

Marian Zurinski transmits enthusiasm

Enthusiasm and energy prevail in the Frank Zurinski family of Harveys Lake and there's little doubt from whom it's inherited.

Mrs. Zurinski "Marian" radiates enthusiasm throughout her entire conversation whether she talks about her family, work, crafts, bingo, or friends.

The former Marian Maceiko, whose parents lived at Harveys Lake since 1954, she was born and raised in Hanover Township and graduated from Hanover Township High School. She also graduated from College Misericordia with a degree in secondary education with an English major.

"I first taught in Netcong, N.J., for three years after graduation from college," said Marian. "Then I returned to the area and taught in West Wyoming for a short time until I married Frank, who lived in Luzerne.

"We moved to Dunellen, N.J., where we lived until we came to the Lake in 1967."

The Zurinskis have three children, Debbie, sophomore at College Misericordia; Mark, junior at Lake-Lehman High School; and Judy, freshman at Lake-Lehman.

All three are just as enthusiastic as their mother leading one to believe enthusiasm might be infectious.

Debbie was a member of the award-winning

Lake-Lehman Band, and Judy is currently a member. But not Mark, who prefers to play baseball.

Marian Zurinski teaches English at Hanover, where she started in 1967. "I continue to teach so I don't have to do any work at home," she said. But we suspect that is not exactly so since her home is attractively furnished and immaculate.

She confessed that although she complains, she loves working with the students. In 1973, she took a group of 30 students to England and in 1974, she accompanied nine students to Spain. Her daughter, Debbie, also went with them to England.

Marian has been an avid supporter of the high school band in past years and has followed it to Canada twice, West Virginia, Virginia twice, and to Sherburne.

She has a busy schedule at school—teaches six classes, 200-250 students daily—also has one study hall and a homeroom.

The Zurinski home needs no calendar for each holiday or season of the year is evidenced by several of the crafts which decorate the rooms according to date.

Crafts and bingo are Marian's special leisure time interests.

She does a lot of weaving (a fast disappearing art). On her livingroom wall is a wall hanging which won a blue

ribbon at the Luzerne County Fair. On the Early American davenport are several woven pillows, and when the occasion warrants Marian has a gray woven purse which also won a blue ribbon at the Fair.

As a departure from the average pine cone wreaths, Marian makes pine cone baskets which she fills with fruits or gourds. These make lovely gifts.

She also makes some unusual items such as Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls of various colored felt attached to ceiling tiles, then framed.

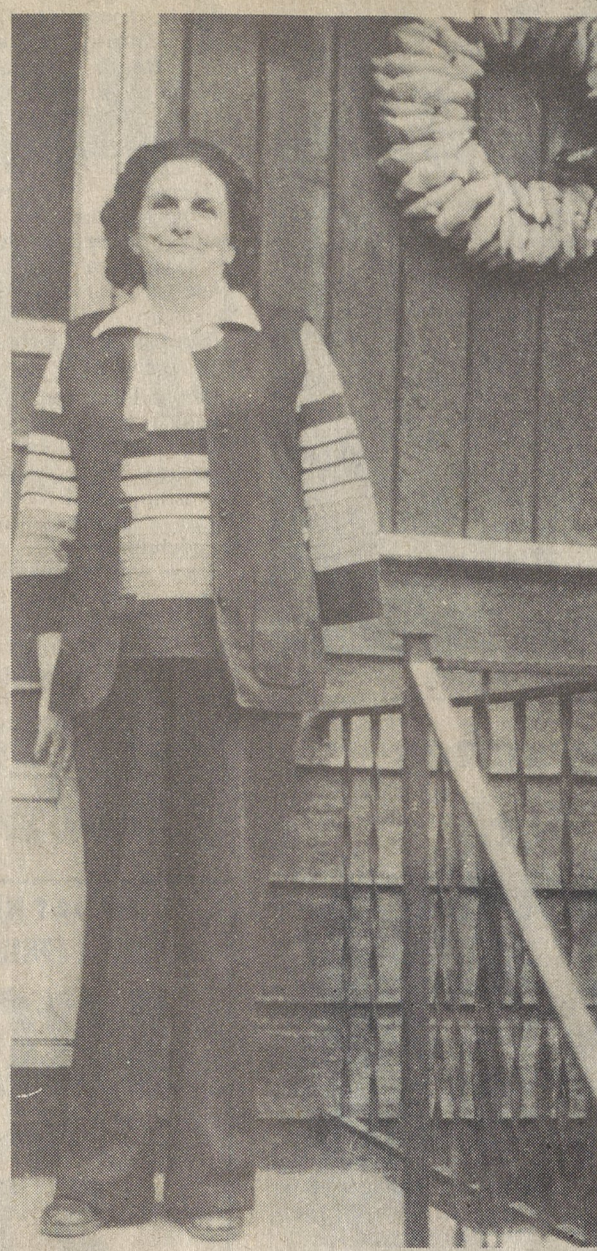
Within the next week or so, Marian will begin to make beaded ornaments for the family Christmas tree.

