Grace & John Steele

by Bridgette Correale

Did you ever have a day

when you wished you

hadn't gotten out of bed?

Saturday was my day.

Woke up at 6:12 a.m. (Have

a digital clock) saw the

bright sunshine peeking

through the shades and

bounced out of bed to begin

my thousand and one

For several hours I

cleaned, scrubbed, cooked

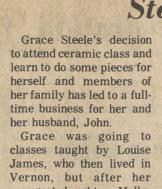
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chores.

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Steeles ceramics hobby leads to full-time business



classes taught by Louise James, who then lived in Vernon, but after her youngest daughter, Molly, now six years of age, was born, she did not have time to attend as often as before. She solved that by going to class, starting a piece and bringing it home to finish Before too long, John be-

came interested in her work and started to help her. Then he did some on his own and the Steeles were hooked on ceramics. When the James' house

was put on the market, John and Grace purchased it, including the greenware and other materials Louise

and answered the phone,

which rang every ten

minutes. I was kind of ex-

cited, for my new car was

being delivered, and come

one o'clock I was going to

test it out by going shop-

James had at the time. In the small studio in their home, they conducted classes and also made and children are in school.

sold ceramics to friends. John, an engineer with Commonwealth Telephone Co., began to experiment with molds and finally came up with originals "Captain 'N' The Kids". He became licensed to use the characters in ceramics and still has the original

Grace bought her own kiln and she and her friends fired many pieces to fill orders. The business grew until their home at Vernon was no longer large enough so they took a big step and built their Greenwoods Crafts Wholesale-Retail Studio on Route 118 at Pikes Creek.

The studio opened in mid-April, 1975, and the Steeles have kept busy. John left the telephone

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company and works full time in the business as does Grace, now that all the

The Steeles no longer make their own molds. They did it for a while but the other demands on their time made it impossible to continue in that direction. Later, they sold all the molds, with the exception of the "Captain 'N' The Kids", to a local manufacturer who specializes in

making the plaster molds. Grace and John now specialize in greenware, selling it and also finishing pieces on order.

People order ceramics as gifts for all times of the year. Easter, shower gifts, weddings, birthdays, Christmas, or thank you items are in great demand.

In addition, the Steeles have classes every Tuesday night, 7 to 9 p.m. Presently, they are conducting ceramic seminars, the first one May 15, 16 and 17; the second one June 9, 10, and 11. Factory representatives will demonstrate kinds of paints, newest techniques, and the blend ing or mixing of colors.

Tuesdays through Saturdays, the business is open to sell merchandise and work on orders from customers.

The couple fire all their own greenware and that of the students who attend Tuesday night classes. They also do it for others in the area who have no kiln of their own.

Grace and John have four children, Linda, age 15; John 14; Chris, nine; and Molly, six. All of them are interested in doing ceramics but nine year old Chris seems to enjoy working with them more than his older sister and brother. Six year old Molly

Hession, Lynn Ritts,

Robert Oley, Mike Hession,

Jim Michaels and Maggie

Sporting a gorgeous sun-

tan is Joan Gdosky who re-

cently returned from a

Marge Angelicola flew to

North Carolina to help

celebrate her mom's 80th

Pumpkin face, Missy

Yoniski will celebrate her

seventh birthday, April 15.

I can't believe how fast

Happy to hear that Millie

Espen is recuperating at

home following her stay in

Returning from an ex-

tended tour of North

Carolina and Illinois is

Frances Dress. Mrs. Dress

these children grow.

Mercy Hospital.

vacation in Florida.

Drapiewski.

birthday.

is the real artist of the children, according to her mother. She works at them

all of the time. Among the most popular

pieces during the past year are planters and, of course at this season of the year, Easter items.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover

Shavertown couple wed 35 years Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Hoover, Sr., 168 Cedar Ave., Shavertown will

wedding anniversary on April 19. The couple was married April 19, 1941. They will be guests of

ity, in the field of scouting.

At a reception on Saturday,

Peg received this award

from Bishop J. Carroll

Monday evening, diets

flew right out the window

as women filled their

plates at Gate of Heaven's

Altar and Rosary Society's

annual covered dish

supper. And you can rest

assured Oak Hill's repre-

sentatives: Yo Tomaselli,

Helen Kishkill, Rose

Mohen and yours truly, did

their fair share. In fact -

If that dinner didn't kill

me, Thursday evening

Gate of Heaven's Holy

Name Society sponsored

their annual Sportsman

Banquet where they gave

tribute to the school's girls

and boys basketball teams,

cheerleaders and res-

pected coaches. Oak Hill

students receiving recog-

nition were: Martha

Hession, Mary Jean Onzik,

Lauren Schleich, Michael

and Walter Blewjas, Louis

Correale, Jim Michaels,

Marty Onzik, Mike Hession

and Ron and Ricky Ritts.

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Passarella's upon the

death of Irene's brother

Joe Gnall of Sheldon, Conn.

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celebrate their 35th

honor at a dinner in their honor given by their children at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Patrick Connolly, Westmoreland Hills, Trucksville.

Guests will include the guests of honor; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover, Jr., and son, Jeff; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Radnovich and daughter, Tracy; Mr. and Mrs. Fran Hoover, Sr., and son, Fran, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Connolly and children, P.J., Dick and Molly.

Erbs to celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Erb, Dalton, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, Sat., April 17. They were married April

17, 1926, in Wilkes-Barre. Mrs. Erb is a former Back Mountain resident. She is the former Nora Weaver, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver, Centermoreland. Erb is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Erb,

Dushore. A family dinner will be held at Shadowbrook Saturday followed by open house at the home of Mrs Erb's sister, Ethel Cooper at Centermoreland. Friends and relatives of the area are invited to call between 2 and 4 p.m.

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At noon, my husband pulls in the driveway with thumbs down. The car wasn't working right, and that was the end

of my shopping spree because you know how terrific I am with my husband's stick-shift car. Knowing how disappointed I was, Vin suggested he take me shopping.

Stopped in Luzerne to pick-up some pieces of ceramics, and a policeman came over and was ready to give me a ticket for parking in the wrong direction. (Vin was driving and I was getting the ticket-you figure that one). As it turned out, the nice

officer just gave me a warning and helped me in and out of the store.

As I made myself comfortable in our "3 by 4" car, I looked at my new raincoat and saw the left side was all marked-up with blue ink from a pen that was sticking out through my pocketbook.

I was so disgusted, I was nauseous, but on I went. As the day progressed, I fell into the car, (most

people fall out, I fall in) bruised my left knee and ripped the right knee on my pants. To top off the day, I went to a local restaurant and dropped a whipped cream dessert in my lap. Do you blame me for wishing I had stayed in bed?

Belated birthday greetings to Red Jones who celebrated his big day, April 2. The Tomaselli's Fred,

Yolanda, Pete and Joe, joined the Correale's for an old-fashioned Palm Sunday dinner where loads of food are mixed with love and

Friday evening several Oak Hill youngsters were awarded prizes for their outstanding projects and art displays at the science fair and art exhibit, annually presented at Gate of St. Anne Medal and Heaven School. Receiving awards were: Martha

joined other members of her family for a delightful vacation. Somewhere between March and April is the birthday of Rock's father. Believe me, this has to be the best kept secret in town. Will the real Ray Iwanowski stand up and

accept our happy birthday Congratulations to Mrs Robert Cartier who was the recipient of the "Diocesan Award" for her work with



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