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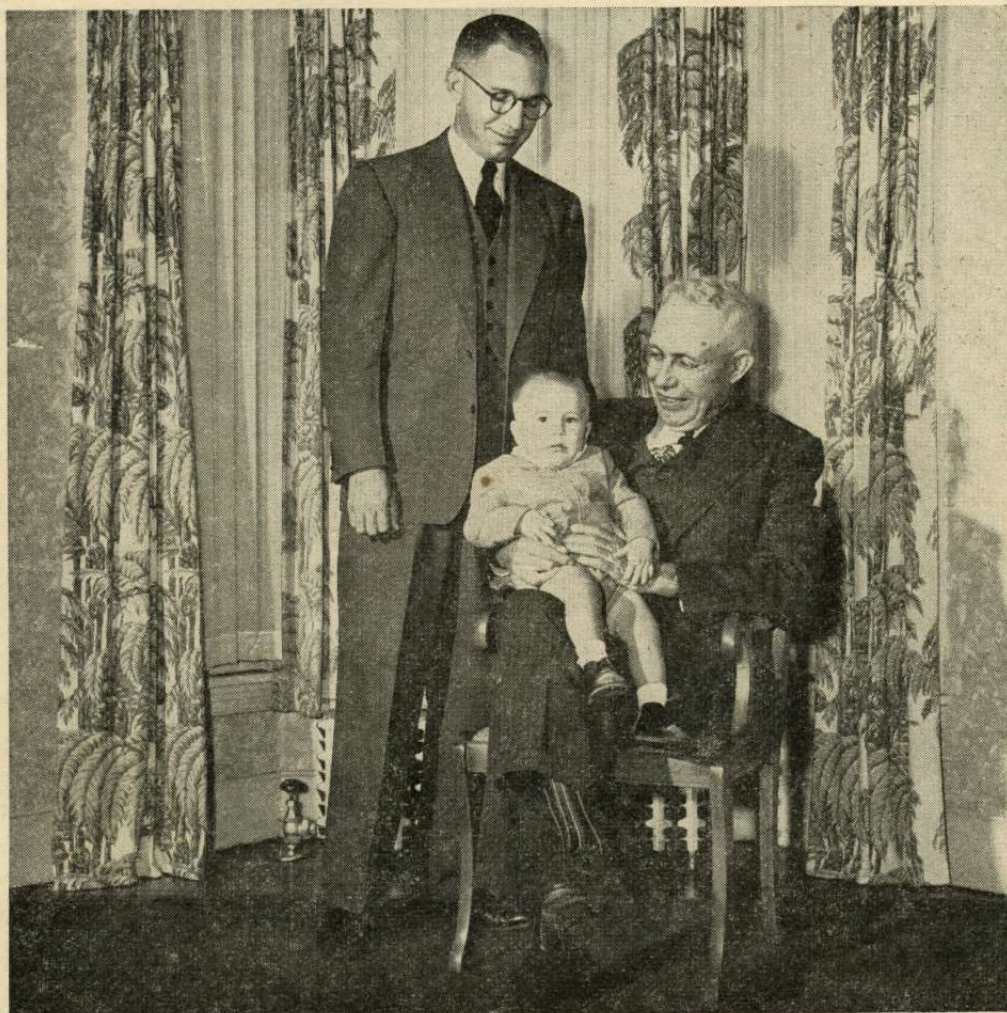
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Dear Friends:

I am writing to you at the close of a very beautiful and happy Sunday, a happy day because we sisters, the five of us, attended church together this morning. Our sister, Martha Eaton, has returned to Iowa after spending the winter in New Jersey with her son Dwight and his family. She was also able to visit our son, Frederick and his family, so could bring me direct news of them.

As I think I have told you, our church is celebrating its 75th anniversary this fall. Each Sunday throughout the summer the flowers for the altar are furnished by someone in memory of one of the early members of the church who contributed to its growth and spiritual welfare.

The flowers today, a lovely arrangement of pink dogwood, were placed on the altar by my sister, Sue Conrad, in memory of Miss Anna Dutton, her first Sunday School teacher who lovingly taught the little children under her care.

Eight o'clock this morning found the five of us in Helen Fisher's garden. She was very anxious for us to see it early in the day before the hot sun could wilt some of the tender blossoms. All of us thought that the pink dogwood tree in its full glory scarcely looked real—it was beautiful beyond belief.

After the church services we came home and all of us chipped in to get dinner on the table. I had prepared a chicken casserole dish the day before (this combined stewed chicken, shell macaroni, cream of mushroom soup and pimento—cracker crumbs on top) and it was an easy matter to reheat it. With this we had lovely fresh asparagus from Margery and Oliver's garden, a Waldorf salad, hot rolls, and ice cream and frozen strawberries.

All through this season Margery has been bringing down asparagus from their huge bed. Together we have prepared it for our Amana freezer, and I'm sure that it will be a great treat for us later when it is no longer available in the markets or from local gardens.

On Sue's birthday, May 25th, we expect to get together for dinner and have an old-fashioned quilting bee. One of us will round up our quilting frames, and then we can get started

on Sue's appliqued quilt which has just now been finished. It will probably take us several days to complete it, but it will be fun.

Before long we will be seeing Jessie's daughter Ruth and her two little grandchildren, Wendy and Jennifer. Ruth's husband, Bob Watkins, expects to locate in New York as a commercial artist, so they sold their home in California and will be moving to the east coast. I don't know how long they will be with Jessie in Clarinda, but if the weather is nice we'd like to have a picnic while they are here.

Have any of you ever had a cardinal build a nest so close to your porch railing that you could reach out and touch it? We have one raising a family in the little cedar tree by our front steps, and I'm amazed that it's never disturbed by the children banging the front door or bumping back and forth in the porch swing. Nothing seems to bother this little mother bird, and we hope that she stays there for a long time to come.

This week I hope to plant the large green jars that stand on our front porch during the summer months. Abigail has some "snake plants" that have grown too large for their containers, and she has told me that I can have them. I will also plant some geraniums with them.

In my last letter to you I mentioned that Louise Field, my brother Sol's wife, was seriously ill at a hospital in Red Bluff, California. We received a telephone call from Bertha Field, our sister-in-law, that she passed away—Bertha was near Red Bluff at the time. None of us could go out for the services that were held in her memory, but full details were written to us.

Louise and Sol were married at my parent's home in Redlands, Calif., on the same afternoon that Jessie and Ira Shambaugh were married. It was a beautiful double wedding performed in mother's and father's garden . . . father's orange trees were in full bloom, I recall. Louise was a graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., took additional work at the Los Angeles State Normal School, and then taught in high schools in California until her marriage to my brother. She was a devoted mother to her children, Jean and Solomon, and was prominent in church and civic activi-

ties in her community.

In June we are anticipating a visit with Frederick. He can be here only a few hours, but even those few hours give us something to look forward to. Probably he will mention this in his letter which I haven't yet read, so I won't say more about it here.

Donald won't be able to come for his vacation in August because he expects to go to New York with a group of men singers from Anderson. I understand that he may appear on a television program with this group, and if I know definitely what the date will be (if he *does* appear) I'll mention it on our visit.

If you have ever attended a Hemerocallis Show in Shenandoah you will be happy to know that on July 19th there will be a meeting of members of the National Hemerocallis Society, District One, which includes Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and South Dakota. However, anyone interested in growing "Hems" is invited to come and visit the test gardens located on a plot of ground back of the KFNF Studios. There will be good speakers and a visit to Helen Fischer's garden, so fill your car with flower lovers and come along. Jessie Field Shambaugh is general chairman of the convention.

I have been asked many times about the accommodations that are available for tourists here in Shenandoah, so right now I'll say that there are two hotels and two motels—one motel on Highway 59 and one on Highway 2. Then, too, many people in town rent rooms to tourists, so I believe you won't have any trouble finding a place to stay. The only time it is absolutely imperative to make reservations in advance is during the big rodeo week in Sidney.

I have had word from Helen Elmore of Lucas, Iowa, to the effect that the second annual convention of physically handicapped persons will not be held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, as was first announced, but at the 100 Club in Des Moines. I'm sure that Miss Elmore will be glad to answer any questions regarding this that you may want to write about.

Little Alison, my youngest grandchild, has finally cut her teeth that caused her so much misery for weeks. She seems like another baby now that she feels better. Abigail and Wayne had a happy weekend over Easter when they entertained Abigail's cousin, Mrs. Weldon McGee, her husband, and their two children, Douglas and Pamela. The McGees live in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Pamela was just a year older than Juliana, and so they had a very happy time together.

We had a lovely Sunday at Dorothy's home and expect to go back again soon. Dorothy expects to come down for Kristin's birthday in June, but they are so busy at her office that she doubts if she'll be able to make it for a family dinner we expect to have towards the end of May to celebrate all of the May birthdays in our group.

Let's hope for a wonderful growing season and splendid crops. Let me know how things go with you.

Sincerely yours,

Leanna

Come into the Garden

VACATIONS FOR TIRED HOUSE-PLANTS

By Pansy M. Barnes

Fresh air and sunshine are as necessary for plants as for human beings. We all profit by summer vacations, so why not give our house-plants one too! You may have some of the plants mentioned here, and I can promise you that next winter they'll be much more of a delight to your eyes if you'll carry through on these suggestions.

Cacti will grow wonderfully in the open ground, but they should first be placed in the shade for a few days. Otherwise they will blister just as we do if we over-expose ourselves to sunshine in early summer.

