

Farm Women Societies

Society 1

Farm Women Society 1 held a family picnic at the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren pavilion last Saturday. Thirty-five members and guests attended.

Mrs Willis Bucher was in charge of the games Prizes were awarded to Mrs John Newcomer, Mrs Graybill Hollinger, Mrs Rachel Bollinger, Clayton Sangrey and Jesse Garman

A short business meeting was conducted by Mrs Paul Kurtz, president She announced that the County Farm Women picnic will be held Wednesday, August 1 at Central Manor Camp Ground

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 4, when the Society will tour the Middle Creek Wildlife Museum at Project 70 The group will meet at the museum at 1:30 p m

Society 21

Farm Women Society 21 was informed of the State Convention on January 7 and 8, with a banquet at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, at their recent meeting.

In other business, Mrs. James Shank reported \$260 from dish cloths and dish towels sold from January to May with a profit of \$119

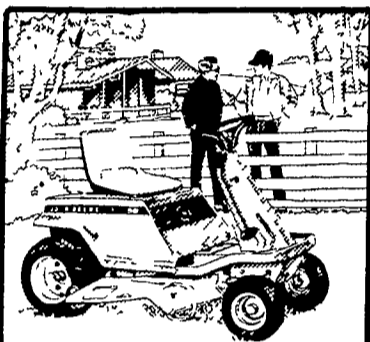
Members entertained guests at Conestoga View on June 21.

Society 26

Farm Women Society 26 has been invited to attend a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon on August 1 at the Central Manor Camp Grounds The luncheon is the regular Lancaster County Farm Women Society Board meeting. Any member attending should bring a covered dish.

Representatives from Program Teen Challenge at the Rehrrsburg Training Center showed slides explaining their rehabilitation program at the June 28 meeting

The next meeting will be a covered dish supper at 7 p.m at the home of Mrs. Robert Summy, Mt Gretna Each member is to bring a dish made from a new recipe as well as the recipe



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Mineral Oil Seen Aid to Mushrooms

Increases of 15 to 20 per cent in mushroom yield from adding vegetable oil to material to be composted have been observed in experiments at The Pennsylvania State University. These results will be investigated further in an \$8,000 project sponsored by the American Mushroom Institute.

The research will attempt to determine optimum levels of oil to be added in relation to microbiological activity and mushroom yields. The studies will examine responses of various mushroom strains to the addition of vegetable oil to compost twice during mushroom production.

In charge of the research is Dr. Lee C Schisler, professor of plant pathology. Working with the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State, Dr Schisler hopes also to develop improved and alternate nutrient layers or substrates for growing mushrooms.

The Penn State scientist and associates will, in addition, study nutrients used by mushroom mycelium, the main part of the mushroom fungus. This analysis will determine the relationship of mycelium nutrition to yield.

Author Revises Florist's Guide

The only textbook of its type, entitled "The Retail Florist Business," has just been revised by the author, Dr Peter B. Pfahl of The Pennsylvania State University

First published in 1968, the textbook is used by most colleges and universities that teach floriculture, as well as vocational-technical schools with programs in floriculture It is published by the Interstate Printers and Publishers, Inc., of Danville, Ill.

The revised edition adds a new chapter predicting the future of the florist industry for the 1970's and 1980's Expected are mergers of a number of businesses, Dr. Pfahl says, with big flower shops getting bigger and small ones getting out of business

In addition to serving as a textbook, "The Retail Florist Business" was designed to present new ideas to retail florists on the management and operation phases of the business. Dr Pfahl has been a teacher of retail flower store management courses for 24 years at Penn State He is associate professor of floriculture

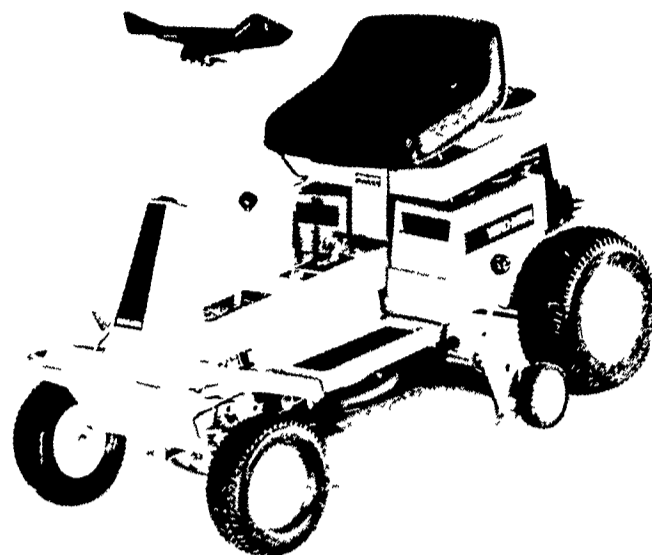
Figures from the U S Department of Agriculture and the Society of American Florists indicate there were 22,451 retail florists in the United States in 1970 with total gross sales of 1.8 billion dollars annually.

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