## Lancaster Farm Women hold convention

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LANCASTER - Over 400 members of Lancaster County's Farm Women Societies gathered for their annual convention last Saturday at the Farm and Home Center.

County President Opal Ruhl presented a check for \$2,610 to Hospice of Lancaster County which had been selected as the county project by the 33 Societies. In accepting the check, June Kastner, administrative assistant for Hospice, said, "I can't thank you enough. It is very generous and I really appreciate it. I am very moved.'

Mrs. Kaster said, "Hospice is working beautifully." Hospice was created to offer supportive services to families so they can care for terminally ill patients in their own home. They work with the patients by encouraging them to take control of their lives and they work in controlling pain. Weekly, Hospice has between eight or nine patients in its care.

Mrs. William Harnish, Lancaster, was elected county secretary, and Mrs. Robert Esbenshade, Paradise, was elected county treasurer. Mrs. Harnish is a member of Society 28 and Mrs. Esbenshade is a member of Society 14. Both will serve two year terms. They were installed by Helen Hess,



Newly elected officers pose with county president Opal Ruhl, right, following the Farm Women Convention on Saturday. On the left is Judy Harnish, secretary, with Gladys Esbenshade, treasurer. Both women will serve two year terms.

State Farm Women President.

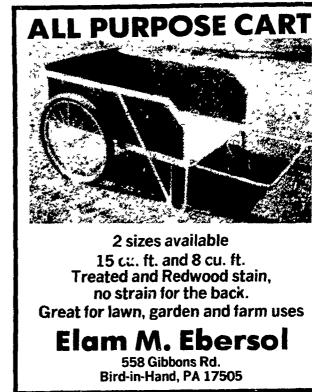
Dawn Sangrey, a freelance writer from Bedford Hills, N.Y., was the guest speaker and discussed research she is gathering for a book on women and marriage in the upcoming decade.

Sangrey, who was born in Lancaster County and has relatives here, said that in interviews for her book she went in search of "an ordinary woman and found there is no such animal.

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