

# Cumberland Farm Women Hold 54th Convention

MECHANICSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — "Special Olympics" was the theme for this year's convention of Cumberland County Farm Women. An atmosphere of "going for the gold" and winning prevailed among the women.

The 54th annual convention was held at the Gigante Restaurant, Mechanicsburg, on Saturday, November 13.

A memorial service honored the county society members deceased since the prior annual convention.

Seven deceased members were remembered by the reading of a biographical outline of each member. They were Group 1, Margaret Sunday; Group 3, Ruth Myers, Margaret Hall, and Gladys Cramer; Group 4, Olive Martin; Group 8, Mildred Band; Group 9, Bertie Lehman.

Honored during the meeting were society members reaching their 90-year and 80-year birthdays. Arlene Witman, state president, had the honor of presenting

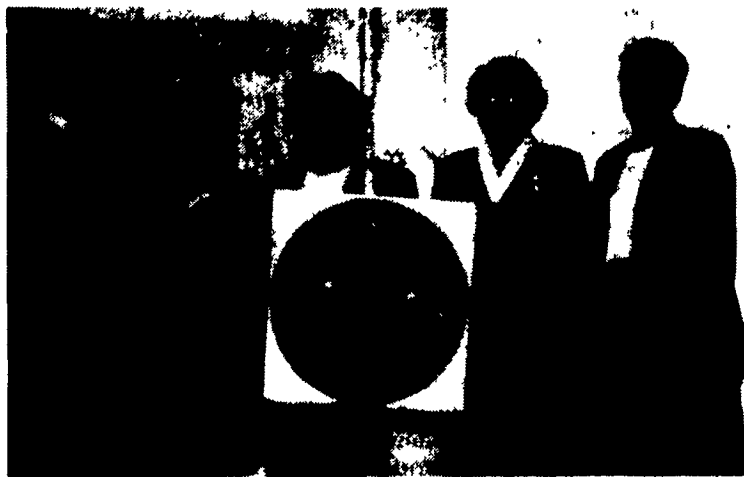
the pins to Margaret Garver, Group 6; Esther Bradley, Group 13; and Mae Nailor, Group 15; recipients of the 90-year old awards. Fran Westbrook, Cumberland County President, presented pins to six 80-year old members. Jean Ott, Group 1; Dorothy Goodling, Group 2; Dorothy Shaffer, Group 4; Edna Gutshall, Group 7; Hazel Tressler, Group 14; and Gladys Hoover, Group 19; were the recipients of the 80-year awards.

New officers were elected during the business meeting. Results of the election were: President, Pat Lehman, Group 7; First Vice President, Fay Stare, Group 17; Second Vice President, Donna Duncan, Group 5; Recording Secretary, Betty Wert, Group 13; Corresponding Secretary, Annie Deitch, Group 16; and Treasurer, Sarah Nealy, Group 22.

The organization donated \$5,845 to local charities and \$900 for the heifer project, which donates a food-processing animal to a needy family who in turn donates the first offspring to a needy family.

The highlight of the day was the presenting of a check for \$675 to Stephanie Lehmler, coordinator, of Cumberland County Special Olympics, the county's theme for the year.

Christopher Westbrook, a special child, blind from birth, grandson to Fran Westbrook, Cumberland Society president, provided the special music with several wonderful selections on the piano. Entertainment during the program was Steve Engle and Company, ventriloquist.



Officers for the Cumberland Society of Farm Women. From left, are Fay Stare, first vice president; Donna Duncan second vice president; Pat Lehman, president; Betty Wert recording secretary, Annie Deitch, corresponding secretary, and Sarah Nealy, treasurer.

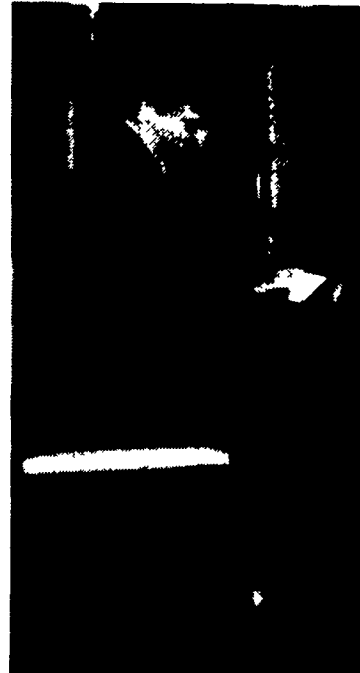


Stephanie Lehmler, left, accepts a check for \$675 from Fran Westbrook. The money was raised to help support Special Olympics.

Diane Myers, Cumberland County Dairy Princess, gave a presentation "Clover the Cow and the Electric Fence," telling us of the importance of milk and milk products.

The 54th Cumberland County Convention adjourned with the singing of the theme song "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

The organization's purpose 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.



Christopher Westbrook

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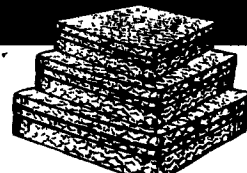
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