



Betty and her daughter Karen believe working together makes the time go faster and the work easier.

## Extended Family

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mother take turns helping their husbands milk 85 cows. During seedtime and harvest, the women milk without the men. The farming operation includes 500 hogs in a finishing unit. "It's fully automatic," Karen explained, "so we don't need to do much to the hogs."

Even though Karen is married and has three children, her brothers and sisters teasingly point out, "Karen never left home."

But Karen, who has never lived outside her rural community, commented, "I don't think I missed anything. I love living on the farm."

And so do the Lehman's children LaVonne, 13; Dwight, 11; and Pam, 8.

Dwight raises 30 chickens, 15 rabbits and six calves for his 4-H projects. His older sister LaVonne has three horses. And Pam takes care of their many cats.

Betty believes that the ability to get a long so well together depends upon the way children are raised. She said, "Even before Karen married, we worked well together."

Karen and her mother still work well together. Besides milking cows, they plant garden, can and freeze over 100 quarts each of both corn and fruit and enjoy doing crafts together.

Both women usually get up at 4 a.m. to begin their daily schedule. Betty usually does the morning milking and Karen is responsible for all the bookkeeping. "And there is a lot of that on the farm," Karen said. "It's amazing how it adds up."

Her mother added, "Karen does the bookwork and I do the banking for both our families."

Neighbors and friends often refer to this mother and daughter team as the most generous, serving people they know.

This warm-hearted mother and daughter team has a reputation for always sharing produce, home-cooking, and other gifts with neighbors, friends and those in need. It is not surprising that most of their non-farming activities are service-oriented.

Betty is vice-president of her church's sewing circle for which she buys materials and organizes the program. Monthly, she helps cook for the Manheim Meals On Wheels program and she is a member of the Penryn Fire Company Women's Auxiliary.

One day each week, Karen serves as a volunteer teacher's aide

at Manheim Christian Day School. She is a 4-H leader for Sewing 1 class. Both are Sunday School teachers and are active in numerous church responsibilities. Karen said in order to be an effective mother, "I like to keep a balance of my time spent between home, school, church and community."

Both try to hang around the farm while the men are busy in the fields. Betty joked, "We're go'fer girls. We go for parts because that's when the equipments breaks down. But," Betty added with the practical attitude that typifies her, "People fuss about machinery breakdowns during harvest—but that's to be expected. That's when we use it, not while it's setting in the barn."

Not only do the women run for parts, but they take turns picking the children up at their school sports activity. Grandmother especially likes when Karen does the

afternoon milking so she can watch the children's school soccer games. And the children like when Grandma picks them up.

Unlike many older generation farmers who did not grow up taking vacations, the Martin's are convinced vacations are essential so "they don't suffer burnout." The Lehmans own a cabin in the northern part of the state where they often go during the summer months. The Martin's take weekends off also. At first, they tried to take turns, but that got to be a hazzle. Now, Karen said, "As long as we're here, we work, at it together. If one family takes off, the other one does the work." That method seems to work best for them since neither couple feels the other one takes advantage of them.

Betty said that the best thing about farming is "the rural living and the idea of being together."

Perhaps that is the reason for this successful three generational partnership. They enjoy togetherness and they work hard at it.



## Farm Women Society 22

Members of Farm Women Society 22 met at the home of Jane Houser to hold an auction of produce and baked good for their August meeting.

During the business session, Barbara Byler was elected vice-president, Louise Witmer - secretary and Ann Smoker - corresponding secretary. Ann Diller will assume the presidency.

The members decided to have a stand during the annual Christmas in October program held at the Farm and Home Center on October 19. They made plans to participate in Farm Women's Day on October 14.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Ann Ranck; Mary Young will serve as co-hostess. Each member is asked to bring an antique and the group will then visit the Hans Herr House.

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Members of Farm Women Society 14 visited the Longwood Gardens and the Open Air Theatre to enjoy the play "Plain and Fan-

Seventeen members of Farm Women Group 1 met at the home of Pauline Hartman, Oley. Following devotions, Agnes Noll, president, conducted the business meeting. The annual family picnic will be held at Levegood's Grove, Douglassville. Under the directions from an

## Farm Women Society 14

Farm Women Society 34 held their August 17 meeting at the Farm & Home Center with Doris Thomas, Lancaster Extension Home Economist. Mrs. Thomas gave a presentation on micro wave cooking. After eating the results, the members held a business meeting.

