



**FOR THE
FARM
WIFE
AND
FAMILY**

**Mrs. Kauffman Combines Music
And Poetry For Mother's Day**

by Mrs Charles G. McSparran

Tomorrow is Mother's Day. Let's pay a fitting tribute! This week, May 4-11 is also National Music Week. Now there's a talented lady up Rheems way who combines music and poetry for Mother's Day programs and other entertainments and if none seem to fit the occasion she writes them. She is none other than Mrs. Robert (Miriam) Kauffman who lives on Penn Springs Farm, just off Bossler Road.

She together with Mrs. Ralph Garber of Manheim and Mrs. John Sauder of Lancaster are known as "The Trebleaires" and Baldwin Sound Productions, Mechanicsburg, Pa. has just cut a record of theirs entitled "The Trebleaires Sing" in which the Goss Brothers accompany them. These fellows play fifteen different musical instruments. This record of gospel songs should be on the market the end of this month. These three ladies are members of the Congregational Mennonite Church at Marietta and make tapes twice a month for their church's radio program heard over the Red Lion station. They also sing in the church chorus.

The trio appears before Christian Business Clubs, mother and daughter banquets and other local programs singing together with one of several accompanists or Mrs. Garber accompanies Mrs.

Kauffman on the organ or piano as she gives her recitations and recites her poetry. This she does with such skill that one can sense the feeling of happiness or sorrow or even hear the rain drops as they fall. Recently Mrs. Kauffman has started to write the score and the words for their songs.

Here are a couple of Miriam's original poems:

THE MAKING OF A MOTHER
How does a mother learn to love?
And where is the school she

attends
Which takes a girl, so carefree
and gay,
With never a worry to darken
her day,
And leaves a mother, with love
to unfurl
To encompass her baby boy or
girl?
Where is the teacher? Where
are the books?
Where's the diploma that says
she's attained

The right to take part in
motherhood?
That she the tests of life have
withstood?
Since mother influence is felt the
world 'round
Shouldn't every new mother be
college bound?

Needless to say, there is no need
for school
To teach a new mother to give of
herself

The love of her child—it is God
ordained;

No time spent in study would
help her attain

The beauty, the warmth—it is
God adorned

For the mother who cuddles her
tiny first-born.

DEAR DAUGHTER

Dear daughter, I thank God
That I was once a girl like you;
For I can better understand
The way you feel, the things you
do.

I know the heartaches that to you
Are very real and difficult;
Snare them with me, I'll
understand
And if sometimes you are at
fault

And I must reprimand, it's true,
I do it out of love for you.

Dear Daughter, as I look your
way
And think back thru the years of
time

I see a girl—one much like you,
I see a godly mother—mine;
I did not always understand her
views;

And many times I thought I
knew

Which choice would be the best
for me.

And there were times I thought
that she

Was most unfair, And just like
you

I said she was old-fashioned too.

"My daughter dear, I understand
I know you think these same
thoughts too

I know sometimes you doubt my
love

For I was once a girl like you.
And if sometimes I seem unfair

As if I don't your viewpoints
share

Believe me, darling, when I say
It would be easy to see your way,
But when I disagree, it's true,
I do it out of love for you

For God in heaven gave you to
me

To mold your life for eternity."

Mrs. Kauffman, the daughter
of Mr. & Mrs. Tobias Stehman, is
a graduate from Penn Manor
High School and is now taking a
two-year corresponding course
in Journalism from Christian
Writers Institute in Wheaton, Ill.
She is interested in writing fic-
tion and thinks this course will
also help her with her present
writings. She enjoys reading and
sewing. She makes most of the
clothes for herself and children.

Mr. Kauffman has a herd of
130 registered Holsteins, 67 be-
ing milking cows, on their 110
acre farm. He also farms 90
acres of ground on neighboring
farms. They have been on pre-
sent farm seven years and prior
to that farmed his father's farm
at Landisville for nine years.

He has won trophies for: Ji Heifer
Calf in 1963 Black & White
Show, Grand Champion Holstein
in 1958 and 1960 Manheim Farm
Show. He is a member of Farm-
ers Association and a Director
of Lancaster County Holstein
Association and helps with Lan-
caster County 4-H Holstein Club
which meets at the Lancaster
County Farm and Home Center.
He and Mrs. Kauffman will at-
tend the National Holstein Con-
vention in Disneyland, California
in June.

The Kauffmans have three
children. Susan, 15, is a sopho-
more at Elizabethtown Sr High
School; Linda, 11, is in sixth
grade at Elizabethtown Eleme-
ntary School and Steven, 7 is in
first grade at Rheems Eleme-
ntary School. The girls are in 4-H
Dairy and Sewing Clubs. Susan
has five Holstein calves and Lin-
da has two. Susan won Best Fitted
trophy in 1968 at the Manheim
Farm Show and had the 4-H
Grand Champion Holstein in
1964 Manheim Show. She had a
heifer that went to National
Dairy Show in Chicago last year
and placed second in the Jr
Yearling class. She also showed
at Lampeter and Manheim Fairs.
Susie is practicing for 4-H cattle

judging. The four best will go as
a team to Penn State. She is
secretary of the Lancaster Coun-
ty Holstein 4-H Club. She sings
in the school chorus and Linda
sings in small girls chorus at
church and will take piano les-
sons soon.

Mrs. Kauffman has won prizes
at least six or seven times judg-
ing cattle at the Lancaster Coun-
ty Holstein Field Day, and plac-
ed first at least twice. So this

photos and makes flower ar-ange-
ments in addition to her writing
and is looking forward to the
day when she will have more
time for these hobbies. How does
she find time out of a busy
farmer's wife's schedule for such
things? Efficiency might be the
answer. To save time when she
bakes she makes a double batch
and freezes half for a later date.
That way too she is always
ready for the unexpected guest.
Mrs. Kauffman would like to



One of Miriam's oil paintings and one of her arrange-
ments. L. F. Photo

dairy business is a family affair. She helps with 4-H Sewing Club which meets in Elizabethtown, is a member of Farmers Association Women's Committee of Lancaster County and is a member of Farm Women Society #27 which meets in the homes of the members in the Mount Joy-Elizabethtown area. They have thirty members. They made bed mats for the Nurses' Association in February and entertained their mothers April 29. She is a member of Parent-Teachers Organization of Elizabethtown District and with children in different schools she must attend two meetings.

share these favorite recipes with
you:
**MACARONI-HAMBURG
CASSEROLE**
1/2 lb. hamburger
1/4 lb. macaroni
1 1/2 qt. boiling water
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 cup minced onion
1 chopped green pepper
1 pt. canned tomatoes
1/2 cup grated cheese
1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
Cook macaroni in boiling water until tender. Drain. Melt butter. Add onion, green pepper and hamburger. When brown, add flour, sugar and tomatoes and cook 5 minutes. Add macaroni.

Miriam does oil paintings, tints
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Mrs. Kauffman holds some of her flat silver pieces she received as a prize for judging cattle at a Holstein Field Day. On second shelf are some of her other prizes for judging. On top shelf is a tray she painted. 3rd shelf — two of Susie's trophies, the pitcher and the two trophies on bottom shelf are Mr. Kauffman's. L. F. Photo

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