



# Farm Women Societies

## Lancaster Society 11

Lancaster Society 11 met at noon in the Huffnagle Park in Quarryville for a picnic lunch with County officers, a State Board member, the Lancaster County Dairy Princess and her mother as guests.

President Helen Shaub conducted a regular business meeting.

The next meeting will be on July 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster. The group will entertain Society 5.

## Lancaster Society 28

Lancaster Society 28 met on June 28 at the Strasburg Ambulance Building for a film on first-aid and CPR. Following the film, the group went to the home of Dorothy Kreider for a business meeting.

The County picnic is scheduled for August 7 at the Lampeter Community Field at noon. Bring a covered dish.

In May, 11 members and two guests traveled to Baltimore Harbor for a day of fun and shopping.

## Berks Society 3

Berks Society 3 held their monthly meeting at the home of Ruth Renninger, R4 Boyertown, on June 26.

The women enjoyed dinner and discussed the Mystery Trip they took to Baltimore Inner Harbor on

May 16.

On July 10 the women will meet at Rax Restaurant, Gilbertsville, at 9 a.m. for breakfast. A clam-bake is planned for the next meeting on July 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boyertown Community Park.

# Know your needs before selecting a computer

**MEDIA** — Unfamiliar jargon and hyped-up advertising campaigns can make it more difficult than ever to choose a home computer, says Greta C. Vairo, extension home economist with the Penn State Extension Service. To help you make a choice, she offers the following tips:

You should have at least a partial understanding of microcomputer technology before you invest in a home computer. These powerful tools are designed to be used in highly individual ways. The more you know about how they work and what they can do, the easier it will be to match a system to your needs.

Familiarize yourself with jargon. If you wish to buy accessories, learn the strengths and weaknesses of particular devices and how well they work with specific computers.

Consider your own requirements carefully. Limitations of an inappropriate machine will only surface once you take it home. Research your choices in trade magazines, books with computer-

user groups or continuing education courses before you make the final decision.

Before you decide on the hardware, identify your needs and those of all potential users in your family. Typical home computer applications include word processing, arcade-type games, educational programs, data base management, financial record-keeping and telecommunications. To help you determine which models you should consider, try to project what you will do with computer in a year's time.

When deciding how much to pay for a computer, balance your needs against your budget. Prices vary and there is no best computer for everybody.

Remember there are other expenses, too. You'll need to budget for software in addition to the basic hardware. Some home computers come equipped with software and some dealers may

include software when you buy the computer. Investigate before you buy.

Think about the other expenses that may accompany a home computer purchase. You will need blank storage disks or cassette tapes and a small TV set or video monitor. You may also need a desk, lamp and chair.

Set aside money for a subscription to a home computer magazine, a few books or a class to help get you started. Save some money for last-minute surprises like printer cable or power filter.

Also remember to set aside some time to learn to use your new computer. Other factors will also influence your purchase. These include planned future enhancements such as additional memory and available financing. Compatibility with other systems is also important to many computer users.

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## Saddle Cinches 4-H Club

Saddle Cinches 4-H Horse and Pony Club of Manheim, Mount Joy, and Elizabethtown held their June Meeting recently at the home of President Rhonda Gible.

Horse shows and club trips were the main topic of discussion at the meeting. Club members discussed their recent three-day trip to Assateague Island, Va. For three days, 24 club members, along with chaperones took the opportunity to study the wild ponies in their natural environment.

While in the area they also took a boat ride in the coastal marsh area, observing the natural environment, had a beach party complete with a campfire and took a midnight hike to the Assateague Lighthouse to watch the famous beacon in operation.

The club's upcoming events include a club gymkhana on July 7 and the county roundup on July 14. The next meeting will be on July 23.

## Green Valley Society 26

Green Valley Society 26 met at the home of Louise Pennay, R1 Liverpool, for the June meeting.

Nine members attended the Spring Rally at Hershey on May 29.

Society 11 entertained Society 26 on June 19. The July meeting will be held at the home of Luna Kohler.

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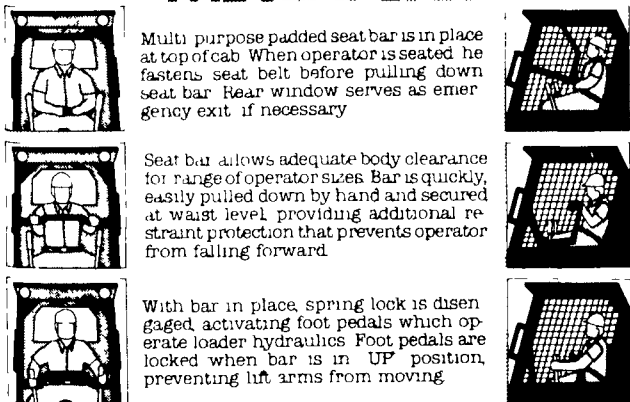
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