

Hazel Tyrell's Birds Are 'Fabulous' Thanks To Her Talent For Design, Detail

By EVA DEAN

Mrs. Hazel Tyrell, who lives at Pierpont Center, just a few miles from Potsdam, has developed her love of birds and her innate artistic ability into a paying proposition which is absolutely unique in this area.

She never advertises her product, although she is listed in the Handicrafts Directory put out by the Woman Division of the Department of Commerce, and her orders are booked so far ahead, one would be lucky to get on the list before next Christmas.

Observes Subjects Most of her birds are carved from observation at a feeder



MARYLIN SPEER

Marylin Speer Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Lester K. Speer, 32 Chestnut St., Potsdam, announce the engagement of their daughter Marylin Ann to Michael Charles Vail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Vail, Sr., Rochester.

Miss Speer is a graduate of St. Joseph's Ursuline Academy, Malone. She is employed as secretary to Dr. Robert Snow, University College of Syracuse University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and is employed with the Banking Department of the State of New York.

The wedding will be held October 10 at St. Mary's Church, Potsdam.

she maintains for that purpose, but she does have some in her collection which she has constructed from pictures. She has regular carving tools, but she told us that most of her work is done with sharp jackknives. They are then oiled and later painted and mounted on white birch blocks.

She related how she used to whittle the tiny creatures from sticks she took out of her woodbox. Then, during a heavy windstorm, a basswood tree on her farm was blown down and she had it sawed into the thickness she wanted for her carving projects. Since then, a neighbor periodically supplies her with the sort of lumber she needs.

She can't remember for sure just when she started, but there is a record of sale in 1943. Since that time, her business has grown until she finds it increasingly difficult to keep the orders filled.

Her only help is her sister-in-law, Miss Dorothy Tyrell, who lives with her and does some of the basic work, such as oiling. Mrs. Tyrell's husband, who was a farmer, died several years ago, and she has no children, so the two ladies live together, along with their various pets.

Silver Poodle Very much in evidence was "Mon Chere Boots," a Silver Poodle with a pedigree which filled more than one sheet of paper. Obviously Mrs. Tyrell's pride and joy, this beautiful dog obligingly performed for us. He was a gift from a lady who possesses some 80 of Mrs. Tyrell's birds, no two of a kind.

On the day we visited "The Bird Lady," as we immediately christened this fascinating Career Woman, she had on display 59 birds, each a different variety, and neither of us could talk her into parting with even one of them! She keeps these merely for folks to examine and choose from.

Being a versatile lady, she has also employed her talent in the making of ladies' brooch and earring sets. In fact, this is where yours truly succumbed and practically drooled with longing. But, again, the most I could get was my name on the list and a promise to "try"



HAZEL TYRELL WITH "BOOTS" AND HER BIRDS

Consumer Fraud, Wills Among Clinic Topics

Charles H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General in the Plattsburgh office of the New York State Department of Law

which is headed by Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and J. George Pollett, District Attorney of St. Lawrence County, Canton, will conduct a Consumer Fraud Panel during the evening program of the free Money-In-Your-Pocket Clinic at St. Lawrence University, Canton, May 12. Mr. Lewis will outline the powers and accomplishments of the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud and Protection Bureau and Mr. Pollett will discuss fraud tricks which have recently victimized St. Lawrence County residents.

Her buyers come from all over the country, including Albany, Holland Patent, Ithaca, Clarence, Tupper Lake, Potsdam, Canton, Ogdensburg and other nearby villages; also, she has sold many birds to a Boy Scout camp in Tennessee; to persons in Massachusetts, Florida, New Jersey, Dallas, Tex., Pennsylvania, Washington D. C. and dozens of other areas.

Many of her customers return again and again, to purchase birds for gifts or to see if, perchance, she may have done a "new" one they don't already have.

Mrs. Tyrell explained that it takes about three hours to carve the tiniest birds, somewhat longer for the others. Most of them are actual life-size, although some of the game birds are scaled down a

bit. Teachers also take many of her birds, and she frequently lectures before Historical Societies.

