

Farm Women Societies

Society 5

The June Meeting of Farm Women Society 5 was held at the home of Mrs. Clyde Weaver.

A bus going to Ocean City N.J. will leave Monday, August 19 at 6:00 a.m. Meet at Roots Action parking lot. Price \$6.00. For reservation call Mrs. Abram Weidman by July 19 (665-2183).

Lancaster County Picnic for Farm Women will be held Aug. 7 at Lampeter at 12:00 noon. Bring a covered dish and your own utensils.

Homemakers Camp will be held at Camp Swatara, August 25, 26 and 27. The theme will be World of Women. Cost \$14.00. Registration deadline is Aug. 9 call Doris Thomas at the Farm and Home Center.

Speaker was Dr. Chester Kwoka from Millersville. His

talk was on Retirement and his hobby of casting Pewter. He is also writing a book on the Art of Casting Pewter so other people may learn this old craft.

The next meeting will be held July 27 at the Pennsylvania Experimental Farm. The time is 12:00 noon. Husbands are invited. Bring a covered dish, and lawn chairs.

Society 28

Society of Farm Women 28 met Thursday evening, June 27, at the Farm & Home Center, where they entertained members of Society 13 and the county officers. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Ruth Bare, Mrs. Nancy Esbenshade, Mrs. Elaine Eckman, and Mrs. Beulah Landis. Speaker for the evening was

Dr. Rohrer Eshelman whose topic was entitled "It Must Work At Home".

The group donated \$50 to Camp Jaycee, the county project, and also \$25 was donated to help pay medical expenses of a local girl.

The group recently enjoyed dinner and a play at the Downtown Motor Inn with their husbands and guests.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., July 25, at the home of Mrs. Velma Hess, when the group will go on a bike hike.

Farm Women Calendar

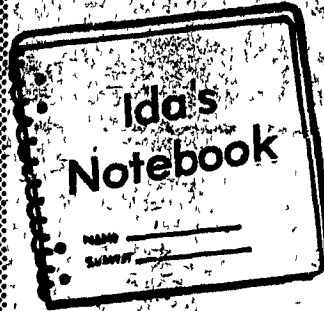
Saturday, July 6
Farm Women Society 6 meeting home of Mrs. John Wagner, Bainbridge

Wednesday, July 10
6:30 p.m. - Farm Women Society 14 family picnic Tinny Pavilion - Slide presentation on conservation.

Thursday, July 11
11:00 a.m. - Farm Women Society 20 business meeting and covered dish lunch at Crystal Manor Beach Hastings Cottage.

Friday, July 11
Farm Women Society 13 Bus trip to shore.

Saturday, July 12
Farm Women Society 2 Bake Sale
Farm Women Society 10 meeting at home of Mrs. John McGann.



Ida Risser

My father tended bees as long as I can remember and sold the honey at the Northern Market in Lancaster. That old brick building is no longer standing.

Then about ten years ago, my son bought a hive and had them as a 4-H project. This winter the hive upset in some manner and for weeks we feared they had frozen to

death. But low and behold when the first flowers bloomed there were a few bees and he even divided them to start a second hive.

When a neighbor phoned recently to tell us a swarm was on a bush in her yard, I was reminded of all the noise we children were expected to make by banging on dishes and buckets until my father could get the swarm in a hive. This time it was accomplished with a little ado by a friend as Jeff was at

State College and I wasn't about to tackle the job. You know I always felt silly making that awful racket.

Progress is important but I'm not sure everything we do is progress. For example yesterday our 18 foot hand dug well was sealed with mortar between the stones in the wall by order of the milk inspector. Years ago he told us to remove the hand pump.

We live on the former Weidler farm. Hans Michael Weidler, born in 1706 came to America in 1727 and built a log house in our meadow and dug this well. Therefore for almost 250 years this underground stream gave an unending fresh supply of pure water but now it must be altered.

Sealing the top I can understand as who wants a groundhog or other animal to fall into it. But now that the pump house is gone (carried away by the flood in 1972) little can be seen of the original work.

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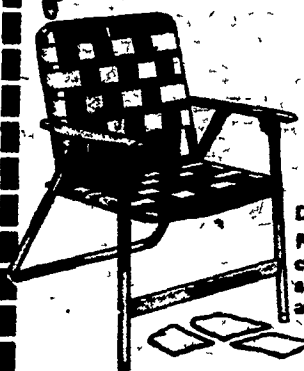
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