

Berks

Farm Women Societies

Society 1

Amityville, Pa
 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 everyone 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: President, Agnes Noll; Vice President, 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 2

Santa Claus and "his" helper visited the Berks County Farm Women's Group 2 of Bethel in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Zimmerman, Bethel RD1, with 23 members attending.

Santa was Mrs. Daniel Harnish, Richland RD1, and Santa's helper was Mrs. Quentin Gettel, Rehersburg, who presented the Christmas gifts and revealed the secret pals of the past year.

Mrs. Wilbur Hershey, Bethel RD1, president, conducted the meeting and arranged final plans for the five group members to attend the state convention of the Society of Farm Women

at Harrisburg in January.

Mrs. Quentin Gettel read the minutes and Mrs. Clarence Klahr, Bethel RD1, gave the treasurer's report. The roll call was answered to the question "How Did You Spend Christmas Day?"

Mrs. Carl Seiverling reported that Christmas gifts given to the Hamburg Children's Home were appreciated.

Mrs. Daniel Harnish distributed new program books for the year 1975.

Mrs. Carl Kauffman Sr., Bethel, was accepted as a new member.

Discussion of fund raising projects was held with all members participating.

Mrs. Klahr, Mrs. Woodrow Webber, Mrs. Mark Weber, and Mrs. Hershey were presented gifts for their perfect attendance year for group meetings.

Songs were led by song leader Mrs. Clayton Schmehl, and Mrs. Eugene Stump was in charge of games. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Zimmerman. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Eugene Stump, Bethel, on Jan. 28 and the program will be "Game Night."

Society 4

The December meeting of the Society of Farm Women, Berks County Group 4 was held in the home of Georgeanna Fullerton, 7 East Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, Pennsylvania.

This being the Christmas party the host read, "Ballad of Holly".

Fourteen members answered the roll call and the President, Mrs. Harold Good, presided over the meeting.

Jean Waldo volunteered to make cookies for the State Convention being held in January in Harrisburg.

The group delivers fruit, cookies, candy and other gifts to local shut-ins during the Christmas season.

The annual banquet was held December 5 at the

Collegeville Inn. Ten members attended.

The county President, Mrs. Robert Yanos, installed the new officers for 1975 and 1976. They are President, Linda Taylor; Vice President, Mrs. Alfred Harrison; Secretary, Mrs. Lester Kulp; and Treasurer, Mrs. George Fullerton.

Linda Taylor presented the retiring President, Mrs. Good, with a gift.

The Rothenberger girls presented a play and ended it by giving gifts, candy and oranges to each one present. The girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rothenberger.

The following meeting was held Thursday, January 9 in the Earlville home of Edna Angstadt, rather than Tuesday the 7th, so the members could attend the state convention.

Society 8

The monthly meeting of the Society of Farm Women was held in the home of Helen Shirey, Bernville, R.D.1.

Before the meeting got under way our guest speaker Fay Strickler, Berks Co. Home Extension Economist, showed us slides and gave a discussion on Food tips, preparation and recipes including raisins.

After the program was over, our president, Laverne Balthaser, called the meeting to order, and our hostess read Psalm 100.

Fifteen members answered to roll call question, "Do you go home for the holidays?"

The annual Christmas Party was held on December 14, at Lincoln's Restaurant at 7 p.m. Gifts were exchanged.

Helen Shirey reported on the special events scheduled for the 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 to open in April, 1975.

After the meeting our hostess served refreshments.

Society of Farm Women Executive Board Gail Malsbury

The Berks County Society of Farm Women executive board met recently with its new president Ann Yanos presiding. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Helen Ebling, Berks Heim; Carol Zechman, Hamburg State School; Linda Taylor, Safety; Helen Ebling, County Scrapbook; Joanne Ebling and Arlene Hershey, Scrapbook contest.

The annual state convention was held in Harrisburg January 6 and 7. Joyce Deiseman, LaVerne Balthaser, Linda Taylor, and Dorothy Barrett served as ushers for various sessions. Berks County was responsible for the memorial service January 6. A committee comprised of Dorothy

Strickler, Pearl Levengood, and Joyce Deiseman is in charge. The county was also responsible for 30 centerpieces to be used at the banquet. Dorothy Stricker, Betty Wessner, and Gail Malsbury are the committee. Several members throughout the county modeled their own long evening dresses in the fashion show. Berks County was represented by Darlene Yost in the state safety poster contest.

October 4, 1975 was selected for the annual Berks County Convention. The vice president of groups No. 2, 5, 7, 8, and 10 are in charge.

The executive board took affirmative action to increase the amount of reimbursement to the County president for certain county and state functions.

The next meeting of the board will be January 13 at the home of Arlene Hershey, RD1 Bethel.

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