

Quilter Completes Project for Society 22

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STRASBURG — It began as a fun project. When completed, it was a work of art, one that will be on display at the State Farm Women Convention in Harrisburg this week.

"It was just one of those fun things," Margaret Lefever said of the candlewick quilt she completed for Lancaster County Farm Women Society 22.

The story began when members of Society 22 got together for a craft day. The craft was candlewicking.

"Someone said, 'This is fun let's all get together and make a quilt,'" Margaret explained. Group members liked the suggestion and the project was underway.

Margaret, an avid quilter and member of the Society, found a McCall's pattern that the women decided to use for the candlewick squares. But there were 28 members and only two patterns. So, Margaret came to the rescue by tracing additional patterns.

During the May meeting the blocks of material were handed out and each member was asked to candlewick the pattern. Margaret told the women that in order for her to have the quilt done in time for the Lancaster County Farm Women's Convention in November, all the women had to have their squares done by July.

Margaret explained that some of the women liked to do one of the steps in getting the squares done, while others preferred another task. So, friends in the Society got together and helped each other out with the tasks they did not like to do.

When the squares were returned to Margaret, they all had to be blocked and stretched. And from there Margaret, with the help of her mother, Leah Probst, began to mark the quilt. After it was marked and she and her mother began quilting the material, Margaret decided she did not like how it was marked.

With the infinite patience necessary for quilters, Margaret and her mother took tweezers and pulled the delicate threads out. From there, Margaret decided to go free-hand. She washed the top of the quilt to remove the markings and then quilted by following the design of the candlewicking.

In addition to quilting each of the blocks, Margaret quilted a border of hearts around the edge.

"It was my decision to put a border around here," Margaret said. "A quilt is not finished until you frame it with a border."

Margaret said the ivory candlewick quilt was in the quilting

frame for about two weeks. But she never counts exactly how many hours it takes her to do one quilt.

"I don't want to know how long it took me," Margaret laughed. "I think it would scare me."

Margaret did admit, however, that this quilt took a little more time than the patchwork or embroidered quilts she usually makes.

"It was a little more time consuming than regular quilts," she said, explaining that her quilting thread kept getting caught around the knots in the candlewicking.

"I feel like this quilt is part of me," Margaret laughed.

But the quilt belongs to the entire Society 22, and when it was finished, members wondered what they would do with it after it was displayed at the convention.

Margaret explained that they had some difficulty deciding on a fair way to figure out who should have the quilt. Then, one of the members came up with the suggestion to price the quilt and have members interested in buying it put their names on slips of paper. A name will be drawn from those who entered and that person will buy the quilt.

Although Margaret is pleased with the way the quilt looks, she is accustomed to doing everything on her own when she makes a quilt and prefers the quilts in her house to be done entirely by her.

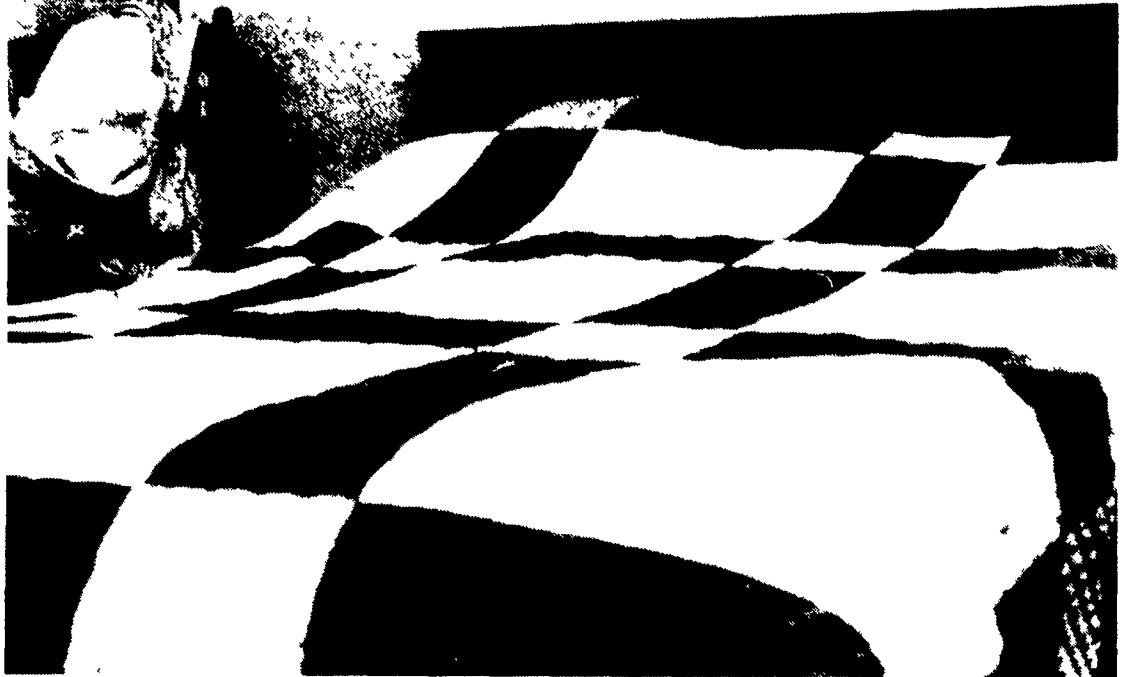
But, although she has been quilting for years, there is only one of her quilts left in her house. All of the others have been made for nieces and nephews when they marry or have babies. And one special two-year-old grandson is the proud owner of six of Margaret's handmade quilts.

