The 43rd annual convention of Berks County farm women was held at the Berks County Agriculture Center with 108 members and guests present.

Koffee Klatch and registration was from 9 to 10.

Fern Phillipy, outgoing county president, opened the convention, followed by devotions, pledge to the flag and singing of God Bless America.

Janet Schlegel, convention chairperson, introduced Fave Strickler, Berks Co. home economist, who spoke on children and discipline, discipline not being a dirty word, but a positive attitude, rather than the negative. She also

spoke on nutrition and offered a brochure entitled "Getting Your Affairs In Order".

Melissa Bicksler, Berks County Dairy Princess, daughter of Kathy and Thomas Bicksler of Myerstown, (Kathy is a member of Group #2) presented a skit "The Three Bears" with an interesting message about milk. Megan Phillips, Mini Dairy Princess, daughter of Brenda and Jim Phillips, read a poem.

Lillian Harnish, nominating committee chairperson, presented on the ballot for president Wendy Lingle; vice president, Barbara Kintzer, and secretary, Carol Stoudt. Having no opposition, the

## Cook's Question (Continued from Page B8)

ANSWER - Dixie Fix, Harrisonville, wanted a recipe for bananas in red syrup that is served by Ponderosa and Shonev's breakfast and salad bars. Thanks to Betsy Dehn, Spencerville, Md., who sent a recipe.

Sweet Strawberry Dressing

In saucepan, combine:

1 cup fresh strawberries

½ cup sugar

1/2 cup currant jelly

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup water

Bring mixture to boiling; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes.

Blend 2 tablespoons water into 4 teaspoons cornstarch. Stir into syrup mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook an additional minute. Stir in 2 tablespoons lemon juice; cool slightly and strain through a sieve. Chill. Makes 1½ cups dressing for sliced bananas Ponderosa style.

ANSWER - Mary Ream, Elverson, wanted a recipe for vanilla fudge. Thanks to Betty Light, Lebanon, for sending a recipe.

## **Ultimate Fudge**

1 cup heavy whipping cream

1 cup unsweetened evaporated milk .

2¼ cups granulated sugar

1 tablespoon plus 1/2 teaspoon light corn syrup

1½ teaspoons vanilla extract

Butter upper sides of 3-quart saucepan. Measure all ingredients but vanilla and dump into saucepan. Grease, and if necessary, line a 5x10-inch pan. Fill glass with ice cubes and water and fill the sink half-inch full of water.

Dissolve sugar, stirring constantly with wooden spoon over low heat until butter melts, gritty sounds cease, and spoon glides smoothly over bottom of pan. Increase heat to medium and bring to a boil.

Test by dropping about 1/4 teaspoon of the mixture in icecold water when mixture thickens and bubbles and reaches 236-244 degrees. Should form a ball and hold its shape. Place saucepan in sink.

Add vanilla. Allow mixture to cool.

Stir when lukewarm and skin forms on top. Return thermometer to hot water bat to soak clean. Stir fudge thoroughly but not vigorously by hand, with electric mixer or with food processor. Pause frequently to allow fudge to react.

Watch fudge to thicken, lose its sheen, become lighter in color or streaked with lighter shades. Pour, score, and store in airtight container.

ANSWER --- Sandra Tabor, North East, Md., wanted a recipe for rice pudding cooked in the microwave. Thanks to Una Lee Burton, Dagsboro, Del., for sending a recipe.

## **Microwave Rice Pudding**

1/2 cup rice 3½ cups milk

## Berks Farm Women Recognize Far

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ment.

A humourous skit," A Day at

The memorial service was

conducted by Mary Barthol-

omew, Regina Mayer, and Wendy

Shane. Mary Hertzog, Group #3,

Doris Brown, Group #11, and

Jean Fry, Group #9 were remem-

Wegman's catered a delicious

In the afternoon session of the

convention, members were enter-

tained by a barbershop quartet,

"The Keynotes" who sang some

old family favorites with the

women singing along to some of the familiar tunes. Dr. Doris

Burkhart spoke on child develop-

Karen Schreier presented the

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bered during the service.

meal of ham and turkey.

the Country Store" was presented

by Mary Fizz and her mother,

Elsie Rothenberger.

nomimees were later installed by Dorothy Strickler, state president.

Dorothy briefly thanked all women who opened their homes to the out-of-town guests. Seven young people participated in the county/state project writing "How I Spend Rewarding Time With My Family". The seven

entries were Cameron Gettel, Katrina Prutzman, Ryan Krisch, Shawn Krisch, Andrew Moyer, Kevin Frantz, and Brian Mauger. Each received a certificate and a half dollar.

This year each group president presented a written summary of the past year's outstanding hap-



The Key Notes, a barbershop quartet, entertains at the Berks County Farm Women Convention.



Protects heavy-duty diesel engines



1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1 tablespoon butter 1/4 cup sugar 1/2 cup raisins, optional

Combine rice, milk, butter, and sugar in a 3-quart casserole. Cover with lid or plastic wrap. Microwave on high 9-11 minutes or until boiling. Continue to microwave uncovered on medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes or until rice is tender. Stir after each 10 minutes. Stir in vanilla and raisins. Serve warm or cold. Top with cinnamon or nutmeg if desired. Pudding thickens as it cools so you may want to serve with additional milk.

ANSWER --- Mary Stoltzfus wanted to know where Rohrer's Mill was located so she can purchase wheat germ meal. Thanks to Hannah King who writes that the mill is located along Rohrer's Mill Road in Ronks. Also, thanks to Martha Oberholtzer, Leola, who writes that wheat germ meal may be purchased from C.O. Nolts & Son Bakery Supplies, 2316 Norman Rd., Lancaster. Martha said the meal is interchangeable with recipes calling for oatmeal. In fact, she makes a hot cereal the same way oatmeal is made and serves it with brown sugar and milk.

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