

# FARM WOMEN NEWS

## SOCIETY 21

Lucky husbands of Society of Farm Women 21!

They were entertained at a family style dinner at the annual Christmas banquet of the group at the Dutch Dell Restaurant. Official hostesses were Mrs. Clair DeLong, Mrs. Richards Wood and Mrs. Thomas Bradley.

When the group next meets on Jan. 9 at the home of Mrs. Woods, Quarryville R1, Mrs. Melvin Meck will occupy the president's chair for the first time. Other officers are Mrs. James Landis, secretary; Mrs. Morgan Foose, vice president, and Mrs. Bradley, treasurer.

## SOCIETY 8

The ceremony of the Advent Wreath was a feature of the Christmas meeting of Society of Farm Women 8 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Marietta R1. Mrs. Dotie Heisey sang the musical portions and the members assisted with the readings. Former County president Mrs. Paul Witman led the devotions.

During the business session,

Mrs. John Warfel and Mrs. Roy Guieder, along with the newly elected president, Mrs. William Heisey, were named delegates to the 50th State Convention in Harrisburg in January.

Retiring president, Mrs. J. Harold Frey, was presented a gift by the society.

The next meeting will be held at Walnut Tree Farm, the home of Mrs. Herbert Farver, Mount Joy R1, on Saturday, Jan. 11.

## SOCIETY 18

Society of Farm Women 18 met recently in the home of Mrs. T. Hershey Rohrer, East Petersburg, with Mrs. Edward Wissler presiding.

Mrs. Christ Greider was in charge of the devotional part of the program.

A gift of \$25 was sent to a family in the southern section of the county whose need was brought to the attention of the

local presidents at a recent executive board meeting

Helen Hess, a society member, displayed a Christmas tree trimmed in hand-made ornaments and showed other Christmas decorations. She substituted for the scheduled speaker who became ill and could not attend.

Mrs. Hess told the group that she feels there should be one main decoration that portrays the real meaning of Christmas. Her favorite piece is a della robbia wreath which she fashioned from a garland of small fruits and illuminated with small Italian-type lights within the fruit.

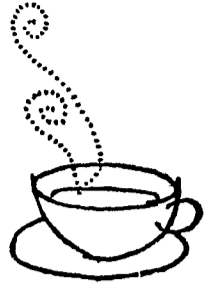
This rests on a red velvet backing on which a Madonna and child are mounted. Other decorations were made from scraps found around the house.

The next meeting of the group will be held on Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Raymond Stoner, 1051 Eden Road, when Mrs. Floyd Rudy will speak on Lace Braiding.

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# Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



## Tips For Enjoying Holiday Turkey

Never freeze an uncooked stuffed turkey or a roasted stuffed turkey.

The only positive way to test doneness is with a properly placed meat thermometer. Much variation in cooking time and tenderness is due to inaccurate oven thermometers or frequent opening of the oven door.

Pieces of small turkey can be fried and the whole turkey can be cut to yield drumsticks, thighs, wings, back pieces, and breast pieces.

Whole turkeys can be cooked on a rotisserie, provided the weight doesn't exceed the manufacturer's specifications for operating the rotisserie. Stuffing the bird is not encouraged for rotisserie cooking.

You can make gravy using canned turkey or chicken soup, or chicken bouillon.

Carving and serving will be easier if you use a simple garnish for the bird.

Serve turkey on a hot platter and give your family and guests hot plates to increase their satisfaction with the holiday bird.

## Characteristics Of Christmas Evergreen Trees

Balsam firs have good color, a pleasing odor, good needle retention, and are easy to handle and transport. They are very irregular in shape and inflammable when dry.

Douglas firs have a good color and appearance and good needle retention. They are easy to handle and transport but won't support heavy ornaments.

Red pines have excellent needle retention. They have long, soft needles and a pleasing appearance. The color is fair and sparse branching is a problem.

Scotch pines have excellent needle retention. They have a good to poor color depending on the strain. They are pleasingly branched and have short, sharp needles. But they're inclined to have brittle needles if the weather is cold.

Austrian pines have excellent



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needle retention and excellent color. The branches are long, and needles are stiff and sharp. The limbs are brittle and the branching is not always satisfactory.

White pines, too, have good needle retention and excellent color. Their foliage is soft and has a pleasing appearance, but sometimes foliage is not very heavy.

Norway spruces have good color and a pleasing appearance with short, sharp needles. But they have poor needle retention.

Colorado blue spruces have exceptional color and a pleasing appearance. They have short, sharp needles and poor needle retention although it is better than that of the Norway spruce.

Handle Satin Carefully  
If you're making a dress of  
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# Start Planning At Home For Savings At Supermarket

Plan before shopping and you may be able to reduce food costs by 10 percent or more, suggests Harold E. Neigh, extension consumer economics specialist of Penn State University.

Read and use food ads so you can take advantage of weekly specials. Also include a few favorites of your family in your weekly shopping plan.

Plan a marketing list and remember to take it with you when you shop. If you list similar items together, you'll be

able to save time and many steps, Mr. Neigh points out. For example, listing all items to be bought at the meat counter together will add to your shopping convenience.

If you plan to buy all the staples you need and as many perishables as you can conveniently and safely store, one shopping trip may be enough for the entire week. However, a second trip may be necessary for milk, meat, and vegetables if space is limited in your refrigerator and freezer.

Select the store within your shopping area that gives the most specials or features you can use. Learn when to shop. Shopping is easier when the store isn't too crowded. A store is usually less crowded during the morning and early afternoon than it is late afternoon. If Saturday shopping is a must for you, you may find the store is less crowded during the earlier morning hours, says Mr. Neigh.

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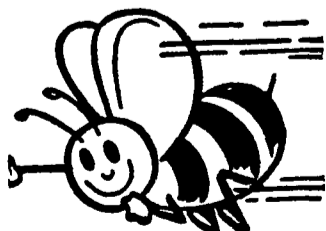
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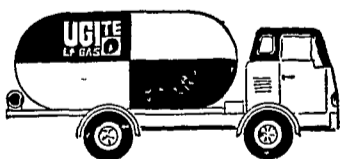
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