

Farm Women Societies

Society 3

Farm Women Society 3 met Jan. 19 at the home of Barbara Stauffer, Ephrata RD1. New officers seated were Mrs. Jesse Balmer, Lititz RD4, president; Mrs. John Edwards, Ephrata RD1, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Smoker, Stevens RD1, secretary; Mrs. Earl Miller, Hopeland, asst. secretary and Mrs. Ivan Eberly, Ephrata RD1, treasurer.

The business meeting, conducted by Mrs. Balmer, consisted of the following contributions: Ephrata Community Hospital, Cerebral Palsy fund, and the Lititz Meals on Wheels.

A report was given on a visit to the Society's adopted daughter at the Hamburg State School by Mrs. Harvey Gehman, Mrs. Earl Miller

and Mrs. Clarence Stauffer. Feb. 21, members of Societies 2 and 3 will visit Conestoga View with a treat and entertainment for guests.

Feb. 16, members will be entertained by Society 18 at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

Jan. 25, members will serve all day at the snack bar in the Ephrata Community Hospital.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 23 at the home of Mrs. Frank Snyder, Hilltop Drive, Ephrata RD2.

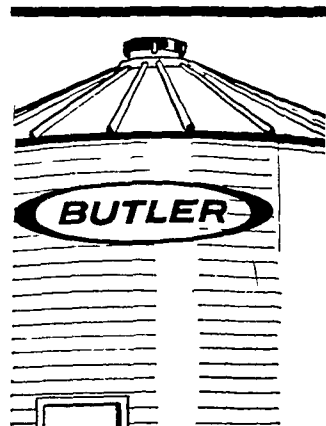
Please note a change of date for February. Mrs. Paul Witman will be special speaker, presenting slides of Farm Society European Tour, on Feb. 9th. instead of Feb. 16th. at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Mount Joy at 2 p.m.

Society 8

Farm Women Society 8 met at the home of Mrs. Martin S. Musser, 327 S. Market Ave., Mount Joy, Jan. 19th. Twenty two members and two visitors attended. Anna Mae Eby conducted the meeting. Mrs. Lewis Bixler was in charge of devotions. Anna Mae Eby led the group in singing several songs. The treasurer's report was given. Mrs. Clarence Greider and Miss Mary Grace Martin each favored the group with a piano solo.

Mrs. Minnie Kolp has now returned home, having had a cataract operation.

Those attending the County Convention at Harrisburg were Mrs. Wm. Heisey, Mrs. George Houseal, Misses Anna Mae and Ruth Eby and delegates Mrs. Warren Heisey and Mrs. Harold Frey. Miss Ruth Eby read the report gathered from happenings at the Convention.



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Society 12

Farm Women Society 12 met at the home of Mrs. Robert Hocking, 2734 Kimberly Road, Lancaster. Mrs. William Shenk was co-hostess.

Members named their favorite craft. A discussion was held on a trip to the Flower Show to be held March 12.

The Society will sew for the American Cancer Society Feb. 19 at the home of Mrs. John Kindig, Conestoga, RD1.

Society 14

Farm Women Society 14 approved a donation of \$30 to Christ Home of Paradise and \$10 to the American Cancer Society during a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Leon Thomas 217 Willow Street Pike. Members completed 85 bed pads for the Cancer Society at their January all day sewing.

Speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. Barbara Hildebrand from the American Cancer Society. She told us how to give ourselves a breast check (so simple and so important).

Next meeting will be Feb. 13 at Mrs. Everett Newswanger's, 1753 Lincoln Highway East. The program is a Nonsense Sale.

Society 18

Farm Women Society 18 met on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the home of Mrs. J. Wilbert Carper, RD1, Manheim. Devotions were led by Mrs. Thomas Erb III and roll call was answered by each member telling "what I do when I do as I please".

The business session was conducted by the newly installed president, Mrs. Jay Landis. Reports were given on the recent state convention of Farm Women held at Harrisburg during Farm Show Week by Mrs. Tobias Leaman, Mrs. Charles C. Burkins and Mrs. Henry S. Nissley.

Plans were made for the next meeting which will be held at the Farm and Home Center on February 16

Back-to-Nature

says some plants with height should be used and probably a vine.

Gently knock the soil from the roots of the plant. You may even want to rinse off the roots so the soil doesn't get on the walls of your container as you work. Make a depression in the soil mix in your container, press in the plant and firm up the soil around it. Follow the same procedure with each plant, keeping an eye on the total effect from outside your container.

When all the plants are in position, wash off the leaves. Then take a soft cloth and clean the walls of the container. Wet down the soil until you see water running to the bottom through your drainage layer.

Now that you've created a work of natural beauty, how will you care for it? If your container doesn't have a cover, plastic wrap should be used to cover it. High humidity is good for your terrarium, but the plants "must breathe" according to Miss Levine, so you will have to lift the cover occasionally.

Knowing the proper amount of moisture to add is sometimes difficult, but a neat trick Miss Levine suggests is to put two tiny straw flowers in your terrarium and observe them. When they are closed the environment is fine; when they open, your terrarium needs to be watered.

An essential piece of equipment for keeping your terrarium, according to Miss Levine, is a mister. These can be purchased at garden centers, or you can use an atomizer or a spray window cleaner bottle. This can be used for cleaning the leaves of your terrarium as you're working, and it should be used for watering. If you have nothing suitable, use a watering can with a very slender spout. It is important not to disturb the soil and to water very gently.

If the leaves begin to turn yellow or if they turn brown around the edges, your terrarium has too much water, and if there's wilting, get out the mister. If moisture collects on the inside walls of the container, open it up for a short time.

Your terrarium does not need to be fed, because a good soil mix contains plenty of food, Miss Levine said.

Your terrarium should be placed on a coffee table or window sill - anywhere that it doesn't get direct sunlight. It needs natural light, according to Miss Levine, but direct sunlight will cook the plants. A student related that she had placed her terrarium on a window sill and moisture collected under the container, causing it to crack when she tried to move it. A terrarium can be used as a hanging plant also, Miss Levine says.

A properly planted and cared for terrarium will give you enjoyment for six months to two years, according to Miss Levine, or until the plants get too big for the container. Plants can be removed as they outgrow the available space or crowd other plants, but Miss Levine stresses the importance of selecting small plants initially so your enjoyment will be longer lasting.

Two Manheim Twp. students helped in putting together the terrariums you see here. They are Kim Waidley and Molly Drumm.

So brighten up your winter by creating a terrarium for your home or for a friend.

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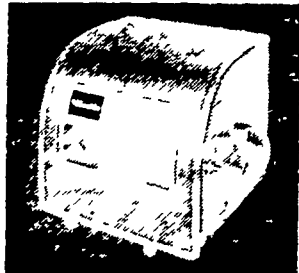


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