

Farm Women Societies

Berks Society 6

Nine members of Berks County Society of Farm Women, Group #6, met in the home of Janet Schlegel, R.D.3, Boyertown for their April meeting. Robert Heckman, president of the Oley Valley School Board, was the guest speaker. Several members are planning to attend the 25th anniversary of Group #8, at the Shartlesville Grange, April 30.

A donation was given to Carrie Hetrick, an Oley Valley student, who will be an exchange student in Germany.

Barbara Kelchner was reinstated and welcomed into the group.

An Everybody's Party will be at the Pleasantville Diner, May 18. Members are asked to bring a \$5 gift for their secret pal.

York Society 26

York County Farm Women 26 met recently at B.C. Restaurant at Newberrytown. 17 members and 2 guests were present. The safety program was the main part of the meeting.

The business meeting was chaired by President Ruth Traver.

Group 26 will be entertained by Group 1 on June 16 at Rocky Ridge State Park off Mount Zion Road.

The group's 27th anniversary will be observed at the May meeting with a guided walking tour of the historical sites in the city of York.



HAPPENINGS

Saddle Cinches 4-H Starts Year

Horse shows, gymkhanas, trail rides, clinics, and special activities were the topics at the reorganizational meeting of the Saddle Cinches 4-H Horse and Pony Club. Fifty-three members signed up to join the club at its first meeting as activities for the year were planned.

This is the 25th year for the Saddle Cinches 4-H, and special activities commemorating that event were discussed. Because of a grant from the state, the club will enlarge and upgrade its horse show ring facilities on Sunnyside Road near Manheim, and will hold a special "Old Timers" Show there in September, open for anyone to compete who has been associated with the club as a leader, member, or parent in the past 25 years. In addition, the club will be holding a 25-year reunion on November 20 at Ruhl's United

Methodist Church, Manheim. All past and present members, leaders, and families are invited to be part of the evening's covered dish supper and awards program.

The club is trying to get in contact with all past presidents and leaders. If you have been a president or leader sometime in the past 25 years and have not been contacted by the club, contact organizational leader Kendy Allen at (717) 665-7144.

The club is still accepting members in the club. Anyone between the age of 8 and 18 with a desire to learn more about horse care is welcome to join. You do not need to own a horse.

4-H Beef Club

The annual reorganization meeting of the Franklin County 4-H Beef Club brought 10 new members to the club. The total membership is 26.

The club will hold one monthly

activity, with the roundup October 9.

Spencer Walk, Chambersburg, was elected president; Ryan Eshleman, Greencastle, vice-president; Cheryl Hawbaker, Mercersburg, secretary; Karen Eshleman, Greencastle, treasurer; Matt Hawbaker, Mercersburg, fair committee chairman; Valerie Bittinger, Chambersburg, and Crystal Meyers, Greencastle, social committee chairs.

Leon Lebo will serve as club leader and Duaine Hawbaker as project leader. Dennis Rife and Jeffrey Conner will be in charge of club exhibits.

Solanco 4-H

The Solanco Community 4-H Club held their first meeting on April 20.

They elected new officers: president: Kim McLaughlin, vice president: Matt Strictler, secretary: Joy Young, corresponding secretary: Lorrie Bernard, treasurer: Jamie Galbreath, assistant treasurer: Melissa Holloway, news reporters: Andrea Kreider and Josh Sheetz.

The next meeting will be held on May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Solanco Hoffman Building.

Tour Features

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who rents a cabin and cultivates the gardens on the Kathy and Greg Landis property, has added beds with azaleas, rhododendrons, perennials, ferns, ornamental grasses, and annuals. Established holly trees, dogwoods, and fruit trees lend a special touch along with the pond water lilies. Margaret and Willard Stauffer's nineteenth century farmstead boasts attractive, agricultural outbuildings, both stone and vintage cast iron fences, and several well-managed orchards, thriving among mature trees, traditional

and unusual shrubbery, and old-fashioned bulbs, perennials, and annuals. Irving and Jennifer Hollingshead will offer refreshments for tour participants and an opportunity to stroll their pond-accented, rural landscape.

