

## Farm Women Societies

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The December meeting will be held at Rheresburg Teen Challenge Center on December 7.

Mrs. Jay Nissley was welcomed and installed as a member. Mrs. Robert Fellenbaum, president, and Mrs. Lester Good, secretary, will be taking their new positions for 1977-78 term as of January 1.

Mrs. Roy Sauder finished her work as president by conducting a quiz on the history of the society and gave fresh loaves of homemade bread to the winners. She also grew straw flowers last summer and gave a dried flower arrangement to each member.

Hostesses Mrs. Swarr and Mrs. Raymond Martin served a treat.

### Lancaster Co. Society 29

Members and guests of Farm Women Society No. 29 enjoyed an evening of crafts on November 15. Pine cone wreaths and baler twine wreaths will adorn many of our doors. Some also made pine cone candle rings. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Erb with Mrs. Dale Heistand as co-hostess. Devotions were led by Mrs. Elvin Brennaman.

President Mrs. Gerald Erb, conducted the business meeting. On December 18 members are to donate two food items for Christmas boxes which will then be given to two needy families in the Mount Joy area. On December 11 the husbands will join for a Christmas banquet at Willow Valley Restaurant. Program chairman for 1977, Mrs. Elvin Brennaman read the new year's program.

### Berks Co. Group 1

Group No. 1 held their November meeting in the UCC Church in Amityville, where all made beautiful Williamsburg wreaths. None were exactly alike, as each reflected the tastes of the lady who made it.

Donna Haas won the County competition for her essay "How a Farm Woman Ticks in '76". Now it will be judged for state competition.

Our handicapped member's husband suffered a heart attack, so three days each week different members from our group will go to her home, taking her lunch and visit with her.

We gave a donation to a family in the community who lost almost everything by fire.

Due to illness at the Berks Heim our Fall bingo game was cancelled.

Our newly elected members who will serve for the next two years are as follows: President, Donna Haas; Vice-president, Linda Levan; Treasurer, Joan Haas; Secretary, Joanne Penkauskas; Corresponding secretary, Martha Levan.

Fourteen members from Group 1 will be attending the State Convention at Harrisburg on January 10 and 11. Our next meeting will be held at the Exeter Diner where we will hold our annual Christmas party with our husbands.

### Berks Co. Society 6

The Society of Farm Women, Group 6, met at the home of Mrs. Warren Yoder, Boyertown R4. Nineteen members and one guest attended.

The annual Christmas party will be held December 3, at the Exeter Restaurant

## Better butter acknowledged

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Because of improvements in recent years in the quality of butter being manufactured, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing to drop the lowest quality grade, U.S. Grade C, from the official grade standards for butter. Such butter is no longer packaged for consumer use.

This is one of several changes USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service proposed in the United States Standards for Grades of Butter in a notice which appeared in the Federal Register Nov. 11.

Another change proposed would eliminate the use of alternative grade terms, such as "U.S. 92 Score" (for U.S. Grade A) and thus aid in the AMS move toward more uniformity in grade names.

Other changes, modifying the requirements for the grades, U.S. Grade AA, A, and B, are proposed as a means of more accurately reflecting flavors found in the butter being produced today, AMS officials said. Flavor is one of the important quality factors in the U.S. grade standards for

butter. Specifically, changes are proposed in the definitions of flavor intensity and of flavor characteristics for "coarse acid," "cooked (fine)," and "cooked (coarse)." These are defects which may cause butter to be downgraded. The proposal would also delete the flavors "lipase" and "woody" from the grade standards and would modify the definition for "specks" in the grade standards' color requirements.

Comments on the proposed amendments to the grade standards for butter will be

accepted until Jan. 1. They should be filed, in duplicate,

with the Hearing Clerk, Room 112-A, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250, where they will be available for public inspection.

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A donation was given to one of the members, Sarah Drumheller, whose home was gutted with fire, October 23, to purchase a clothes washer.

Articles for Christmas will be taken to the Hamburg State School, November 21, by Mrs. Richard Schlegel.

Names of 14 shut-ins in the area were presented to the committee who are in charge of making fruit baskets for Christmas.

Mary Jane Hetrick and Dorothy Wagner are in charge of reservations.

Mary Haas and Bessie Rapp will audit the treasurer's book until the January meeting.

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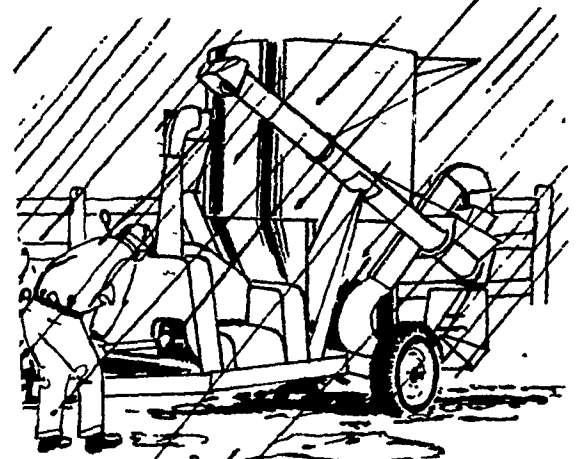


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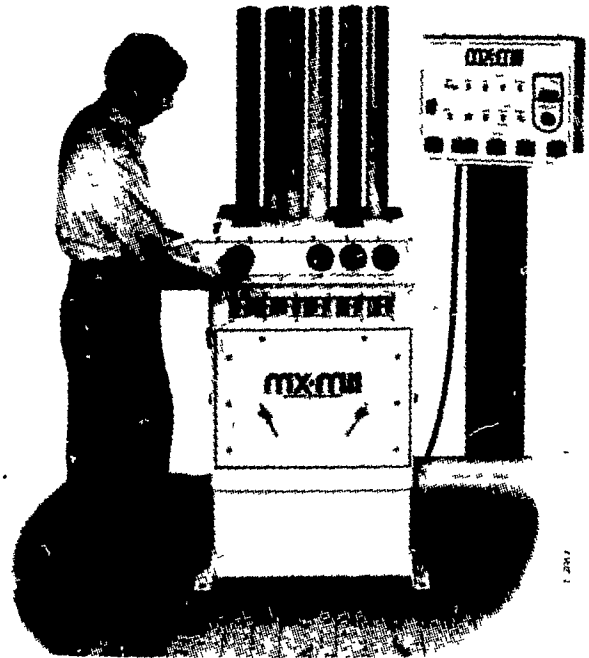
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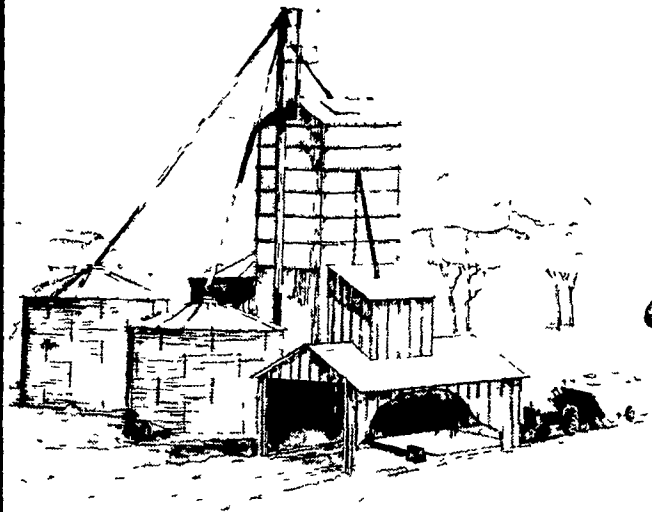
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