

## Lebanon Society 20

Lebanon Farm Women Group #20 met at the home of Charlene Ziegler to celebrate everybody's birthday party.

Sixteen members answered roll call to the question: Did you ever have a birthday party? One guest attended.

The trip committee suggested a trip to the Hershey Museum.

Fall rally will be at the Quality Inn, Leb. on Oct. 12.

A motion was made to give \$50 to Cedar Haven.

The group signed a card for a former member Ellen Ream, who had a knee operation.

Plans were made for the summer picnic which will be held at the home of Sally Martin July 11.

## Lancaster Society 26

Lancaster Farm Women Society #26 met on Thursday evening at the home of Edna Garber, with 15 members present. Janet Buchen shared devotional thoughts. Members responded to the roll call by sharing their favorite flower they like to plant.

Katherine Leatherman shared thoughts and scripture from Proverbs. She told us that looks alone don't make you beautiful and that every person over 40 is responsible for their looks because by that time their character is so etched into their faces and contributes to or detracts from our beauty.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were received. Members

voted to give money to three persons in need.

The June meeting will be a Mystery Trip and the July 28th meeting will be an evening with husbands at the Dutch Apple Theater.

The Society's president announced that the State Farm Women are planning a trip to Branson, MO June 9-17, 1995.

Seven of our members attended the Spring Rally at the York Fajr Grounds.

President Verna Hostetter shared this parting thought: Offering good advice may be great but it is not as great as offering a hand.

## Berks Society 1

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 1 met at the Oley home of Mrs. Agnes Noll for its May meeting. The business meeting was conducted by President Ruth Walters and was attended by 15 members.

The special feature of the May meeting of Group 1 was a celebration of the group's formation on

May 11, 1940. The program committee prepared a very interesting program which included a brief history of the group and a list of all members throughout the years from its formation until the present time.

The June meeting will feature a safety program at the home of Mrs. Ella Richard in Oley.

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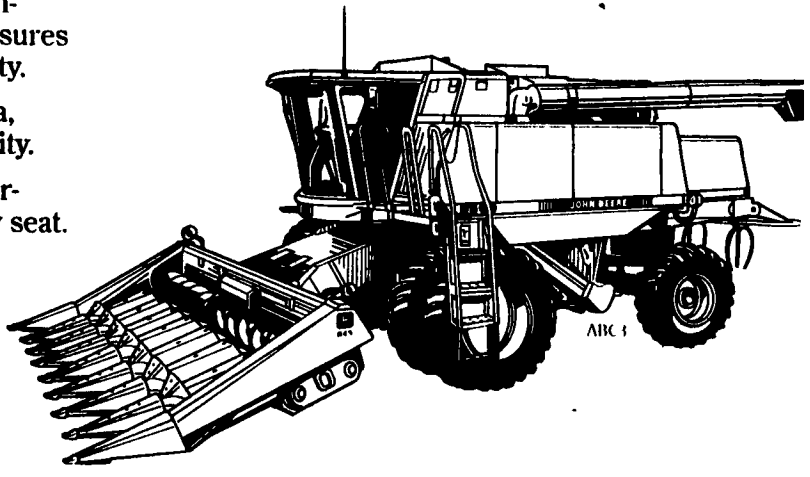


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## You Ask

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**ANSWER** — For the reader who wanted simple cleaning solutions to use, here are several sent in by Mary Jane Rienecker, York Springs, who writes that she received them the Penn State Extension. These are alternatives to using cleaners that contain poisonous or toxic chemicals.

- Use baking soda as a cleaner, deodorizer, fire extinguisher, and scouring powder
- Use boiling water as a drain cleaner.
- Use borax as a cleaner, disinfectant, laundry aid, water softener.
- Use Lemon as a cleaner, deodorizer, and stain remover.
- Use salt as a cleaner
- Use soap as a cleaner
- Use white vinegar as a cleaner, deodorizer, and grease cutter.

### All Purpose Cleaners

1. Mix 1 teaspoon borax with 1 quart of warm water. Add a splash of lemon juice or vinegar to cut grease.
2. Mix 2 teaspoons borax and 1 teaspoon soap in 1 quart of water. Can be stored in a spray bottle.
3. Mix 3 tablespoons of washing soda per quart of warm water.

### Air Fresheners

1. Place desired amount of baking soda in closed areas such as refrigerator and closets.
2. Put 2 to 4 tablespoons of baking soda or vinegar in desired location throughout rooms that need deodorizing.
3. Boil cinnamon, cloves or your favorite spice.
4. Burn matches or a candle.

### Carpet Deodorizers

1. Mix 1 part borax to 2 parts cornmeal. Sprinkle on carpet and vacuum after 1 hour.
2. Sprinkle carpet with baking soda. Wait 15 minutes or longer and vacuum.

### Disinfectant

1. Mix 1/4 cup borax in 1/2 gal. hot water.

### Drain Cleaners

1. Prevention is the best method. Use a drain strainer. Do not pour grease down the drain.
2. For maintenance, pour about 1 gallon of boiling water down the drain weekly.
3. Use a plunger or metal snake (snakes may be available at rental stores).
4. Pour 1/4 cup baking soda and 1/2 cup vinegar down drain. Close drain tightly until fizzing stops. Flush with 1 gallon of boiling water.

### Floor Cleaners

1. Wood or vinyl floors. Mix 1/4 cup oil soap with 1 gallon of warm water.
2. Use a mild detergent. Add a few drops of vinegar to help remove grease.

### Metal Polishes

#### Brass and Bronze (unlacquered)

1. Mix equal amounts of salt and flour with a small amount of vinegar. Rub with a soft, damp cloth. Rinse and polish with a dry cloth.
2. Make a paste of lemon juice and salt and rub with a soft cloth; rinse with water and dry.
3. Use a slice of lemon sprinkled with baking soda. Rub brass with the lemon slice; rinse with water and dry.

#### Copper

1. Refer to numbers 1 and 1 for brass and bronze.
2. Apply catsup; wash off quickly.

#### Silver

1. Rub with a paste of baking soda and water.
2. Place a piece of aluminum foil to cover the bottom of a pan. Add 2 to 3 inches of water, 1 teaspoon baking soda, and 1 teaspoon salt per quart of water and bring to a boil. Add silver pieces and boil 2 to 3 minutes. Make sure the water covers the silver pieces. Remove silver; rinse, dry, and buff with a soft cloth.

#### Oven Cleaners

1. Prevention. Put a sheet of aluminum foil on the oven floor. Be careful not to touch the heating element. Clean up spills as soon as they occur.
2. Mix 3 tablespoons of washing soda per quart of warm water. Spray on and wait 20 minutes. Scrub with a fine steel wool pad if necessary.
3. Mix thoroughly 2 teaspoons of borax, 2 teaspoon liquid soap and warm water. Put in a spray bottle. Spray it on and leave for 20 minutes. Scrub with a fine steel wool pad if needed.

#### Tile/Tub/Tollet Cleaner

1. Use soap and sponge, or a stiff brush and one of the following: baking soda, borax or salt.

#### Window and Glass Cleaners

1. Mix 1 part water to 1 part vinegar in a spray bottle. Wipe off with cleaning cloth. (Note: If unusual streaking occurs during the first time you use this solution, it is due to the wax that some chemical glass cleaners contain. Remove wax with a little rubbing alcohol and then clean with above solution).

#### Wood Polishes

1. Polish with a cloth dipped in olive or soybean oil.
  2. Light polishing — use a damp cloth to clean most surfaces and dry immediately with a soft dry cloth.
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