

LADIES, HAVE YOU HEARD?

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Preventing Mistakes In Home Remodeling

Remodeling can add new living space, improve the livability of existing space, and increase the market value of your home. Or, it can cost more than the necessary amount of money and add little value. Careful advance planning makes the difference.

To help avoid remodeling mistakes, ask yourself the following questions: Is your home large enough to meet the needs of your family or is an addition really necessary? If the required addition is a major one, would a different house be a better investment? This consideration is especially necessary if the addition would tend to increase the size and value of your home too much in relation to surrounding homes. Will the zoning ordinances of your community allow an addition? Will the remodeling

add to the appeal and be a cheerful, inviting part of your home? What are the main flaws and the best points of your home? What aspects of your home do you want to preserve? Remodeling should help to correct or eliminate existing flaws.

Prepare adequate plans in advance of beginning any remodeling. A simple sketch may be adequate as long as it includes all essential details and specifications. Preparing plans in advance will aid you in selecting a contractor and getting estimates that are more precise. Ask several contractors to submit estimates for the work to be done. Plans can also help to prevent disagreements, misunderstandings, and even lawsuits between you and the contractor.

Strive to save money but don't sacrifice quality. It's

usually best to spend more for flooring, wall paneling, and a new furnace than to buy the lowest cost items. A little step up in initial price will mean a bigger step up in the quality you get.

Check local zoning ordinances to be sure your planned addition is within prescribed regulations. Zoning usually lays down rules for such things as maximum building height, allowable types of buildings, and the minimum setback of a structure from its property lines.

Your plans may involve a minor zoning violation. If so, you can appeal to local authorities for a variance - permission to not specifically comply with the ordinances - which will permit you to go ahead. If you build an addition that violates a zoning regulation without first getting a variance, you might be compelled to tear it down at your own expense.

Your building plan must also conform to local building codes which set minimum standards for safety and health. Local housing codes might also specify the minimum standards for a room based on its intended use. If you are issued a construction permit, it usually means your plans satisfy applicable codes. Call your building inspector if you're in doubt about any part of the code.

Grange cookbook published

The National Grange is publishing a Bicentennial Year Cookbook which will be seen for the first time at the Grange's national convention, Nov. 10-18 in Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Jenny Grobusky, Director of Women's Activities, said the 304 page book will be off the press Nov. 1 and copies shipped directly to the convention site where they will go on sale Mon., Nov. 10.

The book contains 1,200 family-tested recipes and were selected from over 5,000 submitted by Grange members all across the country. Many of the recipes are over 100 years old and they are all from "scratch." Mrs. Grobusky said the National Grange has already received nearly 5,000 advance orders.

The book also contains

many color photographs and a section of recipes for diabetics. It has a special section of "Recipes from friends in the Nation's Capital," including ones from Mrs. Gerald Ford and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller.

Mrs. Grobusky said Grange women wanted their participation in the nation's Bicentennial to result in a "worthwhile and beneficial project." She said, "We feel a cookbook which promotes the use of American agricultural products and at the same time, preserves for posterity, some of the old-time 'receipts', is a very worthwhile contribution to the Bicentennial celebration."

Persons interested in purchasing the cookbook (\$5.00) should contact a local Grange or write to the National Grange, 1616 H St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006.

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Farm Women Societies

Society 22

Society of Farm Women held their September meeting at Goodwill Industries. Following a guided tour of the Industries, refreshments were served.

Roll Call was "A Sign of Fall" beginning with the letter of our first name. We were reminded to bring our dues in an envelope to the next meeting. Mrs. Clair Witmer read a letter from the Society's adopted daughter from Guatemala. Names were exchanged for our Christmas Party. We were asked to give a home made gift.

Mrs. Lester Landis named the Program Committee for the coming year. They are Mrs. Cora Frymyer, Chairman; Mrs. Clair Witmer; Mrs. Jay Landis; Mrs. Ralph Martin; Mrs. William Weller; and Mrs. Cloyd Wenger.

The next meeting will be a Day Tour, starting at 10:15 a.m., October 14 at the Ephrata Cloister.

Society 4

Farm Women Society 4 held a meeting September 27 at the home of Mrs. Carl Siegrist with Mrs. Norman Siegrist as co-hostess.

After refreshments the meeting was opened by members singing "The More We Get Together."

Mrs. Charles Shellenberger shared devotions by reading Matthew, Chapter 6. A poem by Ellie Payne and giving prayer.

Roll Call was My Green Thumb. Each member

brought a favorite plant or flower arrangement and told something or explained about the item they brought.

October 25 - will be our next meeting. The place is Landis Valley Museum. The time is 1:30 p.m. Meet at red brick administration building. Our women are asked to bring dues along to this meeting. Also bring articles for the Needlework Guild at this time. Mrs. Alvin Musser is our representative for the Needlework Guild.

Homemakers Annual Christmas Program will be held at the Farm & Home Center, November 13 - 10:30 a.m. Program will be on "Holiday Foods."

New officers elected: Treasurer - Mrs. Robert Bushong; Secretary - Mrs. Charles Newcomer; Delegates - Mrs. Edwin Yeaglin, Mrs. Edith Musser. Mrs. Galen Brandt was in charge of the program. She spoke on arranging flowers and gave demonstrations.

Society 13

Society of Farm Women 13 met at the home of Mrs. Robert Bomberger, New Holland and Mrs. Bomberger led devotions and Mrs. Ruth Hyatt presented a program on Dolls entitled "The Wonderful World of Dolls."

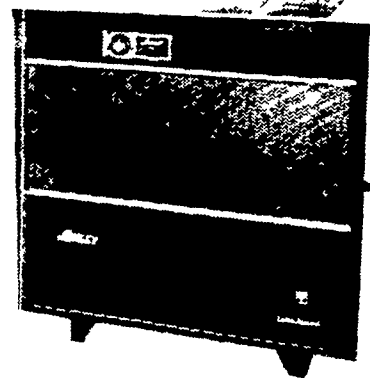
The nominating committee headed by Mrs. William Bard announced the following officers for 1976: President - Mrs. Floyd McClenaghan, Vice President - Mrs. Gordon Reitzel, Secretary - Mrs. William Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Robert Sayres, Treasurer - Mrs. John Denlinger.

Societies 13 and 14 will entertain the guests at Conestoga View November 20.

Society 13 will be guests of Society 27 on October 28 at St. Mark's Methodist Church, Main Street, Mount Joy at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held November 14 at the home of Mrs. John Denlinger, 28 Greenfield Road and Mrs. William Schroeder, Lancaster, will serve as co-hostess.

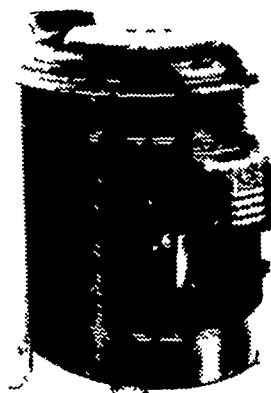
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