The only disadvantage to placing plants on an open terrace is the danger of occasional hail storms which could tear African violets, begonias, Dieffenbachias and our precious Monstera to rags in a few minutes. The Dieffenbachia's beauty lies in perfect leaves, so this is one plant that had best be kept indoors and it won't fuss about it.

The Boston fern family should be repotted if they need larger quarters, and can be separated into individual plants if necessary. In repotting, be sure to put bits of broken flower pot or brick in the bottom for drainage. Use a mixture of one-half good soil, one-fourth well-rotted cow manure and one-fourth well-rotted leaf-mold. The open terrace will make them happy if it is on the north, and hail doesn't seem to bother them much.

The begonias such as Angel Wing and Calla lily can be cut back if they are a bit leggy and then repotted. The ideal mixture for them is made by using four parts of good garden soil, four parts of leaf-mold, two parts of sand and two parts of old, rotted cow manure. To each peck of this mixture should be added one-half cup of bone-meal and two cups of broken charcoal. The begonia cuttings could be rooted in sand or vermiculite and then potted.

The acid-soil plants such as Azaleas, Camellias and Gardenias should be potted in a mixture of four parts loam, three parts sand, three parts peat-moss, one part leaf-mold and one part of thoroughly rotted manure. The Azaleas and Camellias can be set on the ground in the shade with a board under them so that the roots will not run away. The Gardenias can be set in full sun if this is done gradually.

If rain water is not available for these three, add two level tablespoons of powdered alum to a gallon of water in a glass jug and use when water is needed.

If your Christmas cactus needs repotting, an ideal mixture for them can be made by combining four parts of loam, two parts of sand, three parts of peat moss, one part of leaf-mold, 1 part of thoroughly rotted cow manure, one part of old plaster and one part of broken charcoal. This cactus should

be set on the ground in the shade and watered when the weather is dry. If it does not need repotting, give it a drink of weak cow manure solution about every two weeks, and be sure to bring it in before danger of frost.

The beautiful French Hydrangea in pink or blue which many a patient brings home from the hospital, should have the top cut back as soon as the blooms fade, leaving only two pairs of leaves on each shoot.

If the roots have come through the bottom of the pots, repot using the mixture given for begonias if you wish it to stay blue. If you prefer pink bloom, add a little powdered limestone. Put outdoors in the shade with sand or coal ashes under the pot. Later on it can be fed a little liquid manure. Be sure to bring in before frost.

Geraniums and coleus can be set in the open ground. Start cuttings from the geraniums, but if you wish winter bloom, keep the buds pinched throughout the summer.

The good old faithful Sansevieria will surprise you if you will dump it out of the pot, divide it and use it as a border in a partially shaded place. The blooms are not conspicuous but delightfully fragrant at night. The bright berries will last all winter and add a gay note to this rather sober plant. By fall you'll have enough plants for all your neighbors too!

The Chinese Evergreens, both plain and variegated on an open north terrace will bloom freely. Do not pick off the faded flowers for bright clusters of red berries will follow them. These will stay perfect until spring and will be as gay as holly for Christmas; they can be planted in the summer. When the old plants get leggy, a bunch of babies around them will make a beautiful, decorative family group.

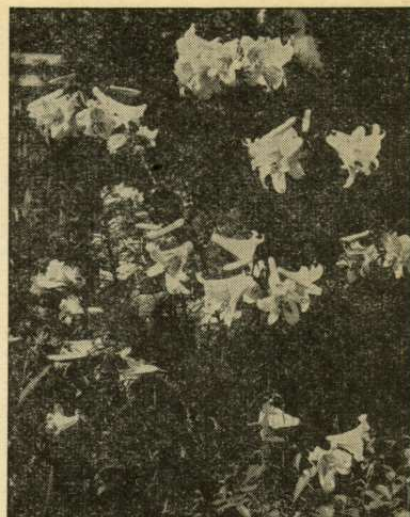
The Hybrid Amaryllis which has bloomed beautifully in the house should be kept growing and fed at intervals. When danger of frost is past it can be repotted and placed on an open terrace or right in the garden. Feed and water it all summer. Dig before frost. Leave the leaves on but let it rest for eight weeks.

Many people complain that their Hoya vines have never bloomed. If these are kept on the dry side during the winter, and then set on an open north porch during the summer they will be generous with their blooms. A feeding of a weak cow manure solution about every two weeks will do wonders for them.

Set the various ivies in the ground in the shade, feed them well and in late August root husky cuttings in water and then pot for winter inside.

COVER PICTURE

Father's Day falls in June and that is why we decided to use this picture. The three generations are M. H. Driftmier, his son, Frederick Driftmier, and his grandson, David Driftmier.



These are some of the Regal Lilies that bloomed in Russell's and Lucile's garden last summer. You'll find details about them directly below.

REGAL LILIES

There are some flowers so dramatic and spectacular that you marvel just anyone can grow them in any patch of ground. Regal lilies are such a flower.

The ones that you see in this picture bloomed last year in our garden, and I'm not exaggerating when people said they'd never seen anything like them—and never dreamed that they would. We measured them at the time we photographed them and the stalks reached a full six feet; this was considerably more than we'd been told to expect. Every stalk was simply loaded with blooms—we actually counted twenty-eight on one.

It's a shame we couldn't reproduce this in color for without it you can't imagine how they really look. Each huge trumpet is snowy white on the inside with golden yellow centers, and on the outside there are gorgeous rosy purple shadings.

How do you produce these magnificent lilies? Well, nothing could be more simple. They are absolutely dependable under widely varying conditions, are hardy and vigorous and practically disease-proof. Plant the bulb not less than 8 inches deep in autumn. They thrive best in full sun, and don't worry about the soil for they'll perform at top-notch levels in dry, harsh, unmulched ground.

Always keep these at the back because of their height. And certainly I shouldn't conclude this discussion of them without mentioning the fact that they are wonderfully fragrant.

—Lucile

FOR A GARDEN

If you would have a mind of peace,
A heart that cannot harden,
Go find a door that opens wide
Upon a lovely garden.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

OF COURSE WE'LL MEET FREDERICK!

Dear Folks:

I can't remember when I have longed for the warm summer months as much as I have longed for them this year. Although we had a mild winter, we have had a cold, wet, miserable spring. There have been times when I have thought that just one more disagreeable day would be the straw that broke the camel's back!

There has been so much sickness in our house for the past six months! We are hoping that things will be better after we have Mary Leanna's tonsils out. We happen to have two different doctors for our children, and the doctors have not been in agreement on the matter of the tonsils. One doctor has told us not to have them out, and the other doctor has insisted that we have them out. Before I write my next letter to you, the tonsils will be out. I am weary of indecision.

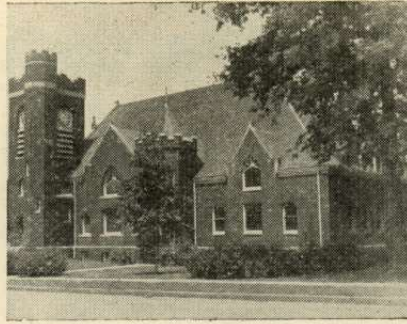
A friend of mine came into the office this morning to solicit my help in recruiting teenage girls to attend his summer camp. You know, New England probably has more summer camps of all kinds than any other place in the world. The millions of people living in our large eastern cities send their children to summer camps if they can possibly afford it.

My friend's camp is an unusual one in that the entire emphasis of the camp is on physical fitness by means of canoeing. The girls are taught to handle a canoe, and then they literally live in their canoes for more than a month. The entire camp of girls takes a long canoe trip covering many miles of rivers and lakes, and the only time they are out of the canoes is when they pitch their tents at night. It all sounds pretty wonderful to me. Of course there are no girls in our town who would want to attend that particular summer camp, for our own town is famous for its boating and canoeing. The girls here practically grow up on the water, but I can well imagine that girls who do not live close to the water would love such a camp.

Many of our old New England towns are still run by the ancient and honorable town meetings. Oh yes, we do have town councils and such, but all important decisions are made in the town meetings. Last night Bristol had a town meeting. I could not attend it because I do not own any property here, but I did stand in the hall outside with other visitors and watch some of the proceedings.

It was quite a thrill for me to watch a town meeting. I had the feeling that it was an example of real American democracy at its best. In the meeting were persons of every nationality and from every walk of life. The wealthy business executive sat side by side with the small shopkeeper and market gardener, and all had an equal say in the conduct of the meeting.

I don't think that I would like to live in a town so large that the town meeting type of government could no longer be used. I like small towns,



Those of you who have driven to Shenandoah will no doubt recognize this picture of our local Baptist church. On the other hand, you may have missed it while you were trying to get your bearings at that particular corner where six streets meet!

and as I walked away from the town meeting last night, I was more convinced than ever that the small town is still the custodian of undiluted American principles.

As a place to live the small town has always had some advantages, and now the few disadvantages have largely passed away. The motor car, the radio, the television has made it possible for the small towns to enjoy everything the cities have except crowds, smoke, and noise. In small towns we know our neighbors; our children play in fresh air and safety; and we have land to cultivate our gardens.

We have just finished our annual financial campaign for the church, and now after several days of holding my breath I can breathe freely again. In this time of inflation it is necessary for our church to increase its budget each year, and that of course means the people must give more each year.

