



These Berks County Farm Women members planned the Spring Rally held at Reading that was attended by 835 members from across the state. From left: Mary Bartholmew, Joan Loeb, Dorothy Stricker, Wendy Lingle, Judy Swope, Carolyn Feeg, and Janet Schlegel.

Farm Women Celebrate At Spring Rally Event

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READING (Berks Co.) — In keeping with their society's song, 835 Farm Women members "brightened a corner" of the Sheraton Berkshire on May 23.

At the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania 26th Spring Rally, Berks County talent provided the entertainment.

Joyce Schott and Lucy Meyer sang duets and led the audience in old-time favorites. Henry Zerbe of Bernville who works for the return of the family outhouse offered a repertoire of outhouse jokes. Lester Breininger, a potter and antique collector, gave fascinating accounts about collecting American country.

The Spring Rally traditionally is a fun day and a business meeting is not held.

During the day-long event, Dottie Stricker, state vice president in charge, introduced past and present officers. Naomi Bupp, a past state president, told about the 436-page Farm Women Cookbook that has just been released. The intricately illustrated cookbook contains 2,200 recipes from members and their families. It is sold for \$15.

President Arlene Witman introduced a heifer that needs a name for the upcoming heifer project. A prize will be given to the winning entry. Witman said the heifer was born in Somerset County where the first Farm Women society was established.

The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania meet monthly in their individual societies and twice a year, at the Spring Rally and during the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Lancaster Society 18

Farm Women Society No. 18 met May 18 at the home of Betty Hess. Mildred Kreider, president, presided.

Betty Geib spoke on homemade soap, which she makes in her home.

On June 15 the society is taking a bus trip to see "Spirit of American" in Landover, Maryland.



Lester Breininger displays a collection of Pennsylvania German redware pottery that Farm Women members could examine and purchase at the Spring Rally.



Berks County Dairy Princess Kelly Gelsinger serves milk punch to Farm Women members.



Mary Bartholomew receives one of the many door prizes from Joan Loeb, right.

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