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Berks Co. Society 4

Berks County 4 held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Jean Waldo, Boyertown, on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Eleven members answered roll call by naming a presidential landmark or memorial. All members wore red for Valentines Day.

The Group is planning to have a stand at the sidewalk sale in June.

Nancy Fullerton, R3, Boyertown, was accepted as a new member.

Three members attended the State Convention and Farm Show January 12 and 13, in Harrisburg, Pa. The members attending were Mrs. Verna Taylor, Mrs. Georgeanna Fullerton, and Mrs. Elsie Rothenberger.

The Society By-laws were read followed by a Valentine gift exchange. Several members received birthday and anniversary gifts from their secret pals.

Members were urged to wear green to the March meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Lottie Hildenbrand, Boyertown.

Berks Co. Society 6

Berks Farm Women 6 met at the home of Mrs. Steve Fisher, Oley

Mae Bleiler, Extension Home Economist, from the Agricultural Center, showed a slide presentation on 4-H projects and the development program. Mary Ann Yanos from the Amityville club spoke on her different projects in 4-H.

Mrs. David Freyberger, R4 Reading, was a guest at the meeting for the evening.

By-laws were read by the president, Mrs. David Bauer.

The ladies will be serving at the refreshment stand at Oley on February 28 and March 7.

Group 6 will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary on Tuesday, April 21 at Stahl's Seafood and Steak House, New Berlinville.

Donations were given to the National Head Injured Foundation, 4-H Development Fund, American Heart Association, and the March of Dimes.

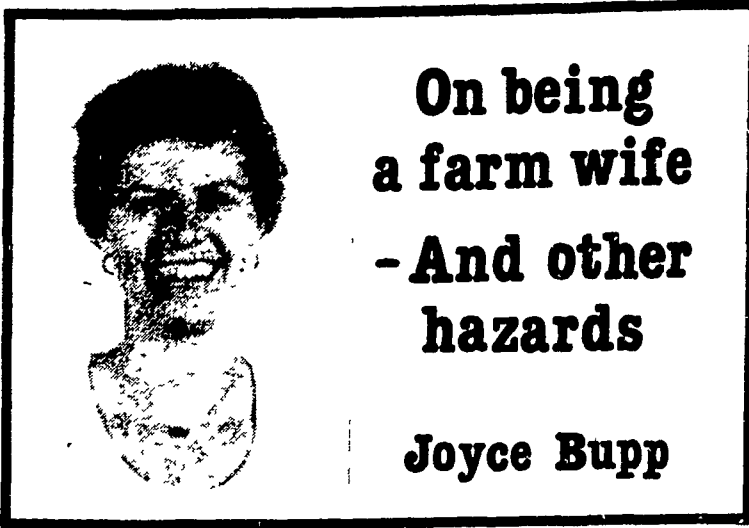
The next meeting will be at the residence of Mrs. David Hauseman, Boyertown, R4 on Tuesday, March 17. A demonstration on Toile painting will be the program for the evening.

Lebanon Co. Society 20

Lebanon Farm Women 20 entertained their husbands at the Canterbury House in Palmyra. Sixteen members and thirteen guests attended.

Games were played and the following winners were announced: Arabella Heilman, Wesley Harding, Estella Shirk, Pattie Maulfair and Vera Fahnestock.

President Julie Wagner reminded the group of Rally Day on May 21.



On being a farm wife - And other hazards

Joyce Bupp

I can't handle farm wives who work at the barn and still manage to come back in the house looking like they just stepped out of a glamour magazine," a friend once lamented while we were exchanging confidences.

Right on. While I have a great deal of admiration (and a good measure of jealousy) for those

lovely ladies who can pull off looking like a model while milking, they give me a glorious case of insecurity.

Frankly, when I come in the house from helping with the barn work, I usually look like something the cat dragged in and forgot to take back out.

It's an effect resulting from the manure-caked tail that slapped me across the ear, the milk that slopped out over the edge of the bucket that was too full, the calf who thinks my jeans pocket resembles mother's feeding system and the pressure pump that backfired in my face when I dropped it on the nozzle.

Because such personal appearance is par for the course twice a day, morning and evening, I regularly change my barn clothes in the basement laundry room, just behind our wreckreation room.

