



Jaye and Daisy Knepper stand by an ice box that Jaye refinished. Daisy painted the still-life on the left and Jaye handcrafted the sconce.

Retired Couple

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where they now live. They milked until 1974. Jaye, also 67, raises corn and alfalfa on the 85 acres and raises heifers for other farmers. They have three children, two boys and a girl, none of whom are involved with the farming operation.

"My first love is the land and Holstein cows, and my second is woodworking," says Jaye, who went to night school in 1971 to learn the craft. He had heard a lot of talk about diversifying, and thought that woodworking would be "a pleasant supplement."

In 1981 he built a large Morton shed which is a combination farm shop, machinery shed and wood-working shop. All the shop machinery is on wheels, all the lights on swivels. He has built six full-sized grandmother clocks here, restored various pieces of furniture for customers, and built a mantel clock which won first place at the Franklin County Fair in 1984.

His current project is restoring an antique rowboat for a customer. "It was junk when I started with it," he related. "I have about 45 hours of labor in it." The fourteen foot long boat is at least 75 years old and seats five or six people. It is covered with fiberglass, a material he had never worked with before. "I took it on as a challenge," he said.

His favorite piece of shop equipment is the lathe. "When I want to relax, I play with the lathe," he said. He learned the technique from a craftsman at the Franklin County Fair several years ago, and can turn anything from small thimbles and bells to baby rattles on it. He needs to keep current with such fine work. "If you don't turn anything for two weeks," he explained, "then, when you go back to it, you think something's wrong with the machinery; it's that touchy."

Jaye is also a fan of old farm machinery. He has a 1968 John Deere 4020 which he cleaned and

refinished and now uses often in his farming operation. He also has a small antique twelve horsepower John Deere H series tractor which he plans on restoring. "It doesn't need much done to it," he said.

The farmhouse contains a blend of the talents of both spouses. The kitchen cupboards and refinished antiques are Jaye's handiwork. Daisy's paintings, for which Jaye made the frames, hang in every room. They love their home and its tree-shaded grounds and have no plans to move anywhere else. "We'd feel penned up if we moved to a house," Jaye said. "We'll just

Montgomery County 4-H Teens Win At Fashion Review

Creating your own clothes is fun, money-saving, and a great way to learn decision-making along with clothing construction skills. Over forty 4-H members modeled their own creations at the County 4-H Fashion Revue, one of the yearly highlights of the 4-H Clothing Program, held recently at the Peter Becker Community in Harleysville.

Five seniors, ages 14-19, and three juniors, ages 13 and under, were selected to represent Montgomery County 4-H Program at the Southeast Region 4-H Fashion Revue, July 24, at Ursinus College.

Senior representatives included Judy Park, North Wales; Rachel Benner, Lansdale; Lisa Finin, Collegeville; Lisa Koehler, Souderton; and Clorinda O'Leary, Green Lane.

Selected juniors were Danielle Detweiler, Souderton; Samantha Candy, Hatfield; and Kristen Schickling, Hatfield.

Two of the seniors, Judy Park and Lisa Koehler, were selected to represent Southeastern PA at the State 4-H Fashion Revue, held at

Penn State University earlier this month. Both scored high, with Lisa placing in the top ten of the state.

The entrants are judged on garment construction, fit, degree of construction difficulty, appropriateness of garment for the 4-H member and modeling ability. All participants receive small prizes provided by local businesses such as Harleysville National Bank, Harleysville Savings Association, Harleysville Dairy Queen, Stroehmann, Hennings Market, Continental Bank, the Souder Store, and Mellon Bank. Prizes for the winners were donated by "SEW NEWS" and Lansdale Discount House.

By participating in the series of county, regional and state revues, 4-H Clothing and textile members have a chance to turn self-consciousness into self-confidence. They learn about wardrobe selection, the importance of good posture, physical fitness, and other aspects of grooming. Sharing newly-learned knowledge and skills with other participants is also an important part of the program.

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Admirers of their crafts hope they will "hang on" there a long time, pursuing their artistic talents.



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