So often I have had people ask me how much they should give to the church, and I always give the same answer: "Just as much as you can possibly give!" It isn't the amount of the gift that matters, but the amount of the sacrifice. The bigness of the gift is determined by the bigness of the heart behind the gift. What anyone else thinks you should give is not the point. You must be satisfied—so satisfied that you will want to tell your answer to God in prayer.

A few days ago the ladies in our church gave a food sale and tea. Of course Betty and I attended, and we took both of the children with us. It was David's official "coming out party", for it was his first appearance at a church function of any kind since the day of his baptism. He sat up at the tea table like a little gentleman, drinking his milk and eating cookies. He even asked for a napkin and then proceeded to wipe off his own face. His proud father thought that that was pretty good for a twenty months old boy. This particular tea was the first affair in our church for more than two years to be poorly attended. We attribute the poor attendance to the miserable weather, and to the fact that our church has had so many nice social functions this winter. Perhaps the tea was just one thing too many!

Our Women's Guild has about 100 active members, and in the past year

they have earned and spent for the benefit of the church well over \$2,000. In addition to that each of our two missionary societies have earned and spent more than \$400 each. Don't you think that I have a right to be proud of my church women? Of course the mission giving of the church is not limited to what the missionary societies give. In addition to what the societies gave, the membership as a whole gave more than \$1,900 to missions during the past year. I do not think that there are too many churches with a membership of 300 doing a great deal better than this little church in Bristol. Betty and I love our people here, and they have been simply wonderful to us in every way.

When we have our summer bazaar on the church lawn, we always have a children's bazaar across the street on the parish house lawn. The children's bazaar committee was very anxious to procure a merry-go-round for the occasion this summer, but it found the cost to be too high. Instead of the merry-go-round the committee has decided to rig up an overhead trolley car like the one I have in our backyard. The local electric utility company has agreed to string a cable running from the base of one tree on the lawn to a point about ten feet high on another tree across the lawn. We shall have a little miniature airplane suspended from the cable and the children will be able to ride in the airplane from one side of the lawn to the other. We shall also have the usual pony rides and donkey cart rides which prove so popular year after year. There will be children's movies in the parish house and a variety of amusements on the lawn.

I hope that I don't bore you by writing so much about our church. Naturally the church is a tremendously big part of our life. If the church were not our first love, I wouldn't be writing about it. Betty and I believe in the church. It isn't a perfect institution because it is made up of people, and proof that our particular church is not perfect is the fact that I am its Minister. But we believe in the church in spite of its limitations and handicaps because we know that more than anything else in Bristol, more than anything else in the world, the church stands for decency, justice, charity, purity, and love. We believe in the church because of what it has meant to our country, but even more, because of what it can mean to our country if all of us would be better church members.

This June I am going to make a trip to California to attend the meeting of the General Council of our church. I shall leave Bristol late in the afternoon and arrive in Omaha late that same evening. I hope that some of the Shenandoah Driftmiers will be able to meet me at the airport and drive me down home. I shall have less than thirty-six hours at home and then will be on my way again from Omaha to Los Angeles. On the return trip I shall fly non-stop to New York and there catch a plane for Providence and Bristol.

Sincerely, Frederick.

A SHOWER FOR THE JUNE BRIDE

By Mildred Cathcart



June is the proverbial month of roses and the month of brides, so why not combine the two ideas when you plan a bridal shower?

Your invitations may be in the form of a "bouquet of roses". Draw a vase on a folded piece of paper. Through a slit in the top of the vase place several roses that you have colored artistically. Each rose may be removed and on the back will be the necessary information — date, place, etc.

At this time of year flowers will be abundant so use them profusely throughout your house.

A flower game is a MUST so give each guest a slip of paper with these clues and ask each to identify the flower.

1. A vehicle and a country. CARNATION.
2. Honey and a vegetable. SWEET PEA.
3. Girl's name and wealth. MARI-GOLD.
4. Horn and twining plant. TRUMPET VINE.
5. To bite at and a monster. SNAP DRAGON.
6. Color and dong. BLUE BELL.
7. Food and a dish. BUTTER CUP.
8. Number plus time. FOUR O'CLOCK.
9. Pertaining to a bride and a circle of flowers. BRIDAL WREATH.
10. Boy's name and to arise. JOHN-NY JUMP UP.
11. Sugary and a boy's name. SWEET WILLIAM.
12. An animal and to fall. COW SLIP.

FLOWER RIDDLES

1. What is a pretty girl who has had a falling out with her lover? Ans. A blue bell.
2. What flower do we all have? Ans. Tulips.
3. What do unmarried men often lose? Ans. Bachelor's buttons.
4. What did the teacher do when she sat on a tack? Ans. Rose.
5. What flower reminds you of a lot of birds? Ans. Phlox.
6. How can you tell if she will marry you? Ans. Aster.
7. What do most young women aspire to wear? Ans. Orange Blossoms. (Sent by Lynda Schlomann).

It isn't a new game but it is always fun to select pictures of several flowers from a catalog and see who can identify the most correctly. If there are older ladies in the crowd this usually gives them an excellent opportunity to show their superiority.

You might also ask each one present to think of a flower for each letter of the alphabet—Azalea, Buttercup, Carnation, Daisy, etc.

For another game you will need four or five artificial flowers of various colors. Have each contestant toss the flowers at a large vase and have a designated number of points for each color.

For prizes, the winners will enjoy vases, frogs, plant decorators, novel flower pots, or other floral ideas.

When it comes time to present the bride's gifts you might have them ar-

ranged in a large basket that is topped with a lovely bouquet of real flowers. This will make a lovely gift for the bride to take home with her. And no doubt you or one of the guests will see that the bride gets a vase among her other gifts.

If the bride you are honoring has already had various showers in her honor, you and a few intimate friends might like to try this idea. Combine your money and buy one nice vase that is adaptable for year around arrangements. Then give the bride an envelope that has an explanatory note telling her there will be a bouquet for her once each month from the local green house. Won't it please her to be able to call and request a bouquet when she first entertains the groom's family, when the boss comes to dinner, or for a special holiday? This type of gift is not expensive and it brings a whole year's happiness for the receiver whose budget probably does not allow for such luxuries.

For your centerpiece you will find this most attractive. Fashion two hearts of heavy wire and wrap them with gold paper or ribbon. Overlap them to form the common "entwining" heart and fasten them securely in a wooden block or heavy frog. Wind vine sweet peas or other dainty flowers and leaves around the hearts. At each place use a tiny corsage for a favor, attach the guest's name with a pastel ribbon and double for a place card, too. Plain nut cups may be transformed into "flowers" by pasting crepe paper petals around the cup. Use the pastel colors found in roses for a colorful effect.

Do not overlook the floral theme when planning refreshments. Open-faced sandwiches may be decorated with pimento flowers. Rose radishes, celery and carrot curls may be prettily arranged. Cup cakes may be decorated with regular frosting flowers. Or if you like, you may use colored gumdrops for the flowers and green ones for leaves. A novel touch can be added by using real blossoms or buds. Keep these very cold in the refrigerator until you are ready to serve, then arrange them artistically around a large cake or around your individual cakes.

Often requests have come in for showers in a rural community such as ours where the whole neighborhood is invited and the affair must be held in the church parlors or in the school gymnasium.

In this case games are often difficult to manage. Planned entertainment seems to be a better solution.

Somehow the old favorite and standby, "a mock wedding" always goes over with a bang. You are sure to find, in every community, a few who are able and willing to supply the wit and humor necessary. This may be the back-bone of your program.

For another idea you may enjoy this little skit even though it, too, is old. This is pantomimed and takes but little rehearsal. The curtain opens slightly and a placard is shown saying, "MAID ONE." A song, such as "Alice Blue Gown" may be sung and the curtain opens to reveal a young "maid" sitting under an arbor or trellis decorated with real or artificial flowers. The second time the curtain opens it shows the sign, "MAID WON" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" is sung. This time the young man is kneeling in front of the girl and acts out a proposal. She nods in the affirmative.

For the last scene the wedding march is heard and a placard says, "MADE ONE". Now comes the wedding scene and it may be pantomimed out as prettily or as humorously as you wish. "I Love You Truly" may be sung for this scene.

If you should decide to try a few games for a crowd, I think you would like the idea of choosing teams that in charge had secured "wedding rings" which were curtain rings bought in bunches at the dime store. These were tied on even numbers of different colored ribbons. As the guests arrived, each received a wedding ring. These were given out so that each team would be evenly divided. For example, all the children would NOT be given a blue ribbon. To be fair, there should be all ages on each team.

For a team game, identifying flowers is good but you should use a longer list and include flowers that are quite difficult to name.

For such a large group you will serve from a prettily decorated table. Paper plates with floral designs will no doubt be the best for this. We have found that angel food cake serves economically and easily. Tinted whipped cream topped with a small amount of crushed Lady Fingers is delicious. And in rural areas where eggs and cream are plentiful such refreshments are not too luxurious. Coffee may be served for the adults if you choose. But for the younger members of the crowd you will want to provide a punch bowl. Set the bowl in a garland of blossoms and top the drink with orange or lemon slices on which the peeling has been scalloped.

Whatever type of shower you decide upon, you will find ideas aplenty. June, the month of brides and roses, needs only a SHOWER to make it complete.

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LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Friends:

Well, believe it or not, but at last we're jogging along in summer, hot, beautiful, and oh! so welcome early summer. I feel as though I'd taken up residence in another country, and although I always feel this to a certain degree, it's much sharper this year because of spending an entire winter inside the house.

