

Society 10

Members of Farm Women Society 10 were entertained at the home of Mrs. Jay Landis for the November meeting.

Mrs. Jay Habecker, president, presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Chester Detrick and Mrs. Charles Shank were appointed delegates to the State Convention at Harrisburg in January. Contributions will be donated to the Mental Health Association and the Lancaster County Lung Association.

Lieutenant Aston from the Salvation Army presented a very interesting and informative lecture with slides relative to the formation and services of the organization.

The December meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Stauffer, Lime Spring Farm, Rohrerstown. This will be the annual Christmas party when formerly the members exchanged gifts. This year the custom will be changed and the monetary value of the gifts will be donated to a charitable organization.

Society 1

The monthly meeting of the Society of Farm Women 1 was held at the Bantam Shop, Oley, Pa. Before our meeting Mrs. Ray Bortz assisted by Gail Sittler showed us how to make wreaths, corn husk dolls, and fill boxes with memorable things. After the demonstration our president

called the meeting to order. The group recited the Lords Prayer and the flag salute. Twenty-two members answered to roll call.

The group will buy a Christmas gift for a blind girl from Oley. We also send a dried flower arrangement and a wreath to a member, Sarah Schlegel, who is a patient at the Reading Hospital. A dried flower arrangement was sent to a friend, Willi DeTurck, who is on the sick list. A monetary gift was sent to Gary Yoder for use at the Hamburg State School.

Naomi Howard was installed as a new member of group 1.

Our next meeting will be held at the Douglassville Diner on Dec. 4th at 6:30 and we will have our Christmas party.

After our meeting our entertainment committee served refreshments.

Mrs. Ralph Richard Sec.

Society 12

Farm Women Society 12 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Wissler, Millersville with Mrs. Raymond Aston as co-hostess. Mrs. John Sangrey had devotions. Mrs. Morrison Fautz read a poem "The First Thanksgiving of All."

Twenty-two members were present at the meeting. Mrs. Harry Hershey also gave a reading.

The Christmas meeting will be a covered dish social on December 14th at Shady Maple at 6:00 p.m.

LADIES HAVE YOU HEARD?



By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

Thanksgiving Dinner - Serve It Safely

Entertaining a large family gathering is fun, but it needs to be done safely! Roast turkey, the favorite - Thanksgiving entree, is a perishable food. Always thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator. If you must thaw it more quickly, put in a waterproof plastic bag, seal tightly, and frost it in cold water. Thawing frozen poultry at room temperature gives a bacteria a chance to grow. This is especially true with large frozen turkeys because of the long time it takes them to thaw completely.

Cook turkey thoroughly, to an internal temperature of 180-190 degrees F. Never partially cook it and finish cooking later. Bacteria can survive in partially cooked poultry.

Cook turkey stuffing completely. It's safest to cook it separately from the turkey, because stuffing inside a warm turkey is a breeding place for bacteria. If you must stuff the turkey, cook until the meat thermometer inserted into the stuffing reaches at least 165 degrees F. Never stuff turkey the night before cooking.

Do not thaw commercially frozen stuffed poultry before baking. Put it directly into the oven.

Refrigerate turkey leftovers immediately. Remove all stuffing; store separately.

Scalloped oysters, another holiday favorite, are also highly perishable. Keep them refrigerated or frozen until just before cooking. In serving, keep them HOT (above 140 degrees F.). Serve them quickly, refrigerate leftovers immediately.

Bacteria can cause food poisoning. All they need to grow is the right combination of time, temperature, and moisture.

Foodborne illness can cause diarrhea, vomiting, stomach cramps, and other unpleasant symptoms which can last for several hours or even days. With young children and elderly people, the results can be more severe. Often, people mistake food borne illness for a simple "bug" or virus. The real cause may be food that was not properly handled, prepared, or served. This can be prevented.

On Household Appliances - And Service Life

If you're budgeting for a new home freezer - you may want an idea of the average service-life expectancy of the appliance. Families keep a new home freezer an average of 20 years and a new refrigerator 15 years, according to the latest

figures compiled by the Home Economists of the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Researchers made their estimates based on a survey of 12,000 households using a base similar to the method used in estimating the life expectancy of person. The average service-life expectancies, according to the report are: gas range, 13 years; electric range, 12 years; dishwasher, 11 years; washing machine, 11 years; electric clothes dryer, 14 years; gas clothes dryer, 13 years; black and white television, 11 years; and color television, 12 years.

Another list is made for appliances if acquired in the "used" marketplace. A home freezer, 9 years; refrigerator, 7 years; gas range, 7 years; electric range, 6 years; dishwasher, 7 years; washing machine, 5 years; electric clothes dryer, 5 years; and black and white television, 5 years. No data was available on used color televisions and used gas clothes dryers.

It must be noted that many factors influence the decision to replace or dispose of an appliance. These figures show current practice in the use of equipment, indicating how long, on the average, consumers keep each appliance. This does not indicate how

long the appliance could have been made to last. Actually these figures are up-date estimates made by USDA from 1957-1961. Comparing the above figures with the older survey did not reveal any consistent pattern of either shortened service life or lengthened life for appliances.

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