

Interdependence is The Key To Planning For The Future

"Mother suddenly seems to need my help, but I don't know what to do." This statement reflects the concern middle aged children feel when they are caught unprepared with elderly parents who can't manage as they used to.

Many older people today have continued patterns of support to their children long after adult children have left the nest. Older parents often help with grandchildren and running the household. Sometimes they lend financial support as well. That may help allow children and their children to pursue careers, education and other long term goals. But in most cases older parents can't continue their support forever. We all age and change, and our patterns of giving and receiving help must change as well.

Yet changes in these patterns sometimes make us uneasy. The keys to easing the situation are

Ladies Have You Heard?

By Doris Thomas

Lancaster Extension **Home Economist**

communications and interdependence. Communication is more than a check list of things to be done or a good chat about the neighborhood. Your talks should include serious discussions about the future for you, your parents, and your interdependence.

Concerns about dependence and independence are often difficult to resolve as roles of adult children and their parents change. The more you talk about the ways you depend on each other, the easier it will be to accept the shifting nature of giving and receiving. Here are a few things to keep in mind and convey to your parents as you prepare for the future.

- The amount of help we give and receive is likely to balance out over a lifetime. At any point, we may be on the giving or receiving end, but either extreme, if prolonged, is stressful.

- There are many ways to give something special to another. Just being in the same room, listening attentively, may be the best possible gift we can give. A nod of

appreciation may be just the encouragement a tired relative needs at one difficult moment. A cheerfully offered ride to the doctor's office or an offer to do some errands may be the right thing to give one another

Let others give to you Just as you feel helpful and appreciated when you give your time and attention, let others have that pleasure too.

- Consider yourself and your other obligations when someone needs your help. If you plunge ahead without looking at your personal needs, you might become a martyr or short change someone else who also needs your attention. Be honest and realistic about what you can and cannot do for yourself and for others.

Once you've talked about how you can continue to help each other both you and your older parents will be able to plan for the future with interdependence

High Quality Of Home Frozen Foods Depends On **Many Factors**

Freezing is a popular method of food preservation because it is simple, fast, and if done correctly, causes fewer changes in foods than other methods of preservation.

The quality of frozen foods depends on many factors: the product used, the variety, the freshness of the food, how the food is handled prior to freezing, pretreatments, the type of packaging materials used, freezing rate, freezer temperature, temperature fluctuations during storage time, and

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, October 1, 1983-B29

finally the thawing, cooking and serving procedures.

Factors affecting the product to be frozen include the nature of the food, its cell structure and microorganisms

Variety factors include texture, firmness and flavor

Freshness of foods frozen hinges on maturity and ripeness in fruits and vegetables and aging, oxidation and microorganisms in meats and seafood.

Time and temperature are critical in the handling stage of getting food ready to be frozen Pre-treatments such as washing, color controls, blanching, and additives also affect quality

A good package for a frozen food must withstand low temperature, be non-toxic, impart no odors or flavors to the food, provide water vapor barrier and be waterresistant. Air must be removed from the container or package, the seal must be tight, and labeling is important so the consumer can

use foods within the recommended storage times

How fast a food is frozen depends on the type of freezer, its capacity. how large the frozen food package is, and how much is to be frozen at one time When foods are frozen slowly, ice forms between fibers and between cells and this results in cell rupturing, softness, loss of cell fluids and increased drip

Fast freezing forms ice in and between fibers and cells and results in less rupturing of the cells, better food texture, less drip and better flavor

For the best frozen foods, select good varieties of fresh, wholesome food and freeze it at peak quality Proper washing, sorting, and trimming is essential. Some fruits and vegetables must be blanched and sugars, syrups or antidarkening agents added Skipping steps such as these can make the difference between a product you will want to serve or one you won't

Grange honors vets

OAKRYN - Fulton Grange No 66 observed Community Night on Monday. The Lecturer, Dorothy Stauffer, presented the program.

Clifford W. Holloway Jr. spoke on "What Fulton Grange Is And Does " He stated that the National Grange is 113 years old, Pa. State Grange is 111 years old, Fulton Grange is 109 years old and has a membership of 240 members at present.

Fulton Grange sponsors Oakryn Senior Citizens, Scouts and Grange tours. It was largely reponsible for

McSparren who gave remarks Also presented in absentia to Agnes Spence and James Bradley 25 Year - Dorothy Stauffer and James King, who gave remarks Also presented in absentia to Marion and Mildred Eckman and David Wissler.

Aldus Martin, assisted by Nicholas Brin and Terry Howard, presented volleyball trophies to the following teams who participated in the Solanco volleyball Mixed League which played on the Grange courts this summer They placed in this order 1 Drumore

following State Grange contests Stuffed toy - AnnaBell Wiley Needlework – an afghan by Janet



