

Berks Executive Board

On January 4, the Berks Co. executive board meeting was held in the Ag Center with 18 members present, answering the roll call question; What traditions help you start the new year?

President Fern Phillipy opened the meeting; with Wendy Lingle leading devotions with a poem. "Reach Out" followed by the Lord's Prayer and pledge to the flag.

Janet Schlegel reported for Agri-business and the farm/city banquet; held on November 5 at Riveredge. She also reported about future plans for trails for the blind and people confined to wheelchairs on the educational farm near the Vo-tech school.

Marie Gettel was asked to get information for the bus trip to the spring rally held at Hagerstown, Maryland, on May 26.

Group members are asked to bring food items for the Greater Berks Food Bank to meetings before March so each group president can bring it to the March board meeting. Our goal for food donations this year is 1,000 pounds.

State president Arlene Witman's heifer project was discussed with ideas of each group doing fund raising projects to raise money for their contributions for this project.

Plans for a county money maker are the possibilities of a quilt, plus other items from each group, with tickets being sold and winners selected at the Berks County convention. County convention will be held October 2, at the Agriculture building.

The next executive board meeting at the Ag Center in the conference room is March 1 at 8 p.m.

Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Farm Women #20 met on January 7th with Vivian Hess and Emily Gallimore as cohostess. After the refreshments, Vivian read from the Book of Proverbs for her scripture reading and all joined in praying the Lord's Prayer and then continued with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

For the program we were delightfully entertained by Katie Cloman playing her little violin. Katie was just 5 years old this month and she played every piece without music.

For the roll call, all those who have secret pals responded with what they received during the year. Pauline Reinhart reported that during the year the Sunshine Committee sent 36 cards, fruit, flowers and gave a gift certificate. Freda Wimer asked that as many as can should go to Mt. Eden Church January 20, or if inclement weather, January 27, to pin bed pads which we will be sewing in the near future.

Members will meet in February with Valaria Ferguson, a change from the original schedule.



Lancaster Society 19

Lancaster County-Farm Women's Society #19 met at the home of Beth Dum on January 9.

Each member brought a sandwich to exchange and share lunch. Roll call was answered by telling where the member vacationed last year and each shared fond childhood memories.

The next meeting will be held February 13, at the home of June Bare.

Lancaster Society 1

The Lancaster County Society of Farm Women 1 held their January meeting in the Lititz Historical Foundation Building. The program for the day was the Mueller House, which is part of the Foundation.

Prior to the business session members toured the museum. It contained a great deal of information about the early settlers of Lititz, going back to the 1700s. Many of them were Moravians, who were also the founders of the Moravian Church in Lititz. There were also various items and artifacts on display in the museum. Hostesses for the meeting were

Viola Wolf and Fay Garman, who also served refreshments.

The business session was called to order by President Fay Garman who welcomed members and guests. Julia Zahn led members in singing two songs.

For devotions, Betty Shaeffer read an article written by a World War II soldier and the first chapter from the book of Psalms.

Members were to answer roll call by naming the Lititz area that they thought was the most picturesque. Seventeen members and one guest were present.

Corresponding Secretary Harriet Fasnacht read a "Thank You" for the gift given by the Society in memory of Barbara Musser, who had been a charter member of Society 1 and a "Thank You" from Dorothy Hollinger for a get well gift.

Betty Sheaffer reported that the February meeting will be held in her home on Feb. 6. Speaker will be Mr. Weinhold who is a geneologist. Margaret Bucher, for the Ways and Means Committee, stated they are planning several trips for this year. For the Sunshine Committee, Sarah Weber reported their visitations.

President Fay Garman read a letter from Julia Zahn, thanking members for their help and support during her presidency and especially during the 75th anniversary celebration.

Julia Zahn read some of the many letters of remembrance that she had received from former members, during the Society's 75th anniversary.

The meeting adjourned with President Garman sharing a poem entitled "The Gifted Years" and members singing the Society song, "Brighten the Corner."