There are so many things I do in the summer that seem different. For instance, I don't shuffle out of bed in a coma when morning rolls around—I actually jump out and am eager for the day to begin. Early morning is the most golden time of the day and I wouldn't miss it for the world. Just yesterday we awakened shortly before five to hear the most incredible murmur of bird songs; it seemed to come from a great distance and sounded like muffled flutes in a symphony. I can never recall hearing anything the least bit comparable. It was really beyond my powers to describe. And I'd happily awaken every morning that early just to hear it again.

We grew up with one clear-cut summer goal in mind. It was always mother's aim to have the house entirely cleaned, the porches swept, and all heavy cooking done by nine o'clock. At that hour the shades were pulled against the scalding sun and we sort of hibernated until early evening when the house was once again thrown open. I know people who don't hold to this idea of closing a house, but I'm all in favor of it and do the same thing in my own home. It seems to me that a living room or dining room seems twice as hot when the sun is pouring into it, so I'll just continue to draw the shades.

Recently I reread two books that made such an impression upon me I want to tell you about them. If you are responsible for any kind of a program, they are absolutely ideal to review and discuss. These two books were written by Pearl Buck, and they are the biographies of her parents.

"The Exile" is the story of her mother, and few women have been apprehended with as much understanding and love as was this woman. She went to China as a bride, and the story of the forty years she spent there is heartbreaking, fascinating, and humorous too.

But if Pearl Buck understood her mother, she brought equal compassion and understanding to the story of her father, "The Fighting Angel". Certainly no one else understood him. I've never read of anyone else remotely like him—and I doubt if you have either.

These books were published in the thirties and for some reason they were never as widely read as they should have been. I've known people who have read everything Pearl Buck has written—except these two biographies that are truly remarkable pieces of work. I'd like to have you read both of them just for your own pleasure, and as I said, they cannot be surpassed for a program. If your library



Juliana and Lucile were facing a western sun when this picture was taken in their garden—please overlook their squints. They spent every free moment outside when their spring flowers were in full bloom, and my! what a brilliant picture their tulips made.

doesn't have them, write to the book store that advertises in this magazine. They can turn up anything if you'll give them enough time.

Someone asked me the other day how I continued to get so much reading done, and I replied that I never looked at the printed word (aside from the newspaper) until I went to bed at night. I have to be too tired to hold the book before I can turn off the light without reading at least a few pages.

Next month I want to print a letter that I received about prayer. It seemed to me a most unusual comment on a subject about which most of us think a great deal, and consequently I'd like to share it with you. I was particularly receptive to the ideas in it because it reached me at a time when I needed it. During this past winter we lost two of our dearest friends, and there are long, long thoughts at such a time. It seems of urgent importance, when such things happen, to clarify our ideas and search for the key that will open for us the world of prayer.

May Day is now a thing of the past, but while I think of it I want to mention something that I don't understand. When we were children we always took our baskets out on the night of May 1st—it never would have occurred to us to go at any other time. But ever since Juliana has been old enough to take baskets (which means the past six years) she has followed the current practise of doing this on the night of April 30th, not of May 1st.

Is this true in your community too? And when did it happen? And why? I've discussed it with a number of my friends and they all say that when they were children they regarded the evening of May 1st as the time to take out baskets, but that they've noticed too it has been changed to April 30th. No one has any idea as to *when* this started or *why* it started. The same way with Hallowe'en. We always went out on the night of Hallowe'en and at

no other time, but now it is the custom to go out the night before. I wish someone would come up with an answer to this! Valentine's Day still seems firmly put and also the Fourth of July, but the way things are going we may see these changed too in years to come.

By the time you read this we hope to have made a trip up to Lucas. It's been many months now since we were there, and I always love a drive through the countryside at this season when everything is fresh and beautiful. Mother, Dad and Juliana went up recently and since the wild flowers were in bloom at that time, Juliana had an ecstatically happy day in the timber. She always feels a little disgruntled at town life after a day on the farm, and wishes to goodness that household chores were just half as exciting as pumping water, feeding chickens and "helping" Uncle Frank in a dozen different ways.

Speaking of chickens reminds me to tell you that at last we are again without any—oh joyful day! One by one those six chickens succumbed, and since we had absolutely no way to keep them and the final two got to the place where no box could contain them, it was a real problem. Juliana had generously given me one of them (she named it Buttons) and, ironically enough, it was the last one to give up. After all of this chicken trouble it's actually a relief to look forward to the kittens that will be with us before long.

Have any of you friends tackled English smocking? I've noticed a number of patterns recently and have studied some detailed instructions that were given in Woman's Day, but I can't seem to make any sense to it. I've never seen any, furthermore. If you've done some of this work I'd like to know if you think it's an improvement on the ordinary, run-of-the-mill smocking, or if those of us who are afraid to tackle it are just as well off.

I've promised myself to get a white summer dress smocked for Emily and the weather tells me that I should be getting at it without delay. I'm going to use only red to smock this, and if you haven't made a white dress smocked in red you've missed a wonderfully effective idea. When Kristin was little she had such a dress, and I can remember borrowing it when we wanted to get some extra-special color shots of Juliana.

All through the flood period I had you friends in those areas on my mind day and night. We drove down to the State Park to look out over the valley, and even as I looked at the water stretching from bluff to bluff I simply couldn't believe it. It seemed absolutely incredible that such a thing could be. I certainly have heartfelt sympathy for those of you who had to go back into homes that were just one awful ruin after the waters had gone down. I'm sure that only people who've been through such an experience can really imagine what a terrible situation it is.

Come and see our garden this summer. The gate will always be open, so just walk in and make yourselves at home. Always—Lucile.

FROM MY LETTER BASKET

By LEANNA DRIFTMIER

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUES: "My husband and I have been arguing back and forth for a couple of years over this question, and finally I said that I was going to write to you for your opinion. We have a big house, our children are all gone, and I'd be tickled to death to sell it and get a four room house, a brand new one that wouldn't be such a big job to keep up. My husband built this house forty years ago and won't hear to selling it, but I can't see one sound reason why we shouldn't. I'm not a bit sentimental about things when it comes to hard work."—*Ia.*

ANS: When it's all said and done I don't see that you have a problem. If your husband won't sell the house and move, then he won't and that's that. I think it foolish to spend energy fretting about a situation that obviously isn't going to change. Do stay in the house happily—life is too short for constant friction.

QUES: "Our son is marrying in June, and we won't meet his future wife until we attend the wedding in Indiana. I feel that since we don't know her and haven't any idea as to her tastes we should simply give them a check and let them purchase what they please with it. My husband wants to buy a dining room set just because that's what his parents gave us when we were married twenty-eight years ago . . . he has always enjoyed it and seems to think that it's the one perfect wedding gift. What do you think?"—*Minn.*

ANS: In this day and age very few young people seem to know positively that they're going to stay put—there aren't too many newly married couples who actually buy a house and settle down at once. I feel that a check would be far preferable. Tell your husband that they may not even have a dining room! Since he feels so keenly about it, see if you can get him to settle for a check now with the assurance to the young couple that when they have their permanent home he'd like to provide the furniture for the dining room.

QUES: "When is it wise to speak up, and when is it wise to keep still? I feel that I've really failed as a mother because I cannot seem to make my married son realize that his two little boys should be in Sunday School. They live three blocks from us and if I didn't go by and get them every Sunday, they'd never get there at all. So far I haven't come right out and told him and his wife what I think about it, but I'm wondering now if I shouldn't?"—*Mo.*

ANS: There are so many different ways to say things! You could simply antagonize those two parents to the point where they'd never take action, or you could skillfully get them around to your own viewpoint. I think it possible that if you stopped going by the children would bring some pressure of their own to bear since you say that they enjoy Sunday School very much and are always eager to go. Children

don't willingly give up something they enjoy, so don't go by a few Sundays and just see what happens. It would be my guess that if the parents couldn't depend upon you, they'd take action.

QUES: "Can anything be done with a girl of 18 who insists upon getting married this summer to a boy who is not at all suitable for her? They've gone together, over our protests, for two years, and although we've always planned to send her away to college and can afford to do so, she refuses to go. None of our pleading does any good and she even refused to talk to our minister when I went to him. My husband is ready to give up, but I just can't."—*Mo.*

ANS: You might as well. When young people are so stubbornly determined to do something it doesn't seem possible to influence them in any way. If it can be managed in some peaceful way you might get her to agree to give college a half year's trial and then tell her that if she still wants to marry, you'll cooperate. But I doubt if this can be accomplished, in view of what you have told me.

QUES: "I belong to a club that my mother helped to organize years ago, and it has always been the custom to ask daughters or daughter-in-laws to join when they marry and settle down in our home town. A year ago my son married a nice girl from California, and although I've waited every meeting to have one of my old friends make the suggestion, she has never been invited to join. I feel so hurt that I can scarcely make myself attend. I'm tempted to drop out, everything considered. Do you think I should?"—*Ia.*

ANS: Not now. If you drop out you are subtly dropping all of your best lifetime friends, since you would never again feel the same about them. I'd stay in for at least another year. If nothing happens it will be time enough then to make a decision.

