



Heading up the 1980 Farm Women programs are state officers, from right: Nancy Bennetch, treasurer, Helen Hess, president, Marie Baugh-

man, first vice-president, and Naomi Bupp, second vice-president.

**Dunkleberger creates "Something From Nothing" doll house**

# Farm Women Societies converge in Harrisburg

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**HARRISBURG** — Over four hundred women from across the state covered on Harrisburg January 7 and 8 for the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women.

Nancy Bennetch of Lebanon County was installed as state treasurer during the business session Tuesday morning in the Farm Show complex. Mrs. Bennetch is the past assistant secretary to the state officers. She and her husband Marlin operate a registered Holstein dairying operation at R2 Myerstown.

One new state director was also elected to the executive board. Muriel Hostettler of Penn Run, Indiana County, is one of seven directors plus state officers that comprise the board heading up the activities of the more than 4,000 members.

Lancaster's Helen Hess of Mountville, state president, presided over the business session. Other state officers

include first vice-president Marie Baughman, R3 Shippenburg, Franklin County; second vice-president Naomi Bupp, R2 Glen Rock, York County; and Leona Stapleton, secretary, of R1 Saxton in Huntingdon County.

Committee policy recommendations include increased education of farm women on estate tax and inheritance problems and the monitoring of new developments in nuclear power generation.

Winner of the \$300 scholarship award was Jean Jordon, R2 Felton in York County. Miss Jordon is a sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a second year recipient of the scholarship which was established in 1960 as a memorial to the Society of Farm Women's founder, Flora Black. Recipients of the schooling assistance must be children of members and pursuing a major in the home-ec field.

The business meeting followed a day-long program of speakers and entertain-

ment on Monday at the downtown Harrisburg Forum Building and the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

A special presentation of original jewelry was made to president Helen Hess by the Lancaster County Societies. Designed to be worn either as a pendant or a pin, the circle of gold is engraved and bears the pink hollyhock symbol of the Farm Women. Other farm women jewelry is available from the new custodian, Mrs. Harry Hershey, Box 390, R1, Mt. Joy, 17552.

Winner of the statewide "Something From Nothing" project was Dottie Dunkleberger of Society 17 in Cumberland County. Mrs. Dunkleberger's first-place entry was a child's dollhouse, with every one of the remarkably detailed furnishings created from throwaway items. The house shell was fashioned from corrugated cardboard boxes, divided into several rooms. Intricate decorating features included foods in

see-through cupboards, toothpick candle sconces on the walls, magazine racks complete with miniature magazines, a mousetrap and an outdoor privy complete with moon cutout on the door.

Second place winner was the dried floral arrangement created by Ruth Kauffman, Lancaster County's entry; and third place was won by Pauline Thomas of York County, with a miniature castle nightlight. Honorable mentions were awarded to Kathryn Thomas, Adams; Ferne Culp, Berks; Florence Adams, Cambria; Ruth Whiteside, Chester, Mable Wyonda, Dauphin; Oliver Kerchner, Franklin; Denise Frey, Fulton; Ruth Minor, Greene; Elva Martin, Lebanon; and Jane Wosyki, Somerset.

In honor of the International Year of the Child, a special youth creativity project was sponsored by the youth committee, with 87 certificates presented for arts and crafts entries by children of Farm Women members. Next year's competition will be expanded to include grandchildren, and the 1981 project is projected to be open up even to great-grandchildren of Society members.

A memorial service honored 64 deceased members throughout the membership. A floral design created for the service included a yellow mum for each of those who died during 1979, surrounded by an evergreen background with a red rose for each of the deceased state presidents.

Two members were honored for attaining the 90-year-old member status. Effie Ross, Cambria County, and Mildred Countryman, Somerset County, will each receive a special oval gold locket engraved with their initials as a token of honor from the state group.

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Everything a doll could ever want for comfortable living is included in this creation by Dottie Dunkleberger, Cumberland County state winner of the "Something From Nothing" recycling competition. The dollhouse and all its interior decorations were created from castaways, right down to the kitchen mousetrap.

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