

# Ephrata Fair's Grand Slam Award

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only to fifth place.

The contest was established to "stimulate the interest of local people in the exhibits," said Keener.

"I think this might have some appeal to many of the exhibitors," he said. All too often, according to the former dairyman and seed salesman, people bring in their best pumpkins and ignore other items in the barn. They disregard a possible exhibit of 30 ears, or the gallon of shelled corn, or the oats, rye, and other grains that could be potential exhibit winners.

Also, exhibitor numbers have been declining steadily, which is concerning the fair committee.

"For some reason, there are more young people now that have other interests. They are becoming more involved in extracurricular work in school," said Keener.

He said that for those young people planning agricultural careers, they would "do well if they pay heed to what they could learn and accomplish now" by exhibiting in the contest.

Eight sponsors donated \$427 for premium money and to help defray contest costs. The donor names will be recorded on a placard at the

contest for all to see.

The annual event will be continued if successful, according to Keener. "There's no reason it shouldn't continue to get better," he said.

Monday, Sept. 19 is entry day, with Tuesday the judging date. The grand slam award will be announced following the completion of all judging. Awards are \$250 for first place, \$100 for first runner-up, and \$50 for the second runner-up.

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## Farm Women Societies

### Berks Executive Board

Berks County Executive Board meeting was held recently in the home of President Fern Phillipy with 25 members enjoying the goodies of a summer picnic.

Janet Schlegel reported on Scenic River days, stating this was the last year for this event. A special thank you to Mary Fizz and her husband for the fruit basket that was donated for the contest Farm Women conducted there.

Berks County Convention plans are progressing very well, that being on October 1, at the Ag. Center, with our annual silent auction. Election of officers, with the vice president and secretary positions open for nominees. Joan Hafer, Lillian Harnish, and Joyce Schott are on the nominating committee.

Dorothy Stricker, State President made pleasing remarks about her surprise birthday luncheon that was held at Chef Alan's by the executive board members of Berks County.

Bingo at the Heim, November 10th.

It was reported five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this past year from the sales of the Farm Women's cookbooks. A hearty thanks to Naomi Bupp for all her efforts and hard work she has put into this wonderful project, and of all persons who purchased the cookbooks.

Reminder for the essay project, children and grandchildren of a farm woman, "How I Spend Rewarding Time With My Family" is due at the convention October 1.

### Lancaster Society 20

On September 1, Lancaster Farm Women #20 met at Zion United Church of Christ of New Providence with Helen Tout and Dorothy Eckman as hostesses. Following the refreshments, Helen read Psalm 121 for the Scripture and had a reading "Sunshine."

For the Roll Call each responded with "a house cleaning hint." The treasurer had copies of the 1995 Budget.

On October 1, the society will have a table of baked items and crafts at TownsEdge and help will be needed as well as items to be sold. Beginning in January 1995, the monthly meeting will be held the first Thursday of the month but will be in the forenoon,


starting at 10 a.m. Also, there will be a meeting this year in December although it was not originally scheduled.

For the program Dr. Silbert, an ophthalmologist working with Dr. Halpern, spoke explaining about the different eye problems, one for example was the drooping eye lids and brows. He showed slides of the wonderful improvements surgery can do for this condition. There is great help or a cure for so many different imperfections today.

The meeting closed by singing "Brighten the Corner". The October meeting will be at the home of Marie Foose with co-hostess Freda Wimer.




A familiar sight at the Ephrata Fair in the park. This year's special attraction will be the Grand Slam Award event for those who participate in the grain, seed, forage, tobacco, and pumpkin contests. An exhibitor can place an exhibit in each class and accumulate points for the Grand Slam Award, worth \$250.



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