QUES: "Last month our Ladies Aid served the junior-senior banquet, and somehow one of the boys knocked over a candlestick and burned a big hole in my good linen tablecloth that I had donated for the occasion. In talking with various members I find that he is constantly damaging property, and they think that we should write a letter of complaint to his parents. I feel doubtful about this and thought I'd ask you your opinion before our next meeting when the subject will come up."—*Nebr.*

ANS: I can't see what good such a complaint would do. There is little likelihood that they would pay you for the damage, and even if they did it would be with great bitterness and antagonism, from what you have told me about the family. I don't believe that any church organization should make itself the target for such hostility, no matter how justified they might seem to be.



Alison was just at the tail end of her long battle cutting teeth when this picture was taken, and her Uncle Russell had to try a number of times before he could get a cheerful expression. She creeps like lightning all over the house, and is not what we call a sound sleeper.

BATHROOM SHOWER

By Lulu H. Magdefrau

The type of shower you will give for the June bride depends, in part, upon the amount of entertainment that is done for her. If she is honored by a series of showers, then something as different as the type of party explained here is definitely a welcome variation.

If it's at all possible, plan to have this party on Saturday night. Write your invitations on soap wrappers or pieces of white paper that have been cut in the shape of bars of soap. Make it clear enough that this is to be a "bathroom shower" and suggest that gifts be things suitable to such a theme.

By all means ask the honored guest to come early and to bring her bathrobe and bedroom slippers. For a real ice-breaker seat her on a throne in the living room; this throne can be a wash tub turned upside down, or a large arm chair can be draped with a shower curtain suspended above it. Turkish towels can hang from the arms of this chair—let your imagination run riot when it comes to fixing the throne!

Soap carving is always fun and even grown-ups enjoy bubble blowing. Supply the equipment for both of these stunts and you won't need any other planned entertainment.

An attractive centerpiece for the table can be a collection of small plastic dolls arranged around a dish of water. Wash cloths make ideal napkins for such a shower, and fetching place cards can be made by pasting a sail with the guest's name written on it, to a toothpick. This sail is stuck in the middle of a small bar of soap to represent a sail boat.

Even if your bride expects to have an automatic washing machine she can still make good use of a wash tub, so place the gifts in one and then present it to the honored guest.

HOMEMAKING PREMIERE — FOR THE BRIDE

By Mabel Nair Brown

Certainly every new bride faces many "first showing" adventures as she takes up the job of homemaking entirely on her own — so a shower featuring a theme centered on the fanfare and excitement of a Hollywood Premiere should be most appropriate. Such a party might play up the luxury and beauty angle or go to the other extreme and stress the gaudy, the spectacular, the different.

A GADGET PREMIERE works up well into this party theme, and with the informal entertaining so popular nowadays. In fact, this would be a perfect shower to have at a breakfast right in your kitchen! Of course if your kitchen is too small for that, you could still serve the breakfast buffet style from the kitchen table and then let the guests carry their trays to the dining room or living room.

The cover of your invitation, (unless you decide to use the easy convenience — the telephone, which is perfectly proper for these informal little showers,) might have the word FLASH! across it in vivid colors. The invitation might read: "Please come to my house on June 10th at 9:30 A.M. and bring a gift of a kitchen gadget or a kitchen 'extra' for the Cook's Premiere honoring Mary Anderson".

You can be ready to suggest such gifts as the following, if the guests ask for suggestions; fancy gelatine and cake molds, fish molds, timbale and rosette irons, cake decorator set, vegetable slicers and peelers, kitchen shears, cake server fork, kitchen scales, doughnut maker, paper towel holder, spoon rest for the stove, all kinds of kitchen knives and knife holder, wire basket for deep fat frying, food chopper and food press or sieve.

The hostess can carry out the gadget idea in her centerpiece by making up a "gadget bride" of her gifts to the bride. Use a large wooden spoon as the body with the bowl of the spoon to be the head. Make a cone of heavy paper and stand the spoon doll in that to make it stand upright on the table. Use a pencil or crayon to sketch the features on the rounded side of the spoon and rouge the cheeks. A metal scouring pad ("chore-girl") is fastened on for the hair. Wire on paring knives for the arms. A small glass towel can be the gown and fasten on a dish cloth for the bride's veil. For her bouquet attach a set of measuring spoons to a small funnel.

If you preferred a pretty centerpiece, rather than the unusual, try making a large fan as described above and arrange flowers at the base, then lay the small fan favors in a circle around it, each one on a small lace paper doily. Or, had you thought of a "wedding slipper" arrangement? Simply place a small container in a high heeled white pump and fill it with flowers—frills of lace doilies, satin or lace ribbon might be added. Favors to go with the slipper centerpiece might be pastel mints tied in a small square of cellophane attached to a



Every spare moment Oliver could find this spring he was wielding a paint brush inside and outside. Martin helped his daddy a lot, and here you see them preparing to paint the old shed that has been fixed up for a small boy's hide-out.

small white slipper cut from construction paper. Each guest's name could be written on the slipper.

To present the gifts at the Premiere party, why not have some one dressed as a page who brings in the gifts, one at a time on a large tray to present them to the bride? If someone could announce the arrival of each gift with a fanfare on a cornet or the piano, it would add to the merriment.

Ice cream, cake (decorated cakes) and coffee seem to me to be traditional refreshments for an afternoon shower, but if you decide on a breakfast as we suggested above, then there are several different menu ideas to consider. Shirred eggs and bacon, hot rolls and coffee with an eye-catching (as well as taste appealing!) platter of frosted chilled fruits is one idea. Use wedges of fresh pineapple, large whole fresh strawberries, grapes, cored and quartered apples, tangerines (peeled) or orange sections on such a fruit plate. Dip the chilled berries and grapes in sugar to frost them just before serving.

Another menu might include, fruit juice, coffee cake or tea-ring, link sausages (scrambled eggs if desired) and coffee. Or; grapefruit, hot muffins, strawberry jam, and fried ham. Still another menu; creamed dried beef over hot baking powder biscuit, fruit juice, more biscuits and honey or jam, and coffee.

There usually is not much time for entertainment at a breakfast shower, other than visiting and distribution of gifts. For something different than the usual writing of just any recipe, why not ask each guest to bring along a copy of some treasured family recipe for the new bride's file? Or you might provide a notebook and let them write down kitchen tricks and helps. Or for laughs, each one might write out the story of her biggest cooking failure and then after these had been read aloud the bride might keep them to remind her of "what not to do!"

BREAKFAST SCRAMBLE is a game everyone can play. Get together all the different kinds of prepared cereal you can locate and place each kind in a sauce dish or on a small paper plate. Number each kind and then give guests pencil and paper to see who can correctly identify each kind—you will be surprised how much some types of flaked or popped cereals look alike!

If you are having an afternoon party then you will want to stress the PREMIERE theme by having large potted plants all about the house and a profusion of flowers. Large stars can be cut from aluminum foil and pinned to the curtains and drapes.

AMATEUR HOUR would be an appropriate game for the party. Each guest puts on a stunt, dance or song to illustrate a kitchen chore, or task, or all of them might illustrate advice to the bride. Perhaps two or three will want to join to do a clever skit together. "Putting your best foot forward at breakfast", "Balancing (?) the checkbook", "The first piecrust", "What to substitute in a recipe" and "Trying out a new recipe on hubby" are a few of the kitchen dramas to be acted out. If you have a whistle to blow or a bell to ring to give "the gong" to some of the acts, so much the better!

MIX IT: Find a recipe for some food (marble cake, dessert, pudding, etc.) and then assemble all the correct amounts of the ingredients called for in the recipe, in the various measuring cups, spoons, etc., place on one large tray. Allow the guests to look the tray over and name what food you would be making from the amounts and ingredients used. A variation of this would be to let each one take a turn at listing the ingredients to a recipe (with amounts used) and let the rest guess what the recipe is.

PUZZLE

The puzzling thing about a child,
(Or so it seems to me)
Is on the bright and sunny days
Inside is where he'll be.

But on a damp and dreary day,
He'll sit around and pout;
With not a single thing to do
And what he wants is—out!

—Phyllis J. Pasqualetti

PROMISE

Since spring has returned to the
orchard

With fragrance of blossoms to
spare,

The cherry, the peach and the apple
Are humming with bees in their
hair.

All over the meadow the robins
Are joyfully tripping along

With thoughts of rebirth and its
promise

Revealing their hearts in a song.

O! this is a season to cherish,

When beauty caresses the day,
When earth is prepared for the summer,

And all is delightful and gay.

—Rose Demmitt



MASTER MIX (Purdue University)

9 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/3 cup baking powder
4 tsp. salt
2 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
2 cups shortening
Sift flour, baking powder, salt and cream of tartar together three times. Cut in shortening until mix is consistency of corn meal. Store in tightly covered container at room temperature. This mix will keep for six weeks. Total amount: 13 cups.

MASTER MIX BISCUITS

3 cups mix
2/3 cup milk
Mix lightly and bake in a 475 degree oven until brown.

MASTER MIX COFFEE CAKE

3 cups mix
1/2 cup sugar
2/3 cup milk
1 egg
Combine milk, sugar and beaten egg. Spread into buttered pan 9 x 9 and cover with topping made by combining 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1 1/2 Tbls. butter, 1 Tbls. flour and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Bake for 25 minutes in a 400 degree oven.

MASTER MIX NUT BREAD

3 cups mix
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup milk
1 egg
1/2 cup chopped nuts
Stir sugar and chopped nuts into the mix. Combine milk and beaten egg and stir until blended. Bake in greased loaf pan in a 350 degree oven for about one hour.

