

Dorothy Caskey Heads Adams County Farm Women

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ASPERS (Adams Co.) — Since Dorothy Caskey joined Farm Women Society 3 of Adams County about 18 years ago, she has held every county office in the organization. She was also state treasurer for three years.

Through all her years of involvement with Farm Women, Dorothy is convinced that the organization is one of the best around. She said, "I think you will find that Farm Women members are generous, outgoing, and willing to help others. I made lots of new friends through working with county and state members."

Adams County has two societies with 25 members. Dorothy plans to change that. She said, "I want to form a new group this year. The southern and western end of Adams County is not represented in our organization. I think it is our fault because we haven't been getting the word out to them."

Through other agricultural-related groups, Dorothy is now telling them about Farm Women. "There seems to be interest in forming a new group," Dorothy said. Interested persons should contact Dorothy at (717) 677-7724.

Dorothy and her husband have been married 53 years.

"It's been a good life," she said. Their secret to 53 years of married bliss according to Dorothy is "Putting the Lord first in our life and

living by his teachings."

She added, "Think positive, talk things over, be able to see the other person's point of view, and appreciate others."

The Caskeys have 9 children, 29 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. Having so many family members have enabled the Caskeys "to see a lot of answers to prayer. I know that God answers prayer if you just turn it over to Him," Dorothy said. "We waited 16 years for one prayer to be answered."

Dorothy and her husband John farmed until 16 years ago. They now live on a corner of the farm that was turned into a fruit farm by the new owners. This is the first year that Dorothy has retired from packing fresh fruit for 19 years. She enjoys making crafts. With her husband, Dorothy enjoys a lot of camping in their motor home. This past year, they camped on the way to visit a daughter in Kentucky and another in Michigan.

Most of her activities involved church work and Farm Women meetings.

"Farm Women are always looking for ways to help the needy in our area," Dorothy said.

The group makes peanut butter and coconut eggs to sell at bazaars. They hold an annual hoagie sale and some personal money raisers. One of these was a calendar for Farm Women members. Each day on the calendar was marked with such things as "Put two cents in a

jar for every window in your home." Or, "Put a nickle in the jar if you drank more than three cups today."

Although the calendar proceeds were not huge, members thought it was a lot of fun and the money did help with needs in the community.

Here is a vegetable dish that Dorothy often makes for her husband.

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

2 cans string beans, drained
 1 can undiluted cream of mushroom soup
 Bread crumbs
 French fried onion rings
 ¼ cup cheese, grated
 Combine beans and soup in casserole dish.

Top with fresh bread crumbs. Bake in 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. Place French fried onion rings on top. Return casserole to oven long enough to warm onion rings. Sprinkle with grated cheese, if desired.



Dorothy Caskey
 Adams Co. Farm Women
 president



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.

Lancaster Society 19

Lancaster Farm Women's Society No. 19 met Feb. 8 at the Landisville Church of God with Lou Loder as hostess. During the business meeting, Millie Eshelman and Hazel Stauffer gave reports about the State Convention.

The next meeting will be held at the Hempfield Church of the Brethren at 6:30 p.m. on March 12 with Betty Saylor serving as hostess. Mrs. Veronis will speak on the subject, "My Faith Journey."

Berks Society 4

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 4 met at the Boyertown home of Marguerite Rush with eight members present. President Elsie Rothenberger conducted the meeting. In memory of charter member Lottie Burkefile, who died January 17, a reading was given "Safely Home."

A donation was made to Multi-Service yearly appeal. Orders for Stanley products will be taken by the group. Mary Fizz placed sec-

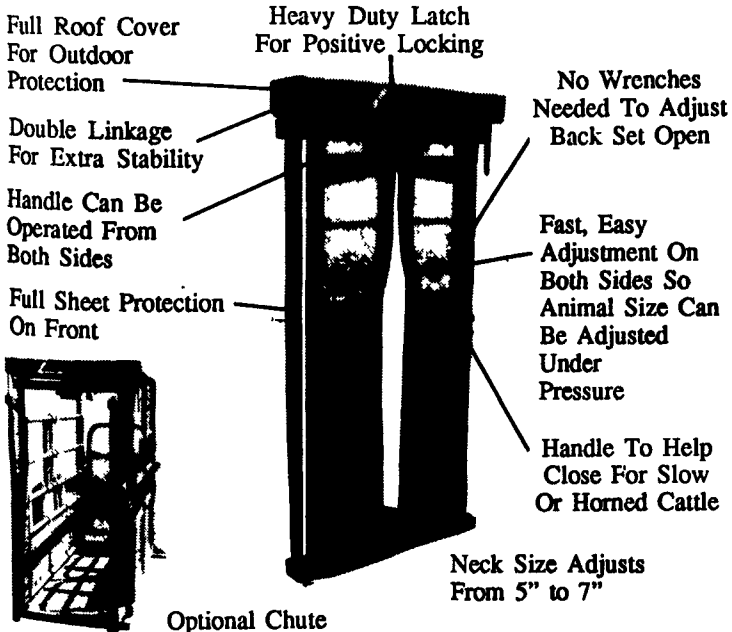
ond in the Name the Heifer Contest held by the state in conjunction with the State Convention.

Valentine gifts were exchanged, the bylaws were read and a presidential quiz was enjoyed during the evening.

The program committee is planning a Fasnacht Party for the March 3 meeting at the home of Charlotte Mauger in Bechtelsville. Each one is to wear something green.



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