

Farm Women Societies

Lancaster Society 8

Members of Lancaster Society 8 met July 8 at the Donegal Presbyterian Church to entertain Society 6 at a covered dish meal. Thirty-six women attended, including county officers: Mrs. Charles Shellenberger, president; Mrs. Evelyn Hess, secretary, and Mrs. Vera Herr, treasurer.

Grace Bixler, Society 8 president, conducted the meeting and Molly Baer provided devotions. The group also sang three songs.

Anna Mae Derr read the minutes of the June meeting and guests were introduced in response to roll call.

Mary Sarver gave the guests a tour of the historical church.

Hostesses were Grace Bixler, Molly Baer, Evelyn Dannemann, Ruth Eby, Mary Grace Martin, Kathryn Hess and Ruth Musser.

The County picnic will be held Aug. 4 at the Hoffman Building in Quarryville.

Earth Eating

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cuits are usually eaten during pregnancy.

These tablets, each weighing little more than an ounce, are made by local people from clay from a holy hill. "You have to dig down for it several feet, below the topsoil and subsoil, where the clay is hard, compact, and clean," Hunter says.

From Esquipulas, worship of the Black Christ has spread throughout much of Central America — and with it, clay-eating. Geographer Oscar H. Horst

of Western Michigan University, who is tracing the diffusion of Black Christ shrines, has reports of at least 170 others, most in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Mexico. Clays from Esquipulas or from local clay pits are sold at a number of these shrines.

Hunter, who has sampled some clay, hasn't acquired a taste for it. "Dry in my mouth . . . bland," he reports. He had to wash it down with water.

Berks Group 1

Members of Berks Group 1 met July 8 at the home of Mrs. Ella Richards, R2 Oley, for their annual doggie roast. Members' families also attended.

President Mrs. Agnes Noll conducted the business meeting with 18 members answering roll call

and responding to the question "What do you plan on doing on your summer vacation?"

The August meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Pauline Hartman, R1 Oley, on Aug. 12. The program will be a craft night and members will make Christmas tree ornaments.

Berks Group 4

It was come-as-you-are to the July 7 meeting of Berks Group 4. Members attended in shorts, housedresses and office dresses, sneakers, sandals and high heels — just as they were dressed when called.

Twelve members and one guest attended the meeting, held in the home of Elsie Rothenberger, Boyertown R.

The highlight and fun part of the evening was a secret pound auction with Virginia Taylor acting as auctioneer.

President Ferne Kulp presided over the meeting. Mary Fizz introduced her guest, Priscilla Wren, as a prospective member.

The group received thank you cards from Paula Sellers and Kim Benjamin for their awards; they also received a letter from Berks Heim concerning the plaque that has been placed outside room 127 in honor of the group for redecorating the room.

Ferne Kulp explained the state project "Toys for Tots." Members will be making toys of safe materials and donating them to a home or hospital. Berks County selected the Hamburg State School to

receive toys made by Berks County members.

The group will chance home-cured hams and fruit baskets, with the drawing on Farm Women's Day, Oct. 14.

The next meeting will be a family picnic beginning at 6:30 Aug. 4 in the Boyertown R4 home of Ferne Kulp. Members are encouraged to bring family and friends for an evening of food and games.

Lebanon Society 20

Members of Lebanon Society 20 met recently at Levitz Park for a family picnic. Eighteen members and their families attended.

Games were provided for the children. The president conducted a short business meeting after the picnic.

Members were reminded of the group's bus trip to Philadelphia Sept. 24. The trip cost is \$12. The bus will leave Fisher Bus Co. at 7:30 p.m.

Members discussed the Fall Bazaar, which will be held in September at the Plaza Mall.

The August meeting, craft night, will be held at the home of Charlene Zugler. The group will also be making favors for the October meeting, when they will entertain Society 1 at the Ono Fire Company.



Saturday, July 25
Lancaster Society 12 meets at 1 p.m. Mary Jane Groff is hostess.

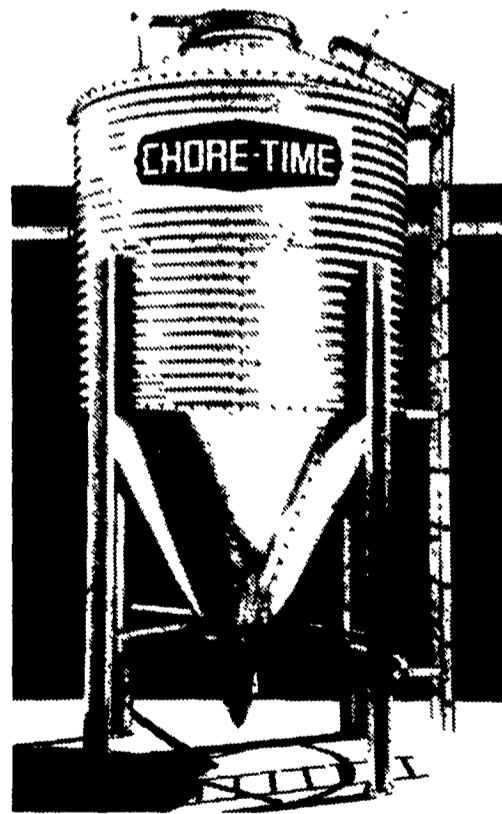
Thursday, July 30
Lancaster Society 11 meets at 1:30

p.m. for a program by the dairy princess.

Saturday, August 1
Lancaster Society 10 meets at Hoffman Community Building, noon.

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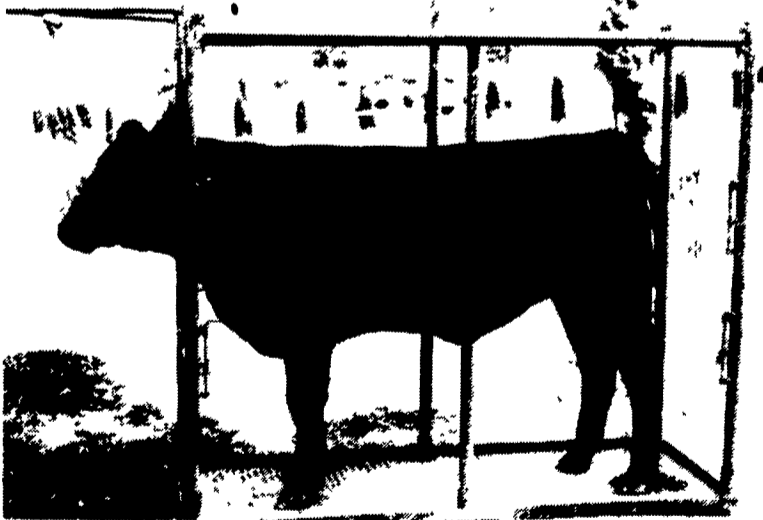


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