ORANGE-MARSHMALLOW PIE

2 eggs
4 Tbls. cornstarch
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup orange juice
1 Tbls. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/2 cup water
2 Tbls. butter
12 marshmallows
Mix cornstarch, sugar, egg yolks and a little of the water. Then add everything else except the marshmallows. Cook in double boiler until it thickens. Then fold in cut up marshmallows. Put in baked pie shell, top with meringue and brown.

"Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By LEANNA and LUCILE

EAT MORE (Requested)

2 1/2 lbs. ground steak
1 lb. egg noodles
1 1/2 qts. tomatoes
1 bunch of celery
2 large onions
1 can pimentoes
Fry the steak and onions slightly. Boil noodles in salted water until tender and then drain. Heat tomatoes and add finely cut celery. Boil a few minutes. Then combine all ingredients and pour into a large baking dish. Bake 1 hour in a 350 degree oven.

EGG YOLK CUSTARD

8 egg yolks
1/3 cup sugar
2 1/2 cups scalded milk
2 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. salt
Beat egg yolks, blend in the sugar, and add scalded milk, vanilla and salt. Pour into 6 buttered custard cups. Place cups in a pan of hot water and bake in a 325 degree oven for 50 minutes.
Mix 2 Tbls. brown sugar and 1/2 tsp. nutmeg. Sprinkle over the tops of the custards and bake 10 minutes more.

HORSERADISH SAUCE

1 cup whipping cream (whipped until stiff)
2/3 Tbls. horseradish
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. sugar
Combine all ingredients and serve at once with baked ham or cold meat.

LUCILLE SASSAMAN'S STRAWBERRY PIE

Make up a 9-inch pie shell, coat the inside with egg white, and bake in a hot oven until brown. When cool put your prettiest strawberries in the shell, and if there aren't enough to fill a layer, use some banana. Pour glaze over the fresh fruit and chill before serving with whipped cream.

Glaze: Mash berries through a sieve (about a pint, at least) and measure out 2 cups. Add enough water to make up the 2 cups, if necessary. Mix together 1 cup sugar with 4 level Tbls. of cornstarch. Add the strawberries that have been put through the sieve and then cook over a direct flame until it begins to boil. Cover and cook over hot water for 15 minutes. Add 1 Tbls. butter and pour over fruit in pie shell.

QUANTITY SERVINGS (For 100)

With big summer reunions and picnics coming up we are frequently asked how much salad to prepare when a crowd is to be fed. The following amounts give you a good guide.

Chicken salad	22 qts.
Potato salad	24 qts.
Vegetable salad	24 qts.
Fruit salad	18 qts.

LUNCHEON MENU

Recently we were guests at a luncheon where the following menu was served. Everything tasted so delicious, plus looking so beautiful, that we got the recipes and are passing them on to you.

Molded chicken salad
Potato chips
Ripe and Green olives
Ribbon sandwiches
Apricot sponge cake
Coffee

MOLDED CHICKEN SALAD

2 1/2 cups cold, cooked chicken, diced
3/4 cup diced celery
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
2 Tbls. gelatine
2 cups chicken stock
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup cream
Mix chicken, celery and pepper. Soften gelatine in cold stock and then bring to boiling point. Add to first mixture and let it stand until it starts to stiffen. Then fold in mayonnaise and cream that has been whipped. Turn into molds, and when firm unmold on lettuce leaf. This makes 8 servings.

APRICOT SPONGE SHORTCAKE

1 cup apricot pulp
1/2 cup sugar
1 Tbls. lemon juice
1 egg white
1 Tbls. gelatine
2 Tbls. cold water
Combine apricot pulp, sugar, lemon juice and beaten egg white. Add gelatine which has been dissolved in cold water and then liquified over steam. Beat mixture until it is stiff enough to hold its shape. (Place bowl in ice water to hasten process.) Spread half of this on a layer of sponge cake and let stand in refrigerator until firm. Cover with second layer of cake and pile the rest of the mixture on top. Garnish with slices of apricot and whipped cream.

RASPBERRY FROST

1/2 cup finely sieved raspberries
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1 1/2 cups cold milk
Add raspberries to half of the ice cream. Beat with egg beater until well blended. Add milk. Beat until frothy. Sweeten to taste. Pour into 4 8-oz. glasses and top with remaining ice cream.

RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

- 2 cups diced rhubarb
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup sweet cream
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbls. cornstarch

Cover rhubarb with boiling water and let stand until you are ready for it. Mix together the beaten egg yolks, sugar, and sweet cream in which the cornstarch has been dissolved. Drain rhubarb and mix with above ingredients. Turn into an unbaked pie shell and bake in a 350 degree oven until firmly set. Cover with meringue made from the 2 egg whites which have been beaten stiff and to which 4 Tbls. sugar have been added. Brown in a 475 degree oven for about 7-minutes.

RHUBARB MARMALADE

- 4 cups coarsely cut rhubarb
- 1 lemon
- 1 orange
- 1 cup water
- 7 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 pkgs. fruit pectin

Grate lemon and orange rinds; juice the fruit and combine rinds and juices with rhubarb. Bring to a boil and add pectin. Stir until pectin is dissolved and add the sugar; boil gently for 5 minutes.

FROZEN LEMON PIE

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 5 Tbls. lemon juice
- 1 cup cream, whipped
- 24 vanilla wafers or graham crackers

Beat egg whites until stiff. Beat in 1/2 cup sugar. Now beat in 3 egg yolks, one at a time. Add 5 Tbls. lemon juice. Fold in cream whipped until stiff. Roll wafers or graham crackers into fine crumbs; spread half on bottom of buttered pan. Pour in the lemon mixture, sprinkle remaining crumbs on top, and freeze.

CHERRY CREAM PIE

- 2 cups of cherry juice (may fill out with water)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 Tbls. cornstarch
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 cups drained cherries
- 1 Tbls. butter

Bring juice to boiling point. Blend cornstarch, sugar, salt and water. Add to hot juice; cook until thick and then add butter and cherries. Cool and pour into baked pie shell. Add meringue and brown.

FLUFFY STRAWBERRY SAUCE

- 2 cups strawberries
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 egg white
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Hull berries and then mash. Add sugar and lemon juice. Whip egg white stiff and add it to the strawberry mixture. Whip until fluffy.



In Lucile's letters she has mentioned Juliana's chickens, so here is a picture of what was then the sole survivor sitting on Juliana's shoulder. Its name was Buttons, and the morning after this was taken it went to the happy hunting grounds. Even Juliana agrees that cats are less troublesome pets.

MOTHER'S FRENCH DRESSING

- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 1/4 cups salad oil
- 3/4 cup of vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 2 buds crushed garlic

Put all ingredients into Mason jar and shake, or into a bowl and beat vigorously. Remove buds of garlic before serving. This dressing improves upon standing.

YUM YUM CRISPIES

- 1 cake or pkg. yeast softened in 1/4 cup lukewarm water
- 1 cup scalded milk or potato water
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. lemon extract
- 4 1/2 to 5 cups sifted flour

Mix as for any roll dough but keep the dough soft. Set in warm place and let double in bulk. Set out 1/2 cup butter to soften so it can be creamed for easy spreading. After dough is doubled in bulk and light, place on floured surface and roll into a big sheet; spread thinly with butter, sprinkle with sugar as for cinnamon rolls.

Fold over several times; roll into sheet and repeat procedure. Roll out a 3rd time (about 1/4" thick each time) and in addition to the butter and sugar, sprinkle with raisins; roll and cut as for cinnamon rolls.

Take each roll, dip top side in sugar; roll over it with rolling pin using pressure. Dip a second time and roll to about 1/8" thick; dip top side in sugar and place on cooky sheet. Let raise about 15 minutes and then bake in a 400 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes.—Edith Hansen.

ICE CREAM

By Maxine Sickels

I scream. You scream.

We all scream for ice cream.

We used to chant that little ditty in rhythm with the crank on the old ice cream freezer back in the days when ice cream meant a trip to the ice house in town to bring back a precious, frosty, sawdust covered chunk of pond ice carefully wrapped in newspapers, blankets and sacks.

Now ice cream can be made simply by opening a box of mix and adding milk.

Children still scream for ice cream but they scream louder for some kinds than for others.

At our house this is a favorite. It is a quick and easy recipe.

2 eggs, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/2 cup white syrup, pinch of salt, 1 teaspoon of vanilla, 1 cup cream, 1 cup milk

Beat eggs until light and fluffy, add sugar slowly, then add syrup slowly. Add cream, milk, salt and flavoring. Cream may be whipped if desired, but it doesn't make too much difference.

Freeze until the bottom is frozen about one-fourth inch deep.

Dump into a chilled bowl and beat until creamy. Return to freezer.

The syrup in this makes it smooth and free from crystals. If you want to keep ice cream which you have made in the refrigerator for several days, try beating a pint of commercial ice cream into your mixture when it is partly frozen. There will be no crystals even after two or three days.

For a scrumptious dessert, bake and chill a large pieshell.

Fill this with a pint of ice cream and top with thickened fruit. We prefer raspberries and strawberries but no one refused the one served with apricots, and pineapple was good.

It is one of those desserts that can be prepared in the morning and wait in the refrigerator until evening.

To make a pint of ice cream go farther, serve it as topping on a piece of cake, put it in cream puffs, or fill a jelly roll that has been rolled empty and chilled.

On second thought, who wants to make a pint of ice cream go farther? It is good, and good for you.

