

Lancaster Society 8

Lancaster County Farm Women's Society #8 met at the home of Gladys Ney on October 11.

The Secretary's report was given by Anna Mae Derr. Seventeen members were present and mentioned their special winter project as they responded to roll call.

The special speaker was Eleanor O'Neill, member of the Hospice Speakers Bureau.

Several cartons of food were presented to the Food Bank.

Hostesses were Grace Heilbron, Mary Grace Martin, Ruth Eby and Molly Baer.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Vernetta Wallahder on November 8 at 1:30 p.m. She will present slides of a trip to Israel. A cookie exchange, with accompanying recipes, is planned also.

Lancaster Society 34

Lancaster Farm Women Society #34 met at Muddy Run Park on September 24 for their annual family picnic. It was decided to give the Quarryville Library a

\$100 donation. Members will have a sub sale on Oct. 13. A pound auction was held for the adults, with games for the children to participate in.



Farm Women Societies

Berks Convention

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The 38th Annual Convention of the Berks County Farm Women was held at the Berks County Agricultural Center, with 140 members and guests present.

The convention was called to order by Berks County president, Janet Schlegel.

A musical presentation by sisters Joyce Shott and Lucy Meyer, set the mood for the ladies to relax and enjoy a fashion show by Sharon Kramer of Rehrersburg on "Styles of the Past" as well as a

presentation down memory lane by past president of Berks County Society of Farm Women, "Fashions That Have Been."

The new officers elected include: president Janet Schlegel, Boyertown; vice president Judy Swope, Myerstown; secretary Joyce Shott, Myerstown; and treasurer Wendy Lingle, Bethel.

Officers were installed by Edith Diehl, state president. Good food, door prizes and reports of the year's activities were all part of the day's events.

Grapes Of Gap

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with the planting, pruning, and harvesting and manages the workers. Richard, a Philadelphia-based lawyer, works during his spare time and is mostly involved in the marketing end.

After being harvested and crushed, the grapes go to the tanks for fermenting, a process that takes one month or years depending on the wine. The Caplans have turned the actual wine making over to Owen Smith, a wine maker with a degree in enology (wine making) from California State at Fresno.

Smith, who came to Pennsylvania attracted by the East Coast's young wine industry, carefully shepherds the grapes from crush-

ing to bottling. Part of his duties include testing the wine during its processing for alcohol content, total acidity, pH, and sugar content.

Some day the Caplans expect to produce 14,000 gallons of wine from the grapes they grow. When they get to the point where they need more grapes, they hope to be able buy them from area growers. "We're trying to encourage local growers to raise wine grapes," said Richard. "It's a labor-intensive crop, but not back-breaking and you could make \$3,500 or \$4,500 per acre."

The Caplans and Smith expect their first wines to be ready in the spring. Their first offerings will be mostly whites and light reds.

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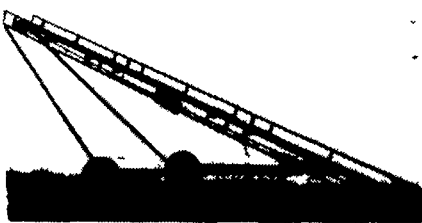
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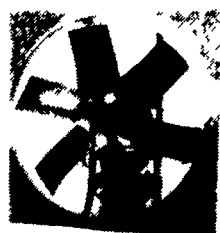
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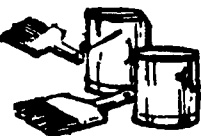
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