

# Farm Women Societies

## Society 2

Members of the Society of Farm Women 2 voted to donate \$25 to the Robert Zeller Fund during a meeting held recently at the Parish House of the Mount Hope Episcopal Church.

Members will sew ditty bags to be sent to the servicemen in Vietnam at Christmas.

Mrs Anna Capewell and Mrs Roy Shelly gave "Dutch" readings during the meeting.

Mrs Low announced that the county farm women picnic will be held Aug 5 at 12:30 p.m.

Next meeting of the group will be a family picnic Aug 8 at the Lititz Church of the Brethren.

## Society 3

The annual family picnic of Farm Women Society 3 was held July 18, in the Walters Park near Hopeland.

About 95 to 100 members and their families were served a Salisbury steak dinner at noon. The dinner was prepared by the program committee.

Mrs Robert Gregory, president conducted a short business meeting. A bus trip to the shore scheduled for August 29 was announced. Reservations are to be made by August 3. Mrs Harold Stuber is in charge.

Mrs Gilbert Paul reported that 25 kits for migrant workers were completed by her committee.

Contributions of \$25 will be given to the American Red Cross to complete ditty bags for Vietnam servicemen for Christmas.

Sandwiches will be prepared for the USO. The county picnic will be held August 5 in the Lampeter Community Park.

There were games and prizes for the children and adults during the afternoon. Adult prize winners were Mrs Earl Miller, 3; Mrs Willis Stober, 2; Mrs Gilbert Paul, Mrs Robert Gregory, Mrs John Edwards, Mrs Walter Trumbauer, Mrs Harry Palm, and Mrs Esther Petticofer and Mrs Wayne Elser, who was the oldest person present.

The next meeting will be held August 15 in the social room of the Salem Lutheran Church of

Ephrata. The local 4-H groups will be entertained. Mrs Roy Winhold will be hostess.

## Society 29

Mrs Ed Strickler was welcomed as a new member of the Society of Farm Women 29 by Mrs Robert Ober, president, during a family picnic held at the Elizabethtown Community Park recently.

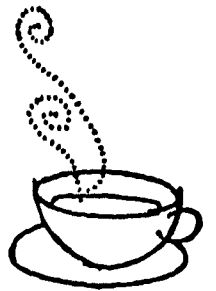
Each of the 18 families attending the picnic contributed one hot dish and one cold dish for the buffet. Mrs Keith Vogt and Mrs Gerald Erb were in charge of serving.

Mrs Donald Drager and Mrs Larry Sawadsky were in charge of games for the school aged children. Games for the preschoolers were in charge of Mrs Walter Mower, Mrs Allen Esbenshade, and Mrs Clayton Ranck.

Next meeting of the group will be held Aug 10 at 7 p.m. at which time members will tour the Masonic Home, Elizabethtown. Members will meet at the Conoy Brethren in Christ Church and proceed to the home.

## Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



Before the August White Sale signs go up in stores is a good time to check the linen closet. Inventory may show that some towels were left at the pool or camp. Others are just getting worn.

If a new bathroom decor is planned, towels will play a part in the scheme. Or new sheets may be needed and coordinated towels for the bath are an elegant go with.

Because quality towels may be laundered many, many times without signs of wear or fading, the same towels are likely to be a part of the bathroom scene for a good long time. So you should consider carefully before buying.

A towel should do three things. Obviously, it is a functional item meant for drying people. In addition, it should wear well, and finally, it should help make the bathroom decor.

In drying terms, the deeper and thicker the pile the greater the absorbency. Choose textures and sizes according to family preferences. Male members usually like a rough rubdown after showering, with larger towels reserved for the big men. The distaff side may like gentle patting with a luxurious shear-ed terry towel.

Terrycloth is manufactured by loosely weaving lengthwise looped threads into a plain



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weave which supports the loops or pile. When shopping, look for a firm, close underweave for wear and durability.

In addition to the closeness of the weave and the loops, other features that help determine the quality — and the cost — of a towel include the grade of cotton used, the way the yarn is spun, amount of color, type of design, and finishing.

One need not be a fabric expert to recognize a good towel. Just remember to look for a close, firm underweave and dense, thick loops. And be sure that any non-terry border design is woven loosely enough not to pucker after washing. This is the practical side to towel shopping.

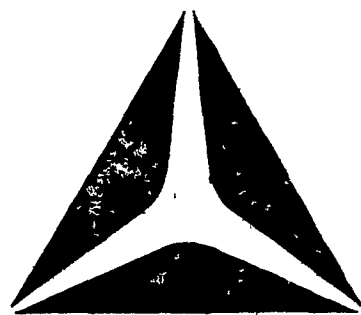
As for color and pattern, you can have fun mixing, matching, and contrasting. Take swatches of paint or wallpaper and curtain fabric along, if possible, for the range of towel shades is so vast. Also, you can not carry color in your mind!

To keep new towels fluffy, fresh, and absorbent, wash them frequently. Use the regular cycle on the washer.

Pastel towels, which are colorfast, may be washed with other sturdy white and colorfast items. Deep or dark towels. (Continued on Page 21)

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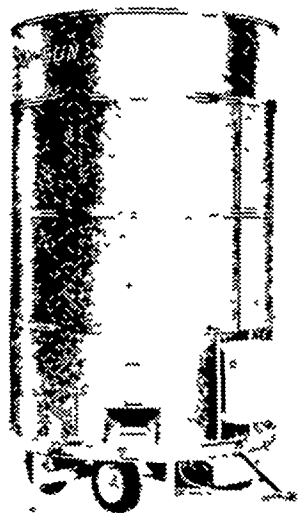


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