It is also one of those foods that will wait in the refrigerator if there is a good strong padlock on the door.

PEPPERMINT ICE CREAM

- 2 Tbls. flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup cold milk
- 2 1/2 cups scalded milk
- 1/2 cup crushed dinner mints
- 1 cup cream
- 1 egg white

Mix flour, sugar and salt. Add cold milk. Add to scalded milk and cook 20 minutes in double boiler until thickened. Add mints and stir until dissolved. Cool and fold in cream and egg whites that have been beaten stiff. May be colored a delicate green or pink. Pour into trays and freeze. Particularly attractive served with angel food cake.

THE BUM'S RUSH

By Eileen Derr

Every child likes a birthday party. But there comes a time in every little boy's life when he feels that he has outgrown the traditional pastel-pink, candle-bedecked, ribbon and ruffles sort of party. That all belongs to the past, and now the time has come when he wants a strictly boy party.

Last fall we had a boy party at our house. Invitations were written on strictly masculine plain white correspondence cards as follows:

CALLING ALL BOYS OF THE ROAD!

We are giving the Bum's Rush to Keith Derr

Time: Sunday afternoon, October 21

Place: The Elwood Derr Farm

Occasion: Birthday party

All dogs have been chained

Free handouts have been arranged for all comers

Up in the corner of this card we drew an old bossy cow and a chicken standing near what we hoped looked reasonably like the Derr farm.

October 21 arrived. Afternoon came. In due time seventeen reasonable facsimiles of potential manhood presented themselves and their birthday gifts self-consciously at the gate, their scrubbed shining faces and fresh starched jeans betraying the fact that this was a special event.

We directed them to go to the barn (the direction in which all good bums should go!) where the afternoon was spent under the least restraining supervision possible. There they wrestled, boxed, jumped off bales into the hay, performed gymnastics on the rafters, and rode the four Shetland ponies that had been saddled for their pleasure.

At four o'clock we opened gifts. As a good many gifts were comic books, this gift opening was followed by a comic book reading session. In giving advice on how to keep seventeen little boys quiet as mice for at least one-half hour, I would suggest putting them into a room with seventeen new comic books and shutting the door against outside interference. Of course this is to follow two hours of strenuous play in the barn or it probably will not work.

Then came the food. Each boy was given a hobo package consisting of a paper sack filled with enough weiners, buns, marshmallows and soda pop to fill the inside of one small boy. In addition to this we also put two balloons and five sticks of bubble gum in each sack. They were then directed to a big bonfire which Dad had built in the backyard, and as soon as their sacks were empty they returned to the house for birthday cake.

This particular birthday cake was designed to resemble a miniature train—a fitting enough theme in view of the fact that bums ride the rods! Two "store-boughten" white-iced butter cakes oblong in shape were placed on a turkey platter, one directly in front of the other. They were hooked together with two sticks of taffy bent to resemble a hoop-and-eye coupling similar to that used on railroad cars.



Every little boy needs a dog, so all of us were happy when Martin became the master of Rags (no breed—just dog). Margery has gone through all the struggles every mother knows when a puppy comes into the house. She's tried her best to keep him outside, but you know how that goes!

The cake in the rear, when furnished with four vanilla wafer wheels, made a nice caboose on which to stick the allotted number of candles. Two huge oatmeal cookies, one on each side, furnished the back drive wheels of the engine. Four small vanilla wafers, two one each side, served for front wheels of the engine. A graham cracker split diagonally and set on end in a V shape made a lovely cow-catcher.

For the cab we set a single graham cracker on end above each oatmeal cookie drive wheel and laid a double graham cracker across the top of them, securing them with icing glue. With a gumdrop bell, a stick candy smoke stack and a marshmallow headlight (We put a red hot in one end of it to make it more realistic) our cake was complete.

In surveying the party-cake wreckage I saw a tired, full, dirty bunch of little boys, happy because they had been doing what little boys like to do and eating what little boys like to eat, all afternoon.

A FATHER-SON BANQUET

By Mildred Dooley Cathcart

From the letters that reach our editors it's perfectly plain that many groups would like to have a Father-Son banquet but are stymied because they cannot figure out what kind of a theme would be truly interesting to the men and boys—and not too sentimental.

There is hardly a male who doesn't enjoy fishing, and most fathers would agree, I think, that some of the best times they ever have with their sons come when they sit together and wait patiently for the BIG ONE. In view of the fact that this is such a favorite recreation, it seems sensible enough to use the idea for a banquet theme.

The chances are that such an affair will be held in the church basement. It's doubtful if time, energy or money

will permit an elaborate decorating job, but there are some things that can be done quickly to give an effective atmosphere.

Deep blue paper tablecloths can be ordered from your nearest department store if they're not stocked locally. At intervals along the sides and at each end anchor large goldfish—these can be cut from cardboard and painted. Or if finances permit, purchase some celluloid fish—the kind we've seen for years as bath-time toys.

A bowl of live gold fish in the center of each table and, if the table is long, two additional bowls, are colorful and easy enough to find simply by borrowing! These can stand without anything around them, of course, but flat trays of moss surrounding the bowls add a great deal. At this time of the year, and for several months to come, it won't be a problem to find the moss.

Brown construction paper boats are easy to make—remember how you folded paper to cut canoes and sewed or glued the ends together? These make ideal nut cups and favors.

A program for a Father-Son banquet could follow our theme, and if you plan a welcome-response type, choose such titles as Hook, Line, Sinker, The One That Got Away, and so forth. For a unique way to present the program-menu paper, secure some old cane poles and cut them into small pieces. Roll up the programs and fit them into the fishing poles.

At each plate you might also place a copy of the latest fishing laws and regulations. These are usually available from the conservation department or the local game warden.

As a rule it's wise to provide a speaker, and the logical choice for such an affair would be the local game warden or some sports enthusiast. The chances are that your State Department of Conservation will have movies that can be borrowed for such occasions, and this type of thing always makes good entertainment.

For extra fun allow enough time for some of the guests who do a great deal of fishing to tell their biggest fish story.

One of the most pressing banquet problems is FOOD and it seems as if each group must plan its own menu to fit the particular conditions involved. Of course some kind of fish is an absolute necessity for this type of banquet, and fortunately it's cheaper than many things we run into at group dinners. Creamed new potatoes, buttered peas, hot rolls, perfection salad and a variety of pies for dessert would be comparatively easy to manage and within most budgets.

GOD BLESS YOU

God bless you—

Why it means so much

I almost whisper as I say it!

And unseen fingers seem to touch my hands

In answer, as I pray it.

May all it means to all mankind

In all its wonderousness possess you;

Through sun and cloud,

And storm and wind,

God bless you, friend, God bless you.

DOROTHY WRITES ABOUT HER BUSY SPRING

Dear Friends:

What busy busy days these are for all of us! Spring has finally arrived. Every day the timber gets a little greener. Our back yard is full of wild plum trees in full blossom, the pear trees are full of bloom, tractors are going full speed ahead in the fields, gardens are in and some of them up, tulips we planted last fall are in bloom, the lilacs are just ready to burst open, and new little livestock is running around in the meadows. Spring! It's a heavenly time of year, but every day is so crammed full of things to be done. By night we are all ready to drop into bed so exhausted we wonder if we will ever be able to get up in the morning, but we love it.

The wild flowers in the timber came up about ten days ago, and every morning after Kristin has gotten ready for school she runs out and picks a fresh bouquet of flowers for the table.

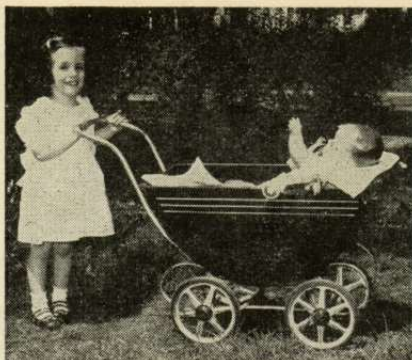
All the children are getting so anxious for school to be out. A few of our rural schools will close the second of May but the bulk of them have two or three more weeks to go. Kristin's school has three weeks left. Mrs. Kiburz has been taking advantage of the beautiful weather this week to make her last visit of the year to the schools. She gave the eighth grade examinations the first of this week to the seventy-three eighth graders in the rural schools.

Two weeks ago 479 rural school children took the Stanford Achievement test. This test is given every year in April to all children from the third grade to the eighth grade inclusive. This test is diagnostic in nature, and is given to determine what educational growth the child has made during the year. The teacher who will have the child in school next year gets a report of his test so that she will know what subjects the child is weakest in and will be better able to understand his problems and needs.

Each test is divided into the following parts: paragraph meaning, word meaning, language usage, arithmetic reasoning, arithmetic computation, literature, history, geography, science and spelling. Correcting the tests and getting the scores recorded is a terrific job, but with the help of some of the teachers who come in and work when they have time, we hope to get it all finished within a few days.

Kristin has been most faithful about taking care of her ducks. She finally got them shut up in a pen so that she could find all the eggs and save them. When I told her tonight that I was going to write my letter to you she said to be sure and tell you about the duck eggs and that tonight she and her Daddy found a couple of setting hens to put the eggs under. She has nineteen eggs and says she will be happy if she gets ten baby ducks from them.

