

Adams home economist to retire on July 1

GETTYSBURG — Mrs. Helen D. Tunison, Adams County Extension Home Economist, will be retiring on July 1.

Mrs. Tunison came to Adams County in August of 1957 with Extension experience in New York State. She has worked with diligence for a quarter century in bringing a vast number of workshops, seminars, clinics to thousands of homemakers.

The programs have been in the areas of home furnishings, housing, design, needlework, foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles, home management, child development, family relations and consumer education. Thirty homemakers groups throughout the county have programs developed through leader education and direct education. Mrs. Tunison has created through research and writing and then presented five or six leader training meetings annually. Over 1,000 homemakers are involved in this wide array of educational programs.

A weekly news column and a radio program have also been a

part of the consumer education program.

In addition to work with adults, 4-H home economic leaders received project training. Mrs. Tunison has organized many clubs during her tenure. She works directly with several during the Spring and Summer months. The home economics portion, including the registration, judges, and tabulation are part of the 4-H program responsibility. She developed a project "Fruit For You" and two quilting projects for youth.

One of the areas she is proud of is the "Living With Young Children" program held annually with the Gettysburg Y.W.C.A. Top quality speakers and workshops are developed for young parents and child care personnel.

The semi-annual seminar at Hershey sponsored by the Capital Region Extension Home Economist is another program. This year, she and her local committee are in charge of engaging the key note speaker and several workshops. It will be held on Oct. 6. In 1979, she was chair-



Mrs. Helen Tunison person of the program.

In 1981, she received recognition for 25 years of service with Penn State. In 1965, her peers selected her for Distinguished Service at the Annual Meeting of Extension Home Economist. She received Senior Agent rank in 1976. A state award, the Florence Hall Award

was given to her in 1979, for outstanding programs in saleable crafts and local crafts heritage. In 1978, she received a Friends of International Farm Youth Exchange Award.

Mrs. Tunison lives in Fairfield. Her husband, John R. Tunison, retired from public school teaching in 1961 and is a farmer. Their daughter, Luann C. Bettersby, is an product development in Nemo's Bakery in Escondido, Calif. They are members of the Fairfield Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Tunison graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.S. in Home Ec. Education, M.S. in 1947 from Cornell

University and a M. Education in 1969 from Penn State University. She is a member of both the Pennsylvania and National Association of Extension Home Economists; Pennsylvania and American Home Economist Association; Gettysburg Chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen and the Adams County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Club.

Her personal interests in improving the quality of living, learning by doing, the family approach to decision making, life time education in family living have involved in her in many facets of Adams County Life.

Consumers talk about pork

DES MOINES, Ia. — Talking to consumers is what the advertising campaign of the National Pork Producers Council has been doing for several years now. At this year's American Pork Congress in St. Louis, consumers will have a chance to talk back about pork; how they use it, cholesterol, calories, and pork's nutritional value.

On Tuesday evening, March 8, pork industry leaders will listen as ten consumers from the St. Louis area participate in a consumer focus group discussion of pork sponsored by Syntex Agribusiness, Inc.

Participants will be selected at random and will be the main decision makers and planners of their family's meals. A moderator will lead the questioning and discussion for about an hour

without audience interaction.

The consumer focus group exercise is designed to give pork industry leaders a first hand look at how consumers perceive their product. Linda Welch, NPPC's Director of Consumer Communication said the focus group will provide valuable information that could help the Council in shaping future advertising and consumer education programs.

American Pork Congress officially opens Wednesday at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremony featuring David Brinkley of ABC News. The 754 booth trade show and educational seminars begin after the opening ceremony. Registration is \$10.

Howard Baker, (R-TN), Senate Majority Leader will be the featured speaker at an industry award luncheon, March 9.

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