



# Farm Women Societies

## Lancaster Co. Society 5

Lancaster Farm Women Society 5 met March 28 at the home of Mrs. Eileen Bruckhart

Mr. Barry Weidman, a Manheim Borough Policeman, gave a talk entitled, "How To Make Crime More Trouble Than It's Worth"

Stanley product orders were taken. The group decided to make a donation to the Easter Seal Society. The society voted on the 4-H program as a possible county project for 1981.

It was announced that Society 5 will sew at the Lancaster General Hospital, April 7 and that the group and their husbands will meet April 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leola Family Restaurant for dinner after which they will tour the Sperry Corporation at New Holland.

## Lancaster Co. Society 11

Lancaster Farm Women 11 held their monthly meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Herman Shirk.

Members discussed the upcoming spring rally and the county convention at the Farm and Home Center slated for November 7.

Society 11 will meet for afternoon sewing on April 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Mary Swarr. Speaker for the evening was Betty Graybill who spoke on hair and skin care.

The next meeting will be held April 30 at the home of Mary Swarr.

## Lancaster Co. Society 17

Lancaster Society 17 entertained Society 7 on April 2 at the Chestnut Level Church House. Eighteen members and fifteen guests attended.

Members decided to make a donation to the Bair and Helm scholarship fund.

Mrs. Robert Rohrer entertained by singing and playing several selections on the accordion.

Mrs. Pat Walters presented the history of wool and spinning. She also gave a demonstration on the spinning wheel.

Society 17 members are planning to entertain guests at the Conestoga View on April 16.

A mother and daughter banquet will be held at the Hershey Farms Restaurant on May 7.

## Lancaster Co. Society 28

Lancaster Farm Women 28 met recently for their March meeting at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Kreider, Rt. 1, Strasburg, Pa. A trait you admire in a friend was used for roll call.

For the program, Easter favors were made for the Red Cross.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Norman Kolb, 355 Pitney Rd., Lancaster. At that time, members will plan on entertaining Society 18. The speaker for the evening will be from Hospice.

## Lancaster Co.

### Society 27

Farm Women 27 of Lancaster traveled to Willow Street to the home of the Jay Evans family to learn how they make hollow chocolate as a family project.

Each member made a hollow chocolate mold and then walked through the Evans' store.

Following this was a brief business meeting by all members.

### Berks Co. Society 9

"Everybody's Birthday Party" was held at Covattos Restaurant with 13 members present.

The group was invited to "Ladies Night Out" at Strausstown Elementary School on Tuesday, May 12 for a night of entertainment.

A motion was passed to donate \$25 for candy for the Hamburg Center who earlier requested money for candy or eggs.

The meeting ended with a gift exchange of secret pals. The May 6 meeting will be held in the home of Helen Oxenford at 8 p.m. Kim Casner will demonstrate paper-weight making.

### York Co. Society 12

Mrs. Robert Manchey was hostess at the March meeting of Society 12 of York. Seventeen members attended.

Mrs. Mixza Myers, Youth Center Director at the Spanish-American Center, 200 E. Princess St., York was the speaker.

A rummage sale was planned for April 6 at Odd Fellows Hall, York.

Eight members of York 12 will be attending the spring rally at Dickinson College.

The Society will hold their 30th anniversary party at Sportsman's Dining Room, April 28 at 1 p.m.

## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



My intention was to write about a recent trip to Winterthur Museum in Delaware. A group from our church toured room after room of Early American Colonial and Georgian furniture. Many times the room itself including all doors, windows and other woodwork had been brought from the original site in another state to the Museum.

But you must see these antiques for yourself as no written words will do them justice.

So instead I've decided to delve into an 1829 ledger that was kept by my great, great grandfather,

Henry Shreiner. He was a surveyor and Justice of the Peace in Manheim Township for many decades. As I've always lived in this area the names in the book are familiar to me as the same families still reside here.

He surveyed roads and farms and divided land into lots. He wrote wills, drew deeds and clerked at sales. He acted as an arbitrator when a dispute arose among neighbors.

He also must have been cutting down a very large stand of white and black oak as there are many entries of selling a cord of wood for one or two dollars.

Sometimes he received cash for his work but many times it was paid in labor or something else. One time to balance an account he received 35 gallons of whiskey at 22 cents a gallon. Another time when a man owed \$112 over a period of a year, he paid in full by digging a well.

Cows were sold from \$8 to \$9 each and pigs brought 4 cents and 5 cents per pound for a 200 pound animal. Apparently some men worked for him and entries in the ledger read, "Money for parade 20 cents, plug of tobacco 4 cents, Dr. Brieneman for medicine 12 1/2 cents, and an almanac for 6 1/4 cents."

I find it intriguing to read of the activities in the 1820's and wonder if, 150 years from now, someone will find present day pursuits interesting.

### FWS Calendar

Saturday, April 11

Lancaster Society 19 meets with Lavina Musser for a book review with Mrs. Frank Eshelman.

Tuesday, April 14

Lancaster Society 22 meets with Gwen Martin, hostess for quilting.

York 7 meets with Edna Brothers.

Wednesday, April 15

Lancaster 33 meets for a program by Chris Dickerson.

Thursday, April 16

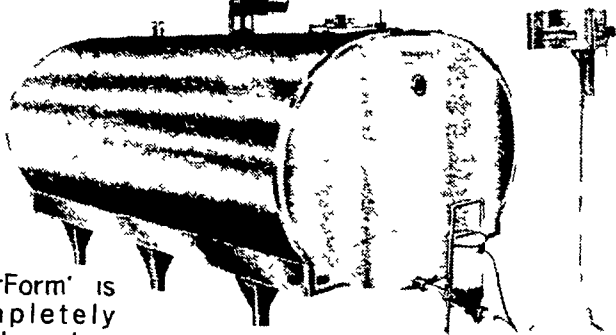
Lancaster 15 to view a film on wild flowers by Richard Warren.

Saturday, April 18

Lancaster 3 entertains Society 26 at the Salem Lutheran Church. Lancaster 18 meets for a fun day in the game room. Lancaster 12 meets for a silent auction.

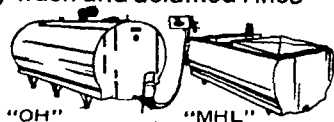
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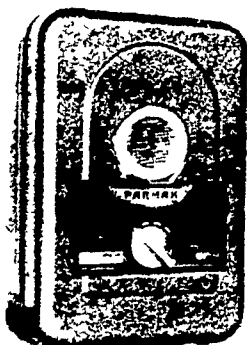
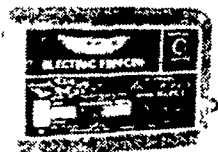


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