

# SPRING FEVER ISSUE



**SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT  
LAWN & GARDEN CARE**

## Mrs. Sloan explains her long time favorite hobby, needlepoint

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PAINT THE PORCH

PLANT SHRUBS

REDECORATE THE LIVING ROOM

PUT IN THE NEW PATIO

PANEL THE BASEMENT

WALLPAPER THE BEDROOMS

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BUY A NEW STOVE

NEW SPOUTING

STICK ONIONS

BUILD AN ADDITION TO THE HOUSE

Needlepoint has become the latest rage in craftwork, but Mrs. G. Walter Sloan of Mount Joy has been involved in needlepoint since long before it was fashionable. As a hobby, Mrs. Sloan has extensively decorated the interior of her home with needlepoint projects.

Mrs. Sloan works in three mediums—crewel, needlepoint, and embroidery, and needlepoint is her favorite, although crewel runs "a close second".

Mrs. Sloan explained the differences among crewel, needlepoint, and embroidery. Crewel is basically a wool thread worked on linen. Embroidery is a cotton thread worked on linen, and needlepoint is a wool or acrylic thread worked on canvas.

The needlepoint threads and canvases can be of different thicknesses and can be bought as a kit. The canvases can be painted or unpainted. A painted canvas has the picture or design already imprinted on it so that the threads can be woven through it accordingly. Unpainted canvases are for people who want to create their own pictures or designs.

There are many different types of stitches for needlepoint including the continental stitch and the half cross stitch. The needle for needlepoint must have a



Mrs. Sloan sits amid needlepoint picture, handbag and pillow.

## Shop carefully when furniture shopping

When buying new furniture, shop carefully to find suitable furnishings without overspending. Try the following shopping suggestions.

Before going to the store, take a realistic look at your family's needs. List the activities that take place in each room to help decide what furniture is necessary.

Familiarize yourself with the price ranges of furniture you are interested in to avoid impulse buying and to stay within your budget.

Look through magazines, newspapers, books, publications, and other sources of consumer information. This will help you ask the right questions when shopping.

When you are ready, buy the best quality furniture

you can afford suited for your needs. Sit on chairs and sofas, check joint construction and shake furniture to check sturdiness. Read labels, hang tags, and seals to learn all you can about the furniture. Ask questions if you don't understand certain terms.

Check the terms of guarantees and warranties. Know what is covered and

for how long, who is responsible for meeting the terms and what your responsibilities involve.

Know the store's policies and procedures. Reputable dealers stand behind their merchandise. Finally, before signing on the dotted line, be sure you have compared prices and services in several stores for the best value.