



Lancaster Co. Society 1

Lancaster Farm Women 1 met for their May meeting at the home of Mary Decker

Ester Yeager presented a reading about wild flowers.

Guest speakers Amy Miller and

Marjorie Walters spoke on "Women's Changing Status and the Power of Women."

The June meeting will be held at the home of Grace Krebs.

Lancaster Co. Society 3

Lancaster Farm Women 3 were entertained Saturday, May 15 at the home of Beatrice Groff of Lititz.

Contributions of \$50 were given each to the Lancaster County Council of Churches for the fuel fund and the Lancaster Society of

Farm Women for the county project. A \$100 donation was given to the Cerebral Palsy Fund.

Members of the Society 3 will be entertained by Society 11 at the Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren on May 27

Lancaster Co. Society 7

Lancaster Farm Women 7 met in the home of Anna Eby of Kinzer, Saturday.

The program was a plant, food

and craft sale.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Sylvia Martin of Paradise, Monday, June 14.

Lancaster Co. Society 21

Lancaster Society 21 met May 13 for a progressive dinner.

Members voted to donate \$50 to each the Office of Aging and the Heart Fund

Berks Co. Society 1

Berks Farm Women 1 met at the home of Ella Richard on May 12. Director of the Historical Society of Berks County Harold E. Yoder presented a slide presentation on farm art and barn decoration.

A food stand is planned for the June 26 sale at the Leroy Baer

farm near Breezy Corners

Mary Jo Lawery, Boyertown, was welcomed as a new member of the group.

The next meeting will be on June 9 at the home of Grace Schaeffer of Oley.

Berks Co. Society 8

Berks Farm Women 8 met at the home of Joyce Deisemann, Strausstown.

On May 25, members will be

going to the Body Shop Mini Spa in Shoemakersville

The next meeting will be a ham on roll sale, June 5

Berks Co. Society 9

The Berks Farm Women 9 met, May 5, at the home of Jean Hafer. The Berks Heim picnic has been scheduled for June 6.

A \$500 scholarship is available for members' daughters or granddaughters from the Flora Black Scholarship Fund.

Guest speaker for the evening was Greg Douglas from the Amity Fire Company who showed a film on fire safety

The next meeting will be June 2 at the home of Ruth Hafer. Each member is to bring a craft for show and tell

Berks Co. Society 12

Berks Farm Women 12 held their May meeting at the home of June Beck.

Guest speaker was Judy Stoudt who showed the members how to make silk flower arrangements

Five members will be going to the spring rally at the Sunnybrook

Ballroom in Pottstown, Wednesday, May 19.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mary Leymeister of Bernville, June 14. Members will exchange birthday gifts at the meeting.

Lancaster Co. Society 14

Lancaster Farm Women 14 met at the East Towne Mall, Wednesday, May 12 to begin their second annual local Appreciation Day Tour.

Guided tours included Linden Hall in Lititz, Moravian Square and Church, and Johannes Mueller House.

After the tour members drove to The Rome Mill Restaurant for a

noon lunch.

The afternoon tours included Sturgis Pretzel House, Compass Mill and Butcher Shop, and Candy Americana Museum.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 9 at noon to be held at the Farm and Home Center. Members will be celebrating their 47th anniversary, and also will entertain Society 6 and county officers.

Bee swarms are

"migratory miracles"

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — One of the most interesting, but to some the most frightening, happenings at this time of year is the swarming of bees. What such a phenomenon represents, according to bee experts, is a "miracle migration."

I. Barton Smith, Jr., apiary inspector for the Maryland Department of Agriculture, says this is the time of year for bee swarms which can occur from April thru June.

"Swarming is nature's way of producing a new bee colony," Smith explains. "When bees swarm, the old queen and about half of the bees in a hive leave in search of a suitable location to establish a new colony. The swarm will cluster on a tree branch or other temporary location for a few hours or days until a new home site can be found."

"Back at the original hive, a new queen is born that will establish her reign in place of the old queen that left. Colony life soon returns to normal."

"What frightens people about

bee swarms," Smith says, "is the sheer number of bees that may temporarily land in someone's yard. People are afraid that the bees will stay permanently and worry about getting stung."

"The truth of the matter is that during swarming, bees are very docile and will not sting if left alone. They are concentrating on the business at hand, namely the migration to a new colony site."

If presented with a swarm of bees, call the Department of Agriculture or the County Extension Service office. These people will put you in touch with an experienced bee keeper in your area who would be interested in removing the swarm at no cost to you in a safe and efficient manner. He or she will place the bees in an unused hive to start a new colony.

"Please don't let a bee swarm panic you and please do not spray the bees with an insecticide or other chemical in an effort to get rid of them," Smith concludes, "Bees are too valuable to use all as pollinators of fruits, vegetables and flowers to destroy."

Elizabethtown

Grange meets

ELIZABETHTOWN — The Elizabethtown Area Grange held their meeting on May 6 at the Commonwealth Bank basement, here.

Guest speaker for the evening was Tom McCoy of R3 Elizabethtown. Having been a butcher for 20 years, McCoy spoke on meat and beef and pork by-products

Speaker for the next meeting will be Luther Snyder speaking on "Opportunities of Farming." This meeting will be held May 20 at the bank basement

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guide

available

ANNAPOLIS, Md — The Maryland Roadside Marketing Association and Maryland Department of Agriculture saw the 1982 edition of the popular "Pick Your Own and Direct Farm Markets in Maryland" guide is now being rushed to county libraries and Extension Service offices throughout the state.

George Roche, a marketing specialist with the MDA, reports that the 1982 guide has a total of 93 locations listed for pick your own farms and farmer-operated roadside markets. This is an increase of a dozen over the 81 listings in last year's edition.

Also, the handy harvest time chart included in the guide has been expanded and will take in 38 types of fruits and vegetables, testimony that the pick your own business is expanding to meet consumer demand.

If you desire a copy of the guide to help you map your fresh fruit and vegetable buying strategy for the entire good eating freshness of Maryland grown produce, stop by your local public library or visit the Extension office in your county

In cases where this might not be easy to do, you can secure a copy by sending a self-addressed stamped number 10 (business size) envelope to: "PYO Guide," Maryland Department of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Bldg., Annapolis, MD 21403.

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