

### AMERICANA HANDCRAFTS INSPIRE LIFE-STYLE

From border to border and coast to coast, American women are taking fashion and home decor matters into their own hands, with the aim to create personal life-style statements that proclaim "This is me!" Naturally, their problem is where to look for ideas and techniques.

"McCall's Needlework & Crafts Magazine has the answer," says publisher Nan Comstock, "with the Americana handcrafts which we feature throughout our fall-winter issue! There are fashions to knit and crochet for everyone; bazaar items to make; Americana home decor — settings and accents inspired by different sections of the country; nostalgia; children's crafts; enough different looks and techniques to fulfill any number of life-styles!"

Highlights of Americana handcrafts in the issue are:

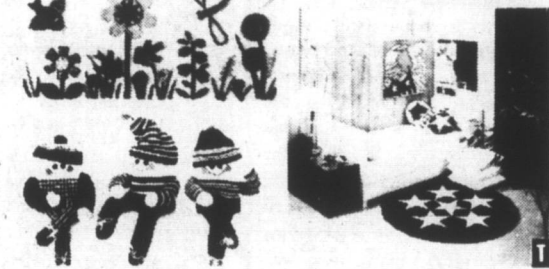
In *Fashion Boutique*: 15 dresses, both knitted and crocheted, include glittering evening dresses, pants suits — two in Irish patterns; Jr. pants — including suspender style; three handsome pullovers for men; ponchos for the whole family; accessories for all; children's colorful knits.

In *Bazaar*: Amusing, cuddly toys — animals to make on a flower loom; knitted "character" beanbags; lots of macramé; a happy puppet pair.

In *Decorator Crafts*: The theme, "From Sea to Shining Sea" is represented by an abstract picture in applique and embroidery, showing mountains, lakes, and rivers in the continental United States. Three room settings are given:

A city apartment for Moon-Age living — if this is your thing, make the latch-hooked "Satellite" rug with galaxy designs! A country cottage room with patriotic decor (on cover) and Parsons bed is dressed up with pillows and bolsters. The Western ranch-style bedroom, with "Desert Sunrise" rug worked in latch-hook technique, is accented with macramé hangings (on cover).

*Household Needlework* offers a crocheted starry af-



The sparkling red-white-and-blue cover shows: A long at-home dress for a snug winter's eve — knitted in a jacquard pattern of bright yellow, orange, green; powerful Eagle and Liberty Bell pictures worked in quick point, and felt star pillows — patriotic decor for a country cottage room. The three little characters in knitted outfits, fitted over coffee cans or cocoa boxes, are children's banks — find the money slot under each hat! A glue-appliqued picture of bird and bug communing with flowers was inspired by ecology. The macramé items — a wall hanging with copper disks, and "slips" for vase-planters — are from eleven macramé decorator accents and personal accessories; all tied in the knots which sailors out of New Bedford learned on long voyages!

ghan, a large round floral rug, and a lace tablecloth updated with big, bold motifs. And for the crowd enthusiasts — spring and fall pictures (or pillows) by Erica Wilson.

In *Nostalgia*: A charming antique needlepoint picture of turtles; a quaint open-mouthed needlepoint wall motto, "Sweet Dreams." An updated sampler in needleweaving and hemstitching makes a modern wall hanging.

*Children's and Teens' Crafts* section captures young hearts with knitted and crocheted clothes for the 11½" fashion dolls — accompanied by lessons in knitting and crochet!

The new 272-page issue presents some of the country's

### Vineyards Tempt Birds When Trees Are Nearby

Birds in the vineyard are about as welcomed as boll weevils in a cotton patch and almost as hard to eliminate. But there are ways to discourage the feathery creatures.

The bird problem becomes more noticeable about this time of year as the grape crop nears maturity. Some growers take a passive attitude and try "to grow enough for us and the birds, too."

If you're not so inclined, here are some tips from Joe Brooks, extension horticultural specialist at North Carolina State University:

First, the vineyard shouldn't be located close to trees or wooded areas. Their favorite play is to make a quick steal from the trellis and flit back to the protection of a high branch to eat. There isn't much you can do about location for this crop, but it is something to keep in mind when planning the next planting.

When extensive damage occurs away from bordering trees, it is usually a result of too little foliage on the vine. Proper pruning and application of fertilizer will increase the amount of foliage and help protect the grapes from the birds.

Then, if you really want to take a militant stance, scaring devices might be used. Choose the automatic acetylene exploder, rope firecrackers or shell crackers. In any case,



make sure the neighbors like grapes and be willing to share with them at harvest time.

The exploder ignites acetylene gas to produce loud explosions at regular intervals. The rope firecrackers are made by inserting the fuses of firecrackers at intervals in a slow burning fuse rope. And the shell crackers are

shotgun shells that propel a kingsized firecracker 100 yards or more before it explodes, thus providing two bird-frightening explosions.

