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Seiler School last week made their own pendulums out of paper cones filled with salt, and watched the patterns form as the salt traced out the pendulums' paths.

The kids not only watched the patterns, of course: they measured, collected data, and drew conclusions. In describing their experiments, they sharpened their communications skills, and maybe even learned a bit about working with others.



Left to right are students Yvonne Waltz, Heather Corrigan, Marcy Hinerdeer, Wendy Stohler, and Staci Stettler with the pendulum.

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Farm Women hear talk on child advocacy

Farm Women Society #8 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Ney for their March session. President Kathryn Heisey opened the meeting and Mrs. Ruth Musser led the group in singing the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King."

Devotional thoughts were presented by Mrs. Ruth Felty on the deeds of St. Patrick. She also read

scriptures relating to childhood, as this is the international Year of the Child.

Mrs. Anne Brown sang several selections: "What Wondrous Love Is This?," "My Soul," and "A Lone Wild Bird in Lofty Flight." She was accompanied by Miss Kim Boyer on guitar.

Ways of preparing Irish potatoes was the response to roll call. 23 members and 2 guests were present.

The records revealed that Mrs. Kathryn Heisey and Mrs. Agnes Houseal had perfect attendance for 10 meetings, while Mrs. Anna Mae Derr, Miss Mary Grace Martin, and Mrs. Elizabeth Shuman missed one meeting. 9 members missed only 2 sessions: Mrs. Grace Bixler, Miss Ruth Eby, Mrs. Kathryn Erb, Vera Frey, Anna Keener, Pauline Miller, Florence Musser, Ruth Musser and Mary Reist.

Mrs. Victor Baer spoke on "Child Advocacy" and showed photos and posters. "There is great concern," she said, "in the areas of education, health, justice

and child abuse. Although much is being done to help needy children today, many of the child's rights declared in the Children's Charter some years ago still need to be implemented today."

Hostesses who used the St. Patrick's Day theme were Mrs. Gladys Ney, Mrs. Anna Mae Derr, Mrs. Ruth Felty, Mrs. Sylvia Warfel, and Mrs. Mary Shaeffer.

The April 21 meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Drager at 2 PM. Trooper Engle of the Pennsylvania State Police will speak on the subject, "Lady Beware."

Navaho Indians are the subject of a talk at Mount Joy Leisure Club

by Joe Shaeffer

The Mount Joy Area Leisure Club met recently at Hostetter's with 134 members and guests present. The invocation was given by Rev. Ezra Ranck, followed by cake and coffee. Following the lunch Secretary Teresa Heisey presented Janet Oberholtzer, a Missionary Teacher who spent a number of years with the Navaho Indians in New Mexico. Her program was most interesting and very informative, telling of her experience with the Navaho Indians. She displayed a number of items made by the Indians which were beautiful. It was a program and display that were enjoyed by all members.

Following the program President Joe Shaeffer called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Secretary Teresa Heisey presented her report and Treasurer Almeda Hostetter presented the financial report. The usual birthday and anniversary songs were sung. Ten cards were sent to shut-ins, reported by Lena Eshleman of the Sunshine Committee.

A vote was taken concerning the Christmas party, whether to have it at noon or in the evening. The vote was in favor of the evening. Tickets for the play at Hershey, Pennsylvania U.S.A., scheduled for

Wednesday April 11 were distributed. President Shaeffer announced there may be a bus trip to the Philadelphia Mint and the Philadelphia Zoo. No definite date was set.

Jay Sherk was appointed to contact members for a home talent show which would be the program for the June meeting. Any one wishing to participate should contact him or the president. The program for the April 9th meeting will be a fashion show and will be presented by the members. The ladies participating in the fashion show are to report to Hostetter's at 11:30 AM. An auction is planned for the May meeting and members were asked to bring unwrapped articles for the auction. The auctioneer will be Mr. Harold Keller.

New members were Viola Kilgore, Rufus Blecher, Elwood Martin, and Harriet Raebuck. Hostesses for the April meeting are Ethel Brandt, Verna Brandt, Florence Burris, Dorothy Chapin, Bertha Foreman, Maude Frey, Vesta Grissinger, Mabel Hendrix, Dorothy Kaylor, and Mrs. Norman Linton.

In memory of the members who died, there was a moment of silent prayer followed by a closing prayer by Arthur Braun, which closed the meeting.

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