

# Farm Women Societies

## Berks Society 1

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 1 met at the Douglassville home of Ruth Walters, president, for its November meeting. Due to illness, Pauline Heffelfinger was unable to host the meeting as previously planned. The president presided at the business meeting, which was attended by fourteen members.

The group will again distribute

fruit baskets and poinsettias to various shut-ins during the coming holiday season.

The December meeting, along with the annual Christmas dinner for members and their guests, will be held on December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglassville Hotel, Douglassville. At this time, secret pals will be revealed and will exchange gifts.

## Berks Society 6

Members of the Berks County Society of Farm Women Group #6 held their November meeting in the home of Sally Hauseman, Boyertown. An auction took place, with Janet Schlegel as auctioneer. A monetary donation was given to "Project Graduation," for the Oley Valley High School senior class. Members sang Happy Birthday to Mary Youse on her 81 birthday.

Naomi Mest and Marian Gehris will serve on the auditing

committee.

The KeyTones from Kutztown entertained the members, husbands, and guests at the Christmas Party held at Mohr's Restaurant. Fern Philipi, the county president, installed the newly elected officers. A monetary gift was given to Santa's Workshop at the Berks Heim. Christmas gifts were exchanged. The January 1994 meeting will be in the home of Dorothy Wagner, Hunter Road, Oley, at 11 a.m.

## Tips For Dashing Dinners

CHICAGO, Ill. — Amidst the holiday hustle and bustle it's a wonder how Santa can travel the world in an evening when many people can't even find time to cook a week-night dinner. While most of us don't have an army of elves to help in the kitchen, there are many practical shortcuts busy cooks can follow to get dinner on

the table and still keep up with the frantic holiday pace.

Save your cooking energy for special occasions. "Too much time in the kitchen can turn anyone into a scrooge. Plan easy-to-prepare dinners on those nights you are cooking ahead for an upcoming holiday event,

Make a list and check it twice. "The holidays don't have to mean endless last-minute trips to the grocery store for that missing ingredient. To save time when preparing weeknight meals and when entertaining, shop smart and keep the pantry well-stocked. Look at the recipes you'll be preparing in the weeks ahead and make a list of ingredients you'll need to have on hand.

## York Society 11

York Society #11 held their November meeting at the home of Helen Rexroth in Red Lion.

Roll call response was to the question: Which house plant does best in your house?

The program was centered on mental health and gifts were collected for Christmas by the group to be sent to the York Agency for wrapping and delivering.

The program chairperson was Sandra Keiser and she played a tape by Wayne Dwyer on Mental Health Attitudes. He stressed the point of thinking about "What happens to me" and re-evaluates attitudes of "What I do about what happens to me". Games & puzzles, prize winners were Orpha Innerst, Mary Carman and Naomi Bupp. The guess box was won by Chrystal Brenneman.

Arlene Miller, chairperson of the December meeting, announced the Christmas party will be held at the Country House Restaurant in Glen Rock on Dec. 14th at 6 p.m. Husband & families are invited.

Reports on County Convention on Nov. 2nd at Wise Haven were given and everyone agreed that it was a good day. Two members accepted 80 year old pins, Cora Miller and Hester Keeney.

Nearly \$4,000 was raised in 2 quilt projects and \$750 contributions were given to three worthy causes: York Chapter of the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the Mason Dixon Food Locker.

All members were encouraged to attend the state convention at Harrisburg in January.

## Lebanon Executive Board

The Lebanon County Society of Farm women executive board met recently at the Lebanon Valley Agriculture Center.

Lois Bohn president called the meeting to order and welcomed the new group officers.

Elva Martin Group #15 president read "The Christmas Story" for devotions.

Roll call was "Where do you plan to spend Christmas?"

Susan Hawley gave the secretary's report and Rosene Bollinger

had the treasurer's report. The bake sale at Farm City Week netted \$1000 to go to Chelse, Iowa, a farming community that lost everything from flood and fire.

Plans for the state convention on January 10, 1994 were discussed and bus reservations for the convention should be mailed to the treasurer by January 1 at \$6.50 each.

President Lois installed the new group presidents. Committees for 1994 were checked.

Dashing through the snow? During the holidays it seems like we are always racing to get somewhere — whether it's a trip to the mall, school pageant or one of the many gatherings with friends and family. According to Urvater, one of the best ways to stay organized is to keep a family activity and meal calendar.

Recruit your elves! "Enlist the kids to help prepare meals and holiday goodies," says Urvater. "This is not only a great way to save time — it's also an opportunity to establish some special family traditions. Divvy up some of the not-so-fun kitchen tasks such as cleaning and setting the table so you'll have more time to celebrate!"

Cooks looking for ways to streamline their kitchen chores, both during the holidays and after, can turn to a new free booklet from Birds Eye. The booklet includes coupons, time-saving advice from Michele Urvater, plus cooking and clean-up tips from people across the country.

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