When the devices are used, they should be put into service early at the first sign of bird activity and operated from dawn to dark. They should also be moved frequently so that birds won't become accustomed to the noise coming from the same place.

These devices, obviously, can't be used in heavily populated areas and are limited in their use, for all practical purposes, to commercial vineyards.

Also, Brooks reminds grape growers that there are laws concerning birds, firearms and fireworks. Beware of anything that anyone tells you is a "perfect setup."

### JOHNNY JONES By Charles Criner



YES, I THINK THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME.

So says the VA... HALF HITCH by Hank Ketcham



"DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO GET INTO MY CIVVIES BEFORE I MET THAT MARINE."

For information, contact the Veterans Administration.

### LIVE 'n LAFF



"The vases, the pears and the apples, what became of them?" 64

If you like the idea of keeping 'em flying, you'll like the Army Reserve.



### TELL ME...

**WHO WAS GERONIMO?**

**A FAMOUS APACHE INDIAN CHIEF WHO DIED IN 1909. HE WAS THE LAST OF THE FIGHTING INDIAN LEADERS!**

**WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STARS AND PLANETS?**

**STARS ARE GLOWING SUNS SHINING BY THEIR OWN LIGHT! PLANETS ARE DARK WORLDS SHINING BY THE REFLECTED LIGHT OF THE SUN! STARS SEEM LESS BRILLIANT THAN PLANETS BECAUSE OF THEIR GREATER DISTANCE!**

**WHAT KIND OF MONEY DID THE DUTCH COLONISTS OF NEW AMSTERDAM USE?**

**136. TOMATOES, FISH, BUTTONS, SOAP... ALL PASSED FOR MONEY IN THE DAYS WHEN NEW YORK WAS NEW AMSTERDAM!**

**WHEN DID LATIN CEASE TO BE A SPOKEN LANGUAGE?**

**LATIN CEASED TO BE A SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE YEAR 500 A.D., BUT IT REMAINED THE ORGAN OF GENERAL LITERATURE UNTIL THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY!**

**PRATTLE & TATTLE**

**LAY DOWN, PUP— LAY DOWN!**

**THAT'S A GOOD DOGGIE. LAY DOWN, I TELL YOU!**

**MISTER, YOU'LL HAVE TO SAY 'LIE DOWN'— HE'S A BOSTON TERRIER!**

### THE FIZZLE FAMILY

**YOUR PICTURE IS HERE FROM THE STUDIO, DEAR!**

**GOOD!**

**I LOOK AWFUL! I'LL TELL THAT PHOTOGRAPHER A THING OR TWO!**

**THIS PICTURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ME AT ALL! DON'T YOU AGREE?**

**MADAM... THE ANSWER IS IN THE NEGATIVE!**

### PUGGY

**GET UP PUGGY OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!**

**THE BIRDS WERE UP LONG AGO!**

**WELL, IF I HAD TO SLEEP IN A NEST OF STICKS AND STRAWS**

**I'D GET UP EARLY TOO!**

### PETEY AND HIS PALS by J. MAXWELL

**MOM, I JUST GOT BACK FROM ROSEMARY'S PARTY AND I HAD A GREAT TIME!**

**GOOD GRACIOUS, PETEY, YOUR HANDS ARE SO STICKY!**

**SO WOULD YOURS BE, MOM IF YOU HAD A COUPLA MERINGUES AN' A CHOC'LIT ECLAIR IN YOUR POCKET!**

### Rock City Gardens Recognized As Successful Ecology Experiment



**LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, Tenn.** — An experiment in preservation of the environment 40 years ahead of its time is currently being re-examined as perhaps the world's foremost existing proof of man's yearning to enjoy earth's wonders in their natural state. The experiment is a ten-acre tract of land on Lookout Mountain overlooking Chattanooga Valley. Its name is Rock City Gardens.

Named by early settlers because of its remarkable rock formations, Rock City was developed in the late 1920s as a garden in which visitors could observe the kind of beauty only nature can create. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Carter, established a careful program to preserve and enhance existing vegetation. Today, Rock City has more than 400 different species of plants native to the region.

The natural stone formations at Rock City amaze scientists. The huge rocks in their strange shapes stand as examples of erosion by wind and water over some 20 million years.

With ecology making today's headlines, Rock City, already world famous as a tourist attraction, is coming into the limelight again, this time as an important and far-reaching example of how areas of natural beauty may successfully be set aside for the enjoyment of generations to come.

For information about the Gardens, write P.O. Box 173, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### Tan Topics

**— THEN SHE RAN OUT OF COSMETICS... AND SHOWED HER TRUE COLORS!**

### SAYS MOM:

**DAD WOULDN'T LEAVE A LOADED GUN ON THE TERRACE WHILE HE TOOK A NAP -- BUT LOOK WHERE HE LEFT HIS GARDENING EQUIPMENT**

**PUT AWAY GARDEN TOOLS AND SPRAYS IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE!**