



# Farm Women Societies

## Lancaster Co. Society 13

Lancaster Farm Women 13 observed their 50th anniversary at the Bird-In-Hand Motor Inn Restaurant on Saturday evening, October 10.

The state and county presidents attended also. The Singing Ladies from Grand

View Heights entertained with old and new selections

Each member received a brandy snifter with "50" written in gold on the side and a golden candle inside.

The next meeting will be held at Friday evening, November 13 at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Joanne Ganse, Lancaster.

## Lancaster Co. Society 31

Lancaster Farm Women 31 entertained Farm Women 21 at the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, recently.

Members responded to roll call by naming their favorite apple dish.

A skit entitled, "A Hectic Day in

the Life of a Farm Wife," was presented by Millie Groff.

Lancaster Farming writer Joyce Bupp was speaker for the evening.

The next meeting will be held at the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren to pack fruit baskets.

## Berks Co. Society 7

Berks County Farm Women 7 celebrated their 15th anniversary at the Conrad Weiser High School recently.

Eighty-six members from that and other groups attended.

Entertainment included the Conrad Weiser Choraleers and Phoebe Butler who gave a talk about sewing.

The next meeting will be at the home of Grace Seidel.

## Berks Co. Society 11

Berks Farm Women 11 met on October 26 at the home of Dixie Myers before visiting the Danville Farm.

Highlights of the tour included a new milking machine and meeting

the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harnish.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Lentz, November 23.

## Berks Co. Society 12

The October meeting of Berks Farm Women 12 was held at the home of Gloria Christman.

The members made Halloween favors for the residents at the Berks Heim.

Anna Reinhart was elected secretary for the next two years. Mary Leymeister was re-elected as corresponding secretary.

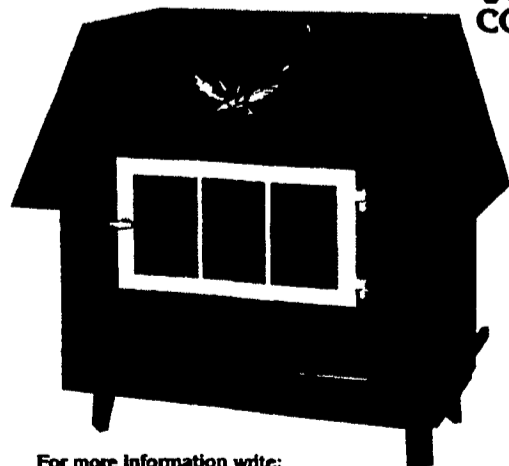
June Beck was installed as a new member.

The next meeting will be at the Bernville home of Helen Schlapich on November 9. Each member is to bring a dessert made with pumpkin and the recipe.

The women will have a bake sale at Leesport Auction, Wednesday, November 11.

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## CPI reflects small food price rise

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lower fresh fruit and vegetable prices last month held the rise in the September consumer price index for food to .2 percent (before seasonal adjustment), according to assistant Secretary of Agriculture William Leshner.

Downward pressure on farm and wholesale commodity prices in recent months and seasonal increases in foodstuffs supplies in the fourth quarter will continue to dampen retail food price rises, Leshner said. As a result, the farm value of foods will contribute little to food price rises through the end of the year, so that higher food marketing costs will be the primary cause of fourth quarter increases. Consequently, monthly changes throughout the quarter are not expected to exceed half a percent on a non seasonally adjusted basis, with seasonal adjustment adding 0.3 to 0.4 percentage points per month.

"These increases," Leshner said, "will bring the 1981 rise in retail food prices to about 8 percent, thereby moderating the general inflation rate for the sixth time in the last seven years."

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics released the September consumer price last week.

"Food prices at grocery stores were .1 percent, the smallest increase since last May. Prices for meals purchased away from home rose .04 percent, reflecting slackening demand due to declining real incomes," Leshner said. "Fresh fruit and vegetables prices fell 3.0 percent in September due to larger production and lower prices for apples, oranges, potatoes, and tomatoes."

Regarding prices for other foods, higher marketing costs pushed prices for cereals and bakery products up .6 percent. Meat prices rose .5 percent due to declines in cattle and hog slaughter. Egg prices were up 6.3 percent as production fell. Dairy products prices rose .2 percent, a consequence of large milk production.

The CPI for fats and oils fell .3 percent, reflecting large supplies. The sugar and sweets CPI was unchanged as increased global sugar production this year con-

tinues to put downward pressure on sugar prices. Large world coffee production this year pushed coffee prices down again and held the increase in the nonalcoholic beverages CPI to .1 percent.

Large supplies of many foodstuffs and feed grains and a smaller expected general inflation rate will keep downward pressure on food prices into 1982. High food marketing costs will be the primary cause of retail food price increases with labor costs playing an important role. Several factors, however, suggest that increases in employee wages and benefits will slow next year. For the first time in 5 years, the minimum wage—which mainly affects workers in the food service industry—is not scheduled to increase in 1982. Moreover, increases in employer contributions to Social Security will be much smaller than those this year.

## Have a winner of an apple recipe?

HARRISBURG — If you think you have a unique and tasty apple recipe, you may want to share it with your fellow Pennsylvanians

and at the same time try for one of several cash prizes.

Prizes in the 1981 Pennsylvania Apple Recipe Contest, to be held January 26, 1982 at the Hershey Convention Center, include a \$200 first prize, \$150 second prize, \$100 third prize, \$75 fourth prize, and \$50 prizes to six runners-up. The contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Pennsylvania apples must be an ingredient in each recipe. Judging will be based on ease of preparation, economy, appeal, taste and appearance.

The contest is open to all Pennsylvania residents who may enter by sending their name, address, phone number, recipe name and recipe to: Apple Recipe Contest, Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

All entries submitted must be scratch recipes and should list the name, all ingredients, the quantity of each ingredient and step-by-step mixing and cooking instructions. Only one entry per contestant is allowed and must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1981.

## Cumberland Co. Society 20

Farm Women 20 from Cumberland County met recently at the home of Mrs. Paul Kann, R8, Carlisle.

Roll call was answered by quoting a favorite tv commercial.

A motion was made to give \$25 to the 4H Dairy Bowl for their trip to Louisville Kentucky, to participate in the National Bowl.

Dues for the coming year were collected.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Creedin Paulus.

Each member will make a Christmas wreath under the direction of Mrs. Paulus.

## Cumberland Convention

The annual convention of Farm Women of Cumberland County will be held November 14 at the Embers, in Carlisle.

On the agenda is election of

officers, a cornhusk demonstration, the Children's Bell Choir from Silver Springs Township and a skit by Society 1.

## Lebanon Co. Society 20

Lebanon Farm Women 20 met in the home of Lorraine Shuey, recently.

Karen Sandoe from the Lebanon County Extension office spoke on family communications.

Members held an election of officers. Officers are: Janet Werner, president; Marion

Maulfair, vice president; Vera Fahnestock, recording secretary; Audrey Mull, treasurer; and June Zimmerman, corresponding secretary.

The next meeting will a tupperware party at Mae Stamm on November 17.

*Family farming constitutes really a culture. People whose farms are on the outskirts of a growing town who want to farm and for whom farming is the tie to their ancestors and children have to deal with a strange disruptive problem. Can a stable hale way of life that is the basis for health and order in communities and government be exchanged for money?*



*"One time, up there, I saw them strip plowing about a forty-acre field. There must have been two hundred teams plowing that field, one behind another—all colors, all sizes, horses and mules, their skirts just a-waving along with the motion of the double tree, as if they were floating on the water. I can get goose-pimples on me from just sitting there thinking about it."*

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