

560 Women Attend Banquet

BY KIMBERLY HERR

HARRISBURG — The threat of a severe snowstorm that was supposed to dump inches of snow on the Harrisburg area did not dampen the spirits of the 560 Farm Women who traveled from across the state to attend the 65th annual State Farm Women banquet Monday night at the Penn Harris Convention Center.

In fact, it was announced that there were 90 more women in attendance this year than last.

The evening began as the many women were ushered to their tables, which were decorated with honey bears. After a dinner of

salad, stuffed chicken breasts and mashed potatoes, topped off with Boston cream pie, the women participated in group singing.

The mistress of ceremonies for the evening was Naomi Bupp, of York County, who is first state vice president. Mrs. Bupp also provided entertainment for the group as she used jokes and witticisms to introduce those seated at the head table. Some of those women who fell prey to Mrs. Bupp's sense of humor were able to get even by telling humorous stories about their mistress of ceremony.

One woman, however, had a more serious comment to make.

"For me to meet and rub shoulders with you is like a dream," said Mrs. Mabel Rishel, a 90-year-old member of Farm Women from York County. "To learn how to grow old is a walk of wisdom, and it is the most difficult chapter in the book of living," she added.

After the head table was introduced, the audience was entertained by Kathy Long, who sang "Getting to Know You" from the musical The King and I and "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy" from the musical South Pacific.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Lois Erb, a former state



Lois Erb, speaker for the 5th annual State Farm Women banquet, spoke on the subject of "Who Am I?"

Farm Women president who recently returned from a three-year stay in Australia with the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions. Prior to moving to Australia, Mrs. Erb lived on a farm in the Harrisburg area. She now resides in Morgantown.

Her topic for the evening was "Who Am I?"

"God knows who he is and if we are his children we should know who we are too," Mrs. Erb said.

She pointed to the number of adopted children who go in seek of their biological parents as an indication of how people are searching for themselves.

"Everyone of you is a one of a kind person, but there are three

things I can say about all of us," Mrs. Erb said. "Everyone was born to be loved. Everyone was born to be a servant - to serve and be served. Everyone ought to be living in our integrity."

As an example of what she meant by integrity, Mrs. Erb said, "As long as you blame someone else for your faults...you are not walking in your integrity."

In summary Mrs. Erb told her audience if you love and are loved, if you serve and are served, if you walk in integrity, you will not have to ask who am I."

When Mrs. Erb finished she was presented with a basket of food products which were donated from the various counties represented.



Naomi Bupp, right, state first vice president of Farm Women presented Lois Erb with a basket of Pennsylvania food products at the conclusion of Monday's banquet in Dauphin County.

State Farm Women Officers Elected

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HARRISBURG — While thousands of people swarmed across the exhibition floors and show rings of the Farm Show building Tuesday, a few hundred more met upstairs in Room E.

They were 268 members of Farm Women Societies from across the state, and after a day of fun activities on Monday, they were ready to get down to business. The meeting was conducted by State President Marie Baughman,

Franklin County.

Three new officers were elected and installed by Helen Hess, Lancaster County, state president from 1979 to 1982. Helen Ebling, Berks County, was elected as the new state secretary. She has been a member of Farm Women for 30 years, was a state Farm Women director and has held county offices. She replaced Dorothy Pyle, Green County.

Ida Book, Perry County, and Mary Anna Buterbaugh, Indiana

County, were elected as new state directors. Both women are past presidents of their societies. These women took the offices of Laurene Tate, Adams County, and Dorothy Stricker, Berks County.

In other business, Marie Baughman announced that membership statewide had increased by 43 members. She also said there were four new groups formed, two in Lancaster County, one in Lebanon County and one in Cumberland County. There is now

a total of 4,010 members.

"We must keep replacing members," Mrs. Baughman said, urging each group to sign up one new member in the coming year. "Records were meant to be broken," she said.

It was announced by the Farm and Home Safety committee that 16 counties had received certificates for 100 percent participation in the state safety programs.

In other forms of participation, it was announced that 437 members from 16 counties took part in the needlework state project this year. The 1984 project will be a craft of any kind.

Fran Sauder, past president of Lancaster County, gave a report on medical and rural health. She discussed breast cancer and what to do if burned.

It was announced that next year's convention theme will be "All in the Family," and Joyce Bupp, writer of a weekly column in Lancaster Farming will be the guest speaker at the banquet. This year's Spring Rally will take place May 29 at the Hershey Motor Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, Dauphin County.

The meeting ended with all members singing "Brighten the Corner," the Farm Women's theme song.



State Farm Women officers were elected during a business meeting of the Farm Women Tuesday in the Farm Show building. Installing the officers is Helen Hess, Lancaster County, left. Next to her is Marie Baughman, Franklin County, state president. Continuing from left is Helen Ebling, Berks County, new state secretary; Mary Anna Buterbaugh, Indiana County, new state director; and Ida Book, Perry County, new state director.

Host Families Needed

LANCASTER — Host families are needed in Pennsylvania to host English-speaking European teachers as guests in their homes for a seven to 10 day period this coming summer.

American Host Foundation is the only nonprofit, nongovernmental program designed to show the American way of life to European teachers by pairing them with American families. It is a nationwide home hospitality program which is endorsed by the Department of State.

Now in its 22nd year American Host has opened the doors to better understanding for more than 13,000 English-speaking European teachers who have passed on their new understanding to their students, friends and colleagues when they have returned to their homelands.

Being a Host Family is open to

anyone who has the desire to increase understanding and friendship between Europeans and Americans. Host families are required to provide a private room and meals for their guest and to give their guest the opportunity to meet friends, neighbors, and to see local sights.

The American Host Foundation arranges all transportation but Host Families are asked to meet their guests on arrival in their area. Visitors and Host Families have the opportunity to correspond for at least a month prior to the visit.

Anyone interested in being a Host Family or learning more about the Foundation's activities may write to: American Host Program, 12747 Brookhurst Street, Garden Grove, California 92640 Telephone: (714) 537-5711.