Her Flower Garden

One thing Mrs. Wissler believes in is fertilizing her vegetable and flower gardens and her shrubbery and also dusting and spraying at the proper time. She also knows the proper amount of fertilizer to apply. She can tell from the looks of plants when they need fertilizer. She also advises that too much fertilizer can ruin-plants and shrubbery.

Mrs. Wissler worked in a greenhouse for Paul Case of Pleasant Grove for eight years. He sought her services because of her keen interest in and her knowledge of growing plants.

Edna, daughter of Mrs. Rellie Null, who lives with the Wisslers, and the late Marvin Null, grew up on a 55 acre farm in Martic Township. At that time they farmed with horses. Edna had one sister and three brothers and she says "I was the outside girl." She loved to be around the horses and helped her father on the farm. She still not only likes to work with growing things but likes to be around animals and

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They still raise a steer each year on their son's farm.

Edna's husband Charles was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wissler who were also farmers in Martic Township. He has been em ployed for 28 years at the Pa. Malleable Iron Division of Gulf and Western Industrial Products Company on S. Prince St., Lancaster and is a foreman there. He belongs to Foundrymen's Association and at-

loves to ride horses. She has two horses and her husband has one which she takes care of. They go on trail rides far and near with relatives and friends. Last summer they went on Congressman Bill Mills Trail Ride in New Jersey. It was a three hour ride, starting at 1 p.m. and was on duPont grounds. They also went on the South Mountain Rangers ninth annual trail ride September 16 and 17. That ride

Yes, Edna says "The farm blood is still in me." She used to go out alone and pick corn in her brother-in-law's fields after the picker had gone through. She used the corn for her animals. She then had a beef animal, two cows, a pig and some chickens which she took care of and they provided their meat. When they were first married she went out and husked corn in the fields for farmers to earn some extra cash.

tends their meetings. He likes the

farm and would rather use mules than a tractor.

Wisslers have one son Donald who married Jane Eshleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Richard Eshleman of Fulton Township and they have four children. Donald works as a teller at the Quarryville branch of the National Central Bank. They live on a 50 acre farm near Rawlinsville which he also operates and his father helps him in the evenings. Charles and Edna also had a son Robert who was killed in a tragic accident 14 years ago on a motorbike in sight of his home.

The Wisslers are members of Rawlinsville the United Methodist Church. Mrs. Wissler helps with the Rawlinsville Fire Company Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wissler is an expert seamstress. She started making her own dresses by hand after she was married. She later bought a sewing machine and still makes most of her dresses as well as dresses for her cousin, her daughter-in-law and grandchildren. She also taught her daughter-in-law to sew.

Mrs. Wissler's favorite winter pastime is making ceramics. She started this hobby in 1965. She took only two lessons but she has mastered the art of making mother of pearl, bisque, translucent stain and lustreware ceramics. Lustreware is extremely difficult to make and most people do not have the patience to make it. She buys most of her greenware but has two molds she is using now to make herself a set of dishes using red roses decals. She has her own kiln. She has made all kinds of figurines, electrified Christmas trees and large eggs, Christmas tree ornaments, pitchers, plates, large ladles, vases, soup tureens, a beautiful turkey platter and steins. Her house and cupboards are full of the beautiful pieces and she has given quite a few pieces away. The only pieces she sells are steins. The reason she sells them is because people ask to buy some of her things and she says she loves to make steins. She says "They fascinate me." Her husband also makes ceramics. She says they like to do things together. He makes mostly ceramic animals and has a large collection on shelves in their basement recreation room. Mrs. Wissler is now teaching her grandchildren to make ceramics.

Mrs. Wissler has refinished a few pieces of furniture and does a splendid job of it. One piece she is quite proud of is a large china closet in which she keeps her collection of some 25 pieces of antique cut glass dishes. Some of her collection are heirlooms but she has bought some.

Another thing Edna does is wallpapering and painting all her rooms. She also makes flower arrangements so her house is bright and cheerful. One unusual decoration is in her basement. She made festoons of artificial leaf garlands and hung plastic parrots with a light bulb in each one above each festoon. This is above her sofa. She is also a meticulous housekeeper.

Another pastime she has is

crocheting doilies and edging for pillow slips. She also embroiders pillow slips, scarfs and has done a . tablecloth and a bedspread. She used to hook and braid rugs. She learned to do this as a girl.

Mrs. Wissler is a wonderful cook and enjoys cooking for and entertaining large numbers of people. She is happy to share these recipes of hers:

Egg Stuffing Ring 6 cups bread cubes (Continued On Page 28)





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