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## Many Family Activities Enjoyed By Mrs. Kreider

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After the glitter and glow of the holiday season and we have taken down the tinsel and mistletoe and packed away all the decorations for another year, what better time to make resolutions for the new year. And while all the goodies we enjoyed and all the decorating ideas are fresh in our minds what better time to jot them down and file them away for next Christmas.

Togetherhness is a way of life in Mrs. J. Everett Kreider's home at the Buck in southern Lancaster county. She and her daughters made novel Christmas favors by glueing a curtain ring to the round end of a red Christmas tree ball to make a base for the favor. The hanger was removed and a candle inserted in the hole of the ball. Then using a tube of glue the names were written on the side of each one and glitter applied. These

were very attractive yet quite simple and inexpensive to make.

While these were being fashioned on the kitchen table, the caramels were hardening in the pan nearby. As she cut them each one had a sample then came the wrapping process, all so much fun when shared with each other.

If we had been there at another time we might have seen Mrs. Kreider (Florence May) busy painting Pa. Dutch designs on a piece of tinware which is her hobby. She takes lessons from Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Sr., Drumore Center. She has painted designs on several old tin match boxes which her husband bought at sales.

All of this sounds like fun but indeed Mrs. Kreider is a very busy housewife. She helps in the family vegetable garden and freezes quantities of food for the family. Being the wife of an auctioneer who cries approximately



Mrs. Kreider displays a tray she is painting and in the background some of the match boxes she has painted. They are dis-

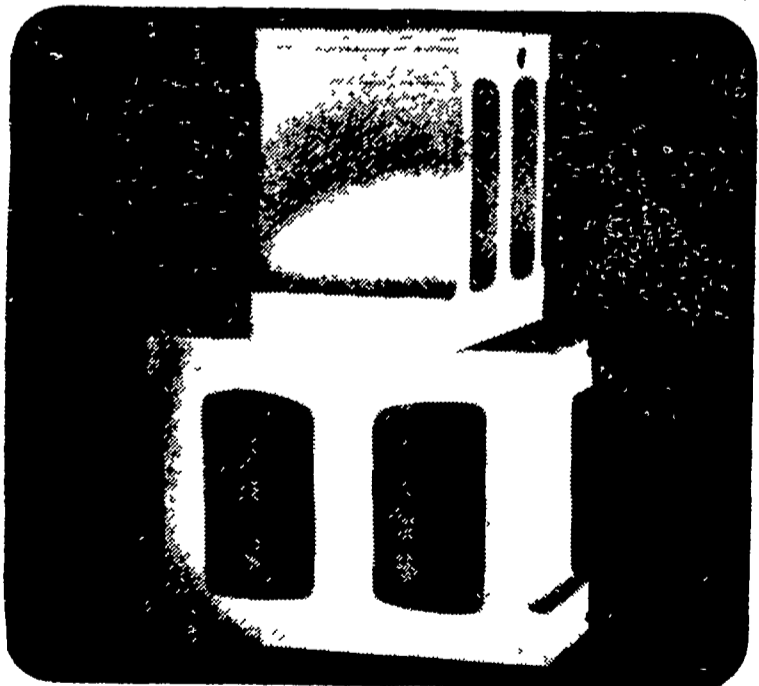
played on one of the beautiful family heirlooms.  
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seventy-five sales a year, she does all of his book work and makes up the sale bills. Her husband says he couldn't get along without her help. Yes there are many errands to run in connection with his sales, his 142 acre dairy farm with 106 dairy animals, about 50 of them milking cows, taking the children to 4 H meetings, school activities, etc. Just keeping up to her busy hus-

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