



Nancy L. Lefever

Postmaster and Active Hobbyist

Mrs. R. Dean (Nancy L.) Lefever, who lives on Noble Road in Colerain Township, Lancaster County, is postmaster of the Kirkwood Post Office, an efficient housewife and mother of three teenagers, gardener, secretary, hosts a crafts group, takes her place in community organizations and yet finds time for music and several hobbies.

Mrs. Lefever was commissioned postmaster April 13, 1974, after having served as part time clerk at the Kirkwood Post Office for nine years and having been appointed officer in charge December 3, 1973 when her mother-in-law, Mrs. Barton Lefever retired.

Kirkwood Post Office, zip coded 17536, is a third class post office serving 1150 people or 305 families. The assistant postmaster is Mrs. Fount (Mary Lou) Shaub of Kirkwood. Thomas Ferguson Jr. has served as carrier for the one rural route for 25 years and has the reputation of being a very good mailman.

Nancy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Oxford RD2, has been a lifetime resident of Colerain Township. She grew up on her parents' general farm. They raised several acres of peas and Nancy helped milk, tended to chickens, ran the tractors and helped with the garden. Her parents have since sold the farm to her brother but still live there.

Nancy graduated from Solanco High School and received diplomas for secretarial and third class postmaster courses from the U.S. Postal Service Correspondence Course at Norman, Oklahoma.

She was employed by the Solanco School District for nine years as secretary at Bart-Colerain Elementary School prior to becoming postmaster. She served on the publicity committee for Bart-Colerain Elementary School for meetings, festivals etc., sending notices to parents, newspapers, radio and television stations. She serves as secretary of the Colerain Township Planning Commission which meets once a month.

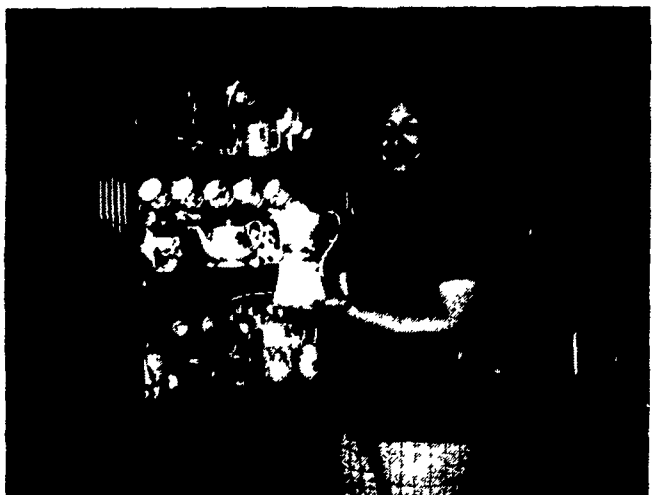
Mrs. Lefever has been a member of Farm Women Society 15 for fifteen years or more and served on all their committees. She will be entertainment chairman next year. She helped at their food stand many years at Solanco Fair until they discontinued it two years ago.

She has been a member of Robert Fulton Chapter 446 Order of Eastern Star for 14 years, is a past Matron and has contributed in some way ever since she joined. She helped at their sub food stand this year at Solanco Community Fair. She is a past district Deputy Grand Matron for district 16-C which is comprised of 10 chapters in Lancaster County and 1 in Chester County.

Mrs. Lefever is chairman of Clothing Depository for Boy Scout Troop 87 in Kirkwood. She thinks Scout uniforms should be used as long as they are wearable and says if anyone has Boy Scout uniforms to sell their troop would be interested in buying them.

Nancy was in the sewing, cooking and flower 4-H clubs six or seven years and later served as leader of the Kirkwood Community (cooking and sewing 4-H Club for five years.

Dean and Nancy are members of Union Presbyterian Church and the family attends there. Nancy used to be active in the choir, circles and the Women's Association.



Nancy Lefever has a collection of over 60 tea pots. This happens to be an old cocoa pot originally bought in 1910 that she is holding. She bought it in a gift shop in recent years.



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She played the piano for the Junior choir at one time.

Nancy is married to Rodney Dean Lefever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton (Jack) Lefever, Kirkwood RD1. He has always lived in Colerain Township and graduated from Solanco High School. He grew up on his parents' farm and helped with the farm work. He is now employed by Ferguson and Hassler in the Thriftway store at Quarryville. He enjoys hunting and sports.

Lefevers have three children. Vicki (Victoria) Kay graduated from Solanco last June. She took a Floriculture course at Brownstown Vo-Tech School and did Co-op work at Gary Hunter's greenhouse in Quarryville. She is presently employed in this type of work at the Cla-Mart Gift Shop, Quarryville. Vicki was in 4-H sewing one year and in 4-H cooking one year.

Perry is a Freshman at Solanco High School, taking the Ag course. He has been helping his grandfather and his uncle with their farm work and his ambition is to farm. He is also on the Varsity soccer team and has wrestled since fifth grade in school. He has also been in Boy Scout Troop 87 for five years.

As a family they have nearly an acre in garden on Dean's parents' farm and the boys exhibited vegetables at the Solanco Fair. Perry had the largest pumpkin in the



Perry D. Lefever is proud of his 66 pound pumpkin that won first place as the largest pumpkin in the Rural Youth classification at the Solanco Fair this year. The pumpkin to the left belonging to his brother David won second place and weighed 58 pounds.

Rural Youth division and David second largest. Perry's blue ribbon pumpkin weighed sixty six pounds and David's fifty eight pounds. David also exhibited and won prizes on tomatoes, peppers, corn and cucumbers. Nancy freezes and cans a lot of vegetables.

Lefevers have held softball games for area people, maintaining the ball field, also on the farm, and hosted picnics for Scouts and other groups for five years. They play softball Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. Nancy says, "I am an armchair enthusiast. I keep score and bind wounds." Dean and the boys were in a Judo class at Bart-Colerain School for one and a half years. From 5 to 15 were in the class. Nancy just watches this sport.

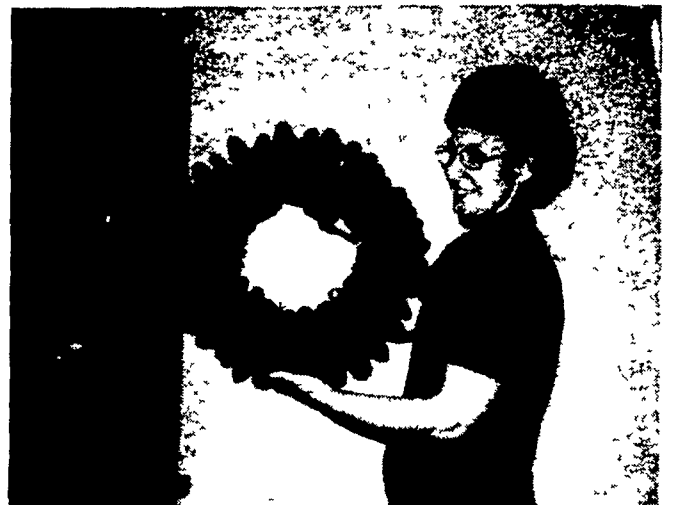
Dean and the boys go hunting locally for deer and small game. Dean hunts turkeys in the mountains and used to hunt deer there also.

The family also enjoys music and all play instruments together. They have Dean's grandmother's old reed organ and a piano which Nancy plays. Dean plays the trombone, Perry drums and David guitar. Vicki also took piano lessons. They invited other musicians in to play their instruments recently for a birthday party Nancy says she plays for her own enjoyment

Lefevers befriended Roy Allen Huss, Union, by having him at their place weekends for nine years and he was like

one of the family. They are proud of him as he has been active in Scouts and church and now is attending Harrisburg Community College and taking a law enforcement course.

Nancy says, "Four years ago I organized "The Crafts", a group of women interested in learning about and making various crafts. We started with Christmas card balls and progressed to men's ties, paper Christmas wreaths, candles, huck weaving, pine cone wreaths and even an evening of candy making. Two years ago Mrs. Charles (Betty) Miller, Quarryville RD3, incorporated ceramics into our classes at Springville School House." They meet every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month. The average attendance is 12 to 15 per week



Mrs. Nancy L. Lefever, Kirkwood RD1, made this pine cone wreath and demonstrated making them in crafts class.

and they usually meet in Lefevers' basement. They pay \$1. an evening and also bring some materials. Nancy helps demonstrate each week. Their 1974 fall schedule starting October 9 includes making a Christmas plate, a draped angel, corn husk dolls, flowers and wreaths, fiber flowers, yarn poodles and a Snoopy dog house. This season will end with a Christmas party and covered dish supper. Teachers this fall will be Mrs. Betty Miller, Mrs. Beulah Herr, Mrs. Novelda Ferguson and Mrs. Alma Clendenin.

Besides Mrs. Lefever's crafts her hobbies include reading novels and biographies, sewing, quilting and knotting quilts. She made six full bed size cross patchwork quilts and two crib quilts last winter. She has refinished several pieces of furniture and is doing a spool bed now. She buys some antiques from friends. She collects tea pots, especially those of friends and neighbors that would have a sentimental value. She has over 60 on a shelf on two walls of her kitchen, in a corner cupboard and elsewhere in her house.

Here are some of Lefevers' favorite dishes. Dean uses this recipe to make ice cream and the second recipe is a hearty stew that Nancy concocted.

ICE CREAM (8 quarts)

- 12 eggs
- 4 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons vanilla
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 pt. cream
- 2 qts. milk or fill can 2-3 full
- 1 pinch salt

Beat eggs, sugar, vanilla, cornstarch, salt and cream together. Add milk and freeze. It is better if allowed to set awhile before freezing. Do not cook the mixture.

GARDEN FRESH STEW

Serves 8 to 10

- 3 lbs. beef chuck, cut in cubes
- 1/4 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 qts. home canned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup water
- 4-6 carrots sliced
- 2 cups sliced celery
- 4 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning (optional)
- Dumplings

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