Baby items were brought and given to the Lancaster Children's Service.

No business meeting will be held in September so members can support the Solanco Fair.

The county convention will be November 7.

On October 7, members are going to Vanity Fair. They are leaving from Legion Park at 9:15 a.m.

Christmas in October will be held on October 19-20 at the Farm & Home Center.

The next meeting will be held at Nellen Myer's home on October 19. Melody Krantz will serve as co-hostess. The program will be on cake-decorating.

## Farm Women Society 4

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 4 was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Lester Kulp on Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m. with a family picnic.

Following the dinner a brief business meeting was conducted by President Ferne Kulp with nine members present. Raffle tickets were distributed by the ways and means committee for hams to be given away on Farm Women's Day on October 14. The group will be selling shoo-fly pies and coffee at the Reading Fair on Tuesday, September 22.

Mrs. Kulp reminded everyone that there are only two months left to make toys for the state project.

They will be displayed at the County convention.

The offices of State second vice-president, State director and County treasurer are open for nomination. Resumes must be sent to the county president Mary Fizz.

Priscilla Wren was accepted into membership.

Program Chairperson Virginia Taylor announced the next meeting will be 7:30 p.m., September 1, in the Boyertown Multi-Service Center. Jo Guerre-Chaley will give a guided tour.

Hostesses for the September meeting are Jean Waldo and Esther Sheeler. The evening concluded with everyone playing bingo.

## Farm Women Society 5

Members of Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 5 held their August meeting at the home of Mrs. Mike Eves, Robesonia on August 11. Eighteen members responded to roll call by reporting what they did on their vacations.

Following devotions by our hostess, Vice-President Sandy Rauenzahn called the meeting to order. Plans were made to attend the Berks County Convention on

October 3.

Glass etching was taught by the hostess. Each of the group members chose either a glass plate, a glass container or a glass sun-catcher on which to etch a design.

Members were reminded that the next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Alberta Keener, Womelsdorf on September 8, 7:30 p.m. Flower arranging will be taught.

## Farm Women Society 20

Farm Women Group 20 met recently at the home of Charlene Ziegler. Nineteen members answered roll call by showing and telling about their craft.

County convention will be held on October 14 at the UCC church in Palmyra.

All members are expected to help at the Fall Bazaar on September 11-12 at the Plaza Mall.

A motion was made to give \$50 to a new support group for handicapped farmers in our area.

The September meeting will be held at the home of Janet Werner.



**Tuesday, September 1**  
Lancaster Society 35 meets at 7:30 p.m. for a microwave cooking program. Sharon Enck is hostess.  
Lancaster Society 23 meets at 7:30 p.m. Mary Funk is hostess.

**Wednesday, September 2**  
Lancaster Society 10 meets in Refton. Eve Gettle is hostess.  
**Thursday, September 3**  
Lancaster Society meets at 1 p.m. for a program by Gibson Armstrong.

## Cowtown Results

Here are the results of the Cowtown Rodeo for August 22:

### BAREBACK

1. Tom Lacy 2. Mike Cliver 3. Jay Stover

**SADDLE BRONC**  
1. Pick Byrnes 2. Joe Crane 3. Bill Hamer

**BULL RIDING**  
1. Tom Farrelly 2. Buck Howard 3. Dale Simpkins

**CALF ROPING**  
1. Quinn D'Imperio 2. Troy Reynolds 3. Mike Rhineer Sr.

**STEER WRESTLING**  
1. Mike Terranova 2. Chris Heinzig 3. Tommy Farrelly

**TEAM ROPING**  
1. Chuck Smith, Smokey Smith 2. Wimp Sleeter, Beau Sleeter 3. Kevin Brown, Kenny Brown

**GIRLS BARREL RACING**  
1. Jill DeSiato 2. Lynn Mancuso 3. Joyce Stoltzfus

## Farm Women Society 1

instructor from the Village Craft Shop, Oley, members painted and assembled wooden Christmas tree ornaments.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Elsie Badrow, Douglassville, September 9. The topic will be on safety.