

# Convention held by Lancaster Co. Farm Women



Alva Weinhold (left) designed and carried out much of the work for the new tablecloth and banner presented to the County Societies by Society 3. Also helping with the project were Salinda Usner, center, and Society President Miriam Moore.

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LANCASTER - Presentation of a banner and tablecloth by Society 3 and a check for \$2,250 to the Welsh Mountain Medical Center highlighted the 61st annual convention of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women held November 4, at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

The stunning handsewn banner and tablecloth featuring the Farm Women insignia was presented to the County Societies by Miriam Moore, president of Society 3, with the assistance of Alva Weinhold and Salinda Usner. Mrs. Moore said she volunteered for the project when the need was discussed. "Because I knew I had, Alva. Alva has designed them for church-she's very adept."

Alva designed the banner, and was responsible for the bulk of the work on the large undertaking. She said the



Mrs. Harold Saylor



Bev Richards

work began sometime last May, adding, "Oh yes, many hours went into it." How did she do it? "I drew off the design, and it went together like a jigsaw puzzle."

The fabric used was mostly double knit and was

applied in place, then outlined with soutache braid. The letters are sewn on a gold metallic fabric and outlined with cord. The colors are vivid; the effect dramatic. The colorful banner replaces a much used, very worn one used previously.

Tom Hooper, business manager of the Welsh Mountain Center was on hand to accept the donation of the \$2,250 which represented contributions from individual societies to the County project. He expressed sincere thanks, including a thank you to Societies which contributed in other ways. Dr. Ira Wolfe, clinic dentist, said the money is being used for the purchase and installation of a nitrous oxide analgesic unit, better known as a machine for "laughing gas." Another portion of the contribution will be used for the purchase of audio visual equipment necessary as part of the clinic's health care program.

In the business meeting, Mrs. David Buckwalter of Society 18, was elected secretary of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women, and Mrs. Landis Myer, Society 24, was elected treasurer, both for two-year terms.

Mrs. Opal Ruhl, first vice-president, gave a composite of the activities for Lancaster County's 31 Societies, saying, "We each gave a part of ourselves to others and brightened the corner where we are." In addition to visits to state hospitals, nursing homes and others, the Societies gave \$9,702 in programs to service for others, including such things as foster children, awards and other acts of generosity. In addition to money, gifts of time, clothing and food were given to those in need. Fun and fellowship also played an important part in Farm Women programs throughout the year.

In her report, President Ann Diller said that she had "a wonderful year in growing and learning." In addition to visiting Society meetings and other county conventions, she said she has served on the committee to revise the by-laws on the state level.

Mrs. Diller commended those societies which "went the extra mile to enter the state project, 'Happiness for Others.' Many lives were brightened through it."

Society 27 took first place in the contest with a project

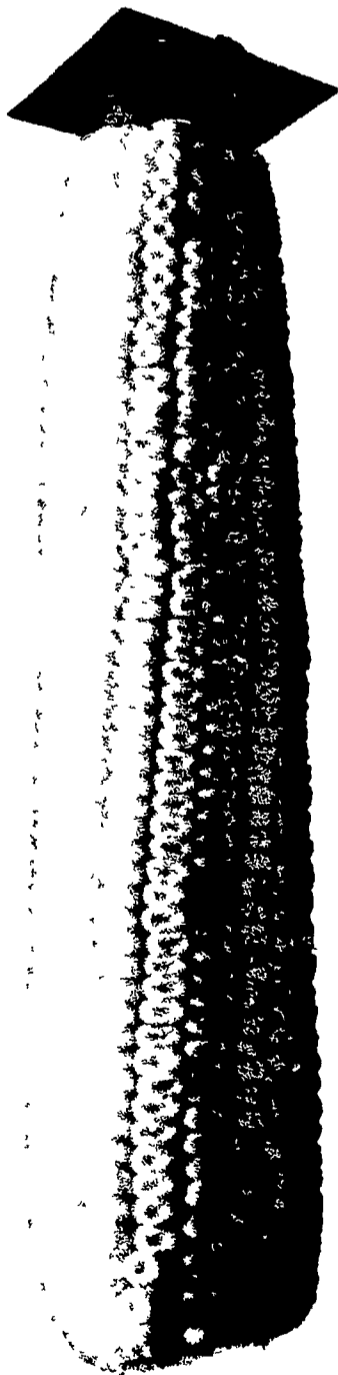
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