

Farm Women Societies

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York Co. Society 26

The Green Valley Society of Farm Women Group 26 held their eleventh anniversary meeting at the Holiday Inn, York.

Chairman Mrs. Shirley J. Miller presented a hanging plant to the president, Mrs. Luna Kahler.

A potted plant was given to each member as a favor table setting. In total, 23 members attended with 12 charter members midst the group.

The Hospital Fete will be held at the fairgrounds in

York on May 20 - 21. All Society members are doing voluntary help in three hour shifts.

The next benefit bake sale for York County Farm Women will be held at the York Mall on June 24 - 25. Group 26 will work on June 25 from 12 to 1 p.m. Arts and crafts tables will also be exhibited for special events and projects.

During the meeting a Mother's Day program was presented by the charter president Mrs. William Hake

with a report of the very first meeting of Mrs. Flora Black, founder of Pennsylvania Farm Women in the year 1914. Mrs. Hake also read the letter received from Mrs. Black's four children on State Farm Women's 50th anniversary.

Tim Markovits from the York Extension office also spoke on the special care of house plants.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Conley, 1761 North View Road, York, on June 14 at 12:30 p.m. The program will be a special flag day.

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

I don't remember a Spring when I've seen a wider variety of birds than this Spring. Everywhere I look they are gathering material for nests.

The other morning I watched a cardinal pull strips of bark off our white grapevine and carry them to a row of evergreen trees. When I drive down our lane, I startle thrush and they dart here and there in the raspberry bushes.

This morning as I hunted moss and fern, a bird that I can't name flew off an almost nonexistent nest on a bare mulberry branch and flopped on the ground to distract me. It is becoming

more difficult to find a really untouched area of woodland, as our 18 cottagers keep their land quite well trimmed. But, there is still a secret place or two where white violets cover the hillside and fallen trees are left to rot and return to nature instead of quickly being sawed and neatly stacked.

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One thing which strikes terror into my heart is the cry, "the heifers are out." Especially is this true if it is nighttime and we don't know where they have gone. We grab every available flashlight and Allen drives the truck through the fields

in search of them.

I'm not sure which I fear the most, their running pell-mell through my 800 feet of fenced sugar peas or their escaping to a nearby development and devastating newly planted lawns. Either would be disastrous in my mind. Long gone are the days when each field was fenced in and animals could be contained.

Guess I better stop writing and go pick some more of those big strawberries which we've so carefully covered on those cold nights.



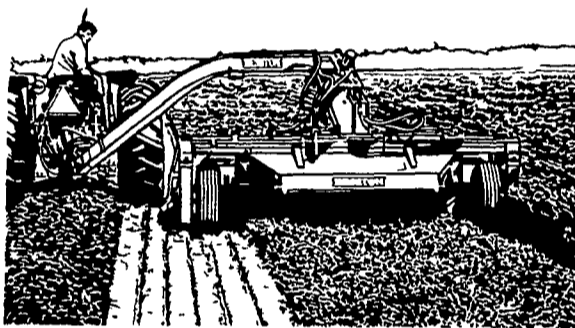
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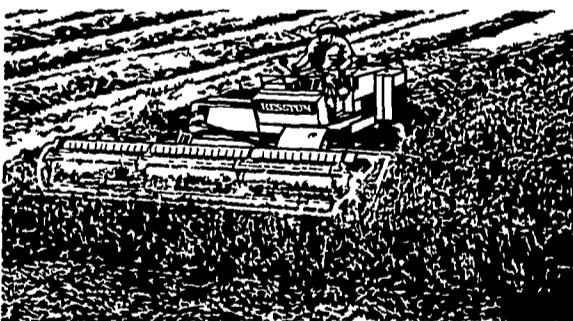
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