



Mrs Arthur Newman, left, and her mother, Mrs Glenn Halterman, are shown with some of their completed work in ceramics. A lamp at the left has an outdoor theme of birds. Mrs Newman holds a floral decorated plate that she likes. One of Mrs Halterman's preferences is a decorated tea set. Around the walls may be found hundreds of pieces of greenware awaiting choosing by some would-be ceramics artist.

Mother-daughter team finds fun in ceramics

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DeWITT — The DeWitt Ceramics Studio puts Santa's workshop to shame on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on Thursday afternoons when Mrs Arthur (Jean) Newman and her mother, Mrs Glenn (Vedah) Halterman, are giving lessons to students. They have 40 students who come from Lansing, St. Johns and Laingsburg, as well as the DeWitt area.

THIS ALL came about in 1956 when Mrs Newman with several friends attended classes in ceramics in the Lansing adult evening school. She became fascinated by the art and it rapidly became her hobby.

The following year she established her own studio and in-

stalled a kiln in the basement of her home. Her mother also became engrossed in the art and joined her daughter in this project.

BOTH continue to take advanced lessons and attend the National Ceramic Shows in various parts of the country. They are continually experimenting with new glazes and paints and are always looking for ways to improve their techniques.

Mrs Newman is office secretary in the DeWitt Public Schools and her husband, Arthur, is postmaster for DeWitt.

Mrs Halterman spends most of her time in the studio and her husband, Glenn ("Dutch" to his friends) is a barber and the Fire Chief of DeWitt Township.

BOTH WOMEN are members of the National Ceramics Assn., The Firemen's Auxiliary and of the DeWitt Eastern Star. Mrs Halterman is a past patron of this group and is active in their club.

They welcome visitors to their studio and are always glad to show them around.

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Mrs Earl Pierson now has quilt

This quilt of white and turkey red calico, was made in 1894 and quilted by members of the DeWitt Baptist Church. A charge of 10 cents was made for each name embroidered on the blocks. The proceeds were used to help finance the church. After its completion, the quilt was presented to the pastor, Rev Edward Way and his new bride, the former Bessie Armena Reynolds. The blocks were made by members of the different organizations in the community. Near the center of the quilt are noted names and years of service of the pastors of the DeWitt Baptist Church from the year 1841. This quilt is now in the possession of Mrs Earl Pierson, having been in the Reynolds family since its presentation to the Rev Mr and Mrs Way.