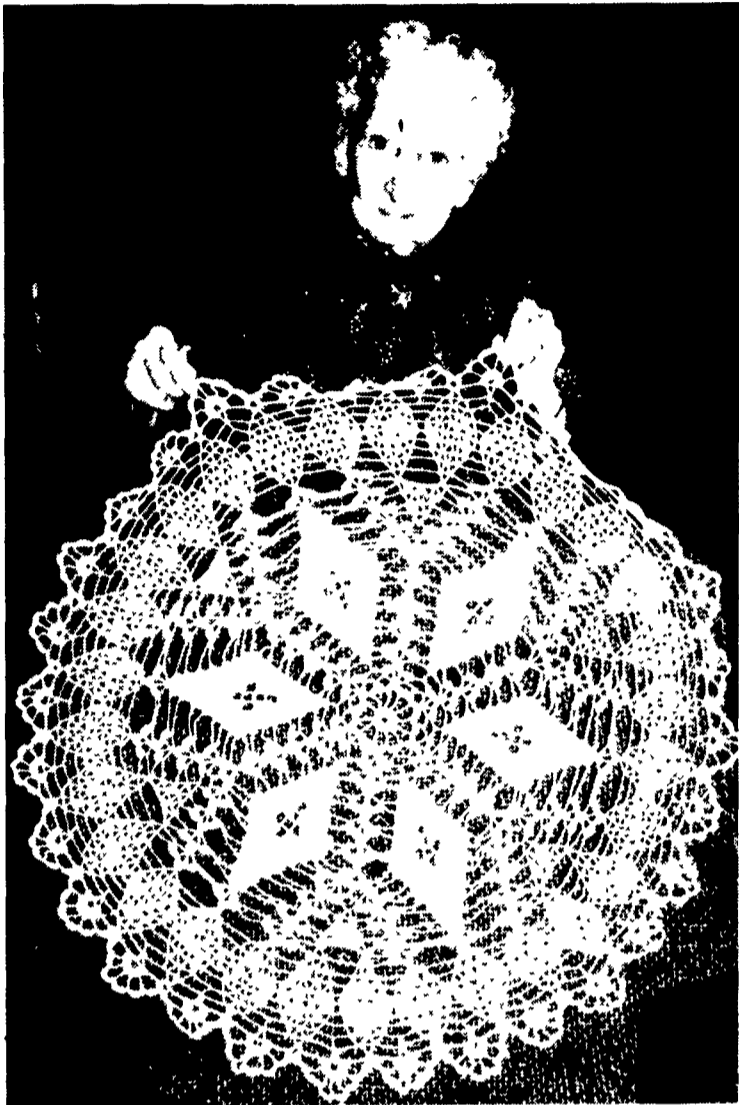


Experienced crocheter creates Last Supper mural with hook and thread

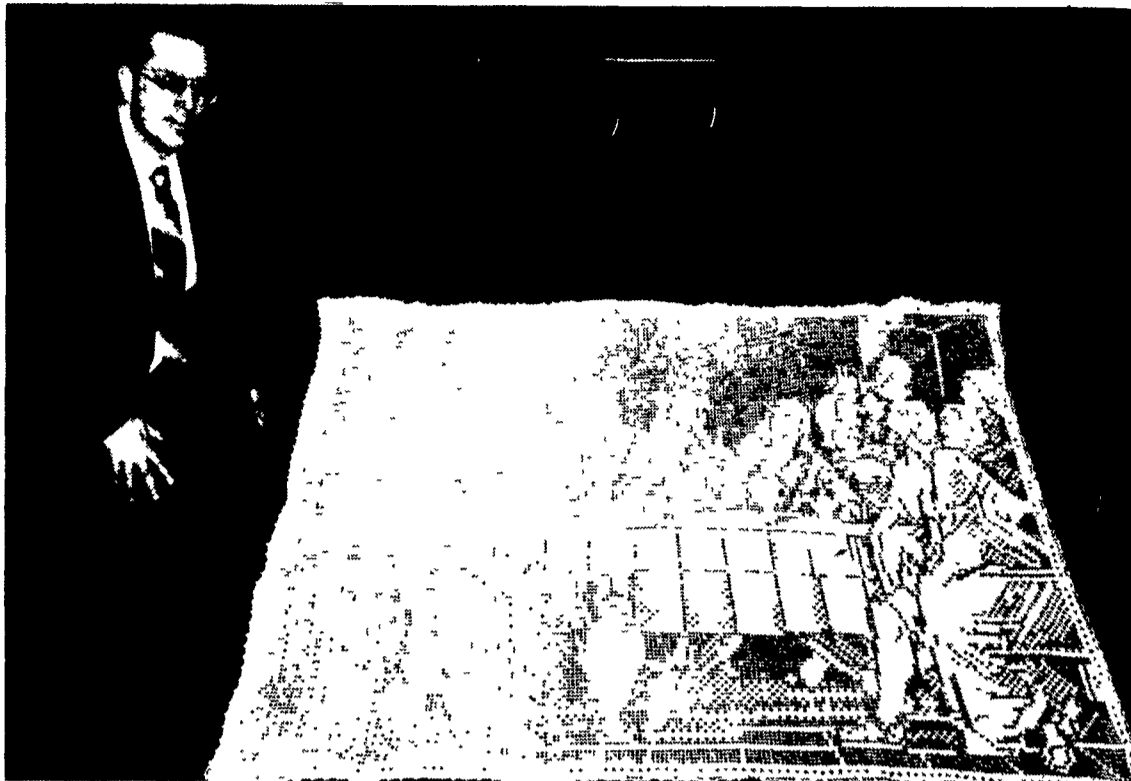
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WILLIAMSPORT — Mrs. Laura Eddinger, 86, of 1533 Memorial Avenue couldn't crochet just one; instead she crocheted five murals of the Last Supper like the one she recently presented to the First

Baptist Church in Williamsport. Each mural measures 62x58 inches and was created by using a 100-year-old communion cloth from the Duboistown Methodist Church as a pattern. Crocheted along the left side of the mural are the name of the church, the



Mrs. Laura Eddinger displays her "cross and crown of thorns" pattern doily.



Rev. Allen H. Goss, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Williamsport, shows the hand-crocheted mural of the Last Supper, Mrs. Laura Eddinger recently presented to the church.

pastor's name, year, and Mrs. Eddinger's initials. Mrs. Eddinger completed the last mural in one month.

