

PFA ladies say:

The best man for the job may be a woman

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YORK, Pa. - "The Best Man For The Job May Be A Woman!"-that was the theme of the April 28 Ladies' Day Out sponsored at Avalon Farms Restaurant by the York County Farmers' Association.

Members and guests attending the annual women's program were treated to a wide range of political and legislative information, liberally sprinkled with entertaining talent and craft displays throughout the day.

Representative A. Carville Foster, of the 93rd District, was the opening speaker with a "State Legislative Update" concerning critical farm-related issues.

"I wish I could say something else, but the fact is that there is more bad news than good coming out of Harrisburg for farmers," believes Foster. He hit environmentalists as one crucial area of concern to ag people.

"Zero pollution is not a realistic goal," continued Foster, a farmer himself. "Too many people in pollution-control leadership

grew up learning textbook environmentalism; it seems they won't be happy until we are hungry and cold."

Pending legislation which will affect farmers include proposed transportation and gasoline taxes, because of the major fuel inputs required in the farming industry. Foster was critical of the administration's proposal to merge present gas tax and motor licensing funds into the general fund of the Commonwealth.

"If that happens," emphasized Foster, "Your automobile license fees, instead of being spent on badly-needed repairs to your rural roads, may instead be funding the Philadelphia school system, or a proposed multi-million dollar Pocono Arts Center."

The York County representative also gave the verbal axe to the Public Utilities proposed "Lifeline" rate restructuring system. Under the "Lifeline" rate changes, small users would be billed low per-kilowatt charges, with high users paying top price per unit. Foster noted that farmers are quantity consumers of



Patricia A. Crawford

electricity, and restructuring along these lines would put a burdensome drain on their pocketbooks. While the changes are theoretically help the poor, Foster stressed that there is actually little correlation between income and energy use, citing the fact that lower-income housing is frequently the most poorly insulated.

Keynote speaker for the afternoon program was Patricia A. Crawford, of Devon. She served four terms as a House member and was the Republican candidate for state treasurer during the last election.

"I'm very happy that women are getting interested in legislative affairs," commented Ms. Crawford, who is currently serving on the Governor's Commission for Women. She termed her message to the women present "more a seminar on how to get involved in politics than it is a speech."

Setting down the steps that a bill takes from the time of introduction on the floor to the final document signing, Ms. Crawford emphasized that there are two key times when voters should be in touch with their representatives.

"Contact your legislator when the bill is moving in committee, or to get it moved out of committee, and then again when it comes up for a vote. Sometimes just one letter, with pertinent facts, figures and suggested alternatives, might well make the difference in how your legislator votes," advised Ms. Crawford.

Another piece of advice

given by the ex-lawmaker was for voters to make a genuine effort to get to know their elected representatives.

"Never contact a legislator out of the blue and demand action," she warned. "And, don't forget to say 'Thanks' to them when they've done a good job. They're human, too, and appreciate an occasional pat on the back."

Entertainment for the program included demonstrations by Maxine Shaffer, Druck Valley Road, York, a talented tole painted and teacher. Nedra Graybeal, Airville R1, spoke on "eggcrafting" and displayed an assortment of eggs cut and creatively decorated with fabrics, trims and tiny figurines.

Winner in the talent competition was Pat Gerber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gerber, Davidsburg Road, Dover, with a vocal solo. Miss Gerber will represent the county at regional competition in July. Mollie Dehoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dehoff,

Dallastown R1, was named runner-up.

A skit, "Super Chick Can Do It!", directed by Gail McPherson, wrapped up the Day Out Activities. A modernized version of the fable of the little red hen, beset by bureaucratic red tape, the production's cast included a pig who refused to work because he might lose his welfare and food stamps, a ewe who feared pesticide damage to her lungs, and a cow who positively refused to work in the field without a porta-potty.



Rep. A. Carville Foster

Large - scale Cooking hazards to be discussed by Extension

LEBANON, Pa. - On May 12 an informative meeting will be held by the Penn State Extension Service of Lebanon County for anyone who makes food "for fun and profit."

To take place at the Municipal Building, Lebanon, at 7:30 p.m. the meeting will discuss food safety for large quantity cooking.

"This is for organizations such as Farm Women's groups, band parents, church groups, and others who prepare food on a large scale," stated Extension Home Economist Alletta Schadler. "We've been

getting reports of spoilage, and this meeting is in response to that."

Dr. Morris Mast, poultry food specialist from Penn State, and Sid Barnard, food science Extension specialist, will be on hand to discuss the problems with the participating audience.

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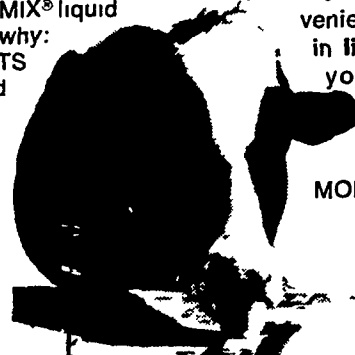
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