

Chester Co. treasures recounted for PFA ladies

UNIONVILLE -- "Treasures of Chester County" was the theme of the Chester County Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Ladies Day Out held at the Stone Barn, Unionville, this past week.

Ninety women gathered at this one-time barn turned restaurant for the day-long activities which included a display of family treasures brought by individuals of the association membership. The items ranged from the rare antique to the family heirloom to the recently created crafts which may have sentimental value in the future. Among the many items on hand were a number of quilts - new and old - needlework, jewelry, and glassware.

In keeping with the theme for the programs throughout the day, guest speaker, Mrs. William Ball, West Chester, presented a slide program and explained a number of the treasures both natural and man-made found in Chester County's history and heritage. Mrs. Ball, author of the book entitled *Barns of Chester County*, and a well-known lecturer and collector of antiques, explained and showed examples by slide presentation of streams, trees, stone houses, log houses, open landscapes, and furniture including desks, chairs, and spice chests. She remarked that the Chester County settlers were fortunate to live so close to Philadelphia. Seven roads ran east and west through Chester County to the City of Brotherly Love. The easy access to this metropolis allowed the architecture and crafts to be

quite sophisticated as they were incorporated into the Chester County dwellings.

Mrs. Ball pointed out to the group that the Quaker influence in Chester County architecture and furniture was distinctly different from the German influence apparent in the artistry of neighboring Lancaster County. In closing her program, Mrs. Ball encouraged the members to take the initiative and to keep the treasures still present to preserve them for future generations to enjoy.

After a buffet luncheon, the ladies spent the remainder of the afternoon creating Easter crafts. Pom-Pom crafted bunnies and chicks were made. Instructions in this part of the program were given by the "Hayloft" proprietors, Morgantown.

Albert Bartels, West Grove, president of the Chester County PFA, addressed the group briefly on recent Association actions. Special guest for the day was state women's committee chairman, June Burgert, Fleetwood, Berks County.



PFA members gather around a book written by Mrs. William Ball (second from left). The PFA members are (from left to right) Mrs. Arthur Hershey, chairperson; Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Ray

Burgert, state women's committee chairperson; and Mrs. Nathan King, Lincoln University, committee member for Chester County Ladies' day.

Chairperson for the Chester County Ladies Day was Mrs. Arthur Hershey, Cochranville. Assisting her in planning the program were Mrs. Nathan King, Lincoln University; Mrs. Albert Bartels, West Grove; Mrs. Carl Horst, Atglen; Mrs. Michael Mowrer, Spring City, and Mrs. Daniel Miller, Chatham.

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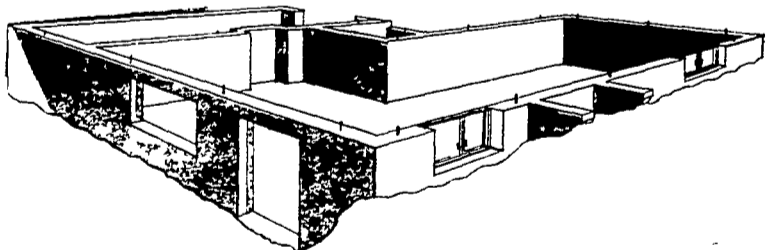
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