

# Angels Watchin' Over You

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She said that her mother was a charter member of York Group 31. Carolyn accompanied her sporadically to meetings, but when her mother died in 1977, Carolyn joined as a permanent member. "I find the fellowship rewarding. The members are a pleasure to be around, and it sort of helps fill

that void left by my mother's death," she said. Since her enrollment, Carolyn has filled many offices for group 31. For the past four years, she has served as second and first vice president for York County. Now she is president of the county organization and its 477 members who are active in 32 societies.

Group 31 is dubbed the Roundtop Society because it is located in the area of Ski Roundtop. It has 13 members. Carolyn is especially proud that the group gained three new members last year. "They are all in their 20s. We are so pleased to get young blood in the group," she said.

The majority of the state's society's 3,148 members are retirement age, but the members do not want to see dwindling membership, for they believe the society's purpose is valid to today's society. That purpose is 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 of America.

To raise funds for worthy community projects, Society 31 holds a hoagie sale twice annually.

"It's our basic fundraiser. People really like our hoagies and often ask about placing orders in advance," Carolyn said.

The group is now preparing Valentine cheer baskets to distribute to shut-ins.

"A lot of older people have cabin fever this time of the year, and we find Valentine's Day is a good time to remember them," she said.

Carolyn grew up on a small farm, but was not living on a farm when she first joined the Farm Women Society. Five years ago, she and her husband Fred took

over his family's 75-acre dairy farm.

"I love and appreciate the farm, although I don't have time to help daily," she said of the milking operation.

Carolyn is a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church where she is a trustee, treasurer, and junior church teacher.

## Bashful Mary Isn't Shy

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ple — different than any other organization that I've ever attended," Mary said. "I derive my greatest pleasure from meeting members at the many county conventions I attend across the state."

She cherishes the emphasis placed on a strong family unit. She has held many offices and is now president of Cambria County's four societies and 75 members.

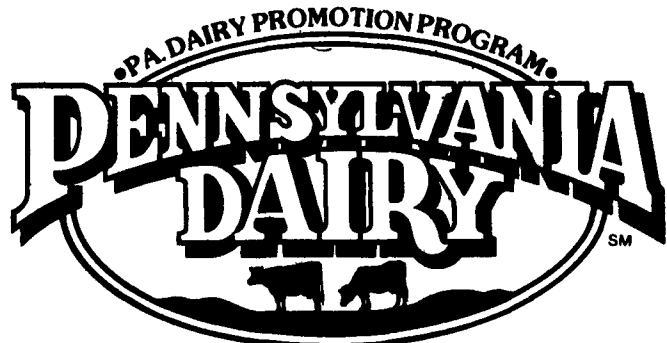
Although not in the national spotlight, Mary has found plenty of satisfaction in fulfilling her acting instincts by participating in community theater and using her talents as a member of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania.

Recently, for the annual con-

vention, Mary devised a fashion show that reviewed the clothing women wore during the past 75 years. The show was polished, interspersed with humor and music reflective of each era, as farm women members whirled, strutted, and walked sedately across the stage as they portrayed the flapper era, the stock market crash, the Depression, the patriotism of World War II, and the elegant feminine styles of war brides.

As a member of the state program committee, Mary looks forward to using her creativity in more programs.

"It's important to develop a sense of humor. Why cry when you can laugh?" she asked.



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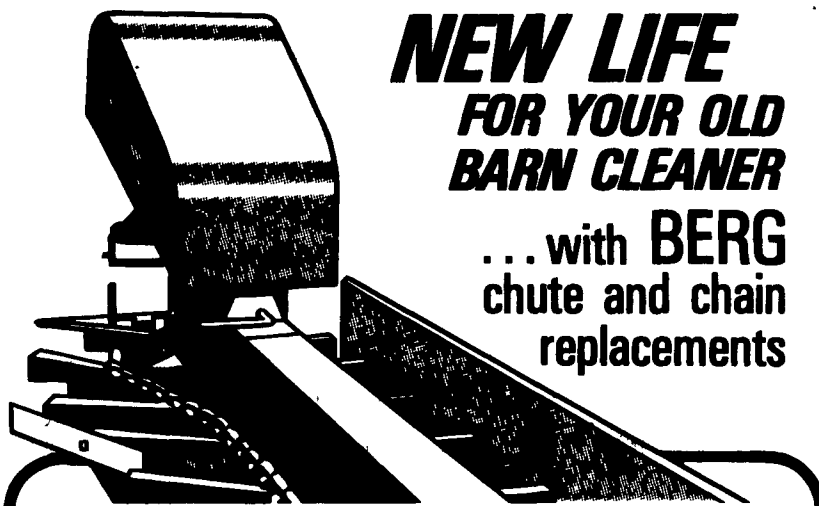
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