## A New Craftsman In The Area



An active participant in exhibi-

tions and competitions she has had

work accepted in over 20 juried shows in three states and received

citations for textiles, prints and pen

and ink drawings. In October, a

woodcut print was purchased by Canton (Ohio) Art Institute for

their permanent collection. Surely Janet Crosson will be busy

at her loom and in other endeavors

of craftmanship next spring. Be-

cause of the newcomer in the family,

she requests that folks interested in

visiting her studio, telephone for an

However, formal art classes in school and college added greatly

to her range of interests and techniques. Independent study in Swed-

ish weaving was undertaken at Ohio University (Athens, Ohio) in

addition to instruction in ceramics,

photography and commercial arts.

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appointment first.

A new craftsman in the area is Janet Crosson of 142 No. Lehigh Street in Shavertown. She has demonstrated handweaving and wood block printing at the Library Auction and Rotary Fair; her textiles, drawings and graphics were exhibited at both events.

Since moving to Shavertown in July, Mrs. Crosson has completed more than eighty woven articles, including a baby blanket for daughter Ketra, born on November 7th.

Holiday time in previous years has found her busily producing work on commission for others. However, this year Janet completed her last commission in August and selected to concentrate for the first time on woven articles for personal Christmas giving. Fortunately, a small selection of individual mats and pillows are available for sale and may be seen at the Crosson home.

Since 1958, Janet has designed several series of notepaper which are unique and colorful. One popular series features unusual spice herb containers, another antique kitchen woodenware. A package of ten notes and envelopes makes an ideal inexpensive gift. It is not surprising that the most recent series produced features the equipment of spinners and weavers.

Creative projects were begun in pre-school days and Janet's interest in all kinds of handwork steadily developed. She finds it difficult to pin point when she first began, as she was introduced to printing presses at her father's place of business before she was six, and bead and pot holder 'looms' have always seemed familiar.

## INDIA

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economic activity. Giant dams, new steel plants, fertilizer-factories, machine-making industries, atomic power stations, refineries-these are all linked to the National Plans.

The best traditions of classical art are, to some extent still pre-served in the temples. Among the most famous Indian art treasures are the murals in the cave temples of Ajanta. Modern Indian art is known for its virilty and multitude of styles.

Vharat-Natyam, Kathakali, and Manipuri are some of the classical and highly stylized expressions of faity in which gestures and footwork play their allotted roles.

Festivals are dear to the Indians. That is why so many Indians celebrate so many of them. Many are linked with the year's harvests. But there are a great many festivals woven around the tales of India's two great Epics, while others are religious in their inspiration.

India is a paradise for the souvenir hunter. Inexpensive objects of utility and art, produced at the simple homes of craftsmen all over the country, present a bewildering variety of skill color and expres

In richer materials, the same quality of the joy of creation and a continuing tradition of fineworkmanship are apparent. And what a wealth of objects India has to offer in this line-Kashmiri shawls, Banarasi brocades, intricate jew elry, ivory carvings and inlaid metalware.

Much of the skill and sense of color displayed in the production of India's myriad handicrafts stems from inherited traditions that are nearly as old as the country's

Roshan R. Billimoria International Rotary Exchange Student From India

## FRANK JACKSON SAYS:

bird-feeders.

their feeders.

He says that several varieties of woodpeckers may be expected, including pileated, hairy, downy and sapsuckers.

Chickadees and blue-jays,

Put out beef suet, says Frank; sunflower seeds, wild seeds, mixtures of cornmeal and grease, cracked nuts, and bread

After graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in 1958, Janet enrolled at Haystack Mt. School of Crafts (Liberty, Maine) where she studied textiles under weaver-designers Jack Lenor Larsen and Azalea Thorpe, and wood design, under William Brown, later working in New York City for Miss Thorpe. Janet instructed weaving at Grailville School for Women (Cincinnati) and various craft media for the Richland County School for retarded Children, Mansfield Fine Arts Guild Center and Conrad House Senior Citizen's Center all of Mansfield, Ohio.

Frank Jackson, Bird-Man of Harveys Lake, who no longer spends his winters here, casts a regretful eye toward his empty

Frank, writing from Vestal, N. Y., alerts bird-lovers in this area to watch for some pretty unusual feathered visitors to

tufted titmice ruby and goldencrowned kinglets, white and red breasted nuthatches, brown creepers, shrikes, winter wrens, Carolina wrens, starkings, purand gold finches, pine grosbeaks, evening grosbeaks, cardinals, red-polls, pine siskins, white-winged crossbills, juncoes, song sparrows and tree sparrows, and snow bunt-

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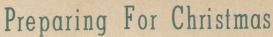
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Our best laid plans often bring disappointment but God's plan of salvation brings true happiness to all who receive the Gift of His Son.

Rev. L. E. Peterson Monroe Baptist Chruch

In the immortal words of Scrooge's nephew, in "A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say, Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round-apart from the veneration due to its sacred origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-travellers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, thought it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God

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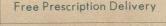


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