

Farm Women Societies

Society 6

Farm Women Society 6 held their Christmas Party for their husbands and guests on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rheems Fire Hall.

Martha Eshleman was in charge of devotions and the carol sing. A special number, "The Friendly Beasts" was sung by Joyce, Janet, and Jeffrey Wagner.

The program of the evening was presented by the Countrymen. This trio is composed of H. William Boyer, Wallace M. Swinehart, and Wilbur E. Weaver.

The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Brethren on January 4 at 2:00 p.m. It will be an illustrated talk on candles by William Heisey.

Society 8

Mrs. Harding from Harrisburg, Pa. presented the special feature at the meeting of Farm Women's Society No. 8, Dec. 7, 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Brethren in Christ Church in Mount Joy. She displayed and described a personal collection of madonnas. These were gathered over the years from various states and countries. They were made from a variety of materials. In each figure the artists sought to depict a certain pose of Mary which they felt was most impressive.

Miss Anna Mae Eby, President, presided over the meeting and led the group in singing Carols. Mrs. Ann Shank accompanied on the piano. Thirty-two members and two visitors were present.

In the absence of Mrs.

Patsy Warfel, Mrs. Pauline Miller was in charge of devotions by reading the Christmas Story from Luke ch. 2.

Minutes were read by Miss Mary Grace Martin and Mrs. Sylvester Shuman gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Belle Garber is a patient in the General Hospital.

The delegates elected to go to the Convention at Harrisburg are Mrs. Warren Heisey, Mrs. Kathryn Erb, and Mrs. Hettie Ginder.

Refreshments were served following the meeting. Hostesses were Ruth Musser, Hettie Ginder, Anna Wolgemuth and Ethel Herr.

The next meeting will be held January 18, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Martin K. Miller, 426 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy.

Society 25

Farm Women Society 25 held their December meeting on Sat. Dec. 7 at the Shady Maple Farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Eshleman.

A Mystery Dinner was served to the 23 members and their families who were present.

A short business meeting followed the dinner and was conducted by the vice president Mrs. Carl Gish. It was announced that the County Project for the year will be the L.A.R.C.

Delegates to the State Convention in January will be Mrs. Chester Eshleman, Mrs. Carl Gish, Mrs. Raymond Mylin and Mrs. Sterling Elmer. Society 25 will join with Society 24 in a visit to the County Home on January 16, with a treat for the guests.

A collection was taken among the members for a Christmas Treat for a needy

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family in the neighborhood.

Program books were distributed for the year 1975.

The evening was concluded with Carols and games.

The next meeting will be held January 11, 1975 at the home of Mrs. Laban Byers, the program will be a Quilling demonstration by Mrs. Harry Sheld.

Berks County Society 1

Twenty-two members and their husbands had a very enjoyable evening at their annual Christmas party. The party started at 6:30 at the Village Diner in Douglassville, Pa. A delicious turkey and ham dinner was served. The group had the following as their guests: George Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Brown. Our president, Ruth Walters, gave the invocation and welcomed everybody to the party.

After the meal Alton Brown showed a beautiful slide presentation of his travels through Europe. The members then had a short business meeting. Our county president installed the following officers: Pres. Agnes Noll, Vice Pres. Donna Haas, Treasurer Catherine Yanos, Secretary Pearl Levengood, corresponding secretary Linda Levan.

After the meeting, our secret pals were revealed and we got new ones for 1975. The members and their husbands got small gifts which the entertainment committee thought was most appropriate for their needs.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Sarah Marsteller Amityville, Pa. and we will make cancer pads.

Society 8

The monthly meeting of the Farm Women Society 8 was held in the home of Helen Shirey, Bernville.

Before the meeting got underway, the guest speaker, Fay Strickler, Berks Co. Home Extension Economist, showed us slides and gave a demonstration on food tips, preparation and recipes that included raisins.

After the special program was over, the president, Laverne Bathaser, called the meeting to order. The hostess read Psalms 100. Fifteen members answered to roll call. The special events committee announced our annual Christmas Party will be held

on December 14th at Lincoln's Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Gifts will be exchanged.

Helen Shirey reported on the special events scheduled for the coming new year. The group voted to donate \$25 to the Bethel Ambulance Fund.

We also voted to buy four shares for the Strausstown Medical Clinic which should be ready in April.

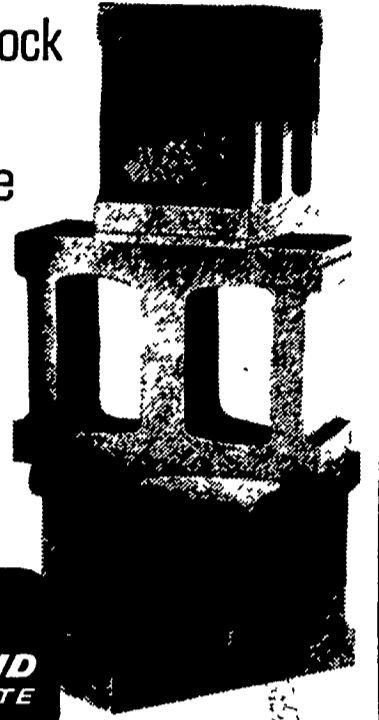
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