A truly fascinating and delightful person, this self-taught Career Woman.

Flea Market Adds Candles, Metalwork

A number of antique dealers from New York State and New England have reserved space for the Potsdam Hospital Guild's Flea Market to be held Saturday, May 23 at the Clarkson Arena parking area.

The outdoor antique show and sale will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature, antiques, spring plants, and ceramics plus a buffet lunch and snack bar served by Hospital Guild members.

Two added features of the sale are a display of hand-made honeycomb candles by Ann Watt and a booth manned by John P. Davis, metal craftsman.

Miss Watt from the "Gazebos" in Casenovia, will display and sell her own special bees wax candles in rainbow colors. The candles are made in six-sided honeycomb patterns from the bee-hive liner foundations. They do not drip or smoke and will not bend over in hot weather.

Mr. Davis, from Mansville, does silver plating and copper and brass burnishing and plating. He also does lamp wiring and converting. Those attending the Flea Market may bring him their brass, silver and copper needing attention.

At The Markets

Both immediate and long range harm may have been done to the Alaska salmon and crab industry by the recent earthquake, according to the St. Lawrence County Extension Service home economist.

Many processing plants were damaged or destroyed by the quake and tidal waves that followed it. A large part of the fishing gear and boats used to catch crab and salmon were destroyed by the tidal waves.

More serious in the future may be a change in the migration and spawning habits of salmon due to massive shifts in the earth's underwater surface in the Central Alaska area which catches 44 percent of the Alaskan pack.

Women In The News

Marsu Relief Corps Members Attend Gouverneur Meeting

Twenty-nine members of the Marsu Women's Relief Corps #11, Potsdam, attended the St. Lawrence County Association meeting Thursday, April 23 at Gouverneur, with the E. H. Barnes Corps as hostesses.

State Department officers attending included department president, Mrs. Leonore Weitchrich, Olean; junior vice president, Mrs. Dorothy Grant, Massena; department chaplain, Ethel Dailey, Canastota; department treasurer, Carolyn Mason, Batavia; member of State executive board, Edith Floiry, Batavia.

Three past Department Presidents were present: Orlene Turcotte, Oneonta; Hattie Scott, Pulaski; and Ethel Hungerford, Canastota.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Case, of the Col. Anderson Relief Corps, Massena, president of the county association, Mrs. Della Bulles,

of Potsdam, welcomed the group, and Edna Tyo, Massena, responded. Mrs. Weitchrich was the principal speaker.

Among other business, Mrs. Mary Craft, Potsdam, was endorsed by the county association for a State Office. In addition, details of the State Convention to be held in June in Olean were announced. A ham dinner preceded the meeting.

Peggy Pruner, Francis Murcay Wed In Canton

A very beautiful wedding was solemnized last Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Canton, when Miss Peggy Pruner became the bride of Francis Murcay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy T. Pruner, 45 Lincoln St. Canton. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Murcay, Knapps Station.

The Rev. Father O'Brien performed the ceremony. Escorted by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white satin and net trimmed with satin. It was fashioned with a bouffant skirt and train.

Miss Jean Trombley was maid of honor. She wore a pink street-length gown and matching hat. The bridesmaids were Carol Jane Murcay, sister of the groom and Peana Trombley, sister of the bride. They wore orchid and mint green gowns with matching hats.

The best man was Kenneth Van Brooklin. Edwin Murcay and Harry Alden were ushers. A reception followed the ceremony at the Evergreen Restaurant, which was attended by 100 guests.

Out-of-town guests came from Cleveland, Ohio, Poughkeepsie and Massena.

Joyce Waldruff Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Waldruff Sr., Winthrop, announce the engagement of their daughter Joyce Myra to William Zablocki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Zablocki, Jamaica, N. Y.

Miss Waldruff is a graduate of St. Lawrence Central School and of the St. Lawrence State Hospital School of Nursing, Ogdensburg. She is on the staff of Deerpale General Hospital, Little Neck.

Zablocki is a graduate of New York Hospital School of Radiography. He is employed at Cumberland Hospital in Brooklyn.

A November wedding is planned.

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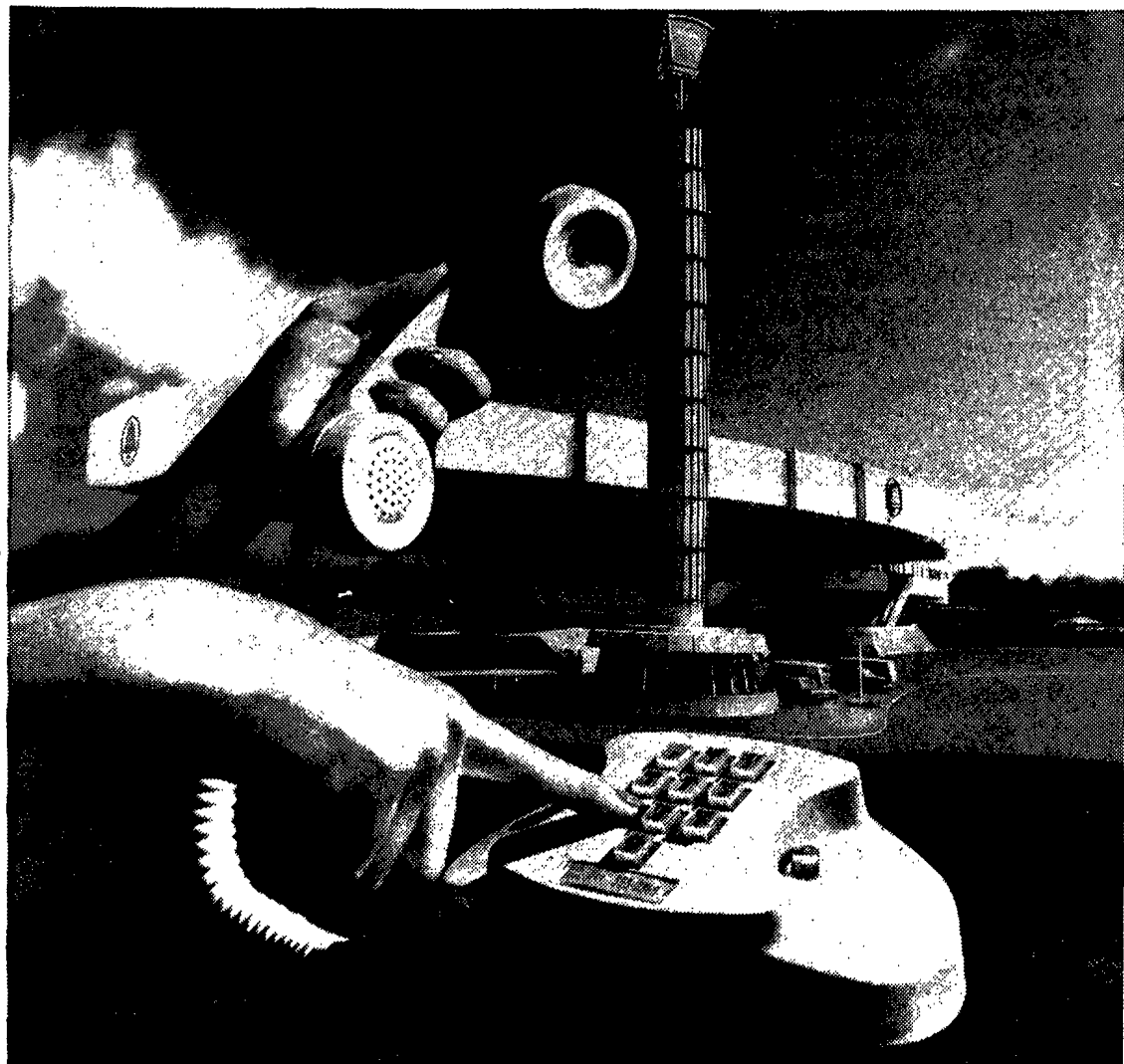
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