

Farm Women Convene For Region II Meeting

Nearly 350 farm women, including 50 from Lancaster County, convened Tuesday, July 16th, at the Embers Restaurant in Carlisle for the Region II Pennsylvania Farmer's Association Ladies' Day Out.

Highlights of the meeting included an armchair tour of the Orient narrated by Harold Bretz, AAA Tour Guide from Carlisle and a movie entitled "What Consumers Think About Farmers" presented by Thomas Moran, Organizational Director for the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

In the talent competition, Miss Donna Fissel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fissel, Littlestown was selected as the winner for her song and dance routine to "Sweet Georgia Brown". The Good Brothers Quartet from York County was runner-up in the competition.

Miss Fissel will represent Region II in the talent competition at the State PFA convention in November.

The Honorable Kenneth E. Brandt, Representative from the 98th District, gave a legislative report and emphasized the importance of House Bill 1056 which deals with tax relief for the farmers. He also spoke on the land use issue which has been under much discussion.

Speaking on inflation, Representative Brandt commented that "the prices you get look good, but the prices you pay look awful."

He encouraged the farm women to continue their dedicated work.

Following a noon luncheon, seven women from nearby counties participated in the Mrs. PFA essay Contest.

Mrs. Oscar Filer, from Perry County won the contest and was crowned Mrs. PFA Region II for her talk on "A Day In The Life of a PFA Wife".

All the contestants emphasized that their role as a farmer's wife was never a routine of daily chores but that the unpredictable could happen at any time, from being asked to help with the chores to running into town for implement parts.

Speaker for the event was Mrs. Alene Mintz, Correspondence Course Specialist at the Pennsylvania State University. Mrs. Mintz challenged the farm women to be proud of the fact that they are farmer's wives and to use their abilities as any other working woman would.

She emphasized the importance of personal appearance and told the audience first impressions are important.

"There is nothing secondary," she explained "in being a member of the female sex."

"This is not totally a man's world so make it your own too."

Closing remarks for the day were delivered by Mrs. Elaine Benner. Mrs. Benner thanked the women for their support of the many service projects and encouraged them to continue their work in following months. Mrs. Benner particularly emphasized the need for more work in supporting church activities and upholding the morals of our country.

Mrs. Helen Wivell, served as Chairwoman for the event that drew women from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Fulton, Perry and York Counties.

The State PFA Convention will be held in November at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in Camp Hill.



Nearly 50 farm women from Lancaster County attended the PFA Ladies Day Out, held on Tuesday at the Embers in Carlisle. Included in the Lancaster delegation were from left (sitting) Lillie Ann Kopp,

Mrs. Lester Hawthorne and Betty Messick (standing) Mrs. George Baum and Mrs. LeRoy Martin.



Donna Fissel, Adams County, captured first place in the talent competition for her "Charleston" song and dance routine.

Lancaster Farming Photos



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Past County Presidents Meet

The Past County Presidents of the Lancaster Society of Farm Women held a get-together in the form of a luncheon at Rhoads Restaurant in Quarryville. Eleven of the eighteen living past presidents attended. Since organization of Lancaster County Farm Women in 1916, seven past county presidents are deceased.

Following the luncheon and fellowship it was decided by the group to elect officers as follows. President, Mrs. Sadie Greenleaf; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Eshleman.

Plans were made for the annual dues and an annual get together.

Mrs. Martin Moore extended an invitation to meet with her next May for a covered dish dinner.

A motion was made and passed to purchase a silver bowl on which will be

engraved the names of the past presidents. The present county president Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Quarryville was a guest.

Those attending were Mrs. Adelaide Edwards, Quarryville, past State and County President. Mrs. Helen Hess, Columbia presently second State vice president and past co-president. Mrs. Barbara Eberly, Elizabethtown, past State treasurer and director, also past county president. Eldie Metzler, Mountville, past State secretary and county president. Mrs. Barbara Moore, Lititz, past State Treasurer and county president.

Other past county presidents attending were Mrs. May Denlinger, Mrs. Helen Eshleman, Elizabeth Workman, Mrs. Arthur Witman and Mrs. Martha Weidman.

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