

Farm Women Enjoy Holiday Meeting

For over 500 women in Lancaster County, Thursday afternoon proved to be an interesting holiday, as the annual Homemaker's Christmas Program got underway at the Farm and Home Center.

The program, which is sponsored annually by the Cooperative Extension service, features craft displays along with bazaar tables and eating stands lined with home baked pies, candles, cookies and sandwiches.

Most of the eating stands are sponsored by the many Farm Women Societies in Lancaster County.

Featured speaker for the morning program was Mrs. Betty Groff, a well-known personality of the area who along with her husband Abe, own and operate Groff's Restaurant in the Mt. Joy Area.

Mrs. Groff speaking before a full audience, explained that there is an increasing interest in "old fashioned food." And that many people take for granted the recipes that have been in the family for years.

"People can get excited over the basic foods, too," she explained.

"We in Lancaster County have a good heritage of food and should use it."

Mrs. Groff delighted the audience by making her favorite holiday recipes that included stuffed pheasant and pumpkin chiffon pie.

The goodies that she had prepared during her talk were given as door prizes to members of the audience.

Mrs. Jesse Myers, York, took the floor in the afternoon and gave a demonstration on how to make inexpensive



Members of Farm Women Society 7 of the Paradise-Kinzer area of Lancaster County had one of the most outstanding food booths at the

Homemaker's Holiday Program. Helping to serve the food were (from left) Esther Arment, Anna Eby, Alice Weaver and Martha Landis.



Mrs. Betty Groff, noted personality of the area and owner of Groff's Restaurant near Mt. Joy, shared her favorite holiday recipes that included stuffed pheasant and pumpkin chiffon pie with a crowd of nearly 500.



Farm Women Society 18 had many novel and interesting crafts displayed at the Holiday Program. One of the most popular displays was the goose characters created from polished squash.



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decorations and crafts for the holidays ahead. Many of the Farm Women Societies had displays of holiday craft items that ranged from evergreen door designs to wreaths made of



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Society 3 had one of the largest craft displays at the Holiday program. They featured Christmas decorations including Christmas trees and candle holders made from overturned goblets.

corn husks and polished nuts. Those that chose to have food stands instead showed their talents at cooking and baking by selling such delicacies as chocolate-chip cream cheese cupcakes and blueberry-cinnamon cake along with wedges of pumpkin pie and glasses of spicy cider.

Much credit can be given to all the Farm Women as their displays showed much creativity and ability along with many hours of hard work.

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