

Homemade goods seen at Lancaster Town Fair

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LANCASTER -- Homemade bread, egg cheese and hand-fashioned mints greeted visitors to the "Old Order of Cooking" demonstration by members of Lancaster County's Societies of Farm Women at First Presbyterian Church as part of the Lancaster Town Fair held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The demonstration proved to be a popular visual and edible addition to the colorful fair which spread among five downtown buildings. The theme for this year's fair was "Our Living Heritage," and the foods demonstration clearly recalled our heritage of good cooking.

On Tuesday Mrs. Eugene Breneman, Conestoga R2, and a member of Farm Women Society 23, was

happily demonstrating the art of making homemade bread, something she learned from her grandmother. She said, "I spent a day with my grandmother and she taught me I am using her recipe which she has been using to bake bread for 40 years. My grandmother is Hannah Smoker, and she is 88 years old and still bakes bread."

Mrs. Breneman made the work of bread baking look easy, and the loaves she produced were quickly sold to fairgoers who recognized (and smelled) a good thing immediately. Mrs. Breneman did her demonstration dressed in the dress of her Amish Great Grandmother, Lizzie Kulp Buch. The dress featured the attached apron and cape, and she also wore a night cap worn by her grandmother.

She didn't admit to any secrets for a sure fire suc-

cess, but Mrs. Breneman said that her grandmother used "occident flour" which she purchases from a mill, raw sugar and lard for her successful bread.

She added, "I used to make all of our bread, but since we have three children I only bake occasionally." She was obviously enjoying showing the visitors how to make bread. "There were so many people who were so eager to see and learn how you do it."

Mrs. Ruth Kauffman, Lancaster R2, also a member of Society 23, was busily demonstrating how to make egg cheese. She said, "We've had a lot of interest in the egg cheese. The recipe is something handed down from one generation to another, but is strictly Pennsylvania Dutch." Mrs. Kauffman said she makes egg cheese at home. She was

very popular because she offered samples of her egg cheese on small tidbits of bread with molasses. Large molds of cheese were available for sale.

Nearby County President Mrs. Carl Diller, Lancaster, worked industriously making lovely mints which were also offered for sale. A display of antique cooking utensils drew a lot of attention. The antiques were supplied by Mrs. Diller and Mrs. Cloyd Wenter.

Farm Women Society 22 had members on hand to sell copies of their cookbook which features many "Old Order of Cooking" recipes along with some which are more modern.

Mrs. Diller said, "This is our first year here, and we didn't know what to expect. There are many people coming through who are really interested."

Participation by the Farm Women offered a small homey touch to the Fair which was a delightful mixture of arts, crafts and delicious goodies.



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The past several years have brought a new awareness of international interdependence in agriculture. During this time FFA international activities have steadily increased as more and more members show an interest in traveling abroad to gain firsthand knowledge of agriculture in other nations. In 1978, 75 FFA members participated in the FFA Work Experience Abroad Program. Through the program students are placed for three to six months on farms in Europe, South America or the South Pacific, where they live and

work with farm families. Many of the participants in the 1977-78 WEA Program are expected to be in Kansas City to share their travel and learning experiences with other FFA members.

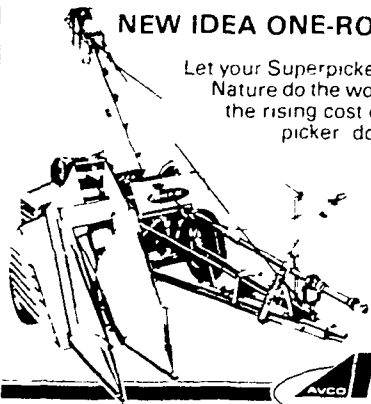
The FFA WEA Program also includes similar placement opportunities in the U.S. for students from other nations. In 1978 the FFA Organization assisted some 130 agriculture students from other nations in locating placement experiences on U.S. farms. Many of these students will be attending the National FFA Convention.



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