



Farm Women Societies

Lancaster Society 25

Sixteen members of Lancaster County Farm Women #25 met at the home of Jean Breneisen, Conestoga, on November 11.

After delicious refreshments the business meeting was led by Miriam Byers, president.

Emam Goss read Psalm 107 and a poem from the Thanksgiving from Ideals magazine. Helen Metz received her 80-year pin. Officers for 1990 were then installed. They are: Frances Greenawalt, president; Ethel Gerlach, secretary; and Katherine Daveler, treasurer. Frances Greenawalt

Lancaster Society 10

Society of Farm Women #10 of Lancaster County held their meeting November 11 at Luther Acres, Lititz.

Bessie Evans and Sue Dietrich were hostesses. Mrs. Evans is a resident at Luther Acres.

Eleven members answered roll call by naming something they are thankful for.

Reports on Christmas in Octo-

ber, Farm Women's Day, and the County Farm Women's Convention held at the Farm and Home Center were given. The county project for '89 was for Abused Women. A check of \$3,789 was presented to the agency.

Members are delighted by Sue's announcement of her marriage to Elmer Ginder, Nov. 12.

Members of Lancaster Society 25 met on November 2 at the home of Valaria Ferguson, Unionville. There was an attendance of 18. The president, Anna Mary Groff, presided at the business meeting. The County Convention was held on Saturday, the 4th. members who had contributed to

the June Smith Center were to have something to show at the convention. This society had a miniature van on display. Barbara Pizzarello, director of the House of His Creation, home for pregnant girls, told how God meets the needs of these girls and how some of them learn to know the Lord.

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Chicken Helps Cut Consumer Food Costs

WASHINGTON, DC — American families are spending a steadily decreasing percentage of their income on food and the comparative price of chicken over the past 60 years is one dramatic reason why. In fact, of all the countries around the world, U.S. consumers spend the least amount of their income on food.

In 1929, the first year the United States Department of Agriculture recorded such data, 24 percent of disposable income went for food. This percentage tapered off fractionally almost every year, dropping to 13.9 percent in 1970. A record of 11.8 percent, reached last year (1988), is headed even lower this year.

The U.S. broiler industry, now recognized as one of the world's most efficient producers of food, began as an important agribusiness following World War II. Back in 1949 when the industry was in its infancy, consumers paid 62.2 cents per pound for chicken. Adjusted for inflation since then, that would be over \$2.60 in today's prices. Another way to look at the bargain chicken gives consumers is to realize that chicken today is four times more affordable this year than it was four decades ago.

Without question, wholesome, nutritious chicken is one of today's best food values. Advances in genetics, nutrition,

disease control, housing, processing and marketing have all contributed to a product cost which continues to become more and more favorable for the food shopper.

In addition to cost, the development of new products has also spurred chicken consumption. The industry has responded quickly to consumer demand for convenience foods, making chicken readily available in many different forms: boned, skinned, ground, marinated, spiced, breaded, sliced.

At the same time, chicken has become increasingly popular on menus of fast food chains, five-star restaurants, schools and the military as well as in supermarkets and convenience stores and at deli counters.

Berks Executive Board

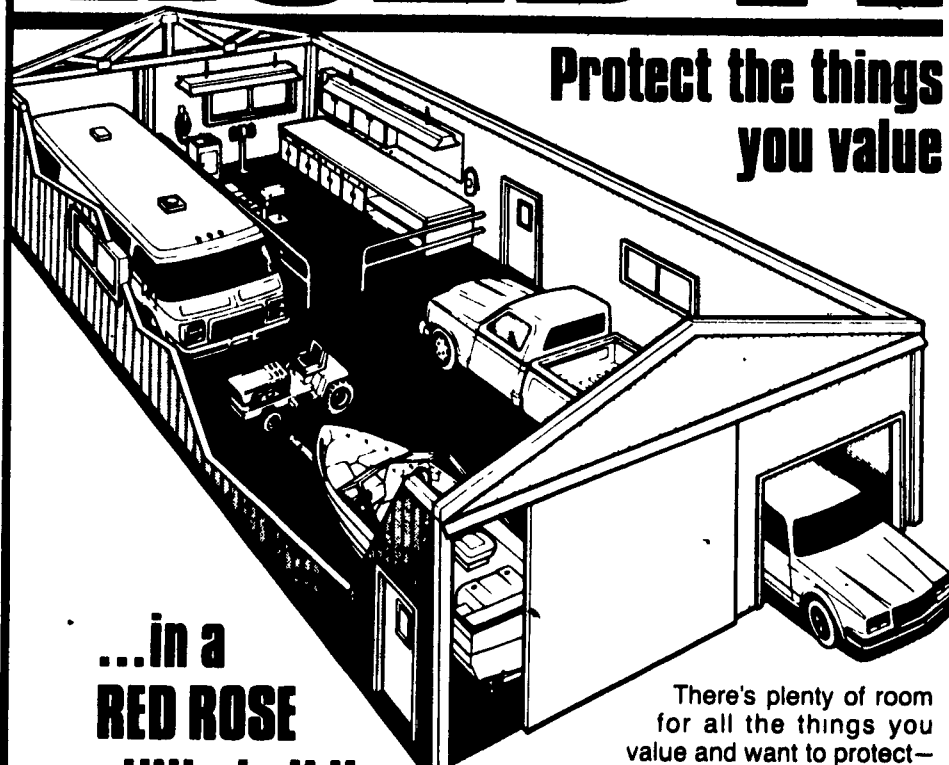
The Berks County Farm Women Executive Board met recently in the Berks Agriculture Center with President Janet Schlegel presiding. Nineteen members answered roll call by naming one thing they were thankful for this year. Mrs. Schlegel thanked all for creating a successful and entertaining county convention. The board discussed the recommended changes to the society's by-laws, which will be voted on at the State Convention

in Harrisburg on January 8 and 9. Plans are being made by all groups to have a representative at the Convention.

Berks County is planning to be the host for the 1991 Spring Rally. President Schlegel reported on the highlights of several County Conventions she has enjoyed attending recently. The next meeting of the executive board will be January 17 at the Agriculture Center.

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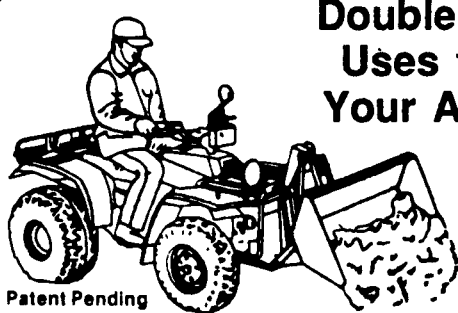


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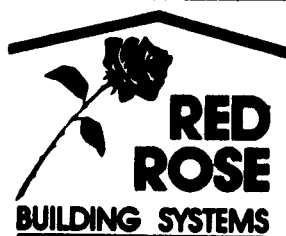
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