#### Society 5

Farm Women Society 5 discussed final plans for a food sale to be held at the Eichelberger estate sale in Manheim during a recent meeting held at the cottage of Mrs. Mervin Sauders, Mt. Gretna.

Also discussed during the business meeting conducted by

# Farm Women Societies

Mrs. Hiram Graybill was a bus trip to Ocean City on Aug. 9.

Mrs. Wilbur Hostetter led the group in singing, while Mrs. Kent Fahringer led the devotions. Games were in charge of Mrs. Paul Stern.

Next meeting of the group will be held at 1:30 p.m. Harry Redcay will present a program of slides of wild flowers during the program.

### Society 11

Farm Women Society 11 met at the home of Mrs. John Swarr, New Providence. Mrs Pearl Wenger presented a slide program on her trip to the West and Alaska.

Mrs. Esther Musser, president, conducted the business session during which reports were given by various committee chairmen. A discussion on the club's community projects was held.

Mrs. Loren Bucher was in charge of devotions. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Swarr and Mrs. Bucher.

Next meeting of the group will be held Aug. 26 at noon at the Willow Valley Restaurant

### Society 28

Farm Women Society 28 and their husbands attended the musical, "Rose Marie" at Longwood Gardens recently.

Next meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. Jay Groff, Bird-in-Hand RD1. Election of officers will take place at that time. The program will feature 4-H activities.

Now women can help protect themselves against cancer of the uterus or womb. Ask for a Pap test as part of your regular health checkup, the American Cancer Society urges.

More farmers each

month prefer to buy

### Ladies,

### Have You Heard?

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

#### **Cordless Appliances**

When you shop for a new or replacement electrical appliance, consider the cordless models. The list of cordless electrical appliances appearing on the market is constantly growing.

The large array of cordless electrical products is powered either by disposable or rechargeable batteries.

One principle advantage of cordless products is their complete mobility — no chord to set limits on where you can use the appliance. But safety is another important factor. Compared with the plug-in variety, cordless appliances require lower wattage, and they virtually eliminate electric shock hazard. This feature makes the appliance safe to use in traditionally damp areas.

Disadvantages of cordless appliances differ according to the item. Generally, however, the rechargeable batteries have limited power, so you

can operate the appliance for only a certain period of time. The added weight of the batteries makes some units uncomfortable to work with.

In addition, cordless appliances usually cost more than the plug-in models. The cost of operation varies according to the sources of power. Appliances using rechargeable batteries generally cost less to operate than using disposable batteries.

If the appliance utilizes a built-in or separate recharger, check it for the Underwriters' Laboratories seal of approval. The UL seal signifies that the recharger meets standards to guard against electrical shock hazards and fire.

**THOMAS** 

Before you buy a new small appliance, weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the cordless model.

### Obsolete Kitchens?

If you hate to cook, you may not have to feel guilty about it in another few years. If present trends continue, all the work will be done for you and the kitchen may become obsolete. Families will either eat out, or they'll buy prepared, frozen, and portion-controlled foods to be reheated at home.

Some experts in the food industry predict that by 1980 half of every food dollar will be spent for meals eaten away from home. This change in eating habits reflects the growth of the national school lunch program, the increasing number of cafeterias in factories and offices, improved vending machines, and conventional restaurants.

Another thing is the phenomenal rise of the fast food takeout establishments. Even supermarkets are getting into the act, as many food chains enter the franchise food operation to augment their growing in-store take-out service.

Delicatessen departments are growing and the variety of ready-to-serve foods is increasing. Barbecued ribs and chicken are commonplace in the food

And now, new franchise operations are providing such foods as frozen prepared casseroles, frozen pies that you heat and serve, and even readyto-eat dinners delivered to cus-

One thing affecting the kinds of food supermarkets will offer is the expected mass-marketing of microwave ovens. The microwave oven is especially suited for heating frozen entrees in minutes. Meats, seafood dishes, fruits, vegetables, sauces, and pravies will be sold in individual portions.

Then, all the cook of the future will have to do is count how many people are eating at home that night. In just minutes she can put a dinner on the table to rival the most elaborate restaurant cuisine.

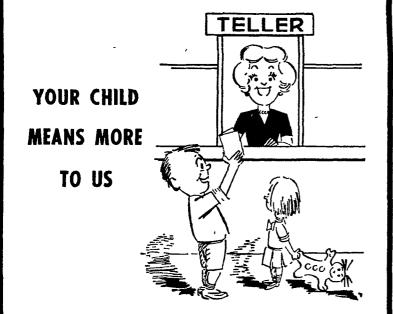
It looks like the kitchen will no longer be a place to cook, but only a place for storing and heating food.

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