## Lancaster Society 20

Lancaster Farm Women #20 met Thursday, November 3 at the home of Pauline Reinhart with Dorothy Crawford as co-hostess. Following the refreshments, Dorothy had the devotions and for the scripture read from the 18th chapter of Deuteronomy. She had two readings titled "Remember the Giver" and "You Get What You Give." Following the Lord's Prayer the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was repeated.

The president, Nancy Axe presided at the business meeting when the officers for 1995, president, Nancy Axe; vice president, Jean Ressel; secretary, Anna Mary Groff; corresponding secretary,

Vivian Hess, and treasurer, Vera Herr were elected. The treasurer reported the proceeds from the TownsEdge bake sale were \$209.30.

Six of the members attended the County Convention where the Home Extension representative, Althea Engle spoke. Members are sponsoring Kelly Frey for the Miss Solanco Pageant. The county project for this year was The Farm and Home Center.

There were 24 present at the meeting and at the close there was a food auction which amounted to about \$40. There will be no meeting in December but the Christmas Party is at 6:30, December 10, at the Quarryville Fire Hall.

### Lancaster Society 18

The Nov Meeting of Lancaster Farm Society #18 was held in the home of President Mrs. Ruth Landis, Hershey Ave. Lancaster.

Devotions by Mary Lou Shelton was followed by a business meeting.

Farmer missionary Catherine Gregory gave a resume of "A Trip to China." The usual greeting in this country of one billion people was "walk in peace." Catherine saw congestion everywhere in the cities, the streets, the buses with people; trays of food and geese. Living quarters had a small apartment holding two to three families, five occupants in one small room, different day and night renters of the same room. Two most amazing reports seem unbelievable in this country becoming modernized: 1. A steel foundry completely "manned" by women. 2. Road building carried on by literal hand and foot application of the construction materials.

This lovely "Home" meeting, unusual refreshments, and congenial fellowship made this a most pleasant afternoon. The challenge of the song "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" ended the meeting.

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## Berks Society 1

Berks County Society of Farm Women Group 1 met at the home of Bettye Wegman, Oley, for its November meeting. President Ruth Walters presided at the business meeting.

Group 1 will again distribute

fruit baskets and poinsettias to shut-ins during the holiday season. After the business meeting, members renewed memories as they reviewed their past year books.

December's meeting will be the annual Christmas party to be held at the Stage Coach Stop Restaurant, Maidencreek, on December 14, at 6:30 p.m.

## **Busy Beavers**

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They can gnaw down trees in minutes and build a new dam in days — a helpful attribute when heavy rains change the course of a waterway overnight. "Concrete dams stay put," said Pence, "But the beaver just moves with the creek."

With few natural predators, such as otters and wolves, to pare their numbers, beavers are proliferating rapidly over much of North America, especially in wet coastal areas.

Not everyone is happy about that. The 40-to-60-pound rodent has a well-earned reputation as a pest in some places. Denver has lost dozens of trees to beavers along its urban river parks.

Operators of golf courses with creeks running through them spend thousands of dollars each year trying to prevent the animals from reorganizing the fairways.

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Some ranchers are convinced that the animal they know as a varmint is more trouble than it's worth. Some believe that beavers create unwanted wetlands and take food from their cattle.

"When you have beavers, you have to manage for beavers as well as cattle," said John Shelly, a range conservation officer for the U. S. Forest Service in Idaho.

To assure beavers a source of building materials, he said, ranchers must prevent cattle from eating aspen, willow and cottonwood seedlings that grow near creeks.

But a growing number of ranchers now see beavers as a means to restore their lands and get environmentalists off their backs, Pence said.

"Ironic, isn't it," he asks, "that the little animals that opened the West might save it?"

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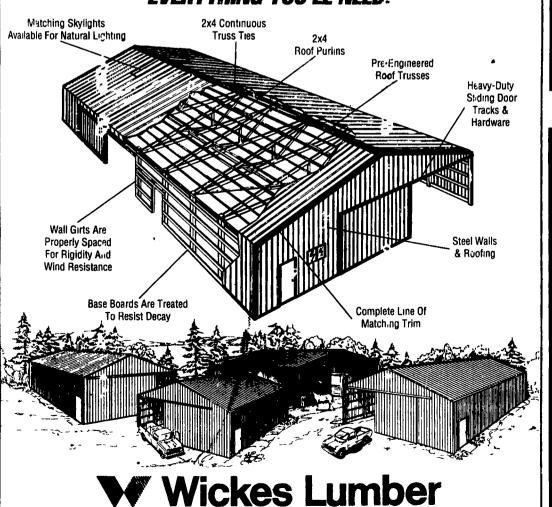
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