

Farm Women Societies

Lancaster Co. Society 4

Lancaster County Farm Women Society 4 held their monthly meeting December 28 with a covered dish lun-

cheon at the Ironville Church Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Paul Metzger was hostess to the thirty-one members and visitors present.

During the business meeting, plans were made to attend the Farm Women Convention on January 8 and

9. Volunteers from the society will entertain patients at the Conestoga View on January 19.

The next meeting of the group will be held January 28 at the home of Mrs. Richard King.

Lancaster Co. Society 11

Lancaster County Farm Women Society 11 met on December 29 at the home of

Mrs. John Swarr. Seventeen members attended.

President Violet Eshelman was in charge of the business meeting. Minutes were read and Treasurer's report given and accepted. Bills were ordered paid and Committee reports given. 1978 program books were distributed.

In the program, Christmas carols were sung and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served by the committee.

The January meeting will be held on January 26 at the home of Mrs. Violet Eshelman.

York Co. Society 35

On December 1, 1977 York County Farm Women Society 35 met at the home of Vicki Rohrbaugh. Final arrangements were completed for the Christmas Party.

The Society's Christmas party was held on December 11, 1977 at the Seven Valleys Firehall. A covered dish meal was enjoyed by all. After Christmas games and stories, Santa Claus visited the children and delivered gifts.

After a discussion it was decided to change the meetings to the second Thursday of each month. The following committees were appointed to serve for 1978: Program - Vicki Rohrbaugh, Loretta

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

Our home is finally beginning to settle into a familiar routine. The children have gone back to college and with them the excitement of a full household. We no longer need to heap the serving

dishes to satisfy big appetites.

The house is gradually getting back to order after enlarging the tables to serve 30 people a Christmas meal. We've withstood the onslaught of several grandnieces and grandnephews who only had one speed throughout our house - and that was fast. Quickly the dried bouquets and trinkets were moved to higher and safer ground. It is easy to forget how several two-year-olds can turn a home into a disaster area.

Our children did help us accomplish several things during the holidays. They helped their father lay cement blocks for a wall at the barn as he wants to put in more stalls. Heavy loads of sand and gravel were hauled as fill from the mound which was left in our meadow after the big flood of 1972. The dirty job of removing soot from the furnace was accomplished and the heifers were fed their silage early every morning.

Even the technical job of repairing a grandfather's clock that no longer chimed was completed. Jeffrey made the clock in high school from walnut lumber that his grandfather had stored. A small prong broke off of a gear and he was able to improvise a brass telephone wire that seems to work fine.

Now, we shall hope for good weather and clear roads so that we can start again the routine of flute lessons, basketball games, pep band, etc.

Irish Simmentals okayed

BOZEMAN, Mont. - Dr. H.A. Waters, U.S. staff veterinarian, announced this week that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has officially recognized Simmental cattle registered in Ireland as qualifying for duty-free importation into the United States.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said recognition of the breed by USDA permits pedigreed animals to be granted free entry if accompanied by certificates of pure breeding. The action was taken after examining the books of record and the rules of entry for registration of the Irish Fleckvieh (Simmental) Cattle Society, Springhill, Carrigtwohill, Ireland.

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