



FOR THE
FARM
WIFE
AND
FAMILY

**Mrs. Towner Serves As A Leader
Of The Little Britain Sewettes**

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Seven years ago the Jerry Towner family were newcomers to the Oak Hill area of Lancaster County. They came in their house trailer which had been their home in a large trailer park in Delaware County and lived in it while their present home was being built. In fact Mr. and Mrs. Towner did a lot of the work in constructing this home. To some this might have been a pleasant change to be out in the wide open spaces but Mrs. Towner relates the lonesomeness of being in a new community and so very few of the neighbors stopping to get acquainted or bid them welcome. In this industrious society in which we find ourselves many of us may be guilty of having lost this art of neighborliness.

Mr. Towner is a telegraph operator for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Wilmington, Delaware and drives a school bus to the Swift Junior High School and to the Little Britain Elementary School. These jobs keep him away from home much of the time so Mrs. Towner (Lauretta) resorts to her hobbies to make homelife more interesting. In fact she often tells her husband "My housework interferes with my hobbies." Her sewing comes first. She says "I enjoy my sewing." She expertly tailors most of the outfits for herself and daughters and makes household items such as drapes and slip covers. This talent she shares with the Little Britain Sewettes 4-H Club by serving as one of the leaders. She has assisted them for four years. There were 25 or 30 girls in the club this year but there have been as many as 55 one year.

Lauretta has painted many pictures, mostly in oil. Last year she sold 12 or 15 paintings. She has taken prizes on some of her pictures at fairs. This is a natural talent as she never took art lessons, in fact was discouraged to do it in high school. Recently she joined the Octavia Art Club and she hopes to take lessons this winter.

She has made several ceramic pieces such as pitchers, ash trays, table lamp, jack-o-lantern, Christmas decorations etc. She painted flowers on the lamp and on china plates. After painting them they must be fired in a kiln then more designs added and refined. She does beautiful work.

Another hobby is drying various kinds of flowers and weeds then making them into arrangements. At this time of year she has many flowers drying. She also makes wood fiber flowers and includes them in arrangements. You practically have to touch them to tell if they are real. She hopes to sell some arrangements.

Mrs. Towner is Secretary of the Little Britain Homemakers Club. They have 22 members. They have a program at their meetings and learn to do many things from demonstrations and

craft classes. They recently had a candy-making demonstration. They made large colored flowers from colored tissue paper which were very attractive. They also made mosaic pictures by creating a design with little colored stones and glueing them on black velvet material then putting the picture in a frame.

She has done Swedish embroidery and Triapunto (Florentine quilting) pictures, some people call them three dimensional pictures. She knits beautifully and has made a number of sweaters. Yes, Mrs. Towner is a very creative person. There is much evidence of this as one glances around in her attractive and tidy home.

Towners have a family vegetable garden and grow their own strawberries. Mrs. Towner cans and freezes a lot of vegetables and fruits, also makes jelly and preserves. This has been a new experience for her as they never had space for a garden nor space to keep canned and frozen foods in their trailer. She said she just got a canning book and followed the directions. She also grows a lot of flowers.

Mrs. Towner's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner who lived in the Thornton area of Delaware County. She was born and raised in Delaware County and graduated from West Chester High School. Mr. Towner graduated from Boothwyn High School. They have three children: Mary Jane, 20, lives at Chester Heights and works in Lima as a hairdresser. She graduated two years ago from Solanco High School. She also does a lot of sewing. Sara is 7 and attends Fulton Township Elementary School. Frank will be 4 in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Towner enjoy bowling. They bowl in the Ball



MRS JERRY TOWNER made her ceramic jack-o-lantern and had an electric light installed in it. She made the

ceramic pitcher in her china closet and the one she is holding. She also painted the ceramic bird. L. F. Photo

and Chain League at the Ox-Grove Bowling Alley which is three miles east of Oxford. Mrs. Towner's average last year was 140.

She enjoys cooking and does a lot of baking. She makes her own fruit cake every year. The family favorite is

**PINEAPPLE UPSIDE
DOWN CAKE**

1/4 lb. butter
1 cup brown sugar
Cook in iron skillet slowly until dissolved. Arrange one can of pineapple slices on the brown sugar mixture.

Cake Batter

1 cup white sugar
3 eggs (separated)
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup flour
6 tablespoons pineapple juice
Beat egg yolks until light, cream in white sugar. Add pineapple juice and flour sifted with baking powder. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour batter over pineapple. Bake in slow oven, 325 to 350 degrees. Leave in pan to cool.
This time of year when apples

are plentiful a very delicious dessert is

APPLE CRISP

6 sliced apples
Mix until crumbly
1 cup flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt

1 unbeaten egg
Place apples in a greased casserole dish. Sprinkle above mixture over apples and add 1/2 cup melted butter. Sprinkle cinnamon on top of butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Serve hot or cold with whipped cream, milk or ice cream.

FARM WOMEN NEWS

Farm Women 1

Society of Farm Women 1, Lititz, met recently at the home of Mrs. J. Clayton Sangrey, Lititz R2, who was also hostess. Mrs. Scott Gaiman, president, conducted the meeting. Mrs. Roy Biubaker was the song leader and Mrs. Amow Sherk had charge of devotions.

On Nov. 11, members will either sew at the Lancaster General Hospital or fold seals at Heat Haven. The sewing will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. while the folding continues until 4 p.m.

Mrs. Garman announced that the Agriculture Extension Service Christmas meeting will be held at the Farm and Home Center Thursday, Dec. 4. The subject of the all day and evening event is "Christmas Old and New."

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, the Society will be entertained by Soc. 27 at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 33 E. Main St., Mount Joy at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the County Convention to be held Nov. 1 at the Farm and Home Center and luncheon tickets can be obtained from Mrs. German.

A \$5 donation for socks to be given to Embreeville Hospital and \$5 to the Needlework Guild for the In-gathering at the I. C. Club Nov. 13.

The speaker for the meeting was Samuel Campbell, manager and buyer for Hager's drapery department, who spoke on "Color - the Fact of Life and Interior Decorating." Mrs. Elizabeth Hess won the door prize he donated.

The next meeting will be Nov. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Willis Bucher, Lititz R2 with Mrs. Daniel Brubaker as co-hos-

tes. They will demonstrate making Moravian sugar cookies.

Society 14

Society of Farm Women 14 met at the home of Mrs. Ira Herr in Gap. Devotions were by the hostess. Roll call was to bring a leaf to be identified. Election of officers was next in the order of business.

Officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Leon Thomas; First Vice President, Mrs. Ira Herr; Second Vice President, Mrs. James Hall; Secretary, Mrs. Edwin Rohrer; Treasurer, Mrs. Howard Groff.

The annual plant and food sale was held. The proceeds amounted to around \$50.00. The next meeting will be Nov. 12, to Smithville Inn, New Jersey. The group plans to leave Strasburg Fire Hall by bus at 8 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. The price is \$8.25 for lunch and fare. Anyone wishing to join the group is to contact Mrs. John Groff, Ph. 687-6652.

Chrysanthemum Show Today

The Twelfth Annual Chrysanthemum Show co-sponsored by the Men's Garden Club of Lancaster and the Towne & County Garden Club of Lancaster will be held Saturday, October 18 (today) and 19 at the Mannheim Township Branch of the Conestoga Bank located on Lititz Pike opposite the Holiday Inn. According to Harry S. Sloat, Committee Member, the show will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The public is invited and admission is free.



A favorite oil painting done by Mrs. Towner is a scene in the Thornton area of Delaware County. In the background is one of her dried flower arrangements. L. F. Photo