

Farm Women Societies

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after the meeting by hostess Sara Ann Landis and co-hostess Gerry Buckwalter

York Co. Society 35

Joan Beck hosted York County Farm Women Society 35 on May 10. Members were informed of the following dates: County Picnic-July 26;

County Convention - November 2; and the Craft Fair, November 4.

Society 35 will entertain Society 25 on July 13 at a picnic.

Linda Brown, a member of the Loganville 4-H Club, presented a Oriental cooking demonstration.

The next meeting will be on June 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Judy Bren-neman.

Ida's Notebook



Ida Risser

This morning I got to feeling rather nostalgic; maybe it is because I had a birthday recently. I began to remember how things were when we first moved to this farm.

My husband had one cow, one heifer, two calves and also a truck and a tractor. He attended several Farmer's Markets and sold potatoes and vegetables that we grew. I had a job in Lancaster and a house to tend. But, the house had no running water, no heat (used two coal stoves) and no

bathroom for several years. It was a wonderful day when we piped water to the basement from the well down in the corner of the yard and an even better day when we installed plumbing.

In those days, I cleaned every room in the house every week. But as the years passed by and we had six children to upset the order of things, I felt that Saturday had to be clean-up day. Boy, were we all tired by night-fall. However, I really looked forward to coming downstairs, late at night after my bath, and seeing a clean house and hearing the quiet that resulted from having them all asleep in their beds.

As they leave home, I may decide that every other week is often enough to vacuum and scrub floors and polish. After all, with less feet to run through the house, there really is less dirt. No more rows of tiny shoes all polished and ready for Sunday School. No more toys all over the floor and sounds of children bickering as they play.

Now Allen milks some 50 cows in a six herring-bone milk parlor and keeps three tractors and a truck running almost perpetually. And, I have a new kitchen in a restored 1813-brick house.

Some things remain the same though -- the Conestoga still flows along within its banks (most of the time that is) and the sugar peas and strawberries bear each Spring and keep me busy.

Orienteering contest held

NEW HOLLAND -- Orienteering. You've never heard of it?

It's been called everything from "running with a purpose" to "a cross between a treasure hunt and a cross-country race."

Whatever you call it, this sport, which has gained enormous popularity in Scandinavia, is fun and a real challenge.

Recently 26 Lancaster County FFA members found out first hand just how challenging it is when they competed in the Lancaster County FFA orienteering contest held at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area, Kleinfeltersville.

The contestants were FFA members from three county chapters, and they competed on an individual basis as well as a two person team.

This year the contest was divided into three sections. First, a written exam tested the competitors' understanding of topographic maps and map symbols, their ability to take bearings, and their knowledge of the parts and function of a compass. Contestants then showed their skill in estimating distances by pacing off the

distance between three separate flag markers. Finally, teaming up with a partner, they were given a detailed topographic map of a ridge overlooking Middle Creek marked with 10 control points.

It was their task to locate as many of the points as possible using the map and compass and return to the finish line within the 45 minute time limit.

The individual winners from this year's contest were Reggie Bennet, Garden Spot High School, first place, and Jim Weidman, Pequea Valley High School, in second place.

The team taking first place was Garden Spot with Pequea Valley finishing in second, and Ephrata running third.

The contest, in its second year at the county level, was established to allow more participation in contests by FFA members who are not necessarily production oriented. The contest deals with a skill that would prove helpful in many types of conservation or in resource employment. It can also become a lifelong hobby that adds enjoyment to back-packing, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, and other outdoor activities.

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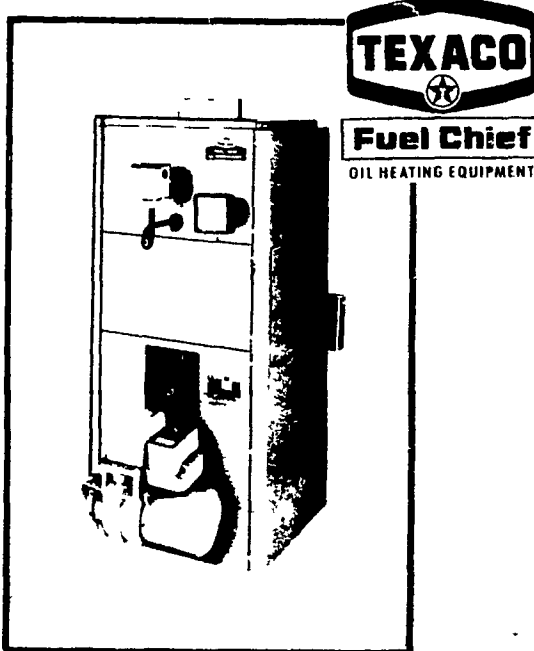
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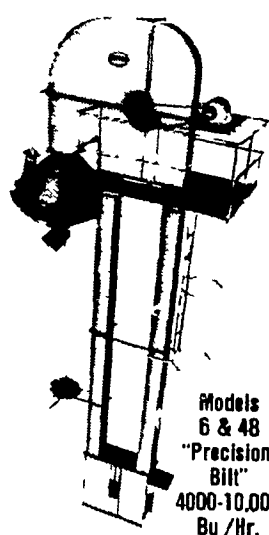
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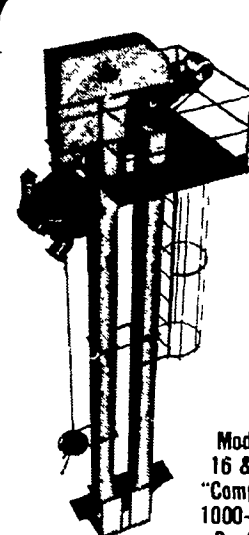
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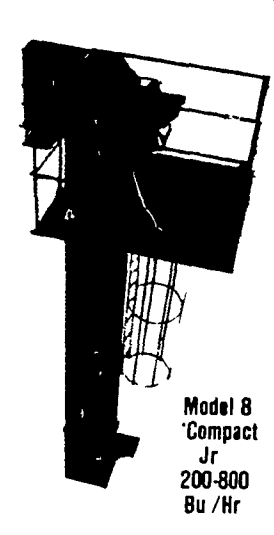
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