

Ida's Notebook

Warm weather brings a surge of activities on the farm and somehow the energy to accomplish them. There are extra loads of manure to haul and fences to be repaired. The yard has twigs to be raked and a garden to be planted.

Apparently the children's hopes of one last snowfall for sledding won't materialize and the sled, saucer, and toboggan will have to be wrestled to the attic for storage.

Last week I saw a flock of juncos. These little snowbirds resemble sparrows and only when you see them fly do you realize they have white wing feathers.

This morning my little boy stroked the feathers of a large brown thrush — like bird on our cement walk before it flew away to our asparagus patch. We can't figure this out.

It reminded me of the quail which followed me back and forth through the garden the other year. This bobwhite even came to the back porch, but we caught it and carried it to the woods so our cats wouldn't catch it.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission stocks our farm and they may have released the quail with some pheasants and therefore it was rather tame. We certainly enjoyed hearing its whistle.

Our church has an active Youth Club. It consists of about 125 seventh, eighth and ninth graders. They meet every Sunday night for two hours. There is a period of recreation, a meal is served and then the evening ends with religious instruction and discussion.

It takes many dedicated men and women to handle this group. I've served as table hostess and worked with the kitchen detail.

Horse Meeting Slated

Do you own a horse? Want to learn more about its proper care?

Then plan to attend a meeting for horse owners at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Central Chester County Vocational-Technical School, Coatesville.

Dr. Dwight Schwartz, Penn State Extension veterinarian, will discuss the topic "Internal Parasites of Horses and Their Control" while James Gallagher, Penn State Extension animal scientist, will cover "Horse Nutrition and Common Horse Sense Management."

This meeting has been scheduled by the Chester County Cooperative Extension Service and is open to anyone interested in the proper care of horses.

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By Ida Risser

Sometimes I feel this age group lives in a world all its own.

As a big group they frighten me, but when you can work with them on an individual basis, they are fun and challenging.

I believe we should listen when they talk and not get excited over little things.

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, April 3

2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 6, hostesses Mrs. Musser Heisey, Mrs. Jos Greiner, Mrs. Minnie Kolp

2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 26, home of E. Musser Heisey, Mount Joy RD2

Farm Women Society 10, Eden Church, New Holland Pike

Tuesday, April 6

9 a.m.-2 p.m. — Farm Women Society 13, sew at General Hospital.

Saturday, April 10

12 Noon — Farm Women Society 25, entertain Society 7,

Society 4

Society of Farm Women 4 met March 27 in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Mountville. Mrs. Ira Frantz and Mrs. Edwin Yeaglin were hostesses to 36 members and six guests.

Devotions were in charge of Mrs. John Gingrich, who presented "The Lost Sheep" based on Isaiah 53:6, as the Navaho Indians of New Mexico present it.

Mrs. Robert Garber, president, presided. Piano selections were rendered by Tammy Adams, a granddaughter of Mrs. Lois Will "Indian Lore" was the highlight of the meeting presented by Charles Douts, a sophomore at Penn Manor High School whose home is in Washington Boro and very interested in archeology.

Douts showed slides and explained them in a very efficient and interesting manner on the procedure of excavations, showing the manner of burial of the different tribes, long and circular markings of houses, the Council House, and brass and pottery found in the graves. A collection of artifacts he collected in the area was on display.

Mrs. Madeline Baker, pianist, led the group in a sing-along.

"Interior Decorating" will be the subject April 24 at the next regular meeting in Gehman's Furniture Store, Mount Joy.

covered dish luncheon, Conestoga Methodist Church
Farm Women Society 30, entertain Society 10, Penryn Fire Hall

Society 5

Members of Society of Farm Women 5 held a covered dish luncheon at the Church of the Brethren, East Petersburg, recently.

During the business meeting, members voted a donation to be sent to Care to aid victims of the earthquake in Pakistan.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Amos Metzger.

By-laws of the group were read and announcement was made of the Spring Rally to be held at Stokesay Castle, Reading on May 12.

Piano selections were played by Mrs. Wilbur Hostetter.

Next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's UCC, New Holland, April 24 at 1:30 p.m. Members of Society 13 will be guests during the meeting. Hostesses will be Mrs. Guy Musselman and Mrs. Amos Metzger. A book review will be presented by Mrs. William H. Bollman.

Society 7

Society of Farm Women 7 met at the Leacock Presbyterian Church to entertain Society 15 at a covered dish luncheon. Program chairman Mrs. Barbara Denlinger led the devotions.

The program featured Eugene and Dorothy Saylor in an armchair hike to seek out Lancaster County wild flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Saylor have spent 11 years classifying and photographing wild flowers. Special

music for the program was by Mrs. Charles H. Rohrer of Paradise. She was accompanied by Mrs. Donald Landis of Neffsville.

Society 7 will be entertained by Society 25 at the Methodist Church of Conestoga at 12 noon on April 10. The regular meeting has been changed to April 17. A plant and food sale will be held at the home of Mrs. George Arment.

A new member, Mrs. Smeltz, was inducted by the president, Mrs. Mildred Hersh. Mrs. Hersh reminded members of the Spring Rally May 12.

Society 28

Farm Women Society 28 met recently at the home of Mrs. William Harnish, 168 Witmer Road, Lancaster. A demonstration and lecture on the art of "Egg Decorating" was given by Mrs. Harold Steller.

A donation of \$10 to the Easter Seal Society was voted upon and accepted during the business portion of the meeting which was conducted by Mrs. William Dean Jr., president.

Members conducted a food sale on April 2 at the John Landis farm sale, 1804 Hempstead Road, Lancaster.

Mrs. Robert Book served as co-hostess for the meeting. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Elvin Metzger.

Next meeting of the group will be held April 22 at the Strasburg Fire Hall. Mrs. (Continued on Page 31)

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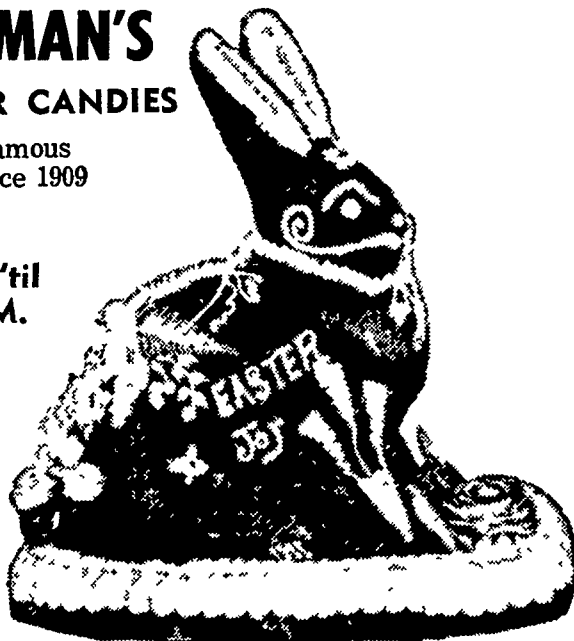
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