

# Farm Women 'Moovve' Ahead With Acts Of Kindness



Farm Women members perform with Bellzapoppin during the banquet entertainment.



County presidents, front from left, include Ruth Walters, Berks; Allegra Leininger, Lancaster; and Donna Duncan, Cumberland. From back left are Lois Manifold, York; Carolyn Bricker, Franklin; Susan Hawley, Lebanon; Barbara Mock, Adams; Cindy Thoman, Perry; and Joanne Zane, Cambria.

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\$5,986; a balance of \$2,251 in the scholarship account; and \$2,529 in a savings account.

Carolyn Neal of York County was elected to fill the expired treasurer's spot on the board. Carolyn is from a dairy farm, "loves the land, respects farmers, and understands the trials of farming." She has held all the offices in the York Society since her membership in 1977. In addition, Carolyn has worked 32 years in banking and has two children.

Elected as one of seven directors was Florence Vaitl, Ephrata. Florence follows in the footsteps of her grandmother Florence Mohler who was a state president in 1937-40 and her mother Esther Stuber who is still active in Lancaster County Society 3. Florence recently retired from a career as nursing home administrator. She and her husband Rudolf have three children, four stepchildren, and three grandchildren.

Members paid tribute to the deaths of 68 members (mostly the result of aging) as Kathryn Fry, Lancaster, read the names and Allegra Leininger (president of Lancaster County Society) placed \$1 for each name in a box to be given to the Gideons Bible Society.

Although the society lost 68 members through death, 99 new members have joined the organization during the past year.

Certificates were presented to the 12 counties who received new members. The counties with the most significant increase in memberships include Huntingdon, Somerset, and Dauphin.

Not all the activity at the annual meeting focuses on business and reports. The afternoon session

included a skit by Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Nichole Meabon, entertainment by The Troubadours from Red Lion, and an inspiring presentation of the Appalachia Service Project, in which volunteers take existing housing to make them warmer, safer, and dryer. More than 7,180 families have benefited from the project since its inception.

Entertainment at the evening banquet included Bellzapoppin by Kinnier & Townsend and an inspiration presentation by Janine Cesare, president of the Pennsylvania Special Olympics, and Beth Greenawalt, who has participated in three international Special Olympics.

About 240 members traveled by bus or carload to attend the banquet. Many of the membership are

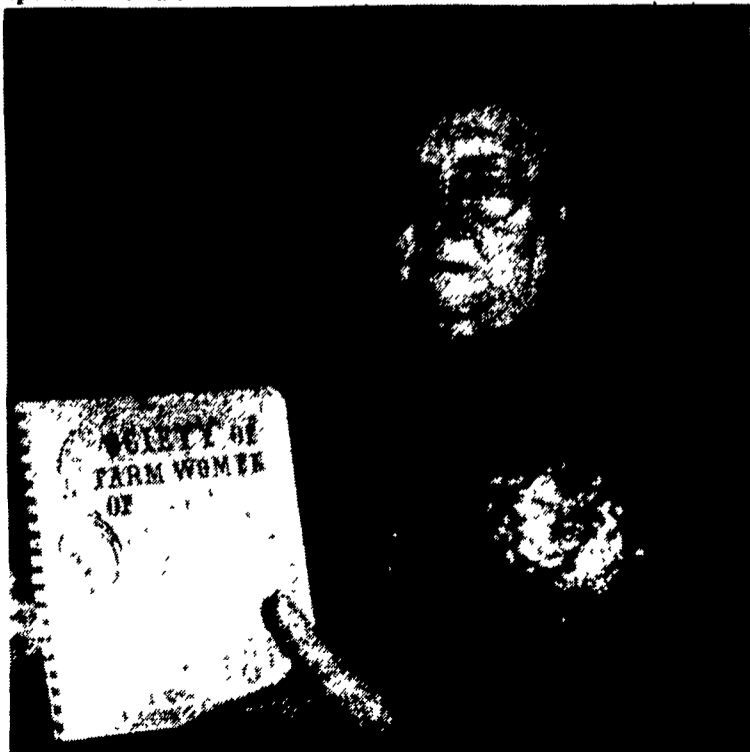
aging and no longer find it possible to travel in the unpredictable winter weather, but delegates from each society will report on the activities during individual society meetings.



Green Valley Society 26 sell Farm Women logos. From left, Athena Bashore, Susan Anthos, and Martha Yost.



Florence Vaitl considers she did not have a choice on whether or not to continue her family's tradition in Farm Women Society leadership. Her mother Esther Stuber, left, took her to her first executive board meeting when she was six weeks old and her grandmother Florence Mohler was a state president from 1937-1940.



Profits from the sale of "The Society of Farm Women Cookbook," continues to fund the scholarship fund. Former state president Naomi Bupp coordinated the cookbook.



Directors include, from left, Carol Goldinger, Cumberland; Emma Spencer, Huntingdon; Janet Schlegel, Berks; Sharon Engle, Franklin, and Mary Pankake, Dauphin.