

Gov. Thornburgh declares Oct. 14 Farm Women Day

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HARRISBURG — "That's the smallest pumpkin I've ever seen," quipped a grinning Gov. Dick Thornburgh as he fished the perfectly-shaped, though diminutive, orange vegetable from a basket of commodities overflowing onto his polished reception room desk.

The mini-pumpkin was part of a colorful array of Pennsylvania commodities presented to the governor by the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women last week. Leaders of the more than 4,000 members of the group were on hand as the Governor signed a proclamation designating Sunday, Oct. 14, as Farm Women's Day in the Commonwealth.

In his proclamation, the Governor recognized the Society, founded in 1914, for playing an "integral roll in perpetuating and preserving our agricultural traditions."

His proclamation further lauds these women who "foster a deeper appreciation for the farm and rural life today and seek to uphold the dignity and purpose of farming, while teaching responsibility in working the soil."

According to Marie Baughman, state society president, members of the 190 local groups in several counties plan to celebrate their day in a variety of ways.

"Most are combining food and fellowship, with lunches, brunches and dinners together as part of their observance," says the Franklin County farm women leader.

In her home county, farm women members plan brunch with a program focusing on Franklin County's 200th bicentennial anniversary being celebrated this year.

Lebanon County's societies are taking a slightly different approach, as each local group is contributing to a special fund that has been established for a county family faced with mounting medical bills due to their child's serious illness.

In addition to the state proclamation, Lancaster County societies will be honored with a similar recognition from their county commissioners, and in York, members from over 30 societies will gather for an open-house fellowship.

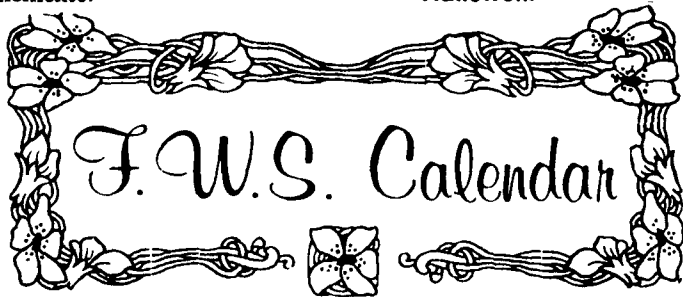
Farm Women are now finalizing plans for their state convention on Jan. 14 and 15 at the state Farm Show with an emphasis on youth.

"Doing a good deed for someone" is the theme, with children and grandchildren of members invited to submit a photo or drawing of how they've helped someone else. Each entrant will receive recognition with a special memento.

Pa. Foods program by Ida Risser.
Lancaster Society 25 meets for a trip to Arlene Eshleman's cabin.



Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women presented Gov. Dick Thornburgh with a basket of the state's farm commodities after his signing of the Farm Women's Day proclamation. Joining the governor for the ceremony were state president Marie Baughman, right, first vice president Naomi Bupp and Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.



Saturday, October 13
Lancaster Society 7 will meet for a birthday dinner.
Lancaster Society 2 meets for election of officers.
Lancaster Society 1 meets for a

Pa. Foods program by Ida Risser.
Lancaster Society 25 meets for a trip to Arlene Eshleman's cabin.

Sunday, October 14
State Farm Women's Day
Lancaster Society 5 takes a bus trip to Ray's Town Lake.

Monday, October 15
Lancaster Society 30 meets for a shopping tour bus trip.
Lancaster Society 34 meets for an election and game night.

Tuesday, October 16
Lancaster Society 27 meets to work on a project.

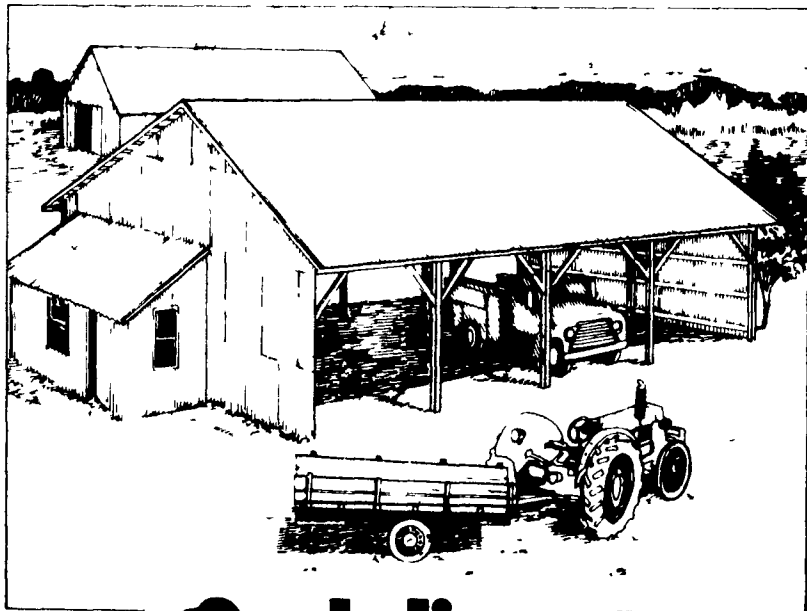
Thursday, October 18
Lancaster Society 15 meets for a

program by Ann Diller on Alaskan Slides. Election of officers will take place.

Saturday, October 20
Lancaster Society 3 meets for a program with Mike Pfautz. Three-day trip to Newport, R.I.
Lancaster Society 18 meets for a program to be announced.
Lancaster Society 29 meets for a "Halloween Happening" family event.

Lancaster Society 12 meets at The Country Table, Mount Joy, at noon.

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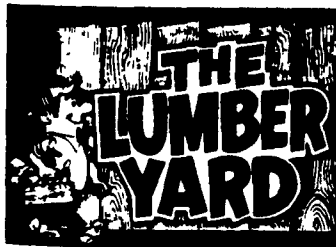
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