

# Meet Huntingdon County Farm Women President Ruth Chilcote

ROCK HILL FURNACE (Huntingdon Co.) — Since 1970, Ruth Chilcote has been a member of Shade Valley Farm Women #4. Recently, Ruth was installed as president over the four Huntingdon County societies and their 48 members.

"I like Farm Women because it's a way to make new friends," Ruth said.

She found these friends shortly after her marriage to a dairy farmer.

It was these friends that comforted Ruth after she gave birth to a still born baby and when her husband of 10 years died of a brain tumor.

After her husband's death, Ruth moved in with an aunt who also died. Now Ruth lives alone. After 27 years of factory work, Ruth retired in the early 1980s. She is master head of the Shirleysburg Grange, a member of the Three Springs Rebecca Lodge, and a member of First Methodist Church.

She has traveled to places such as Nova Scotia, Hawaii, and Nashville. This year, she plans to vacation in Missouri.

Ruth said that Farm Women find it fulfilling to help with community needs. Recently members gave money to provide transportation expenses for a boy who needed cancer treatments.

"I would like to see more members join Farm Women," Ruth said. If interested in knowing more about the Huntingdon Farm Women Societies, contact Ruth at

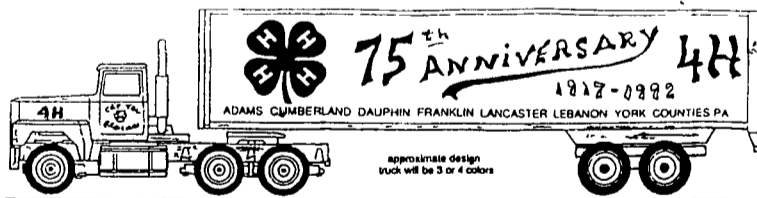


Ruth Chilcote

Rock Hill Furnace, Pa. 17249 or call (814) 447-3942. For information on Farm Women groups in other counties, contact Arlene Witman, 1351 Harrisburg Avenue, Mount Joy, 17552.

*The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania was founded October 14, 1914. Its 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. Check this section weekly for a feature story on individual Farm Women presidents from Pennsylvania.*

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