

Mrs. Leon Kreider Helps Get Ready for the Fair in Quarryville

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Mrs. Leon (Martha) Kreider, Quarryville RD1, near the Buck, is a busy homemaker and active community and church worker.

She is serving her fourth year as corresponding secretary of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair Association. She has ordered over 1,000 ribbons, special rosettes and trophies for the twenty-second annual fair which runs September 15-17 at Quarryville.

She also assisted in bundling the premium catalogs for distribution to all advertisers and patrons in the catalog. She orders all the supplies for the fair so she is on duty from 6:30 Tuesday evening when people start entering exhibits until all prizes are given out Friday night.

She and the other secretaries tabulate all prizes and assist the treasurer in preparing premium checks. Last year this fair paid \$2,235 in premiums.

It is her duty to notify the officers and directors of each meeting of the association and they have seven or eight meetings a year.

Benjamin Wenger, Quarryville RD1, is president of the fair association, Kenneth Rutt is general manager, Miss Helen Snyder is recording secretary and Mrs. Henry Rohrer is treasurer. There are also two vice presidents, two assistant secretaries, assistant general manager and about 30 directors and department heads.

Judging will start with dairy cattle at 10 a.m. September 15, followed by other judging throughout the day. Beef cattle and swine will be judged Thursday afternoon and will go on the auction block Friday at 2 p.m.

Formal opening of the fair will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, followed by a talent contest and crowning of the Harvest Queen. The Tug of War which created a lot of interest last year will be held again Thursday evening.

The annual parade will start moving at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening, followed by a hymn sing and presentation of Rural Youth awards.

The fair is a truly agricultural fair with fine exhibits of farm and home products, livestock, flowers, domestic and fine arts. There is also a large array of farm machinery and automobiles. There is no midway and concessionaries. Gambling is not permitted.

The association will serve light meals and some local organizations will man other food stands.

Mr. Kreider farmed for 37 years. They owned two adjoin-

ing farms in Drumore Township, near the Buck, totaling 200 acres which they improved and modernized. They had a herd of 100 cows.

Leon's health forced him to quit farming and he became a DHIA milk tester. For the past two years he has been a self-employed carpenter. He built his own home near the Buck where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider now own a 138-acre farm on Heir Drive in Fulton Township which is farmed by Donald Tumble. They bought this farm from Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rutt. At the present time they have about 75 Brown Swiss and Holstein cows and 50 head of young stock. They expect to increase the herd to about 85 cows. They are in DHIA and ship milk to Abbotts Dairies in Philadelphia. They grow corn, hay and barley.

Kreiders have two sons. Gerald is married to the former Linda Mowrer from Marietta. Her parents now live in Elizabethtown. They have one son, Brian. Gerald bought the two farms in Drumore Township from his parents three years ago and has a Holstein herd of 100 cows. This is a very modern dairy operation.

Their other son Dale was in the Navy two years. He is married to Elaine Kauffman of Safe Harbor. They have a son, Gregg. Dale works at Snavelly & Dosch, Inc., Lancaster, and they live at East Petersburg.

Martha is the daughter of Mrs. L. Clayton Overly who resides at the Neffsville Brethren Home and the late Mr. Overly who was an undertaker at Monterey and a cabinet maker and carpenter. He made many coffins for Amish funerals. He also built houses and barns.

Leon Kreider worked with him as a carpenter for seven years after he and Martha were married.

As a girl, Martha helped her dad make funeral boxes. She says she was her dad's hired boy. She also helped their neighbors with housework before she was married.

Mrs. Kreider has taken an active part in the interest of the Family Health Center which will open October 1 at Quarryville. She was one of the area volunteers who took a survey in behalf of the Center and the Lancaster General Hospital, as compiled in the form of a questionnaire by Roy Lehman who has had three years in medical school and works part time in the hospital lab. She also held one of the progressive parties for the benefit of the Center.

Kreiders are members of the



One of Mrs. Kreider's hobbies is growing flowers.



Mrs. Kreider is chairman of her church relief committee and made this comforter top. She is holding one of the seventh edition cookbooks her women's fellowship group sells.

Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren. After a break from teaching a Sunday School class, Martha is again starting to teach seven-year-old children. She is chairman of her church's relief committee. They get together and make comforters and pack clothing and send it to New Windsor, Md. If it is needed locally, they give some there, especially if there is a fire.

Martha is a member of the women's fellowship at church. They meet once a year. Their project is blankets. They send money to New Windsor to buy blankets. To make money they serve wedding receptions for a donation and probably their biggest project has been their cookbook "Our Daily Bread" which they had published in June 1962. They are now selling the seventh edition and have sold over 6,000 copies of it. This book sells itself. It has 250 pages of recipes contributed by their church ladies. Four of their members did a number of art illustrations in the book which adds to its attractiveness.

Mrs. Kreider is vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Neffsville Brethren Home. They have four meetings a year. They buy chairs for the infirmary and have bought furniture for the solarium of their new building. The women of the Brethren churches take turns of serving as nurses aids for a half day a month. They comb guests' hair, water their houseplants and help the nurses. Mrs. Kreider is well qualified to take her turn at it, as she took a six-week Red Cross course just after she was married.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kreider sing in their church choir. Leon is a member of the Kreider quartette that has provided wonderful music, not only for their church, but for many churches and other organizations for many years.

Leon has served as a church Deacon for 23 years and, Martha consequently has served as a Deaconess that long. As deacons they assist in the church membership visitation. Leon also has taught a Sunday School class of young adults for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are members of the Friendly Farmers Club of Southern Lancaster County.

Leon is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and served as membership chairman for the county last year. Mrs. Kreider attends some of the meetings.

Mrs. Kreider has canvassed her local community for the Community Chest and the Heart Fund.

Martha's chief interest or hobbies are her flowers and sewing. She has many beautiful flowers outside their house this time of year and has started raising potted ferns.

She does quite a bit of sewing such as window drapes and a lot of her own clothes. She has made three afghans and did quite a bit of embroidering.

She has a collection of several cups and saucers.

She takes care of their vegetable garden and freezes lots of vegetables. She cans their fruit.

Her potato salad recipe is her husband's favorite salad.

POTATO SALAD

Pare and cook 6 medium potatoes, adding 1 teaspoon salt and a dash of pepper. When cool cut potatoes real fine.

Cook 4 eggs to hard boil. Add to potatoes.

Add ½ cup cut up celery, and ½ small onion.

DRESSING

1½ cups sugar

¼ cup flour

½ cup vinegar

1½ cups water

Boil above ingredients and add:

1 cup mayonnaise

½ cup prepared mustard

Beat till smooth. Add to potatoes and let season one-half day or over night.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE SALAD

1 pkg. lime jello

1 cup boiling water

1 cup evaporated milk

1 cup cottage cheese

½ cup mayonnaise

1 cup crushed pineapple

¼ cup nuts (optional)

Dissolve jello in water. Stir in remaining ingredients and pour into a one quart pan or mold.

BROKEN GLASS TORTE

1 pkg. each lime, orange and cherry jello.

1½ cups hot water for each box.

Put in ice trays. Make the day before. Dissolve 2 pkgs. plain Knox gelatin in ¼ cup cold water. Let stand a few minutes. Add 1 cup hot pineapple juice to gelatin. Cool till thick.

Whip 2 cups cream or Dream Whip until thick, adding ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Cut jello into cubes and add the whipped cream and pineapple mix.

CRUST:

24 graham crackers or 2 cups (crushed)

½ cup sugar

½ cup butter or margarine

Put crumbs in a 13" x 9" pan or a large glass dish, keeping a few crumbs for topping. Add jello mixture. It is attractive and refreshing.

CANNING PICKLES

Wash and cut stem end off pickles. Add enough pickles to make one quart.

ADD:

1 tablespoon salt

½ pint of vinegar

½ pint water

½ cup granulated sugar

Dash of pepper.

Bring to a good rolling boil and can. Pickles change color.



Mrs. Leon P. Kreider has her 1971 fair catalog and ribbons all ready for the opening of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair. She displays reserve and grand champion rosettes, a grand champion of show swine trophy and a reserve champion of show swine plaque.