## Catherine Kohl paints her life with activity

BY PAT KAUFFMAN LEESPORT — Catherine Kohl enjoys farms. She likes to paint them and to live on them. But most of all she likes to restore them

For the last eleven years she has concentrated her efforts on their 50 acre alfalfa farm here A tour of

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the house gives the visitor a resume of her time spent the last eleven years

Catherine lives with her husband, Andrew and son, Andy, in a farmhouse built in 1824. The Kohls have three married daughters.

The Kohls were not born farmers While they had

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lived and Mr. Kohl had worked on farms in Lancaster County, their reason for the purchase of a country property was the foresight that "land was going to get dear some day

said her Catherine husband has learned to expect anything when he comes home from work When her remodeling urge hits, he comes home to scenarios like the one a few vears back when she started pulling down the ceiling in their spacious kitchen and family area. Now she says she expected to have the job done and cleaned up before supper, but said what she didn't realize was that two ceilings were covering the beams she hoped to expose

Hubby entered on that evening to quite a mess, she says, and immediately mobilized the kids to aid in the clean up.

Two large stone-faced fireplaces in the home attest to the fact that this petite lady is handy with a trowel. Catherine said that the first two homes they built she helped with. The third home she finished and when she needed something done in this farm home, she got out her tools and did it

She said this her husband

contractor works with remodeling all day. He helps strength for.

she doesn't have sufficient with existing stone from a large walk-in fireplace. The On the kitchen fireplace, only assistance she required



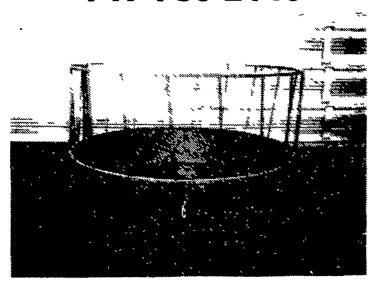
Her love of painting has prompted Catherine to devote a room to her craft. Easels, swivel chair, and useful tables share the room with her latest paintings.



Catherine proudly pointed to the scroll work above the upstairs balcony. She clearly enjoys working with older houses.

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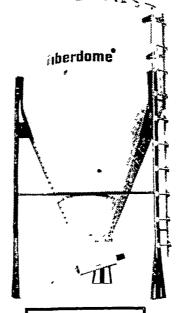
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