

## Dallas Juniors Have Xmas Tea

### Demonstrations Of Decorations

Dallas Junior Womans Club enjoyed a demonstration of Christmas centerpieces and decorations Tuesday night in the Library Annex. Mrs. Neil Chrisman and Mrs. Chester Nestit, of Wyoming Valley Garden Club, showed some attractive innovations in addition to the classic arrangements of greens and cones.

Mrs. Kenneth Bayliss reported on the Betty Crocker Sale, proceeds from which will finance underwear for needy children in the area. Mrs. Francis Ambrose made a final report on the recent Minstrel Show. The club voted \$27 to the Back Mountain YMCA.

Carol singing was followed by a tea served from a festively decorated Christmas table, with a sleigh and Santa Claus as centerpiece. Mrs. Edwin Roth, president, and Mrs. Francis Ambrose, Senior Club advisor, poured for sixty-seven guests.

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## State University Aided Farm Show Development

The College of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State University has taken a big part in the development of the Pennsylvania Farm Show since its start in 1917 when it covered less than one-fourth acre of floor space.

The 1955 show will use more than 13 acres of floor space.

In connection with its decision to dedicate the exposition next January 10-14 to the State University for its century of service to Penn-

Lee, Harold Elston. Misses Norma Shaver, Shirlee Allen, Nancy Brader, Janis Graves, Peggy Malkemes, Peggy Maza, and Betty Sullivan.

sylvanica agriculture, the Farm Show Commission announced today that growth of the show over a period of 30 years owes much to the University.

According to W. S. Hagar, State Secretary of Agriculture and chairman of the Farm Show Commission, farmers of Pennsylvania have benefited through Farm Show participation by all three major branches of the Penn State College of Agriculture—instruction, research and extension.

The Farm Show has had its greatest assistance from the division of agricultural and home economics extension which takes in supervision of all county agricultural agents and home economics representatives now located in each of the 67 counties of the Commonwealth, Secretary Hagar declared.

"The agricultural extension service has been a most valuable aid to the Farm Show from its very inception," he said. "Plans for a Farm Products Show in connection with annual meetings of farm organizations in Harrisburg each January were first discussed at a conference in Lancaster in August 1916. Of the six men attending that conference only one is still living, E. K. Hibshman, then assistant director of the extension division of the College of Agriculture. He served as first secretary of the original Farm Show Committee.

"There were few county agents and extension specialists in the early days of the Farm Show but they pitched in and built up the competitive exhibits which have increased each year. Many of the instructors serve as judges and appear on educational meeting programs of farm organizations during the Farm Shows. The efforts of all these people have aided greatly in development of the Pennsylvania Farm Show to the largest mid-winter agricultural exposition in the United States. The Commission pays tribute to this type of service rendered by the State University."

Information gathered by the Farm Show Commission on the agricultural extension service disclosed

that the work of carrying education to farmers throughout the State is comparatively young, compared with the 100 years that the institution has served the public.

The University was founded in 1855 but organized extension work did not begin until 1907. Prior to that time faculty members and research men participated in Farmers' Institutes held in different parts of the State. The extension idea began when college representatives conducted agricultural tours by train, taking exhibits to fairs, participating in regional farmers' week in such places as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Greenville, and other meetings around the State.

As many as 1,200 persons at one time went to the campus on organized tours and were shown over the farms.

Prior to 1912 the extension work was conducted solely from the campus. In that year the work was organized on a county basis and five county agricultural agents were appointed. The University had only \$300 to put into extension work in 1912, yet the proposition that the institution point and supervise the county agents was observed in every instance, a custom that still prevails.

Emphasis on increased agricultural production during World War I led to rapid expansion in the ranks of county agents. It was in this period that the first Farm Show was held in Harrisburg. Other counties added agents after the war and by 1948 there was a county agent and home economics representative in each county.

From meager beginnings the extension program has grown to include a host of projects in agricultural economics, farm management, rural sociology, agricultural engineering, dairy science, forestry, animal husbandry, agronomy, clothing, nutrition and health, home

management, child development and family life, 4-H Club work, entomology, plant pathology, ornamental horticulture, pomology, vegetable gardening, poultry husbandry, and wildlife management.

Demonstrations form the basis for extension work. Another principle is "learning by doing." Instruction is carried on through demonstrations, meetings, tours, exhibits, roundups, judging, farm and home visits, 4-H Clubs, bulletins, articles, radio and television, and many other activities. Chief objectives are more efficient production, improved marketing practices, and more adequate living.

## Eleanor Galka In Hospital At Fort Houston, Texas

Eleanor Galka called her mother, Mrs. Walter Galka, in Noxen Tuesday night, to say that every care was being taken of her in the Brooks Base Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Eleanor was slated for a heart-valve operation at Walter Reed almost a month ago, but plans were changed and the operation postponed.

She contracted Rheumatic Fever at Fort Knox in mid-July, after enlisting in the WAC service in April. Flown to Albuquerque, New Mexico, after eighteen days in the hospital at Fort Knox, she was transferred seven weeks ago to the Texas hospital. She is able to be up and around the ward, but not permitted outside.

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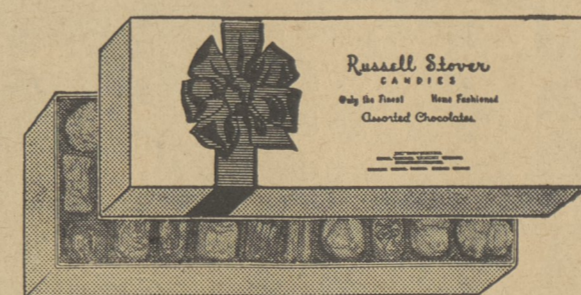
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