

Farm Women Sing, Smile, Pray At 30th Spring Rally

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — About 870 Society of Farm Women members packed the Dickinson College dining hall for a day-long Spring Rally on Tuesday. Perky pink petunias at each place setting combined with white

linen tablecloths, pink cloth napkins, and gaily wrapped pink presents scattered across the stage accented the pink and white color scheme of the day. Even the group's organizers dressed in shades of pink.

"Sing and Smile and Pray On a Day in May," was the theme of the 30th Spring Rally.

The program was packed with plenty of talent from Society members and a performance by Miss Pennsylvania Kirstin Border, who played the violin and told about her reign.

Border, a native of Glen Rock, said, "The key to excellence lies in commitment."

"Have a dream no matter how

crazy," she said. "But reaching and achieving goals depends on commitment. Finish what you start."

She told of her own commitment to win the Miss Pennsylvania crown after entering three years. "I was kicked down two times before winning it on the third try," she said. "I treasure this year more, having met defeat before winning."

Border, who has two courses to complete before receiving a master's degree in advertising, is proud that she is the most educated woman to become Miss Pennsylvania. She chose to run for the title for the scholarship money offered and the opportunities to hone and practice interview skills.

Lois Erb, a former state president of the Society, addressed the group during the morning session.

Her topic, "A Penny for Your Thoughts," referred to "the mind as the biggest battleground in the world."

She presented a list of questions to help women examine the battles they need to fight in their minds.

"The weapons of warfare are not carnal but mighty," she said as she quoted biblical scriptures to offer strategies to conquer mind battles.

Afternoon speaker Joan Hershey, also a Farm Women mem-

ber, presented "A Sure Formula for Happiness." She encouraged women to consider that "every day you're alive is a special occasion."

She presented seven aspects of a hurried home to help women to learn to focus on enjoying each moment.

"Focus on the mountain mover instead of the mountain," she said.

Musical entertainment was provided by Paula Kretchman during the morning session and by a pianist and trio of Farm Women members during the afternoon session.

Society 5 members Mary Emrick and Sandra Yocum said that they sang together 30 years ago, then gave it up while raising a family. Recently they began performing together again with the help of pianist Torie Hostetter and Kathryn Fry of Society 27.

Martee Mentzer of Cumberland County provided lots of laughs with her repertoire of "chicken jokes" while emceeding the rally.

The Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania was organized in 1914 to contribute to the power and influence of the farm home, to contribute to the community activity of farm women, to develop leadership, and to promote better living and working conditions in the farm homes of Pennsylvania.



Miss Pennsylvania Kirstin Border flashes a smile after playing "Orange Blossom Special," on the violin.



Solist Paula Kretchman performs before 868 members of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women.



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Past state presidents of the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women planned the 30th Spring Rally held at Dickinson College, Carlisle, on Tuesday. Front row, from left: Lois Erb, Marie Baughman, and Naomi Bupp. Back row: Ruth Rickards, Luella Duppstadt, Mary Boyd, Martee Mentzer, and Arlene Wiltman.



State Farm Women officers enjoy socializing during the luncheon.



Martee Mentzer, left, introduces Lois Erb as the morning speaker at the 30th Spring Rally of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania.



Inspirational singing was provided by Farm Women members, from front left, Torie Hostetter, Sandra Yocum, Kathryn Fry, and Mary Emrick.

