

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

The leaves are almost all off of the trees in our meadow and now I can see the Conestoga River again. Lately I've spent some time close to the river as I went fishing two evenings. After picking up corn in the fields and husking it, I had found some big earth worms. So, I found a quiet place and fished for an hour and caught 11 fish by using only two worms. Allen skinned the catfish for me but I scaled the others. The next time that I went only five fish got caught, but they made a nice meal. Recently, I've gotten several calls asking if I have old pictures of landmarks in my area. It seems that people are interested in times

gone by and like to compare now with then. My mother was raised in the village of Oregon and she had a camera which she used to record many buildings. Some of these like an old rifle factory nearby, where the so-called Kentucky rifle was made, have disappeared long ago. A mill that my great, great grandfather owned has been converted to offices. At one time Oregon was called "Catfish" as there were many of these fish in the Lititz Creek. The village had cigar factories, a dry-goods store, a hotel, a shoemaker, blacksmith shops, two butcher shops, an undertaker, and



Berks Society 9 Berks Society 3

The October meeting of Berks, Group 9, Society of Farm Women, was held in the home of Pat Haas, Douglassville. The group is planning to make wind turners as a Christmas craft. The annual Christmas party will be held December third at Stopper's Restaurant. The group will be making family activity baskets for the State Convention in January. Elections were held. Joan Hafer will serve as vice president; Winnie Hayik, secretary; and Pat Haas as treasurer.

A Halloween party was held for Group 3 of the Berks County Society of Farm Women at the home of Mayetta Shane, Valley Road, Boyertown. Thirteen members attended.

Lillian Bucks, president, conducted the business meeting. The state convention of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania will be held on January 9 in Harrisburg. Group 3 is responsible for five table centerpieces for the convention.

Following the business meeting, members enjoyed playing games and ghost stories were read to the group.

The next meeting will be a craft night at the home of Sonya Moyer, Boyertown, R.D. 4.



Stephanie Bowman Lamb And Wool Queen

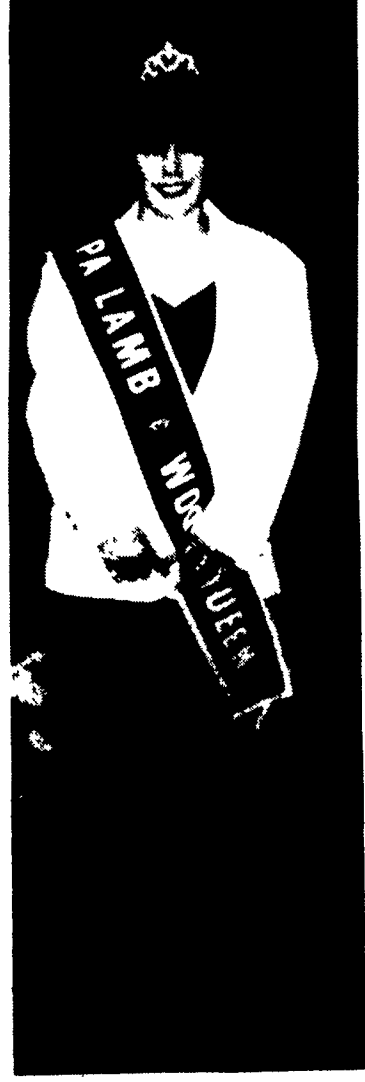
HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Stephanie Bowman reigns as

the Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen. The 17-year-old daughter of Roger and Nancy Bowman lives on a small sheep farm in Lenhartsville, Berks County where the family raises Dorset, Corriedale, and crossbred sheep.

Stephanie is a senior at Kutztown Area High School and plans to study dairy and animal science at Penn State University. She has shown breeding sheep and market lambs as a 4-H member for nine years. She has also participated in local and regional fairs and in lead line competition locally and at Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

She received the 1994 Pennsylvania Dorset Breeders' Youth of the Year Award and was chosen as the 1994 Outstanding 4-H Girl for the Reading Fair. Stephanie is also the president of the Berks County FFA.

The Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Alternate is Sarah J. McCrumb. The 19-year-old daughter of Robert and Sally McCrumb of Valencia, Butler County, Sarah is studying accounting at Butler County Community College.



Stephanie Bowman

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