Cost of the tour is \$8. Tour brochures may be purchased at Gehman's Store in Bally, the Boyertown YMCA, Levengood's Greenhouse, and Kelly's Nursery. For additional information, call (215) 367-8410. All proceeds will benefit the Boyertown Sister Cities program.

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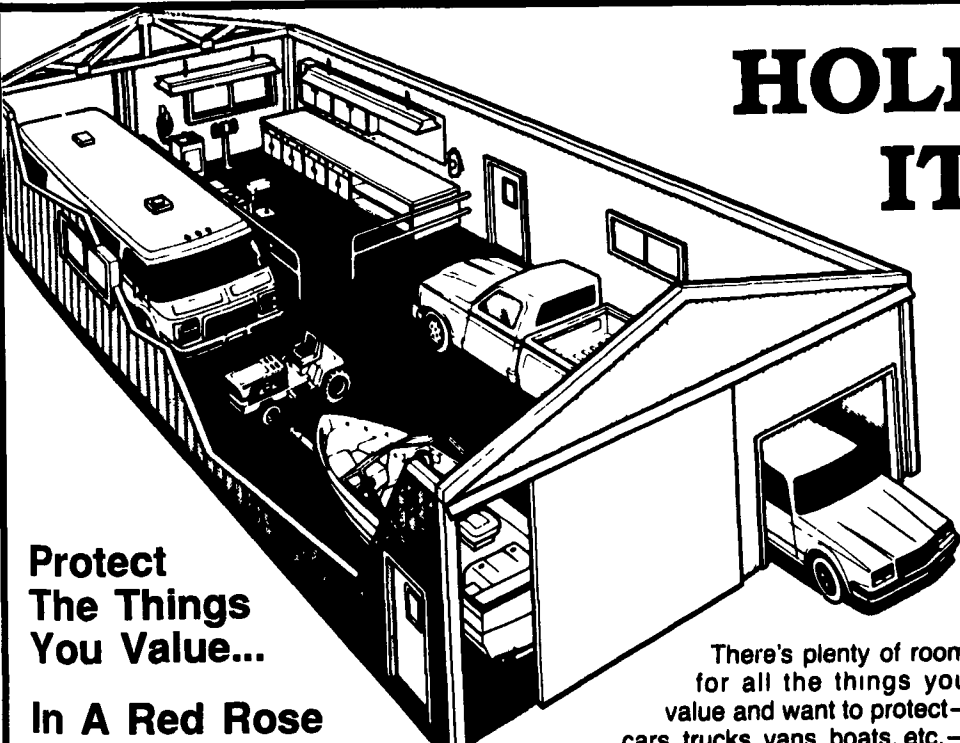


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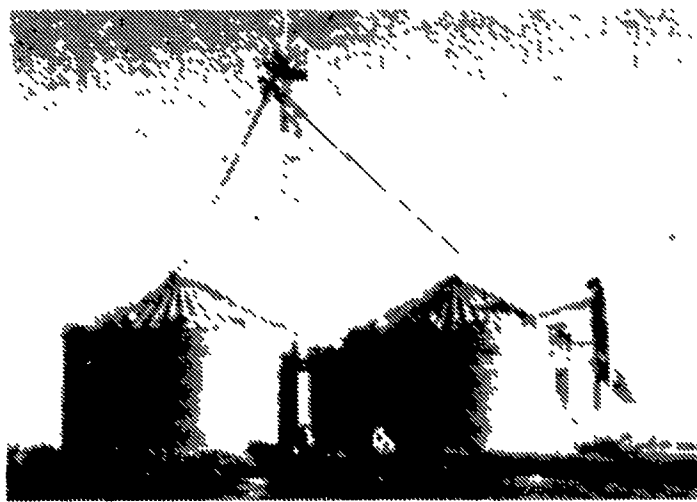
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