

Behind-The-Scenes At The Farm And Home Center



Members voted to install these directors for the Farm and Home Foundation at the annual meeting on Tuesday night. From left, seated, are Lois Brubaker, Manheim; Evelyn Crider, Nottingham; and Ruth Akers, Quarryville. Standing, from left, are Raymond Witmer, Willow Street; J. Leroy Esbenschade, Manheim; Guy Eshelman, Lancaster; and Luke Brubaker, Mount Joy.



Doris Thomas, former home economist with extension services, reviews her 30 years with the extension and her new position as a tour guide for the area.

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— Many people know the Farm and Home Center located on Arcadia Road is a hub of activity promoting agriculture and home-related interests. Few know the behind-the-scenes responsibility required to keep the multi-purpose facility a viable center that serves both rural and urban interests.

Those who do the behind-the-scenes work are known as the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County. Members held their 31st annual meeting on Tuesday night at the Center.

A review of the year's activities, its financial status, and the proposed upkeep was reported.

Total assets are \$493,799; total liabilities and equity \$493,799; tot-

al income \$24,158; general operating expenses \$14,489, and net income \$9,930.

In an effort to comply with the American Disabilities Act, the Center is installing an elevator, which should be completed by the middle of February.

In addition to Extension Services, other offices are located in the building, which paid \$4,485 in rent during 1994.

Dr. John Schwartz, extension director, reported that in 1994 scholarships were given to eight students pursuing majors in the agricultural field. The \$1,000 scholarships are presented annually, bringing the total to 346 students receiving \$255,300 since the scholarships' inception. The number given to students yearly depends on the interest earned

from a trust fund. Schwartz suspects that the number will increase this year since interest rates have risen.

Newly-elected directors include the following: Ruth Akers, Quarryville; Lois Brubaker, Manheim; Luke Brubaker, Mount Joy; Evelyn Crider, Nottingham; J. Leroy Esbenschade, Manheim; Guy Eshelman, Lancaster; and Raymond Witmer, Willow Street.

Other board members include Martha Bomberger, Richard Haas, Edward Hess, Harold Rohrer, Kenneth Rutt, Larry Weaver, Robert Zook, Joan Hershey, Elvin Hess, Mark Hess, Lilli Ann Kopp, James Kreider, Charles Rohrer, and Larry Skromme.

In addition to electing directors to fill the terms of expiring board members, the program included a talk by Doris Thomas, former extension home economist for 30 years. Thomas, now retired, spoke of her adjustments to retirement and of her work as a certified tour guide for Brunswick Tours.

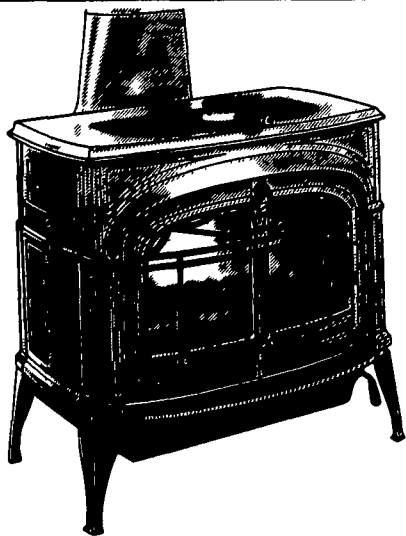
"I have a chance once more to be an educator," Thomas said of work

in telling visitors about the county's history and places of interest.

The Farm and Home Center is a "Living Monument" to the faithful backing of the county's agriculture and agribusiness, the dedicated service of the board of directors, and the principal benefactors, the late Elmer L. Esbenschade and the late Levi H. Brubaker.

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