

# 'Shepherd of the Year'

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never wanted to sell them for slaughter," she admits. Overcoming her reservations, Ellen took reserve champion honors at the 1984 Elizabethtown Fair with her purebred Hampshire market animal. She then went on to sweep that year's roundup, going home with both grand champion market lamb and supreme champion Hampshire ewe honors.

Although she admits that selling her market lamb entries doesn't seem to be getting any easier, Ellen has learned not to develop strong attachments to market animals.

Meanwhile, her success in breeding sheep shows continues. After her initial Farm Show win in 1982, Ellen rebounded by taking champion Hampshire ewe honors in both the 1985 and '86 Farm Show. With a new flock sire on board, the family hopes to maintain that momentum. Purchased from Bedinger Hampshires of Illinois,

## City 4-H club

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Zoann says she is pleased with the response to the club. "If they just keep coming, that's enough for me."

But she hopes the club will mature into what she terms a "traditional" club, with officers and long-term projects. She

the young ram has sired all 30 of this year's lambs.

Thanks to Ellen and the 4-H program, sheep fever has proven to be infectious in the Lewis household. During lambing season, George often finds time to check for new arrivals during his lunch hour break from Farmers First Bank in Lititz. Although Ellen's four older brothers and sisters were members of the 4-H horse club, Ellen was the first to take an interest in sheep. Now her brother Ken, a Farm Credit employee, is also involved in the home flock.

Although Ellen has no definite career goals at this point, she does have an interest in the communications field. She also expects to continue her show career, hopefully entering the National Hampshire Show in the near future. And wherever life leads her, Ellen Lewis is sure to communicate her enthusiasm for sheep and the 4-H program.

doesn't see this happening until some of the members, most of whom are between the ages of 8 and 13, get a little older and have a more solid commitment to the club.

"I don't want to frustrate them," by pushing them too hard, Zoann says. For now the club is working.



## Lancaster Society 10

Members of Lancaster Society 10 met for a luncheon with members of Society 7 and county officers at the Esbenshade Farm on March 1.

Hazel Ulrich, first vice president, showed slides and talked about her travels in the national parks of America.

Shamrock plants were given to guests and to president Nancy Starr. The Ways and Means Committee reported on a bus trip to the Flower Show on March 11.

Nancy Starr reminded members of Farm Women's Day on Oct. 14. Members are also reminded of the

"They know me and what 4-H is," she says.

Future plans for the club include more fish (Zoann is incubating guppies, which are considerably harder than goldfish), a trip to the County Park to search for signs of spring, and a firefly project.

Zoann would also like to have the club begin a citizenship project to learn how their community works. "There is a wealth of knowledge and learning and history within blocks of the girl's club," she says.

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Spring Rally on May 28.

Members decided to support county projects and Make a Wish. The group decided to make money by fining any member not

wearing a society identification to the meeting.

The next meeting will be held April 5 at the home of Annette Habecker.

## Lancaster Society 18

Lancaster Society 18 entertained Society 15 at the Farm and Home Center in February. Members and guests enjoyed a salad luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDowell

talked about Elderhostil experiences.

The group is planning a trip to Washington in June.

## Lancaster Society 25

Lancaster Society 25 met Saturday, March 8 at the United Methodist Church, Conestoga.

Extension home economist Doris Thomas presented a food trivia quiz and led a discussion of the "Market Basket."

Plans were made to hold a food sale March 22 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

at John Herr's Food Market, Millersville.

On April 12 the society will entertain members of Society 22 at the Farm and Home Center, Arcadia Road, Lancaster. The program will be a film titled "Dolly's Cradle."

## Lancaster Society 26

Members of Lancaster Society 26 met in the home of Dorothy Hess for their February meeting.

Vice-president Lucille Buckwalter presided over the business

meeting. Skip Walls spoke on "Dial 911."

The next meeting will be March 20 at the home of Sara Zeiset.

## Lancaster Society 28

Lancaster Society 28 met Feb. 27 at the home of Ruth Bare with Evelyn Hess as co-hostess.

President Thelma Hess conducted the business meeting.

The county project for the year is Bethany Christian Service for unwed mothers.

The evening entertainment was bingo.

The next meeting will be held March 22 at 10:30 a.m. at Donecker's Restaurant for a lunch and fashion show.

## Berks County

### Executive

### Committee

The executive committee of Berks County Farm Women met at the Ag Center in Leesport on March 2.

The county's 12 Farm Women societies will sponsor a bingo party for residents of Berks Heim on April 17. Each group will provide two centerpieces for the recognition dinner for volunteers to be held at Berks Heim on March 24. A number of Farm Women will attend the dinner as guests.

The 21st Annual Spring Rally will be held at the York Inter-State Fairgrounds on May 28. Speaker will be Pete Wambach, "Mr. PA."

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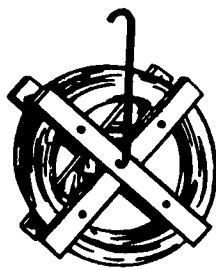
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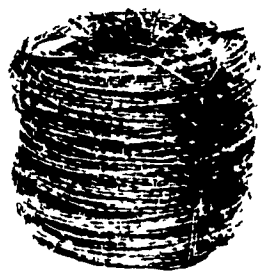
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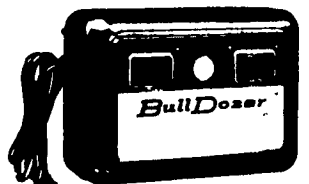
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