

Give a cookbook this Christmas

Saturday, December 1
Lancaster Society 6 meets at the Church of the Brethren to entertain family and friends. Christmas filmstrips to be

Lancaster Society 34

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Members of Lancaster Society 34 met on Nov. 19 at the home of Pat Wood. A demonstration on lace net darning was given by Solanco Glass and Mirror after which each member made an ornament.

Corresponding secretary Marcia Harnish and treasurer Joetta Wolgemuth were installed as officers. Other officers were installed at the County Convention.

Cathy Smith won the chance off. The next meeting will be on Dec. 17 at the home of Cathy Smith. The program will be a Christmas party. Secret pals will be revealed and new ones will be drawn.

shown — covered dish meal. Lancaster Society 5 meets for a program on "Exercising with Jean."

Lancaster Society 1 meets for a talent program and a \$4 gift exchange.

Lancaster Society 12 meets at 6:30 at the Millersville Lions Club for a covered dish Christmas party.

Sunday, December 2
Lancaster Society 28 meets to tour Longwood Gardens.

Tuesday, December 4
Lancaster Society 23 will meet for a Christmas party and to exchange small gifts.

Lancaster Society 35 meets for a Christmas party. Bring a \$10 gift for your secret pal. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Kendy Rohrer, 508 Georgetown Road, Ronks.

WEST CHESTER — It's ironic. More meals are being eaten outside the home than ever before at a time when more men and women are interested in cooking creatively. Maybe people have more energy to whip up souffles, stir fry fresh vegetables or concoct

a complicated casserole when they're in the kitchen three or four nights a week instead of seven.

Whatever the reason, cookbooks are being published and purchased at an amazing rate. Cooking for one or two, cooking for a crowd, vegetarian cooking, ethnic cooking, cooking for babies or even for the football team are but a few topics you'll find in today's cookbooks.

If you think a cookbook might be just the gift for someone on your list, Extension specialists at the Pennsylvania State University suggest you ask these questions to help you choose the right one.

•What are the individual's current cooking habits? Don't give a gourmet cookbook to a meat and potatoes cook. By the same token, a book of recipes requiring lots of convenience ingredients won't be appreciated by cooks who pride themselves on using only fresh foods.

•Does the cook have a piece of equipment such as a microwave oven, a food processor or a wok that isn't used very often? Consider giving a cookbook that focuses on the techniques of using it.

•Is the person on a special diet? Avoid the quick-answer fad diet books and ask your county Extension home economist or local dietician for a recommendation.

•What qualifications does the author of the cookbook have? Books written by teachers from well known cooking schools, reputable food writers and home economists as well as books sponsored by major magazines are usually well done.

•Does each recipe in the book give the yield or number of servings?

•Are the cooking time and temperature clearly stated? "Cook until done," for example, is only useful if some criteria for doneness is given.

•Are directions clear and complete? Read through a few recipes at random and see if you can visualize putting the ingredients together.

•Finally, do the recipes call for ingredients that are generally available in the cook's locale? An exotic cookbook is of little use if the spices and condiments called for are available only by mail order.

Thursday, December 6
Lancaster Society 17 meets at 6:30 p.m. for a Christmas party at Rhoades Restaurant.

Friday, December 7
Lancaster Society 14 meets at Meadow Hills Dining House.

Saturday, December 8
Lancaster Society 7 will meet for a Christmas program with local talent.

Lancaster Society 2 meets for a fun and games program and cookie exchange — bring one dozen.

Lancaster Society 13 meets for a Christmas party at 6 p.m. at the Ronks Firehall. Convention delegates will be named.

Lancaster Society 25 meets at the Wengers at 6:30 p.m. for a covered dish family Christmas party. Program will be by Happy Hours Men Chorus.

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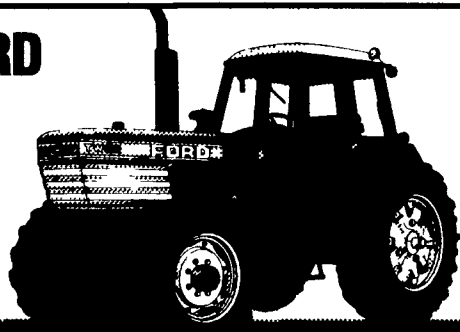
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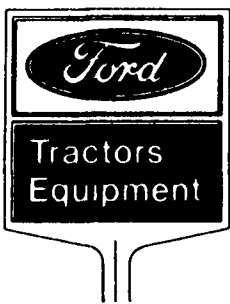


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