For the past two years, she has demonstrated weaving at the Folk Festival held in the Kingston Armory.

In addition to the above crafts, Marian also does macrame, knitting, crocheting and embroidery. Among her current projects is an embroidered tablecloth. She has completed numerous afghans, so many that members of the family have their favorite ones for camping.

Marian's mother taught her the various types of needlework.

Each member of the



Marian Zurinski

family has his or her individual Christmas stockings knitted by Marian. She also embroiders hand towels for use during the holiday season, and makes raffia dolls for the holidays.

This week the characters made for Halloween are being put away and out will come Tom Turkey and Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim and other related characters.

Marian plays the piano and cherishes the baby grand piano which stands in one corner of the livingroom. "It is more than 50 years old," she said. "And just as beautiful as the day it was made—but it does need to be tuned."

She loves to swim and makes good use of Hanover Township High School's swimming pool and, of course, the lake during the summer.

"For years I played taxi driver, transporting the children from here to there but now that Debbie and Mark drive and have their own cars, I have more time for myself."

An assistant Brownie Girl Scout leader for a year, Marian also is former treasurer of the school's credit union. She is a member of Cocaluschu and the Lake-Lehman Band Parents Association.

One year she was honorary chairman of the band's Christmas dinner

and was responsible for having the dinner moved out of the cafeteria and to the Country Club. That year she made poinsettia pins for everyone at the dinner.

Marian also is a member of the National Education Association, Pennsylvania Education Association and the Hanover Area Education Association.

She raises African violets and for two years she took gourmet classes at Luzerne County Community College.

"I learned to prepare a variety of different foods," said Marian. "She experimented on us," said her children, all of whom were present at the meeting between Marian and the Post reporter.

"I enjoy raising flowers out-of-doors in season," said Marian "but we have no vegetable garden. Our soil conditions are not right."

Marian loves camping and each year most of the family spend several weeks camping at the Jersey Shore in their camper. The Zurinskis also do a lot of traveling and have been from Montreal, Maine, all along the Eastern Coast to the southern tip of Florida. They also are avid Phillies fans and travel to Philadelphia quite often to see their favorite team.

"My favorite past

time," said Marian laughing. "Is watching other people work. But I love to work myself as long as it is not housework."

While in England with the group of students, they stayed in a college dormitory. Debbie left a note for the girl in whose room she stayed. The girl turned out to be a Japanese girl who wrote to Debbie. They became pen pals and have exchanged some lovely gifts. Debbie's most recent was a beautiful, large Japanese doll. The two girls hope someday to visit one another.

Marian's most recent prized possessions are an antique clock which she had put in running condition, and the game ball she won at the Hanover-Lake-Lehman game.

"I think I'll have the players of both teams autograph it," said Marian. "After all I teach at Hanover and I graduated from Hanover. My children attend Lake-Lehman. Debbie graduated from Lake-Lehman. It makes for a perfect situation."

An afternoon with the Zurinski family is an afternoon of laughs and optimism—problems, economics, society—are forgotten for a short time. That is Marian Zurinski's contribution to the area—enthusiasm, love for living.

Evans receives Eagle Scout

H. Evans, 3rd, was formally awarded his Eagle Scout Rank with bronze palm, by Boy Scout Troop 206, at a special Court of Honor held recently.

Evans, who fulfilled his Eagle requirements in June, traveled to Philmont Ranch this summer. He started his scouting career as a Cub Scout in 1972. He served as a Den Chief, assistant patrol and patrol leader and is now senior patrol leader of Troop 206.

Evans Eagle project was restoration of the hospital hut and the trail leading to it in Valley Forge National Park.

He is a sophomore at Conestoga High School where he is a member of the Pioneer football team and member of the student council.

Evans is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Veitch, Claude Street, Dallas, and the late Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Evans of Ashley.

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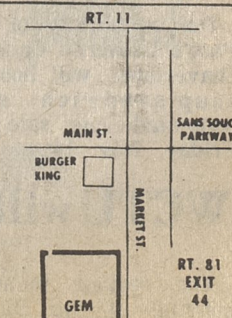
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