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Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief Really Likes Farming

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Meet the reigning Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief, Mrs. Thomas (Abbie) Bradley of Goshen, southern Lancaster County. She won this title last September at the Ephrata Fair over seventeen other contestants. The judges, who were selected by the firemen, were Dr. Kathryn Vogel of Reading, Samuel Zearfoss, Annville Fire Chief, and Edward Squibb Jr., Shillington Fire Chief. The contestants were interviewed by the judges and were judged mainly as to what they had done as an individual in their respective auxiliaries. They appeared in the fair parade one night and were entertained at a dinner the next night.

In addition to her crown Mrs. Bradley received a bouquet of one dozen roses, a \$25 Savings Bond and the coveted trophy. With the exception of the crown she gets to keep these awards. She has to attend all banquets and parades in the county and will attend the county convention in June. It will be her honor to crown the new Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief the end of September.

Mrs. Bradley is presently serving as Secretary of the Robert Fulton Fire Company Auxiliary which has a membership of 100 and is conducting their annual membership drive this month. This group works very hard to earn their money, their chief money-making project being to have food stands at community sales. They hold suppers, serve receptions, hold pancake breakfasts and make doughnuts and sell them. Some of these affairs start about midnight and run

throughout the day. They contributed about \$3000 last year to the Fire Company. With Mr. Bradley being President of the Robert Fulton Fire Company she gets doubly involved with service to their fire company.

Mr. Bradley is also Treasurer of the Fulton Township High School Alumni Association which is holding their annual banquet today and he is Treasurer of the Penn Hill Friends Meeting. He has been managing and farming the 240 acre farm of the Weaver Estate for the past 30 years. They have a 54 stantion barn and



MRS. THOMAS BRADLEY displays her Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief trophy. In the background her old country-

store coffee grinder makes a nice container for her philodendron vine. It sits on top of one of her antiques. L. F. Photo

keep 65 head of Holstein cows plus youngstock.

Mrs. Bradley says "I really like farming" and helps with the

barn work, keeps the barn, windows, milk house and milking equipment clean, drives the tractor for the disking and baling operations. She mows the lawn around their house and around the tenant house which is vacant at the present time, takes care of the vegetable garden and raises strawberries for their own use. She also freezes and cans the vegetables, fruits and their own beef. Abbie is also a part-time clerk at one of Lancaster's leading department stores.

Mrs. Bradley was a charter member of Farm Women Society #21 which organized 25 years ago. She has served as its president and secretary and is Treasurer at the present time. They have 30 members. They give money etc. to Retarded Childrens Fund, Half-Way House and The Lancaster Co. Fair and Home Center.

She is a Seventh Degree member of the Grange, having been an active member of Fulton Grange #66 for 22 years. She assisted with degree work and served on various committees including the Home Economics committee which had many and varied projects of service to the organization.

Abbie grew up in the Little Britain area, graduated from Little Britain and Quarryville High Schools and still attends the Little Britain Presbyterian Church. She is a member of Penn Hill Friends Meeting and their True Blue Class of 20 members which meet monthly. This class put running water and rest rooms in the Meeting House, equipped the kitchen and put shrubbery around the outside. This Society of Friends dates

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HANDIWORK is shown by Mrs. Bradley. L. F. Photo



LAWN CARE is one of the occupations that keeps the reigning Mrs. Lancaster

County Fire Chief busy around her farm home located at Goshen. L. F. Photo



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