

Pennsylvania Society Of Farm Women Host 38th Spring Rally

SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — On May 21, Franklin County Society of Farm Women hosted the 38th Spring Rally, a statewide function with farm women from all over Pennsylvania. It was conducted at the Biestle Company in Shippensburg. The theme was United Are We in 2003. Members were encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. With 532 in attendance that was estimated about one-quarter of our 2000 women membership in Pennsylvania.

The Harold Crider family performed devotions by singing along with a slide presentation titled "This Is My Father's World."

The speakers for the rally were Nina Reddig and Dar-



lene Resh, Adams County extension agents. They spoke to us on the Magic of Laughter while acting out a skit.

Members were served lunch prepared by Antrim House, Greencastle. After lunch a group of talented young men from the Waynesboro High School "The Tribesmen" entertained. They are an all boys choir who are not connected to their school chorus.

Ida's Notebook

by
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The other week I went to school. My granddaughter's teacher asked her pupils to invite their grandmothers to tell about their youth. Apparently, I was the only one who responded.

While the children sat on the floor in front of me, I sat in a big rocking chair and told them about my home life and going to school. Later someone told me that I ought to write those things down for our children. I think that I have written enough things down on paper.

Our youngest son and daughter are building a very large cottage on acreage that they bought in a faraway county. Recently, we drove there with our son and his children. It started out as a rainy day, but we had sunshine in the afternoon. He measured the space for some windows to be

made and then we still had time for walks in the wooded acreage. I went down a steep hill to a stream where the grandchildren found frogs and crayfish. The only trouble with that was that I had to climb the long, steep hill to get back to the car. So, I took a few rest stops as I'm not getting any younger. In fact, today is my birthday.

The other day two big boxes arrived for my husband. Our daughter sent him large, perfect fruit in one box with cheese and mixed nuts. The other box had a round tin of unusual assorted candies. We'd never seen any of those kinds before.

I'm sure that our children are concerned about us as they often telephone us. But, most of them live too far away to visit very often, so I write letters to them.



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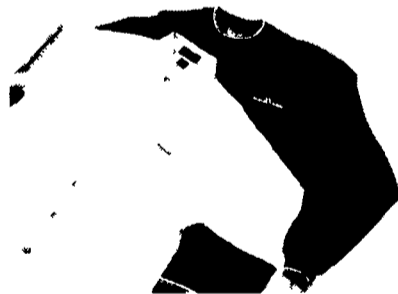
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