



Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Women #20 met at the home of Verna Hess with Doris Worth as co-hostess on Thursday, July 7. Following the refreshments, Doris read the Scripture taken from the 3rd Chapter of Ecclesiastes and the Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Anna Mary had the reading "This World is Mine."

For the Roll Call, each responded by telling what is their favorite past time. The Sunshine Committee reported three cards sent during the month. The proceeds from the June yard sale in

Strasburg were \$155.55. The president reported the county project selected was the Farm and Home Center. There are 738 farm women members in the county.

Kathleen Bayan, associate of Karpinski & Associates Ins. Agency was the speaker for the program. She gave important information and suggestions, one of them being that everyone should have a Living Will.

The meeting closed by singing "Brighten the Corner." Members will meet in August at the Kirkwood Park for the summer picnic. Each one to bring a covered dish.

Berks Executive Board

The executive board meeting of Berks County Farm Women was held recently in the conference room at the Ag Center with 19 women in attendance. Shirley Tallman of Group # 2 was in charge of the devotions. The roll call question was asked, "if you were wife of the President of the U.S., how would you fulfill the role as First Lady?" A variety of answers was given such as allowing the president to run the affairs of the country, plus the one we all were in favor of was: Invite all the farm women to the White House for dinner and use the new china that was just ordered.

Janet Schlegel reported Scenic River days are July 28 to 31. Help is needed to attend at the farm women's stand, which will be the grain guess.

The Berks Heim Fest is Sep-

tember 10 with a circus theme.

Group # 4 is active and back in the fold.

The county convention for October 1, is being planned by the committee. Members should bring all project reports such as safety, youth, and scrapbooks; names of 80- and 90-year members, and a covered dish to the picnic at President Fern's home at 6 p.m. on August 29.

For the State Convention project, have children write an article "How I Spend Rewarding Time With My Family."

This year during county convention, members are looking for people who would be interested in sharing their home with women from the western part of the state. Contact Fern or Dorothy Stricker.

Watermelon Crafts Festival

SHARTLESVILLE (Berks Co.) — The "Painted Ladies" Merchants Association is sponsoring their fifth annual "Watermelon Crafts Festivals" August 6 and 7 from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

Dealers will display a variety of crafts on the lawns, sidewalks, and parking areas of the "Painted Ladies" buildings. Dollmakers, weavers, potters, quilters, and other crafters will sell their varied wares. Lots of "Watermelon" oriented items will be displayed as this festival attracts watermelon collectors from five states.

Shartlesville is home to "The Museum Of The Watermelon," the only museum in the world devoted entirely to the collection and study of "watermelonmania," (watermelon artifacts.)

Other attractions at the festival include watermelon sculptures, all the watermelon you can eat, admission to the Museum Of The

Watermelon, seed spitting contest for children and adults, egg and spoon races for children, butter making with antique tools (help with the churning), home baked goods sale, and entertainment. Admission, exhibits, and all contests are free.

"Country Living" magazine will feature an article about the "Watermelon Festival" in their upcoming August issue. For information send a long SASE to "Watermelon Festival", P.O. Box 212, Shartlesville, Pa. 19554 or call (610) 488-7792.



Prizes will be given to the best watermelon sculpture.

Berks Society 6

The July meeting of the Berks County Farm Women Group #6 met at the home of Linda Youse, Oley.

Guest speaker was alternate Dairy Princess Jennifer Davis.

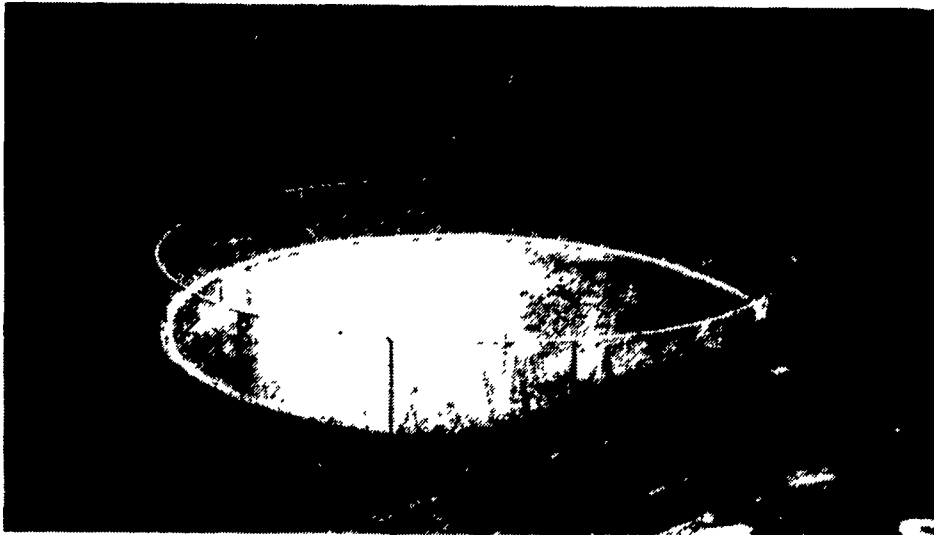
The group will be going on a bus trip July 12, to the Casion's in Atlantic City.

A food committee and game committee were picked for the groups picnic August 21, at 12:30 at the Legion Grove.

The group will have a birthday card shower for honorary member Ruth Herbein who is in a nursing home.

The August meeting will be held at the home of Mary Jane Hetrick, Limekiln.

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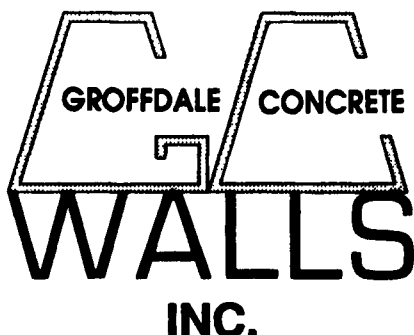
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