"I have books of patterns galore," Margaret said. "But I like to change mine around. I don't like to copy."

Margaret gets some of her patterns from coloring books. She recently made her grandson a quilt for Christmas that featured Santa Claus, Rudolph and Christmas trees. Those patterns were taken from a coloring book.

"It was just one of those things you did," Margaret said of quilting. "After I quit work, I really got into it (quilting)." She said there are seven soon-to-be quilts in her drawer right now, waiting to be quilted.

Hanging at the bottom of the stairs in Margaret's, Strasburg R2 home is this embroidered saying which was given to her for Christmas: "Blessed are the quilters for they shall be called piecemakers."



Of all the quilts that Margaret has made, only this butterfly and flower quilt remains in her house. All others have been given as gifts.



Margaret Lefever completed a quilt that each member of Farm Women Society 22 contributed to. Above, Margaret is seen with the quilt.

Farm Women Hold State Convention

HARRISBURG — Anthony Campolo, St. Davids, will be the featured speaker at the afternoon session of the 65th annual convention of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, held in the Forum of the Education Building, Harrisburg, Jan. 9.

Campolo is chairman of the Department of Sociology and Youth Ministries at Eastern College, St. Davids. He has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, at Regent College of the University of British Columbia, and is a Staley Distinguished Scholar.

He is an ordained Baptist minister who is president and founder of the Evangelistic Association for the Promotion of Education. The organization is involved in educational, medical, and economic programs in various Third World countries. He has authored several books including *The Success Fantasy*, *The Power*

Delusion and A Reasonable Faith.

Preceding Campolo at the convention session beginning at 1 p.m. will be an organ recital on the Forum Pipe Organ by Pat Sherfy, Elizabethtown. The Milton Hershey Glee Club of 30 boys under the direction of Virgil Alexander will present a concert of secular and sacred music. The boys, all students at the Milton Hershey School, range in age from 15 to 18 and are in grades 9 through 12.

The morning session of the 65th annual convention of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania will be called to order by State President, Mrs. D. Merle Baughman at 10 a.m. in the Forum of the Education Building in Harrisburg. The Honorable Penrose Hallowell, secretary of Agriculture, will bring greetings to the farm women representing more than 4000 members of the Society of Farm Women of Penn-

sylvania. Greene County will present devotions; Mrs. Charles



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Bupp, vice president, will lead the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States followed by group singing "America the Beautiful."

Also at the morning session, Lebanon County will conduct a memorial service honoring all state Farm Women who were deceased in 1983. Ushers for the convention are provided from Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Montgomery and York Counties. Awards will be presented in five categories including the presentation of a piece of Farm women jewelry to all Farm women reaching 90 years during 1983, presented by the State President, Mrs. Baughman.

The annual convention banquet will be held Jan. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room of the Penn Harris Motor Inn.

Mrs. Wilbur Erb, past state president who recently returned from a three year mission assignment in Australia, will be the guest speaker. Her topic will be "Who Am I?" Mrs. Erb, formerly

of Harrisburg, now resides at Morgantown, R1.

Kathy Long, Lancaster, will be guest soloist. Mrs. Naomi Bupp, State First Vice President, will be mistress of ceremonies.

The convention business session will be held Jan. 10, in Room E, State Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, with registration at 9 a.m. A state treasurer and two state directors will be elected. The new officers will be installed by Mrs. John N. Hess, Lancaster County, a past state president.



Saturday, Jan. 7

Lancaster Society 6 meets for a "Opening Doors" program by Anna Geyer at the home of Mrs. Bernard Thome.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Lancaster Society 5 meets for an "Auld Lang Syne Party" at Ruth Geesaman's.