to provide assurance that it will be safe to the

grower and safe to the ultimate food consumer," the speaker said. The pesticide industry is keenly aware of its responsibilities in this regard, he added. His remarks were directed largely toward control of late blight of potatoes which in some years is a serious threat to the Pennsylvania \$17 million potato industry.

A group of Penn State University agricultural extension specialists gave their recommendations on the use of chemicals for insect, disease and weed control on potatoes for the 1963 season. Speakers were Elmer C. Pifer, agronomist, Dr. C. F. Taylor, plant pathologist, and J. O. Pepper, entomologist.

Potato growers should have potato field soil run through laboratory tests at Penn State to determine accurate fertility requirements, said Dr. A. S. Hunter, Penn State department of agronomy.

Secretary Bull invited all farm and other interested organizations to join in promoting safety to reduce to a minimum all kinds of accidents and thus help to eliminate their attendant toll in human suffering and grief and in economic losses.


He was named state safety chairman by the Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council of which Robert L. Arnold, Harrisburg, is president. Serving with him on the statewide committee will be Dr. Herbert Cole, Jr., of the Pennsylvania State Uni-

versity, and Mrs. Ralph L. Smith, Millerstown, RD 1.

Arnold pledged the council's full support for a vigorous campaign in which safety is to be emphasized in all activities, particularly through educational programs. Carson F. Mertz, specialist in farm and home safety in the Department of Public Instruction, will be coordinator of the program.


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