

Cindy Thoman: Farm Women President Of The Week

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LOYSVILLE (Perry Co.) —
Although Cindy Thoman Of Perry County lived in Lancaster County, the most populous county for Farm Women, it took a move to Perry County before Cindy joined the Farm Women organization.

Perry County has only one society with 11 members. It has the smallest membership of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, which totals 3,371 members.

"We are really a close-knit group and I hope the group continues to make time to stay together even though we all live a fast life," Cindy said.

Unlike the group's beginnings when it was first organized in 1976, most members now hold full-time jobs off the farm. Cindy, herself, does not have an off-the-farm job, but she is busy. In addition to working on the farm, Cindy does sewing alterations in her home.

The Perry County Farm Women Society meets five times a year. They hold their annual fundraiser before Easter when they make 800 to 1,000 Easter eggs to sell. The group also makes lap robes for nursing homes. One of the members' favorite meetings is when each person brings a craft they have made to the meeting. After explaining how they made it, members exchanged their projects as presents with each other.

"We really would like new members because we feel our group plays an important part in farm life," Cindy said. Those interested in joining the group, should call Cindy at (717) 789-4242.

Cindy said that she and her husband, Jim, moved from Lancaster County to Perry County because they wanted to be on a larger farm. They bought a 150-acre farm to crop farm and raise beef — "12 mamma, one poppa, and the offspring," according to Cindy.

The Thomans' sons Jay, 17, and Dale, 15, help on the farm and are on the school wrestling team, which keeps Cindy busy going to



Kathy Thoman is president of Perry County Farm Women Society 1.

see the matches.

She does a lot of cooking and especially enjoys using the *Pennsylvania Farm Women Cook Book*, which was released last year. She enjoys making macrame lawn chairs.

Cindy is very active in her church where she is chairperson of the hospitality committee. "I like to be with people and being chairperson involves making meals for the congregation, getting flowers for shut-ins and stuff like that," she said.

Here is a nutritious, easy to make recipe that Cindy enjoys

serving to Farm Women and family members.

CHEERIO BALLS

6 cups miniature marshmallows
½ cup margarine
¼ cup peanut butter

Combine ingredients in saucepan and heat on low to melted. Remove saucepan from stove. Add:

6 cups Cheerios
1 cup raisins

Let set 5 to 10 minutes. Form mixture into balls. Serve when cooled.

In the weeks ahead, Farm Women presidents from Pennsylvania will be featured in this section. The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania was founded October 14, 1914. It's purpose is to contribute to the power and influence of the farm home; to contribute to the community activity of farm women; to develop leadership and to promote better living and working conditions in the farm homes of Pennsylvania. The 16 county societies have a state membership of 3,371.



HAPPENINGS

4-H Coordinator Appointed

Patricia W. Freiler of Sickler-ville, N.J., assumed the position of extension agent - 4-H/youth coordinator with Penn State Cooperative Extension, Bucks County, recently.

She earned a B.S. from Penn State University in recreation administration and a master of public administration from Mary-

wood College.

Freiler served as administrator and camping director of Scranton Pocono Girl Scout Council and as executive director of Camden County Council Girls Scouts. She is nominee for president of the eastern Pennsylvania branch of the American Camping Association and held executive positions

with Council of United Way.

Freiler will conduct and organize comprehensive educational extension programs related to 4-H and Youth in Bucks County. Currently, 5,500 youth and 365 volunteer leaders are active in the program. She will be responsible for recruiting and training volunteer adult and teen leaders and 4-H youth members.

County extension director, Kay M. Hastings, said, "Pat Freiler has a wealth of experience and knowledge of volunteer and youth organizations. Penn State Cooperative Extension Bucks County and the Bucks County 4-H Youth program is fortunate to include her as a member of our team."

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