



FOR THE  
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WIFE  
AND  
FAMILY

## Mrs. Weidman Helped Reorganize Manheim Fair

Manheim Community Farm Show will draw the curtain on Lancaster County's fairs next week. Their fair will run October 8 through the 10th. Premium-wise it is one of our largest ones. Last year they paid out over \$3000 in prize money. Spahr's garage houses the baked and canned goods, eggs, fruits, nuts and flowers, also the commercial exhibits and farm machinery. Automobiles are near by. Handwork and sewing are in the Scout Hall near the Manheim Central High School. Livestock and poultry are in tents on the school grounds. There are no concessions. The Rotary and Lions Clubs, Church, 4-H Club and Farm Women Society #2 have food stands and the Fine Company serves lunches and dinners each day. This is the sixteenth fair since they reorganized.

One who helped re-organize the fair was Mrs. Martha Weidman of Park Hill Drive. She has been an officer ever since. She is Corresponding Secretary, on the Exhibit Committee and a Director. She gets the ribbons and supplies and secures all of the judges except for the cattle. Several of the fair officials come to her house and help send out catalogs every year before the fair.

Mrs. Weidman is Treasurer of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. In this position she normally handles about \$3000 a year. She formerly served as president of this county unit. She is a member of the Farm Women Society #5 and is presently serving on their trip

committee. In the past she has served as president, on the program committee and on the ways and means committee. This local society has 37 members. They contribute to the county projects of the Society, to local charities and give clothing to needy families at Christmas time. Their money-making project include bus trips and having food stands at sales.

Mrs. Weidman is a member of the Manheim United Methodist Church and has been a member of their Women's Society of Christian Service fifteen or more years, having been a member of the Ladies Aid Society previously. She is on the Personnel Committee, Adult Council and the Administrative Board of the church. These offices necessitate her attending many meetings and visiting the sick and shut-ins and giving untold hours of service. She is one of four who rotate teaching the Adult Bible Class of the Church School.

She is a member of the Manheim Woman's Christian Temperance Union and a member of the Women's Republican Club of Lancaster County.

Mrs. Weidman, the former Martha Strickler, attended Elizabethtown College and taught school before marriage and during World War II. She was a former leader of the Litz and Manheim 4-H Club. Her husband A. H. Weidman, deceased since last May, was a cattle dealer, a bank director, a director and co chairman of the Farm Crops Department of the Manheim Community Farm Show. He also helped re-organize the

fair 16 years ago. They owned and lived on a 43 acre farm on the outskirts of Manheim for 42 years. Their barn burned last year. Mrs. Weidman still lives in the modernized farm house but they reduced their acreage to two acres by selling most of the farm land to a local business.

Mrs. Weidman has three children and six grandchildren, the oldest in college and the youngest 14 months old. Her son, Abe Jr. is a counselor at Elizabethtown High School. Mary, married to Charles Adams, teaches at Manheim Central High School and Arlene, married to Paul Witman, lives on the farm, formerly owned by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Strickler, which is between Rheems and Mount Joy. Mrs. Witman is also a past president of Lancaster County Society of Farm Women and a former director of the Lancaster County Extension Association. She is a graduate nurse.

Mrs. Weidman has done quite a lot of travelling. She is just returning from a three week trip to Ireland, England, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal. She has many hobbies. She says, "I love to read, I crochet, I made a few afghans, made one for each of my grandchildren." She has several collections. She has over 200 salt dips, a china closet full of paperweights, two large cupboards full of antique



A long-standing hobby of Mrs. Weidman is collecting paperweights. Here can be seen her collection. She is holding one of her decorated eggs, another hobby. L. F. Photo

dishes and is now collecting mugs. She has about 30. She says, "Whenever I go anywhere I buy a mug." Her friends buy them for her also. She also decorates eggs and has a lot of them. She has some beautiful pieces of antique furniture.

## Farm Women

Society 3

Golden Anniversary Celebrated Sept. 20. Society of Farm Women Group No. 3 was organized Sept. 20, 1919 at the home of Mrs. Samuel Z. Givler, West Earl Twp. near Ephrata. There were 21 charter members, 2 charter members are still active, also one fifty year member.

Meeting held at farm home of "The Groffs" near Mt. Joy. At 12 noon a delicious country dinner was served to 39 members and guests.

At 1 p.m. regular meeting was conducted by president Mrs. Wilhe Stober. Mrs. Gilbert Paul led the devotions. Business consisted of final arrangements for the food stand at the Ephrata Fair. This is our 45th year. Mrs. Robert Gregory is chairman of this committee. There will also be a float in the parade Wednesday, Fifty Years of Farm Women.

Final arrangements for Bus trip to New York State Oct. 4-5. Bus will leave Ephrata area high school parking lot Oct. 4 at 6 a.m.

Anniversary program in charge of program committee. Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. John Edwards, Honor Roll of Past Presidents; Mrs. Samuel Mohler, Cometary; Mrs. Roy Weinhold and Mrs. Gilbert Paul, Memorial.

"Memories" was the theme of the program.

Mrs. Romayne Bridgett, member of the Lancaster Opera Workshop was the star of the program contributing lovely vocal selections woven into the memories of 15 past presidents.

Mrs. Jack Smith, Lancaster, was the accompanist. Decorations, favors and corsages were the work of Mrs. Ray Weinhold and committee.

Mrs. Wilhe Stober who will be outgoing president in 1970, was presented a lovely gift for her two year term in office, also Mrs. Samuel Mohler for her work on memories on past presidents and fifty years active membership local, county and state.

A hemlock tree was presented to Mrs. Clarence Stauffer to be planted on Sunny Craft Farm her home to be named the Society Tree, and be a living memorial of Society No. 30 of the 50th Anniversary, Sept. 20, 1969 to Sept. 20, 2019.

Society 11

Society of Farm Women 11 met Thursday in the Chestnut Level Church House. Mrs. Bess

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Mrs. Weidman's beautiful antique china pieces. L. F. Photo

which has been handed down in her family and her husband's family. One piece is a grandfather's clock which was acquired in 1797 and has been in the Strickler family ever since.

As far as cooking goes she is not much for following recipes but things seem to turn out just fine by her magic touch. She says "I make pumpkin pies — 16 at a time." She tells her friends and children just to bring a couple pie crusts and she fills them and they bake them there at her house. One of her recipes that she is noted for is her

### CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 4 squares melted chocolate
- 3 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk

Place 1/2 teaspoon of the dough for each cookie on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees.

### ICING

- 1 box 10X sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 squares melted chocolate
- 1/8 lb. butter
- 2 tablespoons milk



Mrs. Martha Weidman assembling her department material packets and ribbons for the Manheim Community Farm Show. L. F. Photo