

Crafty notes

By BETTY RIGSBY

To quilt or not to quilt — that is the question. But, you have to admit there's nothing like cuddling up in a quilt on a cold winter's night. Now if you would like to learn how to make yourself a "cuddler", the Markham Guild of Village Crafts is offering three different techniques of quilt making under three experienced teachers.

Fern Keith (887-5540) teaches the method used by your grandmother — patches cut and sewn in traditional patterns then hand quilted. Your samples can be put together as cushions, tote bags, place mats, clothing, etc. or made into a quilt which will become an heirloom for your children. Fern has been teaching traditional quilting in the Guild for many years and her pupils have made some outstanding quilts.

"Quilters are the Piecemakers". Madeleine McKinnon (294-1755) teaches a slightly different method. If you don't have the time to quilt the traditional way, she will teach you a Quick Quilting method whereby you choose your patterned material, set up the quilting frame and start quilting. Madeleine says that she makes quilts to be used, not displayed. She has taught quilting at both Cullen Barns and the Guild and her method is well received by people short of time who still wish to learn how to quilt. Madeleine says "If someone has made you a quilt and you are feeling poorly, and you crawl back into bed under the quilt, you'll feel better."

"Quilters are Warm People". Els Fontyn (294-591) has yet another method of quilting. There is little hand sewing in this method since all the quilting is done on a sewing machine. You will learn piecing and applique and your samples may be done into wall hangings, hoop pictures, pillows, placemats, etc. Els also teaches the ancient Indian art of Seminole piecing.

But, quilting today is not limited to bed coverings. Once you've mastered any of the above quilting methods you can turn out clothing — jackets, skirts, coats, etc. This is one more ancient craft that is entering the scene in modern guise, so get out those pieces of material you've hated to throw away and whip up an heirloom with the help of the Guild teachers.

Registration and Open House at the Guild is Friday and Saturday, September 5th and 6th. If you want further information you may call the teacher and she will fill you in.

- Crafty Tips:**
1. Do you have trouble stopping a new thread from pulling right through when you do needlework? Try wetting the end. This will help keep the tail from coming through.
 2. Does your crewel embroidery yarn tangle? Try separating the strands then loosely braiding them together. As you need a strand, hold onto the bottom and pull the strand from the top.
 3. If you buy craft books, file them by the month, not the year. This way projects for special occasions will be easily located.



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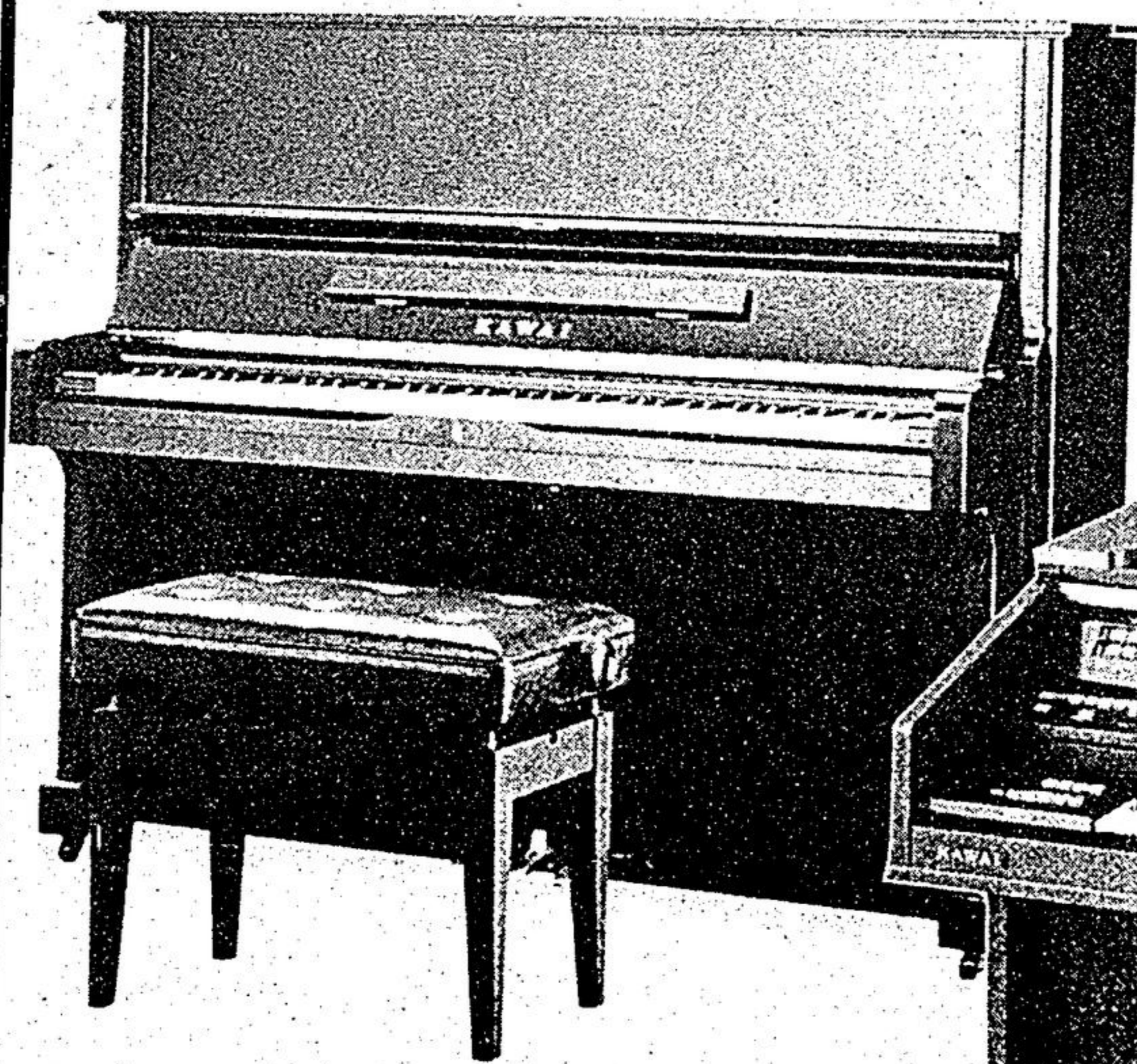
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