

Farm Women Mark 81 Years At Lancaster Convention

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Society of Farm Women of Lancaster County celebrated its 81st year at a day-long convention held at the Farm and Home Center last Saturday.

The county society raised \$2,915 to donate to the Lancaster American Red Cross. Accepting the donation was Kandace Rollman, financial development specialist for the Red Cross.

The celebration was touched with bit of sadness as the members participated in a memorial service for 18 members who had passed away during the last year. In charge of the memorial service were Marian Kurtz of Society 13; Sylvia Lehner of Society 21; and Julia Zahn of Society 1.

In addition to 23 guests from other counties, six members who are 90 years old or older were recognized. These included Mary Grace Martin of Society 8 who is 100 years old. Born in 1908 were Sara Weber of Society 1, Martha Landis of Society 7, Eliabeth Shuman of Society 8; Anna Mae Ney of Society 8, and Mary Brinley of Society 9.

In keeping with the society's

commitment to uphold the dignity of farming, the program included reports from commodity representatives. Audra Wood, Quarryville, spoke of her work as the county dairy princess. Sarah Woodling, Landisville, told of her scientific experimentation with eggs that led her to the position of Lancaster County Poultry Ambassador.

Nancy Wiker, home economist for the Lancaster County Extension Service, spoke on Food Trends and Grazing.

The entertainment included a challenging message by Doris Ortman of Chambersburg. Although physically handicapped, she refuses to waste her time by being angry or bitter. Instead she continues a musical ministry. The Appalachian Players also provided musical entertainment.

Providing leadership to the county's 28 individual societies with 587 members are Allegra Leininger, president; Barbara Nissley, first vice president; Hazel Reist, secretary; and Betty Griffith, treasurer.

One of the ways members raise money for service projects is through the selling of Entertainment



Providing leadership to the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women are, from left, Allegra Leininger, president; Barbara Nissley, first vice president; Gladys Esbenschade, second vice president; Julia Zahn, outgoing secretary; Hazel Reist, secretary; Verna Hostetter, outgoing treasurer; and Betty Griffith, incoming treasurer.

ment Books. For more information about the book, call Lorna King, a Millersville member at (717) 872-6632.

The Lancaster Society was organized in 1917 by Barbara Moore and Florence M. Brubaker. The county society is part of the state organization that was founded in 1914 by Mrs. Frank Black. Its primary purpose is for farm women to serve others by meeting the needs of the heart, soul, and mind by promoting better living and working conditions and influencing the world.

The state organization has 2,772 members and holds an annual meeting during the Pennsylvania Farm Show and a Spring Rally in May.



County Farm Women President Allegra Leininger, left, presents a \$2,915 check to Kandace Rollman of the Red Cross.



From left, Marian Kurtz, Society 14 president, and Grace Bigler, hold a copy of Entertainment '99, which is sold by Farm Women members to raise money for community needs.




Doris Ortman presents a musical program.



Dale Smith, right, welcomes Poultry Ambassador Sara Woodling, left, and Dairy Princess Audra Wood to the convention.

*Ida's
Notebook*

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Most people take their vacations in the summertime. But as we live on a dairy farm, we have learned over the years to take day trips. Even now, though we're not tied to a milking schedule, we still enjoy a day away from the farm now and then.

So, the other week I had an opportunity to visit Pearl Buck's home in Buck's County near Philadelphia. The size impressed me and also the number of things that she wrote. Many articles, poems, and books were written by her and totaled 425. She received both the Pulitzer and the Nobel prize. She adopted several Asian-American children and set up a foundation to continue this adoption process even today.

Another recent excursion was to a dinner theatre where we saw "The sound of Music." Even

though I have enjoyed the movie several times, I still get pleasure from this romantic treasure with Maria, the VonTrapp children, and the Captain.

Oneway to make myself really clean our house is to have company for a meal. Sure, I clean every week—vacuum, dust, and wash a few windows. But, having several couples here for supper gives me a push.

My sister tells me, and I agree, that no one but I will know the difference. Even so I fell better knowing the furniture has been moved and rugs have been taken out on the porch. Some of our furniture is simply too heavy to move unless all of their contents would be removed.

Many a woman has been embarrassed when her refrigerator was moved and there was a thick pile of dust under it. We do what we can.

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