According to Mrs. Eddinger, Rev. John Piper, Jr. of Grace United Methodist Church, Williamsport, for whom she had crocheted a doily centerpiece, first approached her last July asking her to crochet a mural of the Last Supper using the old communion

cloth as a pattern for his church.

"Oh, he was just in love with it," Mrs. Eddinger exclaimed, reporting Rev. Piper's reaction. So much so that Rev. Piper requested an additional mural for himself, which Mrs. Eddinger produced.

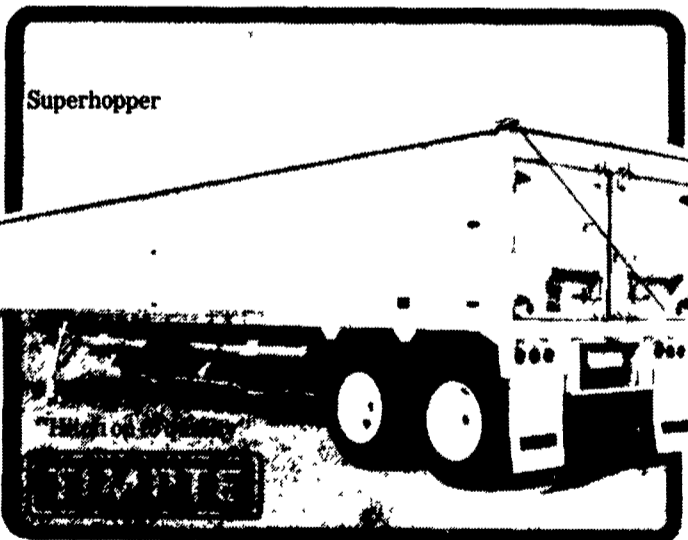
One thing led to another and Mrs. Eddinger decided to crochet a mural for the Lutheran Church at Cogan Station in memory of her husband and her mother-in-law.

The fourth mural was sent to Bozman, MT and was done, Mrs. Eddinger said, in memory of the Snay family. The fifth mural, of course, was completed for the First Baptist Church.

"It was tedious to do it," Mrs. Eddinger said, "Every row was different, but I knew Rev. Piper and Rev. Goss wanted them."

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