



First vice-president Lols Hughes, left, and president Dottie Strickler, lead the state Farm Women with its 3,016 membership.

Farm Women Unite

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fundraisers and activities for the year.

Naomi Bupp reported that the "Society of Farm Women Cookbook" is continuing to sell well. She presented a \$5,000 check to be turned over to the scholarship fund.

The Society presents annual scholarships to students pursuing degrees in home economics and ag-related studies and who have a mother or grandmother who is a member of the society. This year's

scholarships winners are Amy Fyock, Lancaster County; Kristin Groff, Lancaster County; Christine Habecker, Lebanon County; David Creamer, Somerset County; and Richard Bupp, York County.

Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Natalie Welch performed a skit for the audience and reminded members that "clothes change, attitudes change, and people change, but what you eat and do now depends on what your mind and body will be later."

Society member Mary Ross-



State directors are from left, Janice Yorlets, Cumberland; Gladys Meyers, Franklin; Barbara Malehorn, York; and Barbara Nissley, Lancaster.



Arlene Witman installs the treasurer and directors to the state board. From left, Arlene Witman, Barbara Nissley, Grace Book, and Mary Pankake.

Farm Women Profiles

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"I belong to many community organizations, but Farm Women is my favorite — I'll never give it up," said Pat Lehman, president of the Cumberland County Society.

Pat said that she was a city girl when she fell in love with a farmer.

"I shed many tears, did a lot of stomping and slamming doors," Pat said of her adjustment to farm work.

But today, Pat loves the farm. It's her job to take care of the calves on the 96-acre farm, which has been in the Lehman family since 1843.

Of those early days on the farm, Pat said, "The first time I helped deliver a calf I cried and said I couldn't stand it. My husband made me turn backward to pull so I wouldn't have to watch.

"I'm probably the only woman in the county who drove tractor while wearing a bikini because I didn't want to give up my tan and I didn't have time to lay in the sun," Pat said.

Pat considers the Society of Farm Women was her salvation. "I joined about four years after my marriage and they were the biggest help."

Pat said that in other organizations, you can hardly get anyone to help with the work. "But a Farm Women member can be crippled and using a walker yet she will still bake a pie and sticky buns for a fundraiser."

She asked, "Where else can you find anyone feeding calves, taking care of the house, and finding time to help others? It's an unique group. It's too bad every state doesn't have a Farm Women's Society."

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Hannah Bender became a member of Cambria County Farm

Women in 1943. She was county president three terms and a state director for three years.

She said, "I haven't met a Farm Woman yet that I didn't like. There's no bickering or arguing in the group."

The Farm Women's theme song is "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Not only do they work together as a group to brighten corners, but also individually.

Since 1980, Hannah travels almost every year to Haiti or Nigeria to brighten corners.

After her husband died 21 years ago, Hannah moved home with her mother since Hannah's own children were married and on their own.

She decided to accompany some church friends on a mission trip to Haiti. There, she learned to sing in Creole and became part of a musical group to present programs and

to teach Bible classes.

Hannah felt her time spent in Haiti was profitable so she returned for 10 to 12 days annually.

In 1983, she went to Nigeria, Africa to teach Bible School for two months. In Nigeria, English is the official language so Hannah had no trouble communicating with the people.

Last year, Hannah joined a medical team for a trip to Haiti. She assisted the doctors in giving medication to patients. This year, she is again traveling to Haiti with the medical team.

"I prayed a lot about it and it seems as if I have a calling," Hannah said.

It's a financial sacrifice for Hannah, but she said that she's frugal in other areas and some friends and relatives help out financially with the expenses of the trips.

man, renowned story teller, gave a tragic account of two boys who died near her home in 1856.

Other society members provided musical entertainment. Helen Williamson sang with piano accompaniment by Trudy Reichard. Group singing was led by Joyce Schott.

The annual banquet was held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn in the evening.

Musical entertainment was pro-

vided "The Generations," a three-generation family from Cumberland County. Grandmother Neva Barrick, her son Tim Barrick, father of two sons and a milk truck driver, and his sister Amy Long with two sons and two daughters sang about Pennsylvania's people, places, and things.

Members were told to make reservations now for the Spring Rally scheduled at Dickerson College on May 23. Tickets are \$12.



Ushers for the banquet are Carolyn Bricker of Franklin County and Diane Lehman of Franklin County.



Hannah Bender



Pat Lehman



Naomi Bupp presents another \$5,000 to the state Farm Women's Scholarship Fund.