



The board of directors of the Frederick County Farm Bureau women's committee. From left, back row: Mary Sue Grossnickle, Rosa Burrier, Rosalie Glissan, Louise Ediger, Peggy Long, Evelyn Gaver, and Tammy Eaves. Front row: Terrie Stup, Peggy Garst, Louise Stup, Jenny Rhoderick, Shirley Enfield, Evelyn Wilcom, and Shirley Zimmerman.

Farm Bureau Holds Women's Luncheon

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NEW MIDWAY, Md. — The fellowship was fun, the food delicious, and the entertainment delightful at the Frederick County Farm Bureau women's committee spring luncheon. About 160 Farm Bureau women and friends gathered here at the fire hall for the afternoon program that included speakers from both the American Farm Bureau and Maryland Farm Bureau. Following a lunch of roast turkey catered by the fire hall, the women were treated to musical selections performed by the Catoctin Canaries, a local group of seniors.

Steve Weber, Maryland Farm Bureau president, talked about some of the challenges MFB has faced during the past year. The organization has made an effort to re-focus on its membership, and tried to increase member numbers. The members are "really the foundation of Farm Bureau," he said.

Weber related some of the experiences MFB has had in Annapolis this year in working to get legislation passed that will favor Maryland farmers. "I'm proud to say we're very pleased with all the support we've received," he told the women, many of whom had written letters and made phone calls to their legislators, "You should be proud of the support the ag community has given."

Leona Dell of Carroll County represents the women of the northeast in the American Farm Bureau as the northeast women's committee chair. She shared some information on what farm women have been doing at the national level.

She said in February more than 20 states participated in observing Food Checkout Day. The day was designed to bring attention to the affordability of food in America. Dell herself went to Chicago for a celebration of the day that included closing off a main street and bringing in a big Case tractor to deliver food to the needy. She and several other women were each given \$100 to shop for food they then delivered to a Ronald McDonald house, where sick children and their families stay when getting treatment at a hospital. The women stocked the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. "Ronald McDonald was present. CBS, ABC, and NBC were there for publicity of the American farmer-produced food," Dell said.

Dell also attended the Ag Women's Leadership Network conference in Washington, D.C. The network is comprised of 11 organizations of farm women. She said, "I represented American Farm Bureau women on that group. It provided in-roads into places American Farm Bureau women don't always get into." In June she will attend the second International Conference on Women in Agriculture in Washington, D.C.. The first conference was held last year in Australia.

Louise Ediger, of the Frederick County Farm Bureau women, explained a mobile Ag In The Classroom unit project that will be launched this spring in Frederick City schools. The women are helping support the unit financially and with volunteer time. "The women's committee has always been for ag education," said Mrs. Ediger, "You must understand that however hard we work, it is the principal of the school that has the final say" about whether the unit will visit the school. So far three schools have signed up for the program.

The Catoctin Canaries, 16-member musical group, covered all the bases and pulled out all the stops in their musical review. Their presentation ran from charming to hysterically funny as they performed old classics and dressed up in costumes for skits and charades. The seniors formed an Easter bonnet parade that wove through the audience, and finished with impersonations of popular characters that had the crowd in stitches.

Ryan Eaves, Frederick County young farmer, the son of Richard and Tammy Eaves of New Midway, and Kathleen Doody, Frederick County young farmerette, the daughter of Dave and Carole Doody of Union Bridge, also entertained the group with rhymes and songs.

For the fourth year in a row the Frederick County women have been honored as the outstanding women's committee at the state convention.

Women's committee officers are: Louise Stup, chairperson; Evelyn Wilcom, vice chairperson; Terrie Stup, recording secretary; Rosa Rippeon, corresponding secretary; and Louise Ediger, treasurer. The spring luncheon committee consisted of Terrie Stup, Alice Wilcom, Frances Black, Peggy Garst, Evelyn Gaver, Jenny Rhoderick, and Rena Shry.



Ryan Eaves, shown with his mother, performs rhymes and songs for Frederick County Farm Bureau Women. He is the son on Frederick farmers Richard and Tammy Eaves.

York Speech Contest



Trisha Krick of Muddy Creek Forks received first place in the York County FFA public speaking contest and fourth place in the area competition for her speech about "State Game Lands—Let's Enjoy Them Together." She is the daughter of Steve and Dolores Krick of Muddy Creek Forks and a freshman at Kennard-Dale High School.

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