

Farm Women Societies

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The program theme is "The use of a blender" with guest speaker Mrs. Doris Thomas

Society 26

Farm Women Society 26 held its fifth anniversary and sweetheart party at Evans Restaurant in Manheim. Husbands were the guests of the members. Forty-six persons attended the party. Mrs. Robert Sammy was mistress of ceremony. Prayer was led by Mr. Marry Hershey.

Mrs. Michael Grove was presented with a Farm Woman's Pin for her regular attendance during the five years. Mrs. Harry Hershey read a poem written by Mrs. Howard Sipling, a member, about Society 26.

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ziegler of the Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren, gave a dialogue

on "Communications Between Husband and Wife."

Next meeting will be March 25 at 7:30 p.m. with Society 26 entertaining Society 6 at the East Fairview Church of the Brethren.

Society 27

Farm Women Society 27 met February 23 at the home of president Mrs. Roy Sauder, Mount Joy RD2. Mrs. Witmer Sherer served as cohostess. Mrs. Galen Benner had charge of devotions.

A Safety program featured trooper Alan MacNutt of the Pennsylvania State Police who showed a film on drugs and discussed the various types of drugs, their potential danger and problems resulting from incorrect use. Parents are advised not to be overly restrictive with children but be diligent in knowing their whereabouts.

The Ways and Means Committee is promoting a newspaper drive. A Hoagie Sale will be held in April. Orders may be placed with any member or call Mrs. Wayne Miller, Mount Joy RD1.

Members were urged to write their congressmen to personally endorse the resolutions passed at the resolutions passed at the January state conventions.

Spring Rally will be May 12 at Stockskv Castle in Reading, Pa.

Mrs. Harry J. McClenaghan was installed as a new member. The next meeting will be held March 23 at the home of Mrs. Daniel Stoltzfus, Mount Joy RD1. Members should bring knitting needles and used greeting cards for a work project.

Society 31

Society of Farm Women 31 and their husbands attended a covered dish sweetheart party

Christmas Tree Assn. Launch Buyers Guide

Project number one of the recently organized Pennsylvania Tree Improvement Foundation, a planting stock buyers guide, was described at Farm Show meetings of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association.

The buyers guide provides precise information to help Christmas tree growers match seedling size and genetic qualities to the requirements of their own planting sites, stated Dr. Henry D. Gerhold of Pennsylvania State University.

"We anticipate that the cost of this guide will be reflected in somewhat higher prices for nursery stock but probably not in the prices consumers pay for Christmas trees," he stated.

"The quality of Christmas trees should be improved greatly by this project," he added.

The guide contains data regarding 15 Scotch pine listings from nurseries and three Douglas fir listings, Dr. Gerhold said. The guide also describes physical characteristics of Christmas tree seedlings—age, height, and caliper—to indicate how well each variety is suited for survival and growth on specific sites.

Genetic quality is included, Dr. Gerhold pointed out, based on potentials for growth rate, density and shape, and needle color. Predictions are made for suitable planting sites in Pennsylvania and nearby states.

Data for the guide will be obtained each September and October by specialists in forest genetics, he explained. Each participating nursery is visited, seed documents are checked, and genetic identity of each variety is verified by checking characteristics in nursery beds. Measurements are made for later statistical analysis. If the genetic identity or physical condition of a variety seems questionable or undesirable, it is eliminated from the guide.

The Pennsylvania Tree Improvement Foundation is sponsored jointly by the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association and the School of Forest Resources at Penn State. Cooperating on the project at Penn State is Edgar H. Palpant, research assistant in forestry.

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