

# Mrs. Landis Likes Dairying and Many Other Farm Things



Gladys Landis knitted her tan and brown poncho and a red and navy one for her daughter this winter. With her, in front of their fireplace, is her son Scott who is holding an antique brass bell which has been in the family many years.

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Mrs. John J. (Gladys) Landis, 2648 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster, in Upper Leacock Township, is a very active farm girl who takes an unusual interest in dairying.

Mrs. Landis says, "I really enjoy the cows, blood lines, development and records, along with registration Records, accounting and washing the 'milk house dishes' is my responsibility to maintain or shine."

She also figures the income tax.

Having had three years experience in office work at the New Holland Machine Company (now New Holland Division of Sperry Rand) before marriage, she enjoys keeping the farm records.

Landises have 35 registered Holstein milking cows and about the same number of young stock. They use the prefix "Jo-Glad" for their herd, being part of each of their names.

They are in DHIA and have one cow in particular "Queen Dora Fobes," an Ivanhoe daughter, whose last complete lactation netted 23,213 pounds of milk and 998 of fat in 368 days. They used two of her sons in their breeding program and are presently using her son sired by Flashy Boy.

They ship their milk to Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative in Philadelphia and A&P gets it.

They use very little hired help on their farm. One neighbor man does the milking sometimes. Gladys has always done quite a bit of the feeding but three years ago John and his dad installed automatic feeding equipment and free stalls so now she spends much less time in the barn. She also works out in the fields in the summer.

Gladys grew up on a dairy farm at Lincoln, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan G. Martin who retired from farming four years ago and live nearby that farm. The Martins had a high producing dairy herd. Gladys graduated from Ephrata High School.

Gladys works part time as a waitress at Plain and Fancy Farm and Dining Room. She works about 700 hours a year, mostly between May and November for the tourist season. She enjoys the work very much and

finds it challenging to serve all types of people.

She says, "People are very interesting and unpredictable. Generally, the southern people are more friendly, patient and appreciative. You can almost determine where someone lives by what and how much he lets on his plate."

She says, "While some mothers feel their place is in the home all the time, I think children can develop certain good qualities when not having their mother with them constantly. They perhaps become more independent and responsible."

Saturday is one of her working days and she finds this very satisfactory, because as a family they shy away from public parks and pools on Saturdays. Monday through Friday are better days for more privacy, they think.

John, son of Sarah and the late Elvin M. Landis, was born and grew up on this farm near Leola and is the sixth generation to own it. It has 105 acres on which they grow corn and alfalfa. They sell some hay and sometimes sell corn. The proposed new route 23 will involve about 14 acres at the most distant point from the farm buildings.

The first Landis to own this farm was Henry Landis who

bought it in 1837 from a Wenger family who had owned it for several generations since 1917.

In 1968 John E. Fetzer, owner of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club, visited the Landises as his ancestors were these Wengers who owned the farm before Landises did. He gave them an 8 x 10 portrait of himself and a baseball autographed by all the Detroit team, including Don Wert, a Lancaster County native who was on the team at the time. This was a memorable visit and the family is happy to have his picture and souvenir baseball.

This old buck farm house is large enough for two families and of interest is a beautiful old fireplace in Landises' dining room which has unusual carvings on the wooden mantel. There is a beautiful old corner cupboard built in this room and the bedroom directly over this room has a fireplace and another corner cupboard like the one in the dining room, except that it has solid wooden doors and the first floor has glass doors.

The house is in good repair and has been modernized. Mr. Landis is pretty good with a hammer and saw and has built cupboards and closets.

Mr. Landis also does work in

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## Fulton Grange Observes Youth Night at Oakryn

Fulton Grange 66 observed Youth Night at its regular meeting April 12 at Oakryn. Young people filled officers chairs and presented the program.

Miss Judy Longenecker, acting Lecturer, presented the program.

The Chester-Delaware County Pomona youth ritual team, which took part in the Pennsylvania State Grange contest at the State Grange convention last October in Meadville and placed third in the state, showed how to conduct a Grange meeting in proper form. John Walker, youth chairman of Pomona 3, was Master for the team.

Richard and Clifford Holloway III read poems written, a line each, by people in attendance.

James Huber, acting Master, conducted the business session during which Mrs. Jesse Wood, a member of the State Grange Lecturer committee, presented a traveling gavel to Fulton Grange Master, Richard Holloway, which will start the gavel on its way to visit 69 Subordinate Granges in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery and Schuylkill counties.

The visiting Grange will select a host Grange within 30

days and present a program for them.

The Women's Activities committee served over 500 people at their turkey supper April 3.

The Youth committee reported five young people attended the regional youth conference April 3 at Cedarville, Chester County. They are planning a hike or picnic for April 25 and bus trips to ball games June 17 at Baltimore and August 27 at Philadelphia.

Officers will hold degree rehearsal at 8 p.m. April 20 at the Grange Hall.

Arthur Zug, Assistant Steward of the Pennsylvania State Grange and past National Grange Prince, from Chester County, gave brief remarks.

Henry Huber, a member of the State Grange Young Married Couples week-end conference to be held September 24, 25 and 26, 1971 at Edgewater Acres, Alexandria, Huntingdon County.

Third and fourth degrees will be conferred at the next meeting April 26.

Fulton Junior Grange 343 held its meeting, also April 12. Their roller skating party April 5 was well attended.

Members should bring aerosol can tops and other can lids one inch to one and one-half inches across, in metal or plastic, to their next meeting May 10 for crafts.

## Youth Night Set Tonight

Lancaster County Pomona Grange will meet at 8 p.m., tonight, (Saturday, April 17) at White Horse Fire Hall as guests of Salisbury Grange to observe Youth Night.

The young people will fill officers chairs for opening and closing the meeting and will be taking part in the program.

Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer, will present a program with the theme "Down Memory Lane" featuring songs, dances, clothes and famous people of the past 70 years. A sing-along will be assisted by the Pomona chorus and there will be specialty numbers.

Gyles H. Brown, Pomona Master, will conduct the business session when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Hess will report for the visitation committee.

Serving on the resolution committee for this meeting are Chester Eby, David Knight and Melvin Boyce Sr.



Mrs. John J. Landis, at home at her sewing machine, turns out professional looking clothes for herself and daughter. She made the clothing she is wearing and her daughter's clothing is in the background.

## Send Asparagus Recipes Now

We want to make a special appeal this week for asparagus recipes for next week's Favorite Recipe column.

As of Thursday, we had received two asparagus recipes, but we feel we need a few more in order to have a representative list for our readers.

Asparagus is one of the earliest locally grown fresh foods. Our article on asparagus will be out at just about the right time to meet supplies of fresh locally grown asparagus.

Asparagus is one of the favorite local vegetables and it has many possibilities for the enterprising housewife.

So send your asparagus recipes right away to Lancaster Farming Recipes, Box 266, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

Be sure to enclose your return address in order to receive a potholder.

Also, please double check to make sure that your recipe is sent exactly as you would like to have it appear in the paper.

### Correction

In the rhubarb recipe column appearing in last week's "Favorite Recipe" column the amount of rhubarb in Mrs. Ammon G. Huber's recipe for Rhubarb Manna Pudding should have read 3 cups cut-up rhubarb, not ¼ cup as printed.