

Lancaster Farm Women Exemplify Motto 'For Happiness'

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— An 80th birthday calls for a lot celebration. That's exactly what the Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County did last Saturday at its 80th annual convention.

About 265 members attended the day long event held at the Farm and Home Center.

ing a love for farm, home, and country.

Since the beginning, Farm Women have been staunch supporters in contributing to community needs, in developing leadership, and making homes and farms better places to live.

This year, the county's 652 members gave \$13,381 to local charities. The money was raised by

President Allegra Leininger, member of Society 3, said, 'I think we can truly say we are a group of ladies living our motto 'For Happiness.'"

The Lancaster chapter began in 1917, three years after Mrs. Frank Black started the organization in Somerset County. Membership grew rapidly because the principals and purposes of the organization appealed to women who placed a high emphasis on foster-

the 28 county societies that held numerous fund raisers throughout the year.

Each society selects different causes, but all the societies also work together to raise money for a selected charity.

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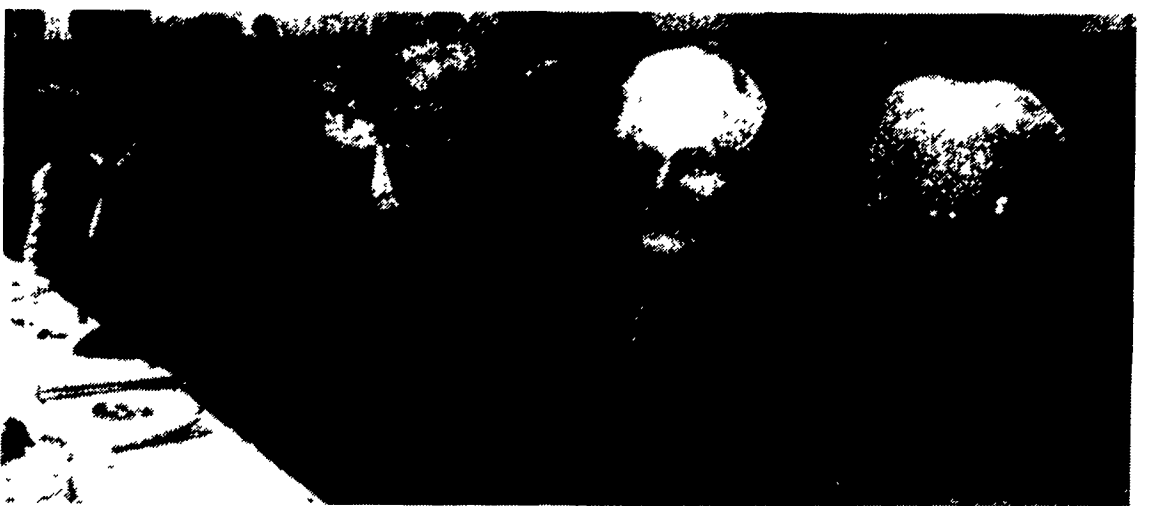
"I don't believe there's another group of people in the county who do more for their fellow men or women when there is a need," Allegra Leininger, right, said of Farm Women. As the newly installed president, Allegra will work with officers, standing beside her from right, Barbara Nissley, vice president; Julia Zahn, secretary; and Verna Hostetter, treasurer.



Holding the memorial service complete with music, roses, and scripture reading, from left, are Marian Kurtz, chairperson and member of Society 13; Sylvia Lehner, Society 21; and Roberta Shepardson, Society 18.



Mary Shellenberger, right, former county president and a member of Society 4, purchases the first Entertainment Book from Lorna King, also a member of Society 4. The book is sold as a fundraiser and is available for purchase through members or by calling Lorna at (717) 872-6632.



About 265 members attended the banquet. Society 22 members, from left, are Pat Landis, Darlene Herr, Nancy Witmer, and Ruth Kendig.



In one of her last duties as president, Kathryn Fry, right, presents a \$2,950 check to Tina Texter, community liaison, who accepted the check for Hospice of Lancaster County.



Members usually sit together as a society. Here, standing from left, Margaret Lefever, president of Society 22, and Eleanor Rudy, congratulate charter members Jeanette Miller and Vi Weller, who joined when Society 22 was organized in 1951.