

# Farm Women Societies

## Society 4

Farm Women Society 4 will sponsor a bus trip to the Pocono area on October 16. Reservations can be made by calling Mrs. Robert Brubaker, Salunga, at 898-7679.

Points of interest to be included on the trip will be the Fruit Cake House, Pottstown; Memory Town; Bushkill Falls, and Allentown.

## Society 8

Farm Women Society 8 met at the Chiques United Methodist Church recently with a member, Mrs. Warren Heisey, Mount Joy as speaker.

Serving as hostesses were Mrs. Elizabeth Newcomer, Mrs. Alvin Reist, Mrs. Warren Heisey and Mrs. Paul Erb.

Mrs. Lloyd Derr, president, was in charge. Mrs. William Heisey led the devotional portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Heisey's presentation included an illustrated report on a 12-day Caribbean Cruise to St. Thomas, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, St. Bartholomew, San Martin and St. Lucia with commentary about each place visited.

Society 8 members will sew at the Lancaster General Hospital on October 27 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. repairing hospital garments. Mrs. William Heisey, ways and means, discussed possibilities for bus tours and reported on the trip to Harrisburg in Aug.

A dinner meeting will be held Oct. 9 at Hostetter's Hall at 6:30

p.m. Alvin Reist and Norman Specher will show slides on a recent Scandinavian trip. Hostesses will be Miss Anna Mae Eby, Miss Ruth Eby and Mrs. Alice Myers.

## Society 10

Farm Women Society 10 elected officers at a meeting at the home of Mrs. John Esbenshade, Eden.

Officers elected for the 1972 season are: Miss Ida Kunkle, president; Mrs. Raymond Dixon, vice president; Mrs. Abram Miller, corresponding secretary. Mrs. Frank Hodecker was reelected treasurer.

The officers will be installed at the annual Lancaster County Farm Women Convention on November 6 and assume duties in January.

During the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Jacob Evans, president, a gift of \$10 was sent to the "Big Brothers" Association.

Mrs. Cyrus Neff was in charge of devotions. Miss LeFevre reviewed the book "The Meaning of God in Human Experience" by A. M. Hocking.

The next meeting is planned for 1:30 p.m. November 13 in the home of Mrs. Abram Miller, 1048 West Roseville Road.

## Society 25

Farm Women Society 25 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Musser, Elizabethtown RD3, with Mrs. Roger Thome serving as cohostess. Devotions were led by Mrs. Robert Brubaker.

The guest speaker was Joann

Hess who spoke on what she learned at the school for the blind and how she was taught to take care of and help herself.

Mrs. Robert Summy, president, presided over the business meeting. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. Jay Hershey, treasurer; Mrs. John Cassel, secretary; and Mrs. Dave Garber, corresponding secretary. Members approved a \$50 donation to a needy family.

Plans were also made for a stand at the Manheim Farm Show. It will be a food stand with homemade baked goods.

The next meeting will be held at the Richard Kreider farm, Manheim RD3, in the form of a family Halloween party on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m.

The food committee will be in charge of the refreshments with Mrs. Amos Landis as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Michael Grove, Mrs. Robert Brubaker, Mrs. Alvin Herr and Mrs. Ralph Hoestetter. The game committee members are Mrs. Harold Esbenshade and Mrs. Roger Thome. Costume is optional.

## Society 28

Farm Women Society 28 met recently at the Farm and Home Center with Society 4 members as guests. Serving as hostesses were Mrs. William Dean, Mrs. James Martin, Mrs. Nelson Kreider and Mrs. Joseph Nolt. Mrs. Robert Book was in charge of devotions.

Speaker for the meeting was a chalk artist, the Rev. Elwood Mehle, pastor of Hellers United Church of Christ. His presentation was a light and sound art show.

The next meeting will be held October 28 at the home of Mrs. James Bowman, Cherry Hill Road, Ronks. Mrs. Mark Weaver will present a program on "The Joy of Drying Flowers."

## Society 29

Society of Farm Women 29 met at the Union School House for a "back to school" program conducted by Mrs. Jay Bixler. Mrs. Bixler distributed leaflets containing school work to be done in "readin', ritin and 'rithmetic" with all present participating in the events.

Mrs. Larry Dombach was in charge of the opening and Mrs.

## Ida's Notebook

In many areas, I believe we tend to think our problems are unique. It is only when we learn to communicate and share that we discover we are one among many.

Other parents have the same decisions to make regarding their children and the same concerns. More people than we realize struggle under difficult financial conditions. Often, when we think we have an unusual health problem, we learn that many more suffer the same symptoms and discomforts.

I meant to recommend an honest exchange of conversation and fellowship among friends, but maybe I've only said "misery loves company." Solitude and isolation have their place but only a small place.



Ida Risser

A few years ago when my son was doing DHIA testing he was required to get up at 4 or 4:30 a.m. to be at a distant farm in time for the morning milking. On this occasion we had a 4-H member from Ohio staying with us.

In order not to disturb the guest at this early hour I tiptoed into the dark room and yanked the leg of my son. With

Richard Garber led the group in the singing of grade school songs. Mrs. Gerald Ruhl was spelling winner.

A decorated box lunch was auctioned to the highest bidder for the special projects fund. Kenneth Myers was guest auctioneer.

During the business portion of the meeting with Mrs. Dale Hiestand, president, in charge, the group sent \$10 to the State Farm Women scholarship fund.

Mrs. Walter Mowrer and Mrs. Allen Esbenshade were appointed to prepare a schedule of programs for the 1972 year. Mrs. Lee Stauffer, and Mrs. Larry Sawadsky were named to the yearbook committee and Mrs. Rodney Miller and Mrs. Jay Stauffer will head the ways and means committee. Other committees for 1972 will be appointed at a later date.

Mrs. Hiestand reminded each member to prepare baked goods

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one leap the young man was on his feet beside me. You guessed it — wrong leg. I apologized and beat a quick retreat to mull over my luck at having them switch sides of the bed on that particular night.

Sometimes an embarrassing moment can turn into an amusing story if you wait long enough.

Do most farmers feel outraged as I do when a new pile of junk is laying in the field?

This morning, we acquired one dozen beer cans, an ice bag, cigarette cartons and the remains of a chicken dinner.

Sometimes we are lucky and get bigger items. Recently there was an old TV set, automobile batteries, part of a bicycle and some tires put into a wooded area.

If only we would see these choice items being unloaded. As it is, we pick up and clean up for others.

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