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FAMILY**

Mrs. Brubaker Has Exhibited Produce For Thirty-Five Years

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"The sun is a shining to welcome the day, Heigh-ho! Come to the fair!"

This is the song Mrs. Daniel (Amy) Brubaker of Clay Township might well be singing these days because she started exhibiting her fine products at the Reading Fair July 22 and has already exhibited at several fairs. She and her husband will be exhibiting until sometime in October and also at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January. They exhibit as far as Indiana and Columbia counties. Ever since they were married thirty-five years ago they have been exhibiting at fairs. They have exhibited at some three dozen fairs. Some of the other fairs they exhibit at are Allentown, Bedford, Carlisle, Bloomsburg, West Lampeter, Ephrata, New Holland and Manheim.

Together Mr. & Mrs. Brubaker have accumulated somewhere between 25,000 and 30,000 ribbons. Amy herself having received between 5,000 and 6,000 ribbons. They keep all of their ribbons but they have so many they just put them away in cartons. Mrs. Brubaker says if she ever gets to the place where she takes life easy she might make them into a quilt. She would probably have several quilts if she used all of their ribbons. She says "I don't exhibit just for the honors, I do it for the money." There's no question that this couple exhibits quality products and it necessitates many many hours of tireless effort on their part.

What do they exhibit? Mrs. Brubaker shows her canned fruits, vegetables and meat, her dried apples, string beans and corn, also flowers, rolls, bread

and fudge. Mr. Brubaker adds to this his flowers, various kinds of fruits such as apples, peaches and apricots, vegetables and corn.

The Brubakers have a stand at Roots Market Tuesday nights, Womelsdorf Market Thursdays and the Green Dragon Fridays. They sell their apples, cider, fresh vegetables, dried corn, string beans and apples and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker's farm has only 23 acres, about 11 acres of it planted in fruit trees, mostly apples. These trees are planted, for the most part, around the edge of the fields. Brubakers have lived here thirty years. In these days of automation and big business it seems

incredible that such a small farm can support a family. They have no animals on their farm although they had at one time. It just goes to show, it's what you do with what you have. He grows many vegetables and flowers. He used to grow 12,000 gladioli and sold them to wholesale florists in Baltimore. In the spring he buys flower plants wholesale and retails them. He

also buys peaches wholesale and retails them. He is a member and past treasurer of Lancaster County Fruit Growers Association.

Mrs. Brubaker is one of the cooks at the West Nursing Home which is between Stevens and Denver. They keep 36 patients in the home. She works there a half a day every day but Friday and that day she helps at their

leader and is president of the Women's Fellowship. This group is an auxiliary to the Brethren Home at Neffsville. They have a birthday party one month each year for the Home and provide a program, refreshments and gifts for the ones who have birthdays that month. They help at the Christmas in July picnic in the Home pavilion. Mrs. Brubaker attends the Church Camp at Camp Swatara, near Bethel, each year. They have Bible study, discussion groups etc.

She is chairman of Lancaster County Homemakers Camp which is held in August at Camp Swatara. It is her duty to publicize it in Lancaster Co. She attends the two day camp each year.

The Brubakers have three children. Clyde was in 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Clubs. He is president of Pennsylvania Hampshire Sheep Association and his wife is secretary of it. Last spring he placed second at the Keystone Ram and Ewe Show at Harrisburg and his yearling lamb came in fourth. They live on a farm on the old Harrisburg Pike. He helps with the farm work and is foreman of the mill at Miller and Bushong Inc. Feed Manufacturer. He is active in his church. They have two children, their oldest son has a steer in the 4-H Club.

Gloria is married to Lee Shober and they live in Ephrata. They have two children. Before marriage she was in 4-H Sewing, Flower, Cooking, Baby Beef and Lamb Clubs. She taught second and fourth grades at Clay and Schoeneck schools. She is teaching kindergarten now at Schoeneck. Mr. Shober teaches a course in electricity at Reading.

Daniel Jr. went to Clay Elementary and Ephrata High School and is a Senior at Elizabethtown College. He expects to go on in college and become a medical doctor.

This busy housewife finds little time for crafts and hobbies but enjoys making tote bags and some of the crafts such as making pin cushions which are taught at Homemakers Camp. She likes antiques and has several prized ones, one of which is a small dough tray which has been in her family over 100 years. She has all kinds of flowers on her lawn and quite a few African violets. She enjoys cooking. Here is her favorite fudge recipe.

FUDGE

- 2 cups sugar
 - 2 cup cream
 - 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
 - 2 squares bitter chocolate
- Stir until it comes to a boil.



MRS. DANIEL BRUBAKER holding her prize winning tenderloin and shows a few jars of her vegetables and fruits, also her dried vegetables and fruits with their ribbons from Carlisle and Allentown Fairs. A handful of her Pa. Farm Show ribbons are in the foreground. L. F. Photo



DRYING STRING BEANS. After cooking fresh string beans for an hour, Mrs. Brubaker dries them in this drier (which

has water underneath) on top of two burners for about 24 hours. L. F. Photo



THE WOOL EMBROIDERED bur-lap tote bag and pincushion was made by Mrs. Brubaker. Also her dining table fresh

flower arrangement and potted house plants are shown. L. F. Photo

stand at the Green Dragon from noon until 11 p.m. Before working at this nursing home she was employed by the Moyer Garment Factory for seven years.

Mrs. Brubaker has been a member of Farm Women Society #1 for 44 years and attended since she was 8 years old. She went with her mother, Mrs. Landis Balmer, who was a 4-H Leader. Mrs. Brubaker served as president of this Society in 1949 and 1950 and is on the Ways and Means committee at the present time. This Society has food stands at fair sales and held a plant and food sale at their August meeting. She helps them make cancer pads, ditty bags etc. The Brubakers boil apple butter Saturday and Sunday at Landis Valley Museum Harvest Days each year and the members of Farm Women Society #1 help pare apples.

Mrs. Brubaker is on the Fresh Air Committee which gets homes for New York children to visit in the summer.

The Brubakers are members of Middlecreek Church of The Brethren, which is between Lancaster and Brunnerville, where Mrs. Brubaker serves as song

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