

Ask Mrs. Myrtle Goforth It Takes Cloth Scraps, Lots Of Thread To Make Yo-Yo Quilt

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The Yo-Yo Quilt, popular in the Roaring Twenties, has been revived by quiltmakers in 1976 and a Kings Mountain housewife, Myrtle (Mrs. Carl) Goforth Monday hand-stitched her 988th piece of six inch yo-yo, round-shaped material, to fashion an elegant Christmas present for her husband's boss from New York.

Myrtle Goforth began her beautiful quilt in April. It's actually her third Yo-Yo coverlet which she calls a "mixture of all kinds and colors of scrap materials." She figures the quilt cost her about \$15 worth of materials which she bought downtown and 1,000 yards of thread, two spools of 500 yards each.

Mrs. Goforth's hand-work is expertly and meticulously done and she's used her sewing as good therapy for arthritis in her fingers and hands the past

several years. When she isn't quilting or crocheting beautiful afghans or making decorative pillows and other pretty odds and ends for her comfortable home, the epitome of good taste, Myrtle Goforth is writing poetry.

She's author of more than 100 poems and mailed five recently to publishing houses in Nashville, Tenn. Her favorite is "Nature," which she wrote in 1928. Subjects for her poems come from acquaintances and church sermons.

Mrs. Goforth, the former Myrtle Misenheimer of Concord and Blacksburg, S. C., developed her writing skill at Blacksburg, S. C. High School and was a "school stringer" for the Spartanburg, S. C. Herald. Some of her poetry has been published in area newspapers, including The Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. Goforth met her husband when both were students at Blacksburg High. The Misenheimer family had moved from Concord to Blacksburg where Mr. Misenheimer owned and operated a shoe shop.

Although Mr. Goforth doesn't share his wife's talents in the sewing room, he still likes to putter in the kitchen, even after 26 years as a chef in Hendersonville, Gaffney, Spartanburg and Greensboro during the early years of their marriage. The Goforths moved to Kings Mountain about 18 years ago from Greensboro, where Carl was in the food business. Mr. Goforth joined Nisco Mills here where he is controller and secretary-treasurer.

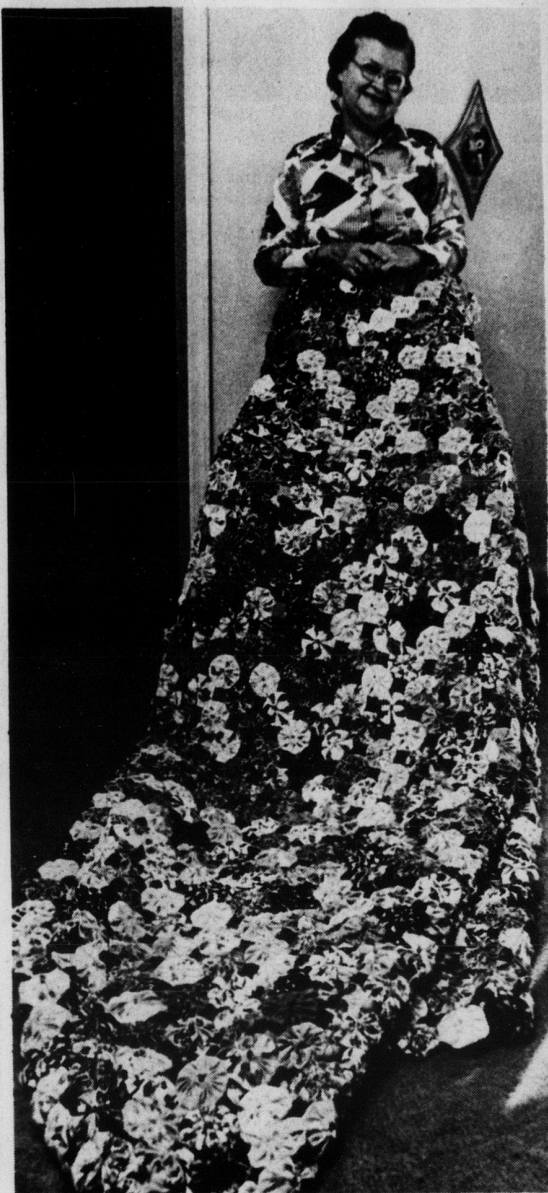
Mrs. Goforth, quite adept as a saleswoman, recalled that during the war years she ran the family hardware store in Hendersonville while her husband was in the foods business. She smiled when she recalled that male customers for wiring, plugs and switches were "amazed" that the lady could show and sell them the particular product they needed for their home.

Declaring that "you have to be in the mood to sew well and write poetry," Myrtle Goforth said she started sewing for her two brothers and sister at age 13 and "kept it up." She continues to sew for her children and grandchildren.

The Goforths, who celebrated on Thursday their 42nd wedding anniversary, are parents of two children, William DeNeil Goforth of Greenville, S. C. and Ginger (Mrs. Robert) Whisnant, Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Greenville Goforths, including the four children, Diane, a nurse, Rebecca, a college student in Clinton, S. C., Leanne, a 10th grader, and Billy, an eighth grader, will all come to Kings Mountain for Thanksgiving dinner with their grandparents on Crescent Hill Dr. The Whisnants, both of whom teach in New Mexico, will drive to Kings Mountain for the Christmas holidays.

Carl and Myrtle Goforth bought their new home a little over a year ago and have enjoyed decorating and furnishing the four-bedroom residence. Carl converted one of the bedrooms to an office and has also added black wrought-iron railing to enhance the patio where Myrtle's plants are in profusion in springtime and summer.

Mrs. Goforth likes to sew in front of an open fire and TV in the den where she has completed a Granny afghan for a King-size bed in rose, red, and green, a two-yard wide afghan in green, brown and navy for another Christmas present, and has more projects after the holidays.



MYRTLE GOFORTH AND YO YO QUILT — The Yo Yo Quilt, a popular quilt in the Roaring Twenties era, has been revived by quilt makers today. Mrs. Carl Goforth, above, shows off her handiwork which will be a Christmas present, a coverlet of 988-yo yo designs hand-stitched in a variety of colors which took six months to complete.



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Vicky Bell, Bride-Elect, Feted At Pantry Shower

Miss Vicky Bell, whose wedding to Jerry Ruppe takes place Dec. 11 at 7 p. m. in Bethlehem Baptist

Drop-In Party For Bride-Elect

Mrs. Dean Patrick of Belmont entertained last Saturday evening at a drop-in bridal party at her home honoring Miss Vicky Bell of Kings Mountain, Dec. 11 bride-elect of Jerry Ruppe.

The 15 guests showered Miss Bell with miscellaneous household gifts. A color motif of yellow, white and green provided decorative details and refreshments.

Miss Bell was presented a yellow and white corsage to pin to the shoulder of her blue party dress.

Rummage Sale

David Baptist Church of Kings Mountain is having a rummage sale on the lot at Fashion Cleaners on E. King St. starting at 9 a. m. Sat., Dec. 4.

The proceeds will be used to paint and repair church. Clothes, toys, and household goods will be featured.

Holiday Guests

Dr. and Mrs. David Moreau and children, Page, age nine, and David, age six, of Chapel Hill were Thanksgiving holiday guests of Mrs. Moreau's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Page. Mrs. Moreau is the former Polly Page. Other Thanksgiving guests of the Pages were their daughter, Miss Laura Page, of Atlanta, Ga. and Mrs. P. W. Ferguson of Atlanta, Ga.

Church, was honored last Friday evening at a pantry shower hosted by Mrs. John Bumgardner and her daughter, Susan, at their home.

The 15 guests showered the bride-to-be with gifts for her pantry.

Miss Bell wore a two-piece blue dress and was given a corsage of red and white carnations.

A red and green holiday motif was featured in the decorations. The bride's table, overlaid with red over white, was centered with a candelabrum of holly and red berries. Party refreshments carrying out the red and green theme were served.

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