

## Lancaster Society 18

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Lancaster Farm Women Society 18 held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Martin Swarr, Landisville.

The fine weather enabled 16 members and two guests to attend. Roll call was answered by members telling where they planned to spend Christmas. The program was in the capable hands of Vera Albert, a long-time knowledgeable source on herbs. Her subject, "Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh,"

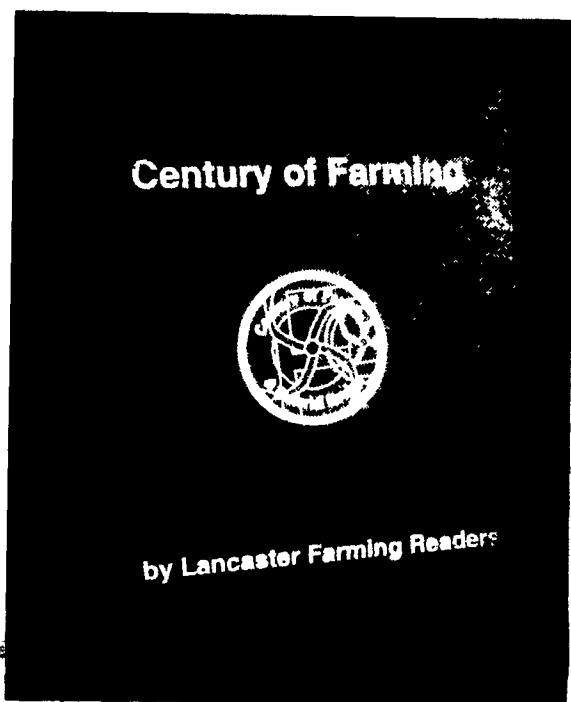
included herbal sources and usage ideas for culinary, cosmetic, and alternative medicinal healing. Her many items to show led to questions and answers as members wanted to learn more about herbs.

Program booklets for the year 2000 were distributed. President Martha Stoner led the business meeting. Maggie Carper led devotions. Members sang the birthday song to Ruth Landis, the theme son, and a Christmas carole.

Lancaster Farm Women Society 14 enjoyed its last meeting of the century with a dinner at Willow Valley Restaurant on Dec. 9. Members of the Clifford Mast family, ages 5, 8, and 12 with mother Shirley provided renditions of beautiful Christmas music featuring violins.

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# Century of Farming



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The first shipment of *Century of Farming* has already sold out. *Century of Farming* is the book that recalls family involvement and the historic significance of agriculture's heritage in the last 100 years. This treasure chest of memories includes 120 pages of old photographs from the family albums of readers of *Lancaster Farming*. In addition, Editor Newswanger has written a preface that takes you from the "Golden Age" of agriculture as the 20<sup>th</sup> century began, through the Depression and on to the tremendous contrast of biotechnology.

The response in sales has been almost overwhelming. And after we ran out of the book, we still had a big stack of orders from disappointed people who really wanted a copy-- especially after they saw it. Therefore we have arranged with the printer to do another run to fill the orders we have in hand and some extra for those who still would like to send in for a copy. We expect delivery to be in about six weeks.

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Carol Gockley, the proverbial "bird woman" presented a program on "Strictly for Birds." The dramatic and humorous talk revealed Carol's extensive knowledge on distinguishing features, habits, and songs of many birds. She brought part of her exotic collection of live birds to show how they can be trained with love and patience.

On Nov. 10, Janet Leaman's daughter, Lynette Jerchau, opened her home in East Petersburg for a meeting. Bags of non-perishable food were left on her porch to be given to Christ's Home, Paradise.

Surrounded by festive fall decorations made lunch a special experience. After a devotional reading on Psalm 19 by Jean Groff, President Polly Stoltzfus gave a report on the Nov. 4th visit to Conestoga View to play Bingo with patients and friends. The report on the County Convention on Nov. 6 at the Farm and Home Center was highlighted by music of "The Messiah Messengers. The theme, "Tea Cups from Here and There," featured stories by Beatrice Messner. Each of the cups she had with her reminded her of a story from the many countries to which she traveled. In addition to cups, Beatrice presented lots of information about teas. The story of the clay that hated what was happening to it— being spun and heated — to become gorgeous led to Bea's application of being clay in the Master's hand.

The October meeting was waved in favor of a joint meeting with ladies from all the county societies meeting at Donecker's Restaurant for a brunch and fashion show.

During the September meeting, members met at Gladys Esbshade's home hosted by Viola Hostetter and Eileen McComas.

The very traditional auction was led by Anna Marie Groff working hard to get good prices for various food items.

In August, a family picnic was held hosted by Rhoda Landis, Ruth Kreider, and Jean Groff. Guest speaker Paul Wickerd, a bee keeper had with him a case of live bees. The nature of the bee is a fascinating part of God's creation.

Thanks to all members who helped with the food stand at the corn maze under the supervision of Gladys Esbshade.

The July 14th meeting was a Car-O-Rama, with a surprise destination that took members to the backyard of Wilbur Segrist, Litz. Members were awed by waling among the many categorized flower beds, from wildflowers to the exotic.

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