

Society 3

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recalls.

All that has changed now, and the Farm Women Society's stand is the only one where hungry patrons can "come in and sit down."

Last year, the Farm Women served over 2,000 platters, plus countless sandwiches and bowls of soup. To prepare that much food is no small matter. Mrs.

Stuber says that groceries were ordered "a few weeks ago." Several women order the necessary supplies, but just a few of the items on Mrs. Stuber's shopping list include 50 pounds of coffee, two cases of ketchup, four cases of sauerkraut, eight pounds of salt, 21 pounds of macaroni, 155 pounds of chicken and 1200 clams.

Mrs. Stuber explained that the clams are bought frozen and in the shell. The Saturday before the fair members and their husbands

meet to deal with these 1200 clams. Husbands scrub them, and the women open and grind them up to be used in the cakes. They are then refrozen until time to mix up the deviled clams.

According to Mrs. Stuber, "Two mainstays of the Society, the Misses Mary and Ada Royer, for many years made the deviled clam cakes at their home." These two charter members, who reside at Ephrata RD2, now assist Mrs. Robert Gregory in making the clam cakes.

The pepper cabbage is also prepared by members on

year. They give to charities of all kinds, contributed to the Ephrata Library, furnished a room for the Ephrata Hospital and participate in the county Farm Women activity which this year is the Welsh Mountain Clinic. The money is also used to entertain the husbands who work so hard at the fair, and the children at a Christmas party, according to Mrs. Stuber.

Mrs. Stuber, who is also a director on the Fair Committee and in charge of general exhibits, says, "I feel the fair is a good thing for the community because it gives organizations an opportunity to earn money for their projects. The Fair association itself doesn't make a lot of money - expenses are terrific - and they buy and maintain a car for the

hospital and for the recreation center. The advertising and publicity which it gives to Ephrata is an asset to the community."

Mrs. Stuber has been in charge of exhibits since 1945 when she "went and stayed," having taken over the job from her mother. In her opinion the fair has gotten bigger, especially since Tent City was added about 10 years ago. She said, "People used to come just in the evening, but now there are people there all the time." She said she enjoys her work primarily because the people she works with are "marvelous."

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Saturday preceding the Fair and the Monday before the Fair they gather to cook the chicken for chicken pot pie. Mrs. Stuber says they buy legs and breasts for the pot pie.

The only problem posed by the uncertain food situation at the present time is that the Farm Women, while assured of sufficient supplies, could not establish a price for their platters in advance of the Fair.

When asked how many people it takes to run the stand, Mrs. Stuber replied, "All that we can get."

She said members, husbands, children and other relatives of members all pitch in to run the stand during fair week. There are five people needed in the kitchen and 16 waitresses to serve patrons. She said many working members stop by during their lunch hour to help.

Husbands play a big part because they build the stand on Monday evening and take it down around midnight on Saturday. Many help in the stand. "My husband is a marvelous dishwasher," Mrs. Stuber said.

The food stand is the Society's only money-making project each year. The money is used for all the society's programs during the

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