

## Farm Women Calendar

**Saturday, December 12**  
 6 p m — Farm Women Society 2, Family Christmas Party, Mastersonville Fire Hall  
 6 30 p m — Farm Women Society 13, Family Christmas Party, Smoketown Elementary School  
 Farm Women Society 18, home of Mrs Harry E Shepaids-son III, 80 Brandt Blvd, Landisville  
 Farm Women Society 25, home of Mrs John Henderson, Lancaster RD6  
 Farm Women Society 30, Annual Christmas Banquet, Willow Valley Inn.

**Monday, December 14**  
 6 30 p m — Farm Women Society 29, Christmas party for guests at the Picket Rest Home, Columbia, meet at the Congregational Menno-nite Church, Marietta.

**Tuesday, December 15**  
 Farm Women Society 27, Christmas party home of Mrs Luke Brubaker, Mount Joy RD1.

**Thursday, December 17**  
 1 30 p m — Farm Women Society 11, Christmas party, Chestnut Level Church House  
 6 30 p m — Farm Women Society 15, Christmas party at Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville

**Friday, December 18**  
 Farm Women Society 2, help to

## Farm Women Societies

### Society 1

The Society of Farm Women 1 were hosts at a Christmas party given for the guests at the Moravian Home last Saturday afternoon

The entertainment included piano solos by Virginia Brubaker, Jesse Garman and Lynn Groff, vocal solos by Jimmy Kleider and Audrey Schupp, who also gave a recitation Jolene Bollinger and Debbie Kuitz presented a piano duet.

Mrs George Zahn led the group in singing Christmas carols. Special entertainment was provided by Mrs Peggy Kline, ventiloquist and her friend Freddy Mrs Willis Bucher portrayed Santa and gave each guest at the home and children attending the program a gift. The Society served dinner to 65 guests.

During the short business meeting, conducted by Mrs Scott Garman, president, five society members volunteered to present entertainment for the guests at the Conestoga

distribute toys to needy children

**Saturday, December 19**  
 2 p m. — Farm Women Society 3, Christmas party, Salem Lutheran Church, W Main Street, Ephrata

View Home on December 17 at 1 30 p m

Volunteering were Mrs John Newcomer, Mrs Franklin Weber, Mrs Paul Kurtz, Mrs Noah Kleider and Mrs Henry Shreiner. Mrs Kleider and Mrs Elmer Hershey will assist the Venture Club, Lancaster in the distribution of toys to the needy on December 18.

Mrs Graybill Hollinger gave a report on the County Executive Board meeting she attended recently. She announced that an antique sale will be held at the Farm and Home Center on January 25. The Societies are requested to have a food stand there.

### Society 6

Society of Farm Women 6 held their annual dinner Christmas party with husbands and friends as guests in the Rheems Fire Hall. Mrs Milton Eberly, president, Mrs Martha Eshelman, Mrs Martin Hoffer and Mrs Leroy Dale were hostesses. Sadie Reighard was in charge of devotions.

Rufus Hollinger, Heishey, conducted a tour of Honolulu, Expo Japan and Thailand by way of slides and story. Carol singing was featured on the program.

During a brief business ses- (Continued on Page 23)

## Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist



Be sure to add books to your list of gifts for the children. A child's first formal education can begin with books because as he investigates books he opens up on ways to learn about himself, others, and the world.

Many books of today are also fascinating. They are made with pop-up pictures, and little pull tabs, to fit in with the story as you read along. There are some also made with magnetic animals to move along from page to page as the story progresses. For instance, a rabbit can be placed in a field of carrots, in the lion's mouth or jump out a window. Of course, the particular area of the page is also magnetized to hold the bunny.

Books offer him the challenge of discovery. This is one reason why books that grow with the child are a good investment. Some books have touch and feel elements that will appeal to an eighteen-month-old child. He can handle the book, have it read to him, and enjoy it. By the time he's three, he has heard the story so much that he'll listen to you read it, but jump ahead and tell you a few parts. And at five, he begins reading certain words and telling the story to anyone who'll listen.

Another thing about books is that story time may give a child a feeling of love and security. The story can answer some of his questions about how things work and what people do on



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then jobs. But books should raise more questions for a child and more wondering about the world he's growing up in.

As you read a story to a child, he's interested in the facts, but he also listens to the sounds or words, the rhythm of the text and your voice. He will also look at the pictures and ask questions or state facts about it.

Have you that "Christmas feeling yet?" Can't deny the fact that the Christmas spirit well surrounds us! The Christmas decorations in the shopping areas, the store interiors, and the many, many shoppers are sure indications that Christmas is not far away.

Christmas is celebrated in almost all countries of the world. Here in America our way of celebrating this holiday is enriched by a heritage of traditions from these other lands. Perhaps you and your family have special customs that reflect the traditions of your ancestry. If not, you may wish to borrow some of your foreign neighbor's customs.

Breaking of bread with friends and family is one of the most universal Christmas customs. Also, in many homes, traditional meals and dishes are prepared especially for the Christmas season.

The Polish custom of breaking a blessed wafer and sharing it with family members and guests before the Christmas Eve supper symbolizes a wish of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Also at this time guests exchange wishes for the coming year.

The wassail bowl symbolizes the English custom of drinking a wish for health and happiness of the guests. In Scandinavian countries, even the birds are remembered with a special bundle of grain for their Christmas meal.

Christmas Eve supper is typical of Italy and several other European countries. It's an elaborate meal where traditional dishes are served to family members and close friends. In Sweden this dinner is preceded by a visit to the kitchen. There young and old dip in the kettle with a chunk of dark bread to taste the flavorful juices of the Christmas ham and sausage.

You may wish to invite someone who has lived in another country to join you in your Christmas activities. A foreigner or someone else from another family would appreciate your hospitality. And, at the same time, you can learn about the Christmas customs and traditions of your guests' country.

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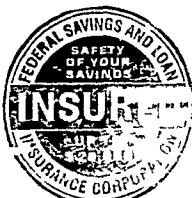
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