

York Farm Women Help The Hungry

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YORK (York Co.) — Following their song theme to "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," members of the York County Society of Farm Women are again reaching out to brighten the lives of hungry neighbors.

Members of the York County society piled tables high with canned and dry food and non-perishables at the Wischaven Hall on November 4 as they arrived for their annual convention. Following the daylong session of business, entertainment and fellowship, boxes of food were packed and delivered to the Dover Food Bank, Helping Hands for the Homeless and the Broad Street Family Services.

As a highlight of the county meeting, cash donations of \$750 were presented to the York Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Mason-Dixon Food Locker.

Nearly \$4,000 was raised during the past year through drawings for two quilts, made by members of the societies, as well as several other hand-crafted afghans, pillows and wall hangings. Winner of the pieced quilt awarded during

the convention was Mary Rohler, Mount Wolf.

Outgoing county president Barbara Malehorn carried the quilt theme through the day-long program, including table centerpieces of miniature wooden quilt stands complete with miniature quilts. The friendship quilt she instituted as a county project during her tenure of leadership was supported with a patch from each of the county's 32 individual societies. Profits from that quilt, awarded earlier in the year, will go toward York County's hosting of the state Farm Women's Spring Rally, scheduled for May 11, 1994, at the York Fairgrounds.

Carolyn Neal, Dillsburg, Group 31, moves up to head the county Farm Women as president for the next two years, after serving a term as first vice-president. Shirley Kauffman, Wellsville, Group 17, moves into the first vice-president slot. Continuing as treasurer is Treva Stiles, Glen Rock, a member of Group 18.

Two new officers were elected during the business meeting to complete the slate of county leadership. Arlene Keener, Airville, Group 29, was elected second vice-president and Trudy Reichard, Seven Valleys, Groups 18 and



Members of the York Farm Women societies wrap up their annual meeting by packing boxes of non-perishable foodstuffs for the county food bank.

28, will handle the secretary responsibilities.

State president Arlene Witman invited all members to attend the annual state Farm Women convention on January 10 in Harrisburg. Cookbook chairman Naomi Bupp, a York County member, noted that more than 16,500 cookbooks have been sold in less than two years, enabling the Farm Women to award five \$1,000 scholarships. An index for the

popular cookbook is now available for early editions; later edi-

tions have an index included. (Turn to Page B24)

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said Joyce Slaymaker, who was installed as the new president of the county Farm Women. "By giving ourselves, our generosity touched many lives in many ways."

In addition to Corinne Nissley installing Joyce Slaymaker as president, Kathryn Fry as first vice president, and Allegra Leininger as second vice president, other officers include Elizabeth Robinson, secretary; and Betty Geib, treasurer.

Speakers for the day included Doris Thomas, county home economist, who spoke about the changes seen in the county in the past 30 years and Bev Richards, inspirational speaker from Phi-

adelphia, who challenged women to accept change with confidence by knowing God is in control of circumstances.

Lancaster County Dairy Princess Marci Harnish and Lancaster County Poultry Queen Melissa Stauffer told members about the responsibility of promoting commodity products.

The Neffsville Mennonite Church Bell Choir performed a musical program with bells.

The organization purposes 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 condition in homes.



Eighty-year-old recognition recipients of the York Society of Farm Women meeting include, from left, Evelyn Lauer, Ida Boyle, Evelyn Leib, Edna McFadgen, Genet Sellers, Lura Flohr, and Margaret Tyson.



Officers for the York Society of Farm Women include, from left, Trudy Reichard, secretary; Arlene Keener, second vice president; Carolyn Neal, president; and Treva Stiles, treasurer.



Lancaster County Poultry Queen Melissa Stauffer, left, and Lancaster County Dairy Princess Marci Harnish tell Farm Women members about their respective duties with the poultry and dairy industries.



Susan Bailey, right, accepts a check for \$4,700 from Corinne Nissley. Farm Women raised the money to be used to purchase milk and heating fuel for Christ's Home, which cares for children between the ages of 3 and 14.