

Farm Women Societies

Berks Society 11

Farm Women Group 11 Berks County held the January meeting at the home of Rose Hibshman. Martha Klahr of Group 2 and past county president was invited to install the officers for '91. After installation and a business meeting, some members pasted and assembled activity books and schedules

for the coming year. Others stenciled and painted seven dozen small band boxes. There will be used at the Pennsylvania Spring Rally of Farm Women, which will be held in Berks Co. this year. Each box will be filled with assorted flower seeds and used as table favors for each woman present.

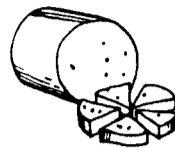
York Society 26

York County Farm Women #26 met at Etters Bonanza Restaurant on January 15.

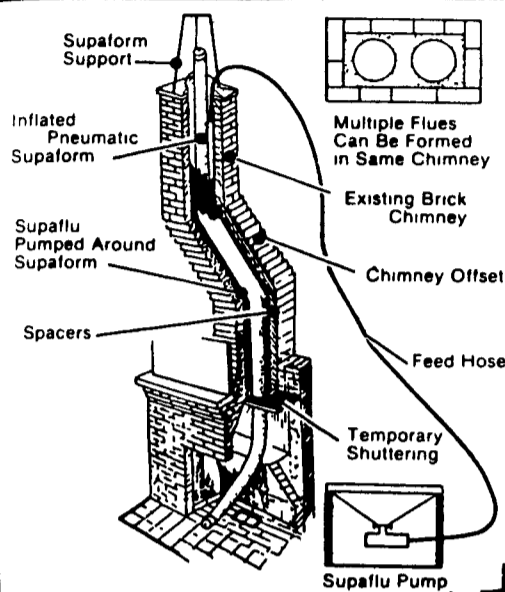
The delegates to the State Convention in Harrisburg gave reports on the convention and banquet.

The annual Christmas party in December was held at the home of Ruth Kann.

The next meeting will be held February 12, at Etters Bonanza Restaurant. Newberry Township Police Officer Richard Coonradt will speak on "Safety For Senior Citizens."



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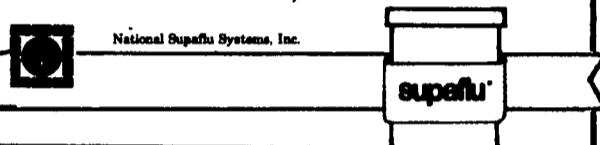
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Have You Heard?

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New Refrigerator Models Offer Many Options

Refrigerators have finally come into their own as a fashionable part of the kitchen. Gone are the days when color choices were limited to white, almond or black. Today's options include customized wood, stainless steel, glass, acrylic, and leather-look panels to coordinate with virtually any kitchen decor. When it comes time to remodel or redecorate, there is no need to replace a still serviceable refrigerator because new panels can be purchased to complement the new surroundings.

High-tech developments include computerized models with energy-saver buttons, temperature displays and settings, plus a monitoring system that lights up to indicate when the door is ajar, when the temperature is unsafe and when the condenser coils need to be cleaned. Built-in refrigerators that align with the kitchen cabinets are now available. Under-the-counter refrigerators provide handy storage for sodas, wine or frequently used items.

Easy care features are high on consumers' shopping lists, according to a recent survey. Although it adds \$50 to \$100 to the cost, most consumers consider

the frost-free option a labor-saving essential. Glass shelves are much easier to clean than wire ones and prevent spills from dripping through to the shelves below. Adjustable drawer bins produce easier access, while humidity controlled crisper drawers keep fruits and vegetables fresh longer. Ice makers and on-the-door water and ice dispensers are handy features particularly appreciated by thirsty families.

While traditional models with refrigerator on the bottom and freezer on the top are generally less expensive to buy and operate, space and family needs may make other models more desirable. Bottom freezers offer the same size unit with a slightly larger freezer capacity. Side-by-sides have a narrower door swing making them more space efficient, but they may have a larger exterior than comparable top-freezer units. Many consumers, especially those with children, prefer side-by-sides so everything is easily accessible. In addition to these larger sizes, several manufacturers are marketing new, smaller sizes. Both include features such as deep storage doors to hold a gallon of milk and slide-out and adjustable shelves, bins and baskets.

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