

The Quilt Shop

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are seated in the Lincoln Rockers made in Lancaster County by Amish families. Vicki Gilbert works in The Quilt Shop and makes many of the stuffed items that are found there.

For \$89, the 20-by-24 framed, signed limited edition copy of Noah's Ark by Jean Smith is a real find. "The colors are so different," commented Lew. "It's different from any Noah's Ark picture I ever saw," he continued, "because this is after the flood." The print is hand stenciled and comes framed or unframed.

When examining the unique wares of the shop, don't overlook the pieces on which they are displayed. Underneath those German Smokers from the Black Forest, and the porcelain dolls, Williamsburg candles, pillows, handpainted Bavarian dishes, ceramic figurines, handknitted sweaters, pewter jewelry, and chow-chow, are handcrafted pieces of furniture which are like no other. The hutches, tables and benches are made from re-sawn lumber acquired from barns and covered bridges, mostly from the Lancaster County area.

Customers share the same problem that Kitty expressed; "tearing myself away from downstairs." But, the trip upstairs is worth it for needlecrafts.

There are about 150 different plastic quilting stencils from the selection of supplies. The walls are lined with 700 bolts of calico materials, most of them 100 percent cotton. It's like looking at a rainbow. There are about 135 different blues alone, in little

prints, bigger prints, florals, checks, plaids, solids and borders.

The prints are priced from \$3.59 to \$3.79 per yard and the solids sell for \$3.19 per yard. "We sell about 1,000 to 1,500 yards of material per month," estimated Lew.

Also available from the upper level are about 70 different pillow panels, imported lace panels from Belgium, France and Holland, needlecraft kits and quilting frames. Lew is currently expanding the upstairs area to accommodate more needlecraft kits. He makes the 110-inch long quilting frames in his shop. They sell for \$125 — while they last.

"Quilting is a needlecraft that is here to stay," says Kitty. She assists her customers in planning quilt designs. "It makes you feel good when you've helped somebody," she said. One of the biggest thrills for Kitty is "when they bring their quilts in here to show me."

Kitty has become so involved with the quilting end of the business that she now offers classes for all abilities. "A lot of working girls want to do this, but don't have the time," she explained. That is the reason she established the "Speed Piecing" class in which students make five quilt tops in as many weeks. She brings in experts to lead the classes in cross-stitch, stenciling, and quilting.

Lew and Kitty Hillard operate The Quilt Patch with a goal in mind. "We always have stood on quality," said Kitty, "and it has paid off. It's pretty hard to sell something you're not proud of."

The Quilt Patch is located at 1897

Hanover Pike, Littlestown, Pennsylvania, 17340. For information on classes or to receive the newsletter, *The Quilt Patch Dispatch*, write or call 717-359-5940. Open year round, Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. April 1 through Dec. 24, Sunday, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The Quilt Patch is one of a trio of shops in the area which offers unique items. Koonys Barn at 1295 Frederick Pike, Littlestown, Pa. 17340, is a treat for those looking for treasures with a country flavor. It is "filled to the rafters" with primitive furniture, crocks, cupboards, restored trunks, Rowe pottery, whirligigs and more. 717-359-7411

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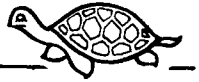
Members of York County 4-H Council met March 3 at the North Codorus Township Building. Gary Miller informed the group on plans for 4-H Alumni Night and Oona Hord reported on a successful officer's training.

Other old business discussed was the 4-H Auction, Washington Weekend, Hospital Fete Petting Zoo and square dancing at Pleasant Acres.

Members later observed a court hearing with Magistrate Paul M. Diehl Jr. presiding. A question and answer session followed the hearing.

The next meeting will be held March 31 at Roll-R-Way at the Delco Plaza from 7 to 10 p.m. This will be the only skating party held this year. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to support the event.

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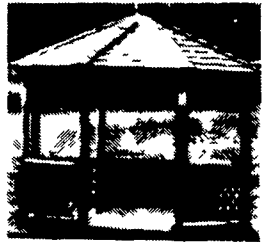
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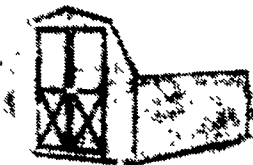
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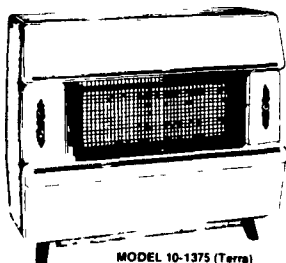
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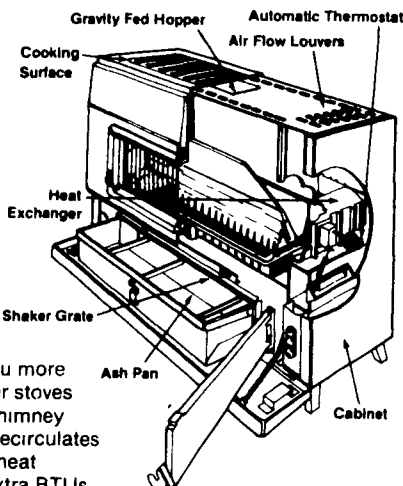
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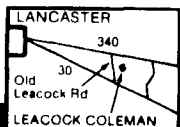


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