

Farm Women Societies

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Mrs. Harold Rohrer, Mrs. William Harnish and Mrs. Dean will represent the group at the State Farm Women Convention in Harrisburg January 10 and 11.

The next regular meeting will be held January 27 at the home of Mrs. Robert Book, 11 S. Hershey Ave., Leola. Mrs. Doris Thomas, Home Economist for the Lancaster County Extension Service, will be guest speaker.

Women 31 held their annual Christmas party recently at the home of Mrs. Jay Schaeffer. Mrs. Harry Spayd served as co-hostess.

President, Mrs. Paul Trimble, announced that the recent bake sale held at the Southern Market was a success and that a \$25 donation would be given to Teen Haven.

Society 31 delegates to the state convention which will be held in Harrisburg January 10-11 included Mrs. James Kreider and Mrs. Kenneth Rutt.

Members approved a proposal

Society 31

Members of Society of Farm

to sponsor a food table at the farm sale of Daniel Trimble on January 19.

Entertainment for the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Robert Groff, program chairman, who presented a slate of "home talent". A trio of sisters-in-law including Mrs. Curtis Akers, Mrs. Paul Trimble and Mrs. Donald Trimble sang two Christmas hymns. They were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Charles Witmer.

Mrs. Robert Kauffman presented a Christmas package grab bag game as her entertainment Mrs. Robert Clark presented an original game of Christmas tree bingo. Several meditations from farm journal magazines circa 1940 were read. The members joined in a group carol sing, accompanied by Mrs. Witmer.

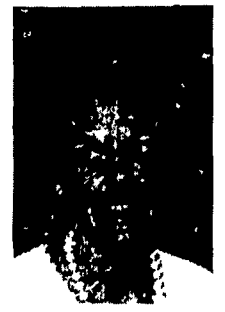
Refreshments were served

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Ladies,
Have
You
Heard?



By Doris Thomas,
Extension Home Economist



Doris Thomas

Freeze Food Gifts

You may receive a Christmas present or two of food that may be difficult to keep fresh until your family can eat it.

Be sure to re-wrap fresh breads and rolls in aluminum foil or clear plastic wrap, or slip them

into a polyethylene bag for freezing. Wrap fruit cake tightly or keep it in a tin can and freeze it. It will keep indefinitely.

Package nuts in moisture-vapor proof freezer wrap or keep in a metal can. Salted nuts will keep in the freezer about six months, unsalted nuts from 9 to 12 months.

Cheese will keep for a while in the refrigerator, but molds after a time. Freezing will preserve it for six months or longer. But the texture may change somewhat after freezing. When you are ready to use frozen cheese, thaw it in its wrapper in the refrigerator. Once it's thawed, let it stand at room temperature an hour before serving.

Hams, other smoked and processed meats like sausage, smoked turkey and smoked fish, are all perishable and you should treat them like fresh meat. Refrigerate them immediately and use as soon as possible. If you can't use them within a short period, freezing will preserve them but the flavor will be lost.

With proper storage you can enjoy Christmas gifts of food after the holidays.

Help Children Say Thank You

Helping a child to write a thank-you note for a gift is a step in helping him develop into a thoughtful human being. If you don't help your child with the writing of notes to people who have given him gifts, the job rarely gets done.

It's a good idea to set aside an evening shortly after the holidays when you and your child can share the note-writing to express appreciation for gifts you received.

Top off this family project at your dining or kitchen table with refreshments of hot spiced apple juice and popcorn. The project will be long remembered as part of the festivity of the holidays.

Explain to your child that a thank-you note need not be a long flowery letter nor must it be set rules or phrases.

When you make specific references to the gift, it will please the person who sent the gift to you. A youngster might be encouraged to say something such as: "The soft yellow sweater you sent is keeping me warm as I write to thank you for remembering me."

If you're writing notes to thank relatives and friends for gifts they sent to your very young child, it will really mean more to loving grandparents and aunts and uncles if you have your child "scribble" a note in his own handwriting.

Thank-you notes are a simple courtesy. Children who enjoy this little courtesy at a young age will accept this as a happy task all their lives.

Useful Palm

Every part of the coconut palm is used by Caribbean islanders. They use the fronds to thatch roofs; decorate homes with the waxy blossoms; convert the nut-shell to charcoal; make oil and soap from the meat; the soft palm heart delights gourmets and the wood makes fine paneling.

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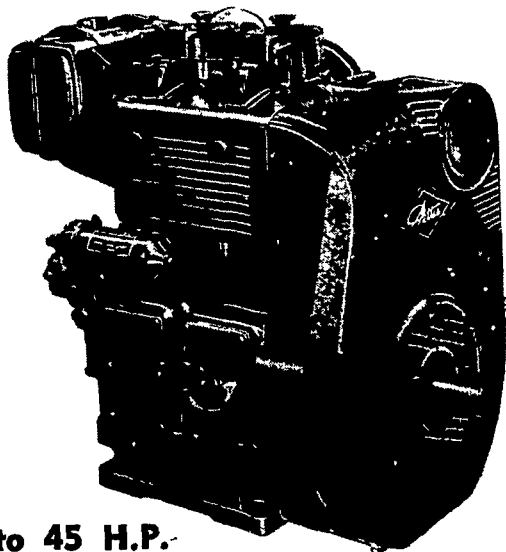
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