## Lebanon Co. farm women learn of PDA's facades

scattered snow flurries, the Lebanon County Farm Women Society members gathered at the Zoar's Educational Center for the thirty-ninth annual convention on October 10.

Mrs. Betty Rode, commodity promotion supervisor with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets, was the afternoon's keynote speaker. Rode is known to Pennsylvania's commodity queens as the "mother queen", since she is responsible for coordinating their activities.

Rode assured the farm women that Penrose Hallowell has a great interest in promoting Pennsylvania's farm products, and explained the unlimited resources available to the public from the PDA. Organizations have access to films, recipes, speakers, and other commodity information, simply for the asking.

Pennsylvania is the leading agriculture state in the northeast, and has a great deal to offer to the American consumer. Rode explained that despite the increasing prices, food is still a great buy, requiring only 16.8 per cent of a persons weekly pay. Rode stated that the American food dollar includes "a lot of ready-made" or conready-made" or convenience food. "The American farmer gets only

MT. ZION - Amidst 35 per cent of the food dollar," Rode added.

Citing specific examples from the Bureau of Weights and Measures, Rode acquainted the farm women with the 30 bureaus of the department which seek to protect the consumer. She explained that it is essential for anyone who has a food complaint to report it to the regional office. For the south central the office is located ın Summerdale, Pa.

Diane Maulfair, Lebanon County's Dairy Princess entertained the societies with her presentation of "Minerva", the talking cow. The cow is capable of acquainting any stranger to the dairy industry with facts of daily production and diet. She also encourages everyone to drink a tall, cold glass of milk.

Mrs. Dora Ulrıch Koehler presented a musical selection on the piano. She included her own arrangements of hymns and selections from "The Sound of Music."

During the afternoon's business session Mrs. Nora Krall announced the county "Something from Nothing" project winners. Elva Martin of Society 15 earned first place with her child's hassock crafted from seven 46 ounce fruit cans. These cans were arranged and covered with old coat lining to yield an attractive accessory.

A rug braided from baler



Officers were installed at the Lebanon County Farm Women Convention on Wednesday afternoon. Pictured here are: (front row) Helen Hess, state president; Mrs. Henry Wasserman, secretary; Sara Jane Kroll, treasurer; (back row)

twine won second place. Ethel Bollinger of Society 17 was the creator of this project.

In third place was a trash container decorated for any room's decor with leftover wrapping paper. The base of the container was a five gallon ice cream container. This project was completed by Mrs. Lentz of Society 11.

The first place project will compete at the state farm women convention in January.

Mrs. Helen Hess of Mountville, Lancaster County, is this year's state president. She announced the recipient of the farm women scholarship as Jean Jordan of York County.

Mrs. Dennis Grumbine, second vice-president; Mrs. Kenneth Sellers, first vice-president; Mrs. Marie Steinmetz, county president; and Mrs. Harvey Krall, retiring county president.

Jordan will study home synopsis of the plans for the economics. Mrs. Hess provided a brief

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Mrs. Betty Rode, commodity promotion supervisor for the Penna. Department of Agriculture, explained the various bureaus of the department and urged the women to send food complaints to their regional office.

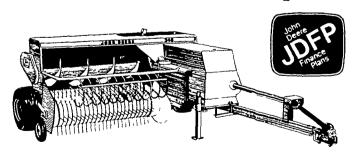
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