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Sometimes the jobs I do or attempt to do in one day amazes, even me. The day may start with cooking, chauffeuring and general housework.

Then, a fowl may need to be dressed. I'm told a lot of women wouldn't do this type of food preparation nowadays.

In the afternoon, I put on overalls and help smooth concrete which was poured for an addition to the barn. The truck driver said that only on farms do you see women outside working with their men.

Later in the afternoon, after a change of clothes, I was checking file cards in our church office.

After supper, there was an executive meeting of the Home and School Association of our Elementary School where I am secretary.

I'm sure other farm women's days are just as varied or more so. No wonder we think we can give advice on many subjects. We really do need to have an answer to many problems and situations which arise in our families and on our farms.

With Christmas coming, the children make shopping lists and check with each other so there won't be duplication of gifts.

During a recent shopping trip, we prevailed upon the men in the family to go along and see Park City. Of course, we females had scouted the area thoroughly on previous occasions.

There were two things which I'm sure impressed them. Number one was the size of the shopping center and number two was the price of the attractively displayed merchandise. A few dollars just won't cover Christmas shopping anymore. x x x

My daughter is planning to make quite a few gifts this year. But I better not say anymore or some folks won't be surprised.

Usually I share jams, jellies and flower bulbs with friends and relatives.

And you can always count on us to pack a wide variety of cookies in boxes for friends and neighbors.

Maybe, I had better get started on those cookies right now.

9 Schools to Enter Farm Show Contest

Nine Pennsylvania high school home economics departments have been selected to compete in the School Exhibit Contest in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 10-14.

Premium money totaling \$455 will be awarded in the 49th annual contest, according to Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale. Top award is \$75 and each entry will receive a cash award of at least \$40.

The schools were selected by a state reviewing committee based on applications submitted by school home economics departments or Future Homemakers of America Chapters throughout Pennsylvania.

Each window exhibit will have a single theme which portrays an accepted practice or approved method in home economics education of the Pennsylvania Future Homemakers of America Program of Work. Each exhibit must relate to one of the five major home economics subject matter areas which include: human development and the family; home management and family resources including consumer education; foods and nutrition; textiles and clothing; and housing and home furnishings.

The nine schools from six counties were certified recently to the State Farm Products Show Commission by Miss Anne G. Eifler, Pennsylvania Department of Education senior program specialist in Home Economics Education. The schools include:

Manheim Central High School, Lancaster County, "Beauty Around the Clock," Miss Mary E. Gardner.

Red Lion Senior High School, York County, "Crochet Botique," Miss Karen Hoffman.

Quakertown Community Senior High School, Bucks County, "Ideas Into Action," Miss Mary S. Page.

Weatherly Area High School, Carbon County, "Family Spending is Big Business," Mrs. Anne Pontzner.

William Penn Senior High School, York County, "Play is Children's Work," Mrs. M. Helen Spangler.

Garden Spot High School,

Lancaster County, "Exciting New Decoupage," Miss Elaine Barr.

Trinity Senior High School, Washington County, "Fun With Fur," Miss Dorothy Sten.

South Western High School, York County, "Pennsylvania Dutch Cookery," Mrs. Margaret M. Stouffer.

Pine Grove Area High School, Schuylkill County, "Knits for Men," Mrs. Irma Richter.

McHale, Little to Speak

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale and Leslie H. Little, Tennessee state apiarist, are scheduled speakers at the annual winter meeting of the Pennsylvania State Beekeepers' Association to be held in the State Agriculture Building, Harrisburg, Monday morning, Jan. 10. The group's annual banquet will be held that evening at the Colonial Park United Church, Harrisburg.

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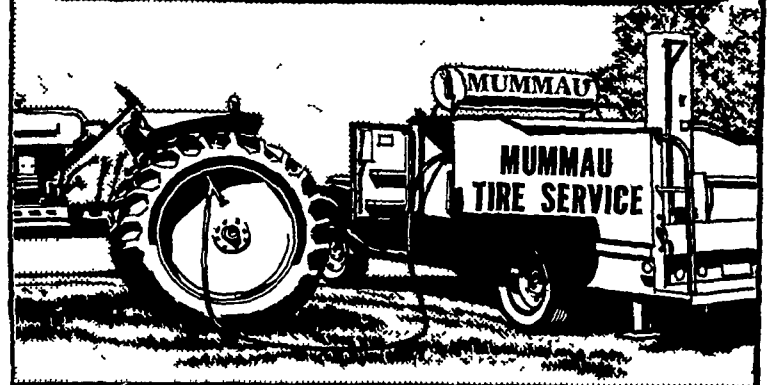
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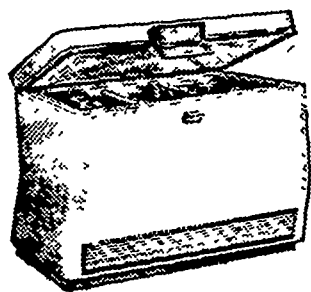
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