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You  
Heard?



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**Gift Ideas for  
Older People**

If there are older people on your Christmas gift list this year, here are some gift ideas.

Shower soap on a long cord, safely strips for the tub, a bathtub stool, or bath oil for dry skin may be welcomed gifts.

A needlework kit with large colorful yarns and an easy-to-thread needle could be used by someone with poor eyesight.

It's harder for older people to entertain. Put together an "instant party kit" for someone. You can include colorful paper plates and napkins, packaged tea cookies, sugar cubes, and tea bags or instant coffee. The person you are giving the gift to just adds boiling water to make refreshments at a moment's notice.

Remember that the gifts of friendship and time are more valuable to older citizens than the most elegantly wrapped gifts. Give a little of your time and youth. For example, you can drive an older friend to a shopping area where he or she can shop and mail packages and cards. Or take this person to an appointment they might otherwise have to hire a cab for.

Or just take a few minutes to drop by and say hello. An occasional telephone call is also welcome. And take time to listen. Those of us who are younger and busy find it easy to forget our older friends who can be lonely and eager for the company of a young face and young conversation.

**Books Make Lasting Gifts**

If you're stuck for gift ideas this Christmas, consider books. A book is a gift that, if carefully chosen, is sure to bring pleasure long after the holidays are past. It's been estimated that the average adult reads only one book per year—a sad commentary when you consider the wonderful world of information and entertainment that's found

on printed pages. By spending some time to pick a book especially for each person on your gift list, you can help them discover the joys of reading.

The trick is to select a volume that's just right for each person. This means knowing his interests and getting something that's compatible with them. In addition to mysteries and fiction, there are many other types of books—"how-to-do-it's" for the handyman, home gardener, investor and the woman who sews. There are craft books for the hobbyist, football books for the sports nut, nature books for the ecologist, and a whole range of cookbooks for the chef. The list is endless, but the book departments of stores in your town are sure to have something for everyone.

Magazine subscriptions are another reading gift idea. Here, try to pick a magazine that the family would welcome but may not buy for themselves. Consumer magazines, hard-cover history magazines, news magazines, and special interest periodicals are some you might consider.

If you are looking for a special gift for someone on your Christmas gift list, consider a book chosen especially for him.

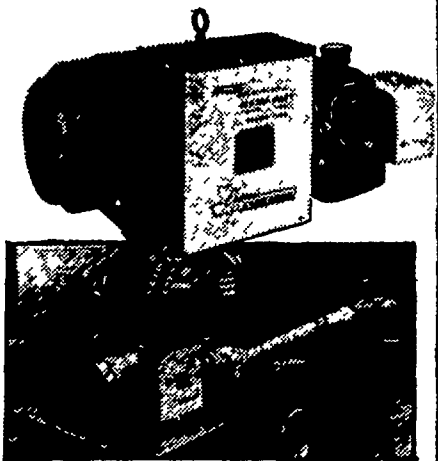
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**Farm Women Societies**

**Society 2**

Farm Women Society 2 met recently at Stauffer's of Kissel Hill. Hostesses were Mrs. Nathan Oberholtzer and Mrs. Fred Hahn. Mrs. Martha Brandt led the devotions.

A donation for the Tuberculosis Society was approved during the business meeting conducted by Mrs. Marlin Hossler, president.

Mrs. Jay Oberholtzer gave a demonstration on holiday arrangements during the program portion of the meeting.

Next meeting of the group will be held on December 9 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Marlin Hossler. A covered dish will be held at 12 Noon. Baskets for shut-ins will be prepared during the meeting and gifts exchanged among members.

**Society 12**

Farm Women Society 12 members met recently at the home of Miss Ethel Kindig. Mrs. Helen Hess presented a program on Christmas decorations she had made.

Mrs. Grace Rineer had charge of devotions. For roll call, the 16 members present stated a favorite Thanksgiving event.

Dorothy Sangrey presided at the business meeting. A \$10 donation was voted to the Christmas Seals Society.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. December 9 at the home of Mrs. Donald Townsberry. Each person is to bring a gift.

**Society 26**

Farm Women Society 26 packed two baskets for needy families during a recent meeting

held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Buchen, Manheim RD3. Co-hostess was Mrs. Jay Hershey, who also led the devotions.

The group approved a \$25 donation for the Children's Bureau of Lancaster for the purchase of Christmas gifts for foster children.

Announcement was made that the State Convention will be held in Harrisburg on January 8-9.

Next meeting will be held on December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Landisville Fire Company. A buffet supper and family Christmas party will be held at the meeting.

**Society 30**

Farm Women Society 30 approved a \$10 donation to the United Fund during a recent meeting.

Announcement was made that the meeting scheduled to take place on December 7 at the home of Mrs. Reuben Zeist has been cancelled.

Next meeting of the group will be held on December 18 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mrs. David

Thomas. A box social for members and their husbands will be held during the meeting.

**Calendar**

Saturday, December 2

1:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 1 meeting, Quincy Home, Lititz.

Thursday, December 7

6:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 9, Christmas party, Akron Restaurant.

Saturday, December 9

10 a.m.—Farm Women Society 2, home of Mrs. Marlin Hossler.

1:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 12, home of Mrs. Donald Townsberry.

6:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 13 family Christmas party, Ronks Fire Hall.

6:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 25 family Christmas party, Shady Maple Building, Willow Street RD1.

6:30 p.m.—Farm Women Society 26 buffet supper and family Christmas party, Landisville Fire Co.

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