And there I stood one morning last week, having just removed my soggy, dirty barn jeans, with the washing machine busy at work right next to my elbow.

Guess I'll just toss these in with the rest of the stuff, I thought, and the denims slipped beneath the

suds to mingle with others of their kind.

My clean, dry jeans hung beyond the door, just out of my reach.

And at that exact moment, a strange male voice called out from the outside door.

"Don't come in, I'm not dressed!" I shrieked.

Peeking around the door, where I was hiding in my partial exposure, I spied the familiar face of our large appliance repairman. He comes regularly enough to minister my electrical machinery that he's almost part of the family.

Only this time he was searching for the home of one of our employees, and had come for directions.

Through sheer luck, I could shove the door shut and nab the jeans from off the nail where they hung. In ten seconds, I was presentable.

How many times a week does this happen to you? I asked in embarrassment. I mean, I'd heard stories about how repairmen are always walking in on strange and unexpected situations.

Well, to tell you the truth, it's the first time it's ever happened to me," he confessed, also looking just a trifle embarrassed.

Why me? Why?



Tuesday, March 3
Lancaster Society 27 meets at the Leader Nursing Home.

Wednesday, March 4
York Society 1 meets with Dorothy Riegel for their 51st Anniversary.

Thursday, March 5
Lancaster Society 17 meets at the home of Elizabeth Heir.

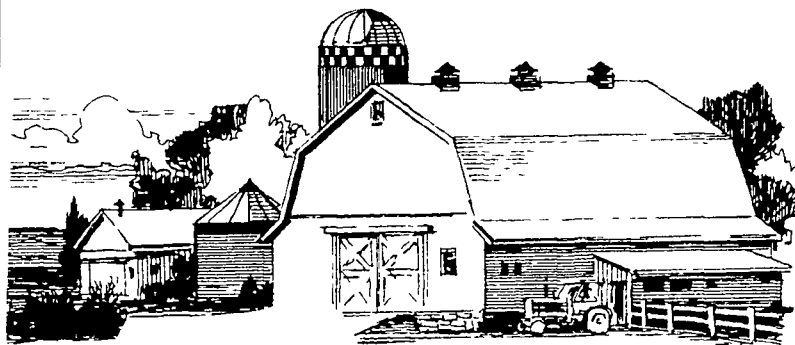
Saturday, March 7
Lancaster Society 6 meets at the home of Mrs. Bernard Thome to hear Jean Moyer.

Lancaster Society 1 meets with Jean Newcomer to hear speaker Arnold G. Lueck.



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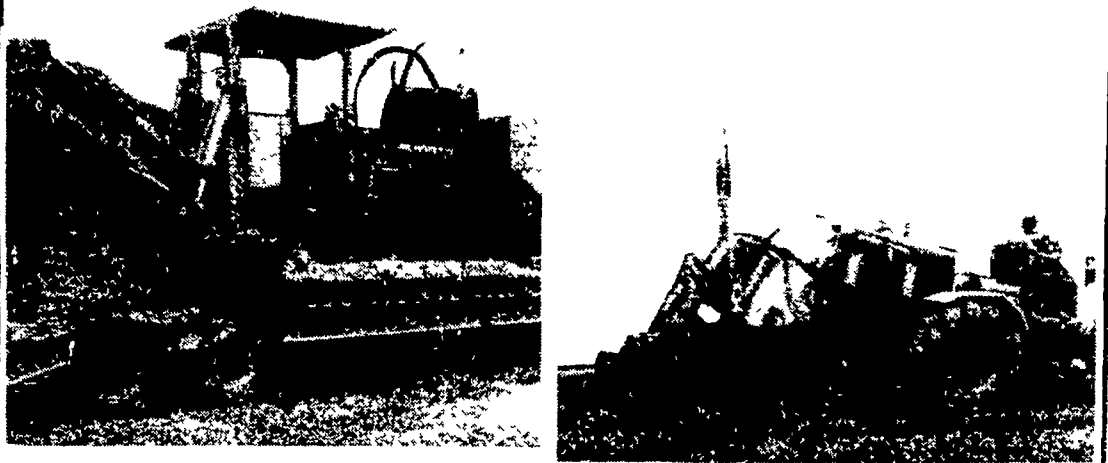
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