

From the North 40

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I would like to feature a quiet lady and her husband who live a ways up Coffee Creek Road and who are engaged in some pretty impressive activities. Hazel Spencer, a weaver and artist, and her husband, Randy, contractor and woodworker, operate an online business begun in 2002. Out of necessity Hazel invented some small square and triangular looms after being shoved out of their small home by the 7-foot loom with which she began her weaving. The couple developed a Web site (hazelroselooms.com) where they show their production and projects you can do (everything from the Valentine bra and thong to quilts, shawls and other wearable art). Their business is primarily making the small looms. Last year they produced about 800. Hazel says anyone can learn to weave with the small looms. As you can imagine, this keeps Hazel busy, but in a future column I'll tell you about her upcoming art show featuring "dirty art."

At 7 p.m. Monday, March 2, the Trinity Center Library Mystery Book Club will meet again. We will discuss "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd" by Agatha Christie. Join us at the Hamilton residence on Maude Street for food, fun and mystery. Call Marianne at 266- 3980 for directions.

I'd like to tell you about a special local Valentine couple. Marion and Loren Teitzel have been married 57 years. Both were raised in the North Lake area, with Marion living in Old Trinity Center and Loren a product of Minersville. They met at a dance at the IOOF Hall when Marion was 18 (Loren is a year older). The roller skating rink in Weaverville was the site of much of their courtship.

When Loren left for service in Korea, they corresponded and married on his return. Most of their married life was spent raising their three children in Anderson, where Loren rose to the position of postmaster. Marion returned to Trinity Center in 1983 upon her retirement from banking and Loren joined her in 1985. He traded positions with the Trinity Center postmaster and ran our local post office until 1987. Marion served as our local librarian for 20 years, retiring last year.

Five Trinity Center eighth graders registered for their high school classes on Feb. 12. A group of high school "ambassadors" provided an introduction to high school life and answered the students' questions. The fifth- and sixth-graders at the school will attend Ide Adobe in Red Bluff on March 12. They will be treated to a re-enactment of life in the 1850s.