

PFA Region I Ladies Day

The Penna. Farmers Association "Ladies Day Out" for Region I was held in the Palm Schwenkfelder Church at Palm, Penna. on July 24. Region I includes Berks, Chester, Montgomery and Northampton counties. The women of the organization look forward to this event each year for it is a time for fun and to break away from the chores of farm life for one day.

Mrs. Pat Schultz of Montgomery Co. served as chairperson for the day and introduced Mr. Paul Weaver, President, Montgomery Co. Farmers' Assoc. who presented a slide presentation on Montgomery Co. Montgomery Co.

population ranks third in the state, has good agriculture investments, and is 14th in the state in income derived from agriculture. They are proud of the fact that the first carousel milking parlor in the U.S. was erected in Montgomery Co.

Mrs. Hildegrade Gerhart, a member of the state women's committee for PFA, gave a brief history of the Schwenkfelder church of which she is a member, and was also in charge of the annual "Mrs. PFA" contest. The assigned topic submitted by the state PFA office was PFA - A Link to More Net Income. Each contestant planned a 5 min. presentation around that

theme, and was judged on originality, poise and subject content. Berks County was represented by Mrs. Janet McLain, Chester by Mrs. Joyce Hershey, and Lehigh Co. by Mrs. Jean Fretz. The judges for this event were Miss Gladys Lutz, Schnerksville, Pa., Mrs. Thelma Heiberger, Northampton, Pa., and Mrs. Celia Furbur, Macungie, Pa. Mrs. Joyce Hershey was declared the winner and was crowned "Mrs. PFA for Region I, 1974" by Mrs. Dan Schlegel, the 1973 Mrs. PFA winner. Mrs. Hershey will compete for state title in Nov. at the annual meeting.

Mr. Gene McDowell, PFA Director of Organization for District 1 presented a film, "What Consumers Think of Farmers", and a short discussion period followed. He announced that the

Commodity committee is marketing a new grape drink concentrate produced by grape growers in Penna. He and the state office are pleased with the efforts of the membership committee since they are just 6 short of having 19,000 farm families as PFA members. He stated; "Farm women and their enthusiasm make PFA all worthwhile."

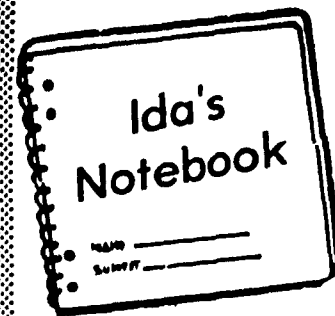
Mrs. Frances Lichtenwalner was in charge of the talent contest in which each county contestant competed for region winner. The Berks entry was a duet by Miss Lucy Berger, RFD1, Frederickberg, Pa., and Miss Gloria Luckenbill, RFD1, Mohrsville, Pa. Mrs. Audrey Sell of Lehigh Co. presented a vocal solo and Mrs. Evelyn Hershey of Chester Co. was the winner, also with a vocal solo.

The poster contest winners were announced by Mrs. Lichtenwalner. Karen Kauffman, 9 years old of Montgomery Co. was the winner in the 9-11 age group and the winner in the 12-16 age group was Jolene Moyer of Montgomery Co. The title of her poster was "Think of Others" and it was learned that Jolene now is seriously ill. The group will shower her with cards of good cheer at the Grandview hospital at Sellersville, Pa. Zip 19860.

Mrs. Merle Hand was the narrator for a fashion show presented by ladies from Mont. Co. These were original creations that one would never find in a store.

Mrs. Elaine Benner, PFA State Women's Committee chairman informed the group that the American Farm Women's Committee chairman, Mrs. Chester Smith from Okla., will be present at the annual PFA meeting on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Penn Harris Motor Inn at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Alene Mintz of Penn State Univ. presented a self-improvement lecture en-



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So far this year we have managed to visit just one State Park. This is a rather new one near Hanover in York County, and it is named Codorus. It is near enough to the Lancaster area to be a nice one day trip.

There is a large, beautiful pool and a very large lake with a 26 mile shoreline. We enjoyed driving along part of it and noticed many small graceful sailboats. There were little boats with fisherman and several picnicking areas in this 1200 acre park too.

Being able to take our college-age son along, as he was home for the weekend and our little daughter's friend gave us a nice group to enjoy a day away from farm work and still be a natural setting, which we enjoy the most.

A few weeks ago, I was visiting in a home and copying an item from a 1900 newspaper which detailed the tragic events leading to the death of my grandfather

titled "Being a Woman." She stressed the fact that you're free to be you and I'm free to be me, and the decisions as to what we make of our lives is entirely up to us. She mentioned guidelines which would aid an individual in the process.

Mrs. Warren Lamm

when his team of horses galloped in front of a train. I'm sure this misfortune affects the lives of many families to this very day.

But, what I wanted to say was that as I sat copying the article gradually I became aware of the subject of conservation of several people in the room. They were telling of how they had lost their homes and there was a dreadful similarity in all their stories.

Each one was a descendent of one of the earliest settlers of Lancaster County. One had seen her home burned, four had seen their homes demolished. All this was done in the name of progress. But it does seem to me that we farmers are hit the hardest as new arrivals benefit from the airports, highways and museums without paying the high price of seeing a homestead destroyed.

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