

# Women Societies

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## Society 31

Farm Women Society 31 donated \$50 to the Brenda Fisher fund and voted to support the Welsh Mountain Health Clinic as the County Project at the recent meeting. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Rutt with a joke or riddle as roll call. Announcement was made of upcoming events, Spring Rally on May 16 and "The Challenge of Being A Woman" on April 3 and 4.

The program was a night of games and prizes. The next meeting will be a progressive supper beginning at the home of Mrs. Charles Witmer. Husbands are invited.

## Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, February 24

Farm Women Society 4, Inspirational Talk, home of Mrs. Willis Reapsome, Landisville  
Farm Women Society 29 members and husbands, attend Hockey Game, Hershey

Tuesday, February 27

7:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society

27 meeting, Martha Gerber, hostess.

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 24 "Sweetheart Banquet", members and husbands, Ramada Inn, Lincoln Highway E

7:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 26, entertain husbands at dinner and Hockey Game.

Thursday, March 1

12 Noon - Farm Women Society 17 Irish Covered Dish.

1:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 20 Safety Program

Farm Women Society 9 Work Day, home of Mrs. Paul Swearingen, Willow Street.

Friday, March 2

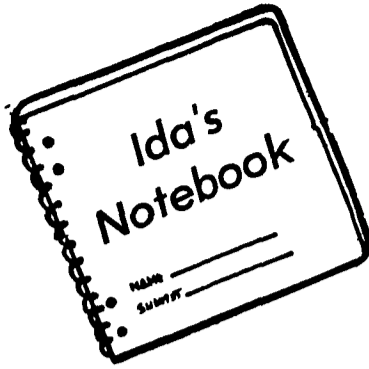
Farm Women Society 10 meeting, home of Mrs. Jay Habecker, 2401 Spring Valley Road

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Ida Risser

For over 35 years, I've been keeping a diary. Every day making notes of what I did, where I went and how I felt about things. For many years each day I wrote "regular work" and then went on from there. But then I decided it was better to explain some things as time changes everything.

No longer do I feed a baby every four hours, change loads of diapers or wash milkers, buckets and strainers every morning. Now there are other things to do. As my Amish neighbor lady said, "We are glad the Lord gave us work, but we wish there wasn't so much of it."

Often we travel along in a comfortable fixed path or routine until something happens which causes us to make a decision and change from our "regular work."

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Recently, I got some new furniture or rather, I should say, old furniture. An old four-poster bed and a marble-top bureau belonging to my great-grandmother were exchanged for Cindy's bed and bureau. But then the decisions - should some be carried on the attic for possible use later or simply taken outside and burned. We did both.

The next day Cindy told me she felt like a queen sleeping in the high bed. Me - I felt like an old lady from all the work of laying a rug and moving heavy furniture.

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As soon as my children get sick they are taken to the doctor for shots and pills. But things weren't always this way.

One of my earliest recollections is of my Mother in her nightgown, long braids of dark hair hanging down her back, standing beside a kerosene lamp and heating small onions to put into my ears for painful earaches.

Other methods of curing ones ills were linseed poultices for sores, bits of bacon tied on where splinters had been, cool plantain leaves for bee stings and a

teaspoon of cinnamon for diarrhea.

When the animals got sick, we gathered wild plants and made a tea to cure them.

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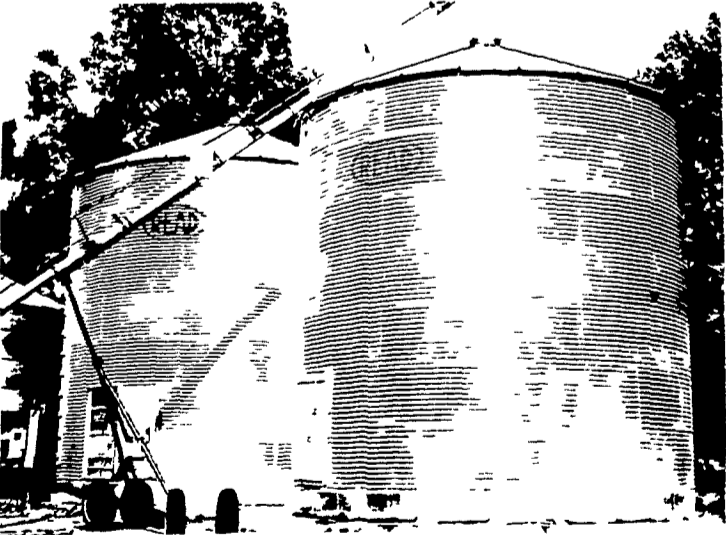
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