

Mary Ann Scarpulla



Fred Jr., Fred Sr., Mary Ann, Mark and Paul.

When Mary Ann Scarpulla first learned of the Courier-Journal Mother of the Year Contest, she tore the promotion out of the newspaper and threw it away so that her son Fred would not enter her name.

Nevertheless, Fred Scarpulla Jr., a 17-year-old junior at Greece Olympia High School where he has been class president for each of his three years in high school, took pen in hand and wrote, "Our family may not be real rich and we don't get whatever we want; but we get something much more important from her that money can't buy: it's called love."

Fred's letter, above more than 670 other entries, demonstrated to the Courier-Journal Mother of the Year panel of judges those qualities which led to Mrs. Scarpulla's designation as Mother of the Year.

The Scarpullas, Fred Sr., a product designer at Pfaudler; Mary Ann, who also works, part-time, at Sibley's; Fred Jr.; Mark, 14, an Olympia freshman; and Paul, 11, a pupil at Brookside Elementary School, are parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece.

Fred's Entry

"I'm sure that most of the letters that you'll receive will explain how great everyone's mom is and then they'll tell everything that their mom does for them."

"Well, there is much more to being a mom than just cooking and cleaning. I believe that my mom fits this description."



MRS. SCARPULLA

"It takes a special mom to stay up until 3 a.m. to type a term paper or comfort you after you've failed a test. It means being special when you can sit down and openly talk to your mom anytime, taking time out of her busy day. It takes an understanding mom to cook dinner for 12 football players, when you walk in the door and remember that you never asked her."

"My mom, who has three boys, each with different abilities and interests, loves each one as much as the others. While it may seem like my mom is very busy, she also works four nights a week at Sibley's."

"Our family may not be real rich, and we don't get whatever we want; but we get something much more important from her that money can't buy: it's called love. This is why I believe that my mom should be mother of the year."

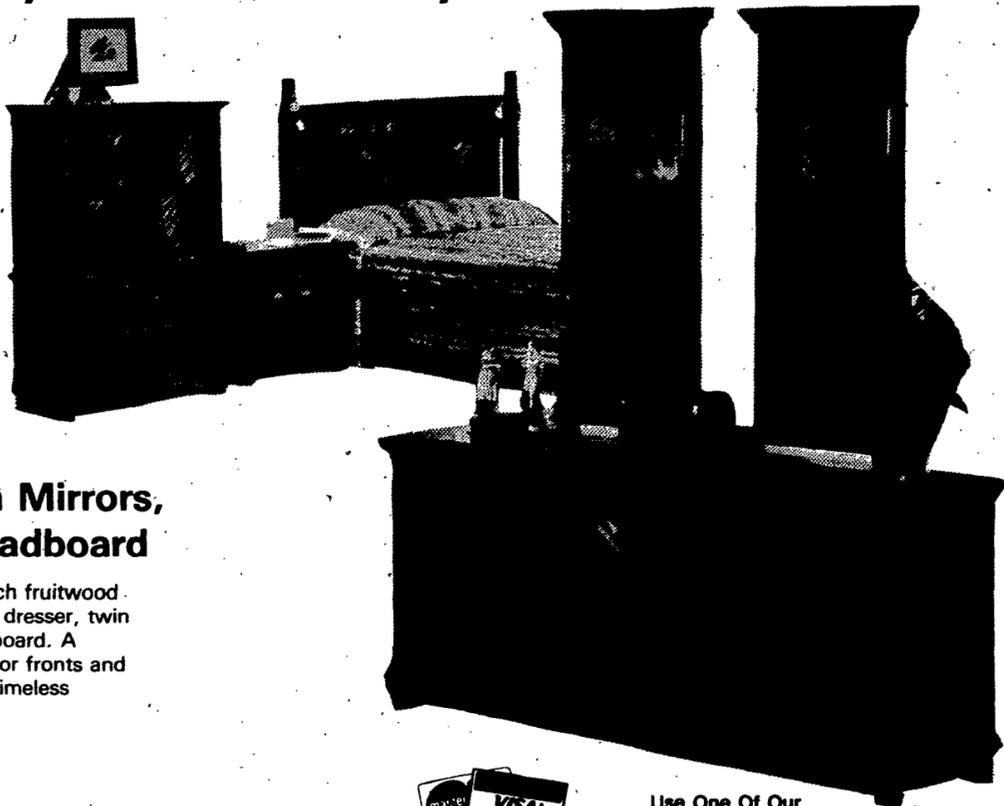
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