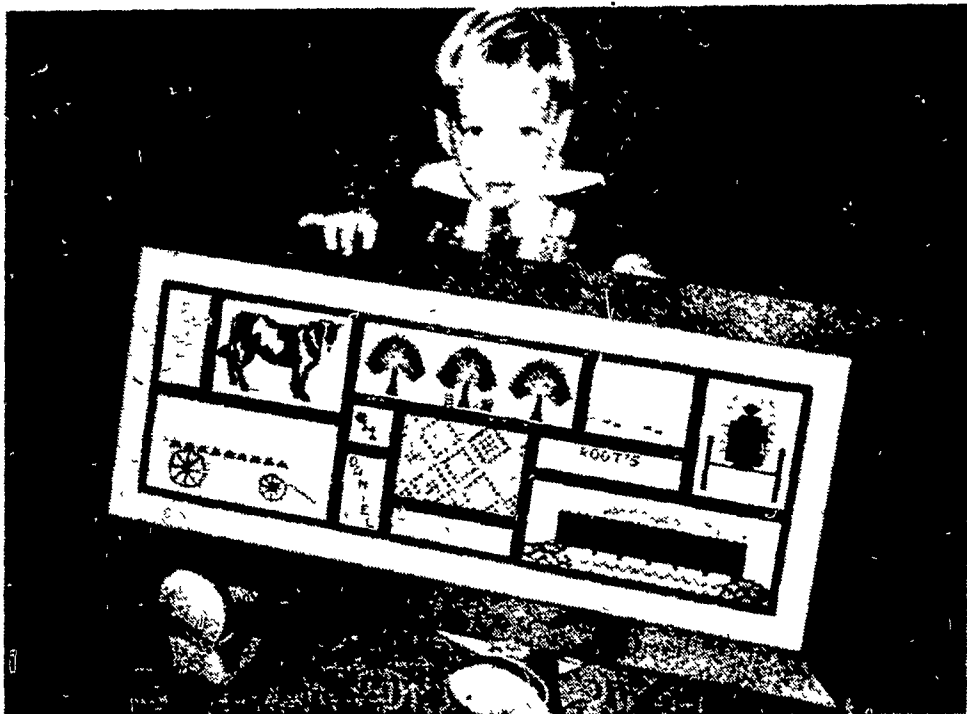


Needleworkers earn ribbons at Farm Show



Three-year-old Daniel Ibach proudly displays a needlepoint picture his mother created for him for this third birthday. His mother won third place at the Farm Show for her efforts.

Mary Ann Ibach

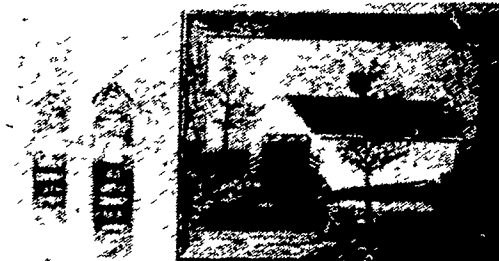
Needlepoint depicts scenes of Lancaster

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Mrs. Dennis Ibach, 156 Grant Street, Manheim, enjoys doing needlework which is personalized and carries special meaning. The picture she created for her three-year-old son's birthday is not only special for him; it won her a third place at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last week.

It was Mary Ann Ibach's second year to exhibit at the Farm Show, and she won third place with her needlepoint picture which depicted different scenes from Lancaster County. Although she is not from the country, Mary Ann's work captured the essence of Lancaster County agriculture.

Mary Ann said she decided to exhibit at



Mrs. Metzler's blue ribbons from local fairs hang on the wall of her room at Landis homes, next to a painting she did of the Hunsicker bridge.

the Farm Show because "I always did well at the Manheim Farm Show. My Dad always took me to Harrisburg as a child, so I decided to find out how to enter because I thought it would be nice to try."

She called the extension office, got a Farm Show booklet with rules and regulations, and then submitted her needlepoint through the Extension office.

The needlepoint, which was designed by the Ellen Franklin Shop in Lancaster, features several distinctions which make it personal for Mary Ann's son Daniel. Featured in the picture are an ear of corn, a Conestoga wagon, an Amish buggy, a Holstein cow, a pig, an apple tree, a Lancaster County Red Rose, a quilt, a covered bridge and some chicks.

It also has Daniel's name and age, as well as a sign which says "Roots Country Auction," one of Daniel's favorite places to visit. To date it, Mary Ann added her name, Lancaster County and the date. The effect is a lovely memento for Daniel who may only appreciate it in years to come.

Mary Ann relates, however, that Daniel wasn't too keen on giving it up to the Farm Show competition. When he visited the Farm Show, he spied the needlepoint and said, "My picture, my picture."

She said the judges comments included "excellent workmanship and attractive frame." Although she had someone make

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Mr. and Mrs. Landis Metzler recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Ella Mae Metzler

Lancaster rose pattern quilt

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"It's like a test at school, to see whether you can do as well as other people," Mrs. Landis L. Metzler said as she talked about the fourth place ribbon she won at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last week.

For Mrs. Metzler, the ribbon was an especially sweet accomplishment because she has become blind since the quilt top was completed in the Lancaster County Rose pattern. Furthermore, Ella Mae is 70 and her quilt was in competition with 100 others. She has had major surgery several times and now lives at Landis Homes Retirement Community, R3 Lititz.

The quilt top, which was accomplished while she was still sighted, is fashioned in a blue and cream colored fabric. It won first place ribbons at the Manheim Fair and West Lampeter Fair earlier in the Fall. It was after her early successes that she was persuaded to enter into the Farm Show competition.

Mrs. Metzler, who is an accomplished seamstress, said she has always enjoyed entering her sewing at local fairs. She has entered skirts she made for her daughters, dresses for herself, shirts for her husband, and even coats. "I entered several things every year. I have a box full of ribbons."

When she began making dolls in a ceramics class, she made doll clothes for

them and entered them in competition. She says, "I always got a blue ribbon."

About her Farm Show quilt she said, "It is the first quilt I made except for some crib quilts." She then recalled that she had made patchwork quilt tops before she was married, which her grandmother quilted for her.

What Mrs. Metzler did most was sewing for other people. "I made wedding gowns and children's clothing," she said. Her husband, obviously proud of her accomplishments, added, "She made over 1,000 dresses. She was a wonderful seamstress."

Ella Mae recalls that she was apprenticed to a dressmaker at 15, and following her graduation from Hempfield High School in 1928, she studied at a studio in Lancaster to learn to draft patterns.

The mother of three, Ella Mae says she sewed when her children were small, but only "one at a time." There were seven years between each child. Her children are Melvin, Manheim R7; Mrs. Ervin Martin, East Petersburg; and Mrs. Lloyd Goss, East Petersburg. Mrs. Metzler has four grandchildren.

The Metzlers lived on a farm at Manheim R7 on Metzler Road, west of East Petersburg, and, along with sewing for others, Mrs. Metzler drove the tractor

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Two of her earlier projects were afghans made in the afghan stitch. Here Mary Ann poses between the two creations which were given away as gifts.



These ceramic dolls are two examples of the creativity of Ella Mae Metzler. She made the dolls in a ceramic class, then dressed them completely with her sewing skills.