

Twins make Heritage Trail #7 twice as nice



From the Herbert and Lucy Frey home it is possible to see the river hills by the Susquehanna River. In the foreground are the newly laid brick sidewalks which match the brick of the house. This will be the first view tour participants will see as they visit the Freys.

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MAYTOWN — The homes of twin brothers will be featured on the Heritage Trail #7, sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Lancaster County Farmers Association on May 5, as part of their annual Ladies Day Out.

Herbert and Harold Frey operate a livestock farm near Maytown, and their homes will be open as part of the morning tour of farm homes in the northwestern sector of the county.

Herbert and Lucy Frey live in a home which was built about 1930 as the living quarters on the main farm, after a portion of the Drew Hiestand Estate was sold. The original farm home remains standing close by, but it is no longer part of the farm. There is a

smaller tenant house on the property.

An interesting feature of the Frey's farm kitchen are the original cupboards in the kitchen. The woodwork in the area was stripped of its many layers of white paint and returned to the original wood in 1973. Although Lucy says it would be nice to have more modern cupboards, she appreciates the original ones. One disadvantage is that the counters are low, but in the remodeling they felt the height could not be changed without ruining the appearance of the cupboards.

They added a counter with stools and matched the wood of the below-counter cupboards to the original wood.

The kitchen once had eight doors, but the Freys removed two



Lucy enjoys making crafts, including padded picture frames. Here, she adjusts one which sits on the hutch which her son made. On the wall is a corn husk wreath which she made.

of the eight, and stripped the original white paint from the others, finishing the wood natural. Because of the height of the kitchen ceilings they added a matching chair rail and paneling to make the room seem cozier.

Upstairs, a quilt which Lucy recently completed, will be on display in the master bedroom. The quilt was pieced by an aunt of Lucy's in the 1920s.

Seven years ago the family remodeled the basement, and now have a family room which features two stone walls, one paneled wall and one wall with original wood. There is a bricked area where their Franklin stove sits and an original beam which can be seen, despite the fact that they lowered the entire ceiling. A pool table and ping pong table offer entertainment, and Lucy says the ping pong table doubles as a dining table when there are guests.

In addition to working in her large garden and strawberry field, Lucy enjoys crafts and there is evidence of her handiwork throughout the house. She makes corn husk and calico wreaths, padded picture frames and enjoys crotching. She adds, "I've always enjoyed sewing and I'd like to get back to it." Her loves of plants shows in almost every room, with many beautiful plants thriving throughout the house.

In addition to liking to read, Lucy is now learning calligraphy.



The top of this quilt was pieced in the 1920s by an aunt of Lucy Frey. Lucy recently completed the quilt and now has it on the bed in the master bedroom of their farm house.

She says, "I enjoy writing." She has written a mother's tribute for her church's mother and daughter banquet. Their son is married and their 21-year-old daughter attends college.

As tour visitors approach the house they will walk across newly laid brick walkways which match the brick of the exterior of the house. A unique feature of the brick on the house is that every seven rows there is a row of brick turned on its end. When asked the purpose of this unusual arrangement, Lucy said, "We would like to know."

The Frey Brothers purchased two farms in 1963 which totaled 265

acres. They presently have 250 head of steers, 60,000 layers and farm 1000 acres of corn, wheat, tobacco, barley and soybeans.

Harold Frey and his wife Barbara live in a brick farmhouse original to that farm. The house, which is about 150 years old, has a fireplace in each of its 11 rooms.

At one point in its history, the center hallway was partitioned off to contain a laundry and bath. It has now been re-opened and makes a gracious entrance into the home with an open staircase going into the second and third floors.

Two and a half years ago a fire destroyed the breezeway and garage and it was re-built at its present location. The breezeway is now closed in to make a comfortable, light family room. "We spend most of our time there," Barbara relates.

The basement also has been redone with exposed stone walls and barn siding on some walls. This will house a craft shop which Barb hopes to open in June. She says, "I am starting my shop as a hobby. It is something I have always wanted to do." The shop has been named "Morning Meadows" to reflect Barbara's feelings that nothing is prettier than morning in a country meadow.

Barb's interest in crafts can be found throughout the house. Most of her crafts involve sewing, and she creates all of them in the



This hutch is the perfect place to display Barb's creative talents. She enjoys sewing all kinds of craft items, often purchasing one to figure out how to make it or improve on it himself. This hutch will be on display in the home on the Ladies Day Out tour on May 5.



Never lacking for craft ideas, Barbara works here on a hat which will grace the fireplace in her daughter's room on the Ladies Day Out tour on May 5. She is also completing a blazing star which will be on display the day of the tour.



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