

State Farm Women Celebrate 80 Years

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YORK (York Co.) — Four scores of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women was celebrated at the group's 29th Spring Rally, held May 11 at the York Fairgrounds.

Song, scripture, humor, and fellowship marked the 80th anniversary celebration of the Society, founded in 1914 by Somerset Souty farm woman Flora Black. Hosting the more than 400 members from across the state joining in the celebration was the York County Society and its president Carolyn Neal, Dillsburg.

Soloist Mary Burns and her piano accompanist Ruth Kreitzer opened the day-long program, which focused on the theme "Four scores have passed." A former

Pennsylvanian, Mary Burns recently became associated with the Bethesda Mission, an adult rehabilitation center. With her powerful singing voice and appropriate scriptural passages, she touched on the role of women and mothers as presented in the Bible.

Robert and Vera Kissinger's inspirational comedy team also brought a message, but in a completely different style. The husband-wife team from Mountville, Lancaster County, kept their Farm Women audience laughing while sharing thoughts about what is inside a person being more important than the outside appearance.

Afternoon speaker Joyce Bupp, *Lancaster Farming* columnist and dairy farm wife, spoke about

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Hosts for the Spring Rally were York County officers Trudy Reilchard, secretary, seated, and standing from left, Treva Stiles, treasurer; Arlene Keener, second vice-president, and Carolyn Neal, president.

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