

# Common Sense

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equal rights. We have lost the need to have the traditional masculine figure for a large number of our jobs, and our definition of masculinity is changing." There are new types of relationships being built between husband and wife, not resting on the traditional marriage contract, but on the emotional and psychological support each partner needs, Van Horn said.

This new role for father is beginning right in the delivery room, in many cases, which in Van Horn's opinion is a high point in a family in terms of emotion. The husband is immediately saying to the wife, by his presence, that he will be very much a part of child rearing. Van Horn points out, "Not too many decades ago the father was very much a part of birth. Then we moved into the sterile hospitals. We became so sterile that we sterilized Dad out of the whole birth process." This attitude is now changing, along with the idea that child rearing is a mother's job.

Sometimes the great variety of information available to parents today serves only to confuse, and "too often parents feel guilty" about what they did or did not do for their child. Van Horn advises, "We probably did the very best things we could do under that set of circumstances. But tomorrow can be better. We are not the same person we were last week, and we shouldn't feel guilt about the past, but learn and make tomorrow better."

He said, "Each parent has to establish a pattern of being able to evaluate information in terms of our own children and determine what works best for them."

In his prepared remarks Van Horn told the mothers, "Don't expect miracles." But perhaps his most comforting words to confused and anxious parents of young children were, "It is surprising how much of child rearing is common sense."

## Money Management

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In reading annual reports, it's often a good idea to start at the back and work forward. That way, the first thing you'll read is the auditor's report, which tells you right away if there are any variations in the statement you should know about.

# Farm Women Societies

## Society 7

Farm Women Society 7 met recently at the Leacock Presbyterian Church in Paradise. A luncheon was served to Society 24 and the county officers.

Devotions were led by Mrs. William Buyers, reading Psalms 37 giving comments on each verse.

Society 21 entertained Society 7 on April 10 at the Quarryville United Methodist Church.

Speaker for the program was Lester Keene who gave an illustrated talk on his collection of lamps, dating back to 1860.

The next meeting will be held April 12 at the home of Mrs. Walter Denlinger. The program will be in charge of Pequea Valley Exchange student Miss Ranveig Antonsen of Norway.

## Society 10

Farm Women Society 10 met at the home of Mrs. Glenn Breidenstine, Hunsicker Rd., Lancaster recently with Mrs. Iva Buckwalter as hostess.

The president, Mrs. Jay Habecker conducted the business meeting which was opened by devotions read by Ida Kunkle.

Responses to the roll call revealed the members serve in many offices in their churches, civil and volunteer organizations.

Home Economist; Mrs. Doris Thomas, gave many interesting hints on ways to maintain safety in the home along with food preservation.

Society 24 will be entertaining Society 10 at the Farm and Home Center on April 23. Members of Society 24 will be going to the Farm Women Convention on April 30.

## Society 11

Society of Farm Women 11 met at the home of Mrs. Anna Herr, Kirkwood for their March meeting. The president Mrs. Loren Bucher conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Florence Rhoads gave the devotions.

The society plans to sew at the Methodist Church making articles for Conestoga View. A donation was given to Easter Seals. Society 35 will entertain

Society 11 at the Farm and Home Center April 12.

Five minute talks were given by several members concerning trips they had been on recently.

The next meeting will be held April 24 at the Chestnut Level Church House.

## Society 28

Society of Farm Women 28 held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Mellinger. Co-hostess was Mrs. J. Robert Hess. Devotions were given by Mrs. Lloyd Denlinger. The program for the evening was a white elephant sale.

The group donated \$50 to the County Project. A donation of \$10 was also given to the Easter Seal Society.

The next meeting will be held April 24, 7:15 p.m., at Stauffers of Kissel Hill. The group will make 3-D pictures.

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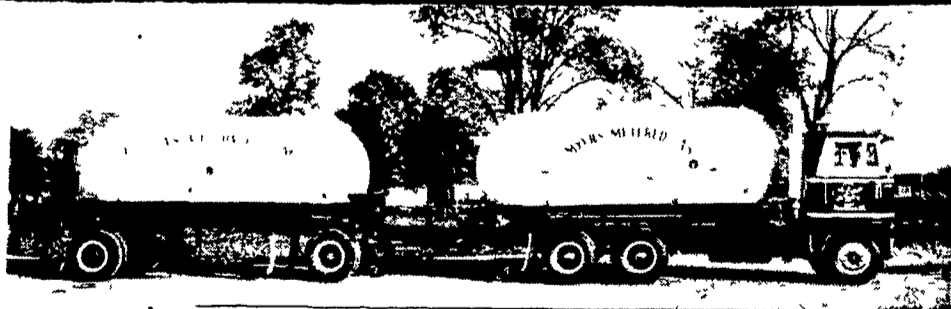
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