Farm Women Societies to hold convention

HARRISBURG - Farm Women Societies of Pennsylvania will ineet again for their annual convention Monday at the Forum of the Education Building in Harrisburg Delegates from 18 counties and 190 societies will represent the 4112 Pennsylvania farm women society members

According to Helen Hess, state farm women society president from Lancaster

County, "We are expecting between 500 and 600 people It should be a very good convention, especially with the speakers we have lined up We're all looking forward to it."

The convention will kick off with a welcome from Hess and Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell

Following a presentation of state officers, State Dairy Princess Cindy Neely will be on hand to deliver the presenation which helped her win her title at the state dairy contest.

Next will be a small awards presentation for safety to various deserving members and a distribution of lockets to all farm women who have reached age 90

The remainder of the morning and afternoon is scheduled for business meetings and guest speakers to be announced at the convention

Monday night the farm women will move to the Penn Harris Motor Inn for their traditional banquet

Dr Calvin Wenger, Lancaster County, will be delivering the message, 'From Where I Stand "

Marie Baughman, farm women's first vice president will act as mistress of ceremonies for the evening

Tuesday and the final day for the convention the meeting will move to the

willow scheduled for th day will include election of two directors and a state secretary.

Highlight of the two-day convention will be a display and judging of the state projects This year the areas are arts and crafts by grandchildren of the members and crocheted items by members themselves. Both areas were then divided into three categories

In October outside judges picked the state project winners for each county. For the youth project, in Lancaster County, each society was allowed to present one project to the county board meeting and the executive board then picked winners

The state projects, corcheted items, will then be judged and one winner picked from each category

The farm women societies, founded 66 years ago, have grown and changed a great

. Laiding the deal through the years and according to most members, even the convention is different from year to year But the founding goal - to foster love for the farm and rural life of that day by teaching the dignity of farming, the science of working the soil and the raising of fine animals - has remained the same.

> What has changed, however, is their mem-

bership. From an initial twelve to a surprising 4112 members is quite a stride for these women. Lancaster County boasts 1065 of this total, leaving the other 3107 divided among 17 counties.

The farm women motto 'for happiness'' will be quoted, strengthened and developed at the convention by all members this week just as it has been these past 66 years

Farmers to get yearly tax guide

FLEMINGTON, NJ -The Farmer's Tax Guide, an annual publication of the Internal Revenue Service is being mailed out to farmers Dairymen and poultrymen, livestock and grain producers, vegetable and fruit growers, and nurserymen. .will be provided copies of a booklet which explains how federal tax laws apply to farming

The guide gives examples of typical farming situations, discusses the kinds of income to be reported, and describes the deductions that are allowed

Sample forms and schedules are provided, as well as, examples of how to fill them out

A key page for most, whether they make out their own returns or not, is one that lists the significant dates, when certain forms have to be filed and payments made

Each year IRS up-dates this publication with the help of the Extension Service of the USDA and of the State Land Grant Colleges

This year a number of chapters have been revised to make the discussion of tax law more understandable And, we're told, a number of suggestions sent in by readers have been adopted

Ideas, comments and recommendations for future editions are sought by IRS. They should be addressed to 1111 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D C 20224

Some of the more important changes to the tax law that might affect a farmer's tax are noted investment credit, a minor change; energy investment credit, business and residential, providing some better

tax credits: barter income, requiring market value of the property or service involved milage rate increase to 20 cents per mile, alcohol fuel credit, increases in selfemployment tax and social security withholding tax rate.

Tax filing time reminds us each year of the importance of good business records. It gets down to the matter of selecting a good system, and then following through by using it as routine

Many systems are available to farmers these days The Farmer's Tax Guide describes and shows examples of a good accounting system The Rutgers Farm Accounts system is an excellent one The book is easy to use and cost is modest - \$1.00

There are a number of computerized accounting systems particularly designed for farmers

These, and other similar programs, provide the farmer not only with accounts necessary for IRS reports, but a great management tool

They issue periodic reports during the year that help a farmer in making his business decisions The potential value of these programs 15 traordinary and improving year by year

Don't overlook the professional accountant who knows the farming business He or she can provide a personal touch that indeed has merit

If you are dissatisfied with your farm accounting program, now's the time to consider the options The choices have never been

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Farmers Union to hold annual convention

GRANTVILLE - The ninth annual Pennsylvania Farmers Union state convention is scheduled for year, Monday and Tuesday, January 19 and 20.

The convention will be held at the Grantville Holiday Inn, located off Exit 28 of Interstate 81 The Holiday Inn is the former Treadway

Among the keynote speakers at the meeting is National Farmers Union President George Stone

Also on the adgenda is Victor K Ray, vice president of the National Farmers Union

The annual banquet will be held Monday evening from 6:30 to 8.

During the convention,

delegates from across the state will vote on Farmers Union policy for the coming

Among the expected topics will be resolutions concerning the proposed Pennsylvania milk promotion checkoff, the new farm bill to be formulated this Spring in Washington, and a reaffirmation of the group's support of 100 percent of parity for all farm goods produced

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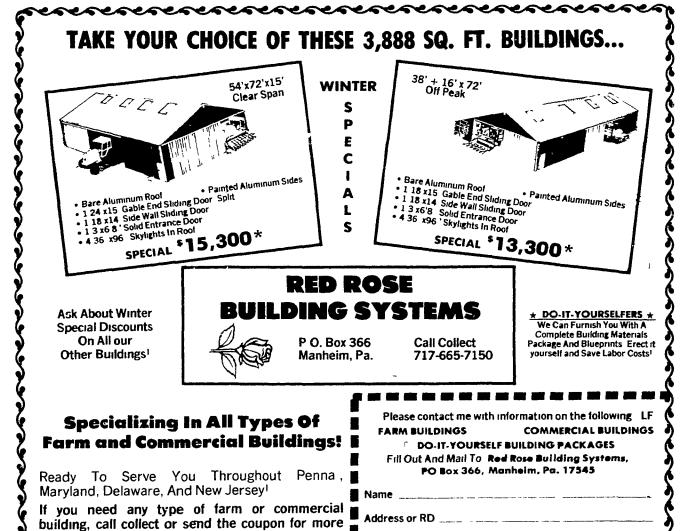


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