For many weeks Frank has been trying to find a small gentle pony for Kristin. Since I take the car to work, Frank rides horseback a great deal to look after the stock on both places,



Emily often goes to Sunday School with Juliana, and she likes to stop later and play with Juliana's dolls and buggy. By the time this was taken she'd removed her new spring bonnet and white gloves!

and since he has Kristin with him most of the time, he wanted a pony for her to ride. The other day he went to see a friend of his who raises small shetlands and he didn't have a pony broken to ride that he would sell, but he had a lovely little mare named Silver that had belonged to his own daughter. He said he would let us take her home for Kristin to keep for awhile and ride. Silver was to have a colt in about three weeks, so we said we would buy the colt, and until it is old enough to be ridden, Kristin will have Silver to ride.

Night before last Silver's colt arrived, and Kristin is just about the happiest little girl you ever saw. She hasn't named him yet but surely by next month he will have a name and I can tell you in my next letter. He is just about the cutest little colt I have ever seen and I don't think he is a bit bigger than our dog Puddin'. We still have old Danny pony but he is so old and so independent that Kristin can't handle him at all. Silver won't let Danny come near the colt and he is so curious about it that it is really funny to watch them in the pasture together.

It seems to me that for weeks now I have been housecleaning. Frank's sister, Edna, has been helping me with my painting in the evenings and his Aunt Delia and his sister Bernie did a beautiful job of papering my living and dining room. Since all the work has to be done in the evenings when I am at home it just drags on and on. I have visions of Edna and me painting all summer on the kitchen! There is a lot of wall space to cover and we are giving it three coats, so you can see what I mean.

A neighbor is going to fix my cupboard in the kitchen and put up my sink. I have been trying to find a time when we could both be here at the same time to get it done. As yet we haven't found that time, so we can't finish the painting until that is done. We are getting new window shades and drapes for the living room, and Mother is having a slip cover made in Shenandoah for one of my chairs. I am going to be awfully happy when everything is done.

Mother and Dad and Juliana spent a Sunday with us a couple of Sundays

ago. They hadn't been here for so long that we really appreciated our day together. Last Sunday Margery, Oliver and Martin came to spend the day. Martin had a big time riding Silver. We sent him home happy with Kristin's little sidewalk bike in the trunk of the car.

Thanks to Mother and her handwork, Kristin and I have some lovely new spring clothes. She has made Kristin a couple of dresses and some lovely batiste slips. Our pride and joy are the mother-and-daughter peasant skirts she made for us. They are bright blue Indian head with a wide cross-stitch band in red, white and black around the bottom. Then she made me a black and gold cotton skirt and blouse to wear to work.

Frank and I are both going to enjoy a lovely gift that Edna got the other day through the mail. Some friends of hers, Pat and Bert Rydholme of Santa Barbara, Calif., but formerly of Omaha, Nebr., sent a large box of avocados. They picked them while they were still a little green so that they would ship well, and each one was individually wrapped in newspaper. I was eating lunch with Edna and Raymond when the box arrived and when she found out how much Frank and I enjoy avocados she graciously offered to share them with us as soon as they ripen.

Our hearts go out to all of you friends who were in the flood area. Frank and I know how to feel for you. We have been fortunate that our home is on high ground and we have never lost any stock either, but our crops have been flooded out many times.

Frank has quite a bit of his corn planted so we are in better spirits this year than we were last year at this time.

It is late and way past our bedtime, and I must be fresh in the morning to start in on that pile of tests on my desk, so until next month...

Sincerely, Dorothy.

BRIDAL SHOWER GAMES

By Lynda Schlomann

RING QUIZZ

1. When does a ring bring luck? Ans. Prospering
2. When does a ring bloom? Ans. Flowering
3. When does a ring pay compliments? Ans. Flattering
4. When does a ring bring good news? Ans. Cheering
5. When does a ring seem brave? Ans. Daring
6. When does a ring reply? Ans. Answering
7. When does a ring seem annoying? Ans. Bothering
8. When does a ring look silly? Ans. Simpering

RINGING THE STICK

Give all guests but one a good long pencil. The remaining guest has an embroidery ring which she tosses to one player, now to another. The players try to catch the ring on their pencil. Those who miss, drop out. The one who stays in longest is the winner.



FOR THE CHILDREN

THE TRAVELS OF A LITTLE BLUE CAR

By Myrtle E. Felkner

Once there was a small blue car who longed to see the whole wide world. He belonged to a small boy who lived near a busy highway, and every day the little blue car watched the great cars and trucks rumbling to and from the city.

"Someday I, too, will travel the highway," he promised himself, and one day when the little boy went inside for lunch he did exactly that. He slipped through the open gate and felt the smooth, hard concrete beneath his wheels.

"This is fun!" exclaimed the little car. He crept over the crest of a hill and rolled merrily down the other side.

Soon the little car heard a friendly honk behind him, and a large car hummed around him. The people gazed out of the windows and smiled at the little blue car. The little car smiled back, and because he felt so good, he honked a little, too.

"Beep! Beep!" he said.

Now the little car came to another hill, and because it was a very steep one, he climbed slower and slower and slower. He was quite sure he would never reach the top, but then he felt a gentle nudge. Behind him was another great friendly auto, and he gently pushed the little blue car to the top of the hill.

"There you are!" said the great auto as he pulled around the little blue car.

"Beep! Beep!" answered the little blue car in reply, but the friendly car never heard it, for an angry honk sounded behind them.

"Honk! Honk!" snorted a rude black Buick. "Honk! Honk! Honk, honk!" The friendly car slipped hurriedly to the right side of the road as the Buick sped past them both. The swish of air almost swept the little blue car off the road, and he lowered his headlights so he would not have to see the scowl of the angry, hurried driver.

Now the little blue car began to feel dubious about his adventure on the highway.

"What if my fenders are smashed?" he wondered. "The little boy would probably cry . . ." He never finished his thought, for the grinding of gears behind him made him turn hastily for a look.

"My goodness!" he breathed in alarm as a gigantic snub-nosed semi-truck roared closer and closer. "I'm so small, he doesn't even see me!" The little car looked sideways and frontward and backward, but there was no hope of quitting the highway. In the meantime the great truck had come so swiftly that already the huge

wheels were inching over the little blue car.

The little car lowered his headlights again. "My fenders are surely gone this time," he worried. When nothing happened, he cautiously took a peek. He was still rolling along the highway, and the great truck was passing right over him! The small blue car watched the great wheels humming by on either side of him. Soon they pulled away, and the huge truck was gone.

"Whew!" sighed the little car. He looked frontward and backward and then he turned right around and headed for home. Only this time he hustled along on the grassy shoulder along the highway. Soon he saw his Own house and his Own gate and his Own little boy searching for him in the yard.

He rolled to a stop beside the little boy.

"Hop in," he said. "The yard is plenty big for you and me. Beep! Beep!"

The next time you give a handkerchief as a gift, write this verse on a small card and tuck it in.

"With this little handkerchief
I send a wish sincere,
May it hide a smile, smother a
sneeze,
But never dry a tear."

FOR THE LITTLE COOK

By Mildred Grenier

Now that warmer days are here and you are eating more ice cream, try serving it in these "nests" occasionally instead of with cake or cookies. You may also fill the nests with plain pudding.

Chocolate Nests

- 1 8-ounce pkg. semi-sweet chocolate
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 4 cups crisp cereal flakes

Melt the shortening and chocolate over hot water. Stir in the cereal flakes and toss with a fork until coated. Drop 8 mounds on waxed paper and quickly shape into nests. Chill until firm.

Krispie Kups

- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups Rice Krispies
- 1/2 cup nutmeats

Combine sugar, butter and salt and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until very thick and "bubbly". Remove from heat, add vanilla and pour over Rice Krispies and nut meats and mix well. Press into well-greased muffin tins and with a spoon make into "cups". Chill well before filling with ice cream or pudding.



Who would ever guess, looking at this picture of Richard Stortz holding his baby sister, Kathy Ann, that less than a year before it was taken he was in an iron lung critically ill with polio? His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howart Stortz of Brighton, Iowa, are tremendously thankful for his wonderful recovery, and say: "The March of Dimes Campaign fund was very helpful to us. If everyone knew what an awful experience it is to have their child go through, they would certainly contribute much more to this cause."

RIDDLES

1. What month has 29 days in it this year? Ans. They all do.
2. What would happen to a turnip if you left it all day in a bucket of water? Ans. It would get very wet.
3. What would you do if you found a horse in a bathtub of water? Ans. Pull the plug out.
4. What do they call little grey cats in Canada? Ans. Kittens.
5. Who sleeps with his shoes on? Ans. A horse.
6. What tale has no legs? Ans. A timetable.



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I take a Sunday off,
And hie me to the Country Club
To have a game of golf.
But all the other Sundays
You will find us in our pew,
For we always go to church—
When we've nothing else to do.
—Unknown

GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

The second Sunday in June is National Shutin Day. What can we do to make it a huge success?

First, we can call it to the attention of our newspapers and ask that they mention it. We can ask our pastors to make it the subject of their sermons that day. We can see that it is observed by all sorts of organizations, and by each of us and our friends. Let's each do all we can to see that all the shutins we know have a wonderful day, and then let's keep on doing things for them all year.

Cheer has been asked for Mrs. Louise Hinze, 111 E. Jefferson St., Spring Valley, Minn. She is bedfast, helpless, and unable to write, but she loves mail.

Bonnie June Wormington, age 10, was injured in a school game and has spent much time in hospitals. She is now in St. Luke's Children's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

Miss Jessie Porter, Poteau, Okla., is bedfast and suffering a lot. She asks for 2 