



Berks Farm Women Convention

The 49th annual Berks County Society of Farm Women Convention was held Oct. 6 at the Berks County Ag Center. There were 87 members and guests present to enjoy the theme "Oktoberfest 2000."

President Betsy Sattazahn welcomed everyone and devotions were given.

Betsy presented Debbie Detrick, coordinator of Berks County 4-H Development Fund, with a check for \$250, and a representative from the Salvation Army received all the non-perishable items members brought to the convention. Both recipients told how donations are used and what their organizations do for the community.

Home Economist Faye Strickler informed members of upcoming events at the Ag Center.

Berks County dairy princess Cindy Bray gave a wonderful speech about the importance of America's farmers and Berks County mini dairy princess Jaylene Leshner recited a poem, "I Like Milk."

Members honored 80-year-old member Regina Moyer of Group #3.

The business session was held along with election of officers. Members were entertained by Charles Adams, Jr. "Reminisce" and by "Just Two" playing and singing to the convention theme "Oktoberfest."

A memorial service was held for sister farm women who

passed away.

President Betsy Sattazahn gave a yearly report and presentation of awards followed.

State President Catherin Schott installed the following officers: president Joanna Dreibelbis; first vice president Naomi Nest, second vice president, Lillian Bucks; and secretary Sandra Rauenzahn.

A silent auction was held and results were given.

Joanna Dreibelbis presented outgoing president Betsy Sattazahn with a Berks County coverlet and she will also receive a past county president's pin. Door prizes were drawn and the ladies ended a glorious day by singing "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Lancaster Society 20

On Oct. 5, Lancaster Farm Women Society 20 met at the home of Marie Foose with Barbara Stone as co-hostess. Following refreshments, Barbara read Psalm 33 followed by several poems and the Lord's Prayer.

President Valaria Ferguson presided at the business meeting and gave several reports from state and county meetings that she had attended. Six ladies signed up to attend the county convention on Nov. 4, at the Farm and Home Center.

The nominating committee reported the following nominees have been selected: Nancy Lefever, president; Marie Foose, vice president; Anna Mary Groff, secretary; and Vera Herr, treasurer. Members voted and the nominees were elected to office.

After the dismissal song, members enjoyed the \$68 food auction, which included cakes, pies, jellies, cookies, veggies, canned pickles and other items.

The November meeting will be with Pauline Reinhart and Dorothy Crawford as co-hostess.

York County Society 26

York County Farm Women #26 met in September at Eat and Park on Limekiln Road, New Cumberland. Doris Beshore served as hostess. Ten members were in attendance.

Farm Women's Day was observed by the group on Oct. 11

instead of Oct. 14. The group toured the Shoe House and then had lunch at Rutters Restaurant by the Galeria Mall.

York County Convention will be Nov. 2 at the Holiday Inn by the West Manchester Mall.

*Ida's
Notebook*

by
Ida Risser

The last few weeks have been spent getting ready for winter. My husband has spent many days sawing wood and filling a shed with small logs for our son to burn. It is hard work, but it keeps him out of mischief.

He has also helped me to pick pole limas off of our 80-foot fence. They have given us bushels of beans this season. Last year

due to the drought, I froze only two quarts of green beans, and we ate the rest. This year one long row gave enough to freeze 54 quart boxes.

Another job that I just completed was potting flower plants from the garden. My daughter-in-law gave me some of her pretty impatiens and I dug up some of my begonias. Now I still have

the enormous job of digging baskets of gladiola, lily and dahlia bulbs. Most of my elephant ear plants will be left outside to freeze.

The other week we took a bus trip to Delaware to see "South Pacific" at the "Three Little Bakers." The bus was only half full, but the theater was filled. The food, which is plentiful, draws a lot of people, and the participation of the audience is also a draw.

This year we took a day off to visit a local fair. Usually we only attend the parade in the evening. At one time we went to see our daughter march in the parade. Now we go to see not only the bands, but also the big trucks, tractors, and marchers. Even the crowd that watches the parade is interesting to watch.

The variety of vegetable and fruits are very colorful, and the size of the pumpkins is fascinating. My own squash and pumpkins filled four bushel baskets this year and I was able to give half of them away.

Now I must finish canning the two baskets of quinces that Allen picked off of our tree on the hill behind our house.

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