



FOR THE
**FARM
WIFE
AND
FAMILY**

**Mrs. Nolt's Farm Home Shows
Fine Antiques & Needlepoint**

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time farm worker for the past
four or five years

One hundred and sixty years ago a man by the name of Michael Siegrist had a beautiful stone farm house built just north of Silver Springs. That house still stands with a few minor changes and is probably more beautiful than ever. Today this is the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Robert Nolt. Mr. Nolt's grandfather bought this section of land from the Siegrist family in 1898. In 1900 E. Robert's parents, Elias and Amelia Nolt, were married and moved into the house. During their lifetime they added conveniences such as a bathroom and electricity. Then Mr. and Mrs. E. Robert Nolt purchased the 100 acre farm in 1948. Now the original front and back porches are gone but the very popular patio has replaced the back porch and there Mr. Nolt officiates at the grill when they entertain in the good old summertime. Mrs. Nolt grows many flower annuals and has a little pond with lilies and gold fish in it in the summer. Beautiful big shade trees add to the landscape.

The inside of the home lends itself to antique furniture and the Nolt's have many and well preserved pieces which have come down through their families. One of Robert's hobbies is refinishing furniture in its natural finish and repairing clocks — and he has quite a collection. Another of his hobbies is collecting old amber glass bottles and telephone insulators. These are prominently displayed on their old dry sinks, mantel and kitchen cupboard.

This 100 acre farm is strictly a dairy farm and always has been. They have fifty Holsteins, 30 to 35 of them milking cows. They raise corn, wheat and hay. Dale Wilkinson has been their full-

Mrs. Robert Nolt is Administrative Secretary to the Superintendent of Hempfield School District, Mr. Arthur Hackman, and is employed on a year-round basis. She started to work there 19 years ago when the total enrollment of students was 700 to 800 and it comprised East Hempfield Township only. Now this is the largest school district in Lancaster County with an enrollment of over 5200 and they now employ 18 secretaries, 10 of them full time. Mrs. Nolt has been in the office longer than any of the others. This school system now includes East and West Hempfield Township, Mountville Borough, East Petersburg, Rohrerstown, a senior high school at Landisville with almost 1700 pupils, a junior high school at Centerville with 900 students, two elementary schools in Landisville, one at East Petersburg, one at Rohrerstown, one at Mountville and the Farmdale Elementary in West Hempfield Township. The new Centerville Elementary School will open in the fall of 1970.

Mr. Nolt is also connected with this school system, being a bus driver for Harold (Jim) Warfel of Wakefield. He is also a member of the West Hempfield Planning Commission and serves as its secretary.

Mrs. Nolt is a member and a past president of the Lancaster County Educational Secretarial Association. Members can be secretaries in any educational area such as county offices, colleges and schools.

Mrs. Ann Nolt has been a member of Farm Women Society #4 since 1940. This society celebrated its fiftieth anniversary September 27, 1969 by having a dinner at Willow Valley



THE MANTEL CLOCK is over 100 years old and still keeps good time. Some of Mrs. Nolt's bell collection on the mantel and on top of dry sink. Also her mother's old perfume bottles and bureau set. Mr. Nolt's bottles on mantel and in dry sink.

One of the grape juice bottles on mantel was the one that was used at their church to refill the communion cup. One is an old snuff jar. Mrs. Nolt is holding a favorite piece of pewter given her by a friend. An old fat lamp is hanging from mantel.

Restaurant. She is chairman of their membership committee. They have fifty members. She is also a past president of this society and served as president of Lancaster County Farm Women Society November 1955 to November 1957. She is chairman of the Scholarship Fund of the State Farm Women Society. This year four girls received scholarships in Home Economics. Two were from Lancaster County, one from Chester and one from York County. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the state unit.

Mrs. Nolt represents the Lancaster County Farm Women on the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Mental Health Association and in this capacity is asking the Farm Women Societies for money for bed socks for the badly retarded patients at Embreeville State Hospital. Her own Society entertains patients at Harrisburg and Embreeville State Hospitals at times.

Ann has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Farm and Home Center since 1955 and served as Secretary until 1963.

Mrs. Nolt is president of the Mountville Church of the Brethren Fellowship group which



MR. AND MRS. E. ROBERT NOLT beside one of their antique chairs which has the original upholstery. The old family Bible has a lock and key on it. The painting of their farm was done by Harry Book of Millersville.

meets bimonthly in the homes of the members. They knit comforts for Brethren Relief Service at New Windsor, Maryland, buy blankets for relief work overseas, help finance Camp Swatara, give birthday parties for guests at the Brethren Home at Neffsville, sew at the General Hospital in Lancaster and contribute to Columbia Hospital bazaar. Their money-making projects consist of food stands at farm sales and they sell vanilla and saffron. They have a calendar to support their church building fund. Their present church was built seven years ago.

Mrs. Nolt is a past Matron of the Order of Amaranth of Lancaster Court.

Mr. Nolt is also active in community activities. He has a wonderful voice and sings solos at churches, weddings, etc. He is a member of the Church Board of Trustees and Stewardship Commission, a member of West Hempfield Planning Commission and serving as secretary of it. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mount Joy Milk Cooperative where they ship their milk.

Mrs. Nolt is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Freidly of Lancaster. The Nolt's have two children, E. Robert Jr. worked on the home farm until five years ago when he joined the Marines. He played his Conn organ in "The Little Ducks."

combo band before going in the service. He has just completed a hotel course with the American Motel Schools. Judy attended Pierce Business College in Philadelphia then worked for Tasty Baking Company in the Advertising Department. She is married to Lieutenant William VanRoyen and living on Pearl Harbor base in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a career man in the Navy. Judy enjoys playing her piano she took with her from home. Mr. and Mrs. Nolt spent a month with them a year ago.

Mrs. Nolt has several hobbies. She collects bells and has several unusual ones. Some have come from foreign countries. She has many antique dishes, including old communion plates from the old United Brethren Church of Mountville.

She does needlepoint pictures and chair seat covers. She has done cross-stitch on dresses, tablecloths and luncheon sets. She says, "I enjoy reading and I enjoy entertaining. We entertain a lot." She is a very gracious hostess. She is also a very good cook. Here is a very delicious luncheon dish or late evening dish.

CHICKEN SCALLOP WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

1/2 cup rice
2 cups chicken broth
2 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken
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MRS. NOLT at her desk which her husband converted from an old kitchen

cabinet and refinished it. One of their old scales and a rolling pin.