

### Society 1

Members of Farm Women Society 1 met September 9 at the home of Mrs. Elsie Badrow, Douglassville. George Moyer showed slides on "Safety on the Farm."

Final plans were made for attending the County Convention on October 3. Members were reminded to bring something for

### Society 6

Members of Farm Women Society 6 met in the home of Martha Eshleman for September.

memory from their school days.

### Society 7

On September 12, Farm Women Society 7 Members met at the home of Miriam Beane.

On October 10 the annual birth-

Family Restaurant at 6 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hershey will be the guest speaker.

General Hospital for the June

New officers are as follows:

President, Kathryn Hebbe: vice

president, Suie Dietrick; secretary,

Winifred Bergen; assistant secret-

ary, Lucy Miller; treasurer, Ida

Kunkle; corresponding secretary,

meeting June 23.

Esther Northeimer.

#### Society 10

Members of Farm Women Society 10 met at the home of Eve Gettle. Twelve members answered roll call with the word "Love" in it.

The program committee is planning a bus trip in April to Harrisburg for the Mennonite Relief Sale.

Members will be sewing at the

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the silent auction.

The group will be selling shoo fly pies and other baked goods on September 23 and 24 at the Reading Fair.

"Farm Women's Day Out" will be held on October 14 at the Covered Bridge Hotel at 7 p.m.

#### The October meeting will be in the home of Elaine Jackson.

The December 12 meeting will Roll call had members share a be held at the Milton Grove United methodist Church at 12 noon for a covered dish meal.

day party will be held at the Leola

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# Torture Of Being A Fair Judge

BY SALLY BAIR

Lancaster Co. Correspondent MANHEIM — The question is always the same - why did I agree to be a judge? It doesn't matter if the judging is Dairy Princess contestants, apple pies, cows, casseroles or scrapbooks, there is always an uneasy feeling that it would have been a lot easier to say, "no."

During fair season hundreds of ordinary people put themselves through a strange kind of agony deciding who should get blue, who should get white, who should get special notice. It is not easy.

This week presented a new experience for me - judging the contestants in the Shepherd's Lead Line competition at the Manheim Fair. These were 4-H'ers, dressed spectacularly in wool with beautifully groomed and coordinated sheep, modeling themselves and their animals for the purpose of promoting wool.

They were all grand - both the 4-H'ers and the sheep! Fortunately there were two judges whose scores were totalled, so I could concentrate on just my part of the contest.

How did they look? How much wool did their garments have? Were they enjoying themselves?

Of course, they all looked wonderful, and their fresh, attractive appearance in itself had to convert some of the spectators to the wonders of wool. Were they nervous? Well, some enjoyed it a lot more than others. Sometimes a nervous twitch in the smile showed the true feeling of the smiling contestant. Perhaps, on the other hand, they were just cold, as I was while trying to write constructive comments.

My comments tended to be very



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positive - contestants reading them later may have wondered why each one of them wasn't first. If I had my choice, of course, they all would be first, but, alas, even ties are not allowed.

The few cries of "no way" which greeted the announcement of the final placing hurt. Certainly each fan has his favorite, and each contestant had done a wonderful

job. Nevertheless, it was a competition, and there had to be a final order. Hopefully the disappointment passes, and all contestants will try again.

The old cliche, "every contestant is a winner" is especially true of this lead line competition. What courage it takes for an 11-year-old boy to model in front of a crowd! Or for a teenager, whose worst fears are always about what people will think.

What the whole audience should think is what wonderful 4-H'ers we have to join the spirit of the competition and help promote that wonderful natural, renewable fabric - wool.

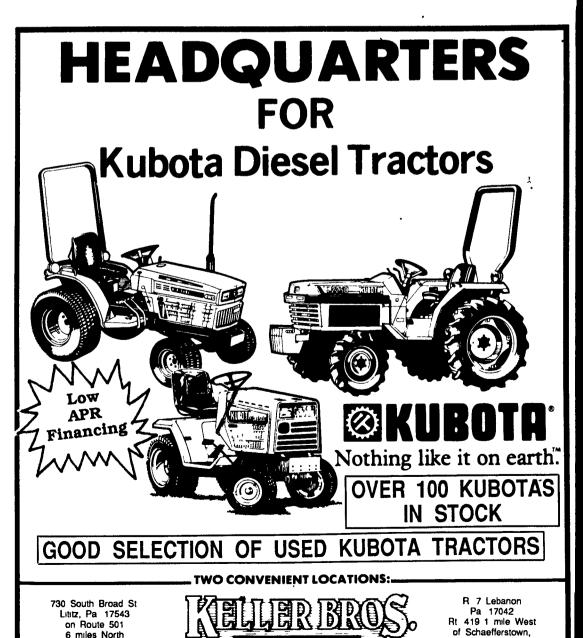
Every child who modeled (and every parent who urged, supported, cajoled, and worried) deserves a pat on the back. That is the reward for the difficult job of judging - to see children grow and learn from a competitive atmosphere. Perhaps that is why some of us are willing to submit to this strange unique form of torture called "judging."

## Lycoming County Fall Homemaker's Day

LYCOMING COUNTY — Fall Homemaker's Day will be held Wednesday, October 14. at Genetti-Lycoming Hotel in Lycoming County. "Harvest of Ideas" is the theme for the day. Two topics will be presented in the morning. "Urge to Splurge" by Marilyn Furry, Penn State Extension Resource Management Spe-

cialist who will relate how to curb spending for the holidays; Phyllis Barner, Penn State Extension Housing Specialist, will talk on "Indoor Air Quality and Radon Gas." Following lunch, Linda Horn will present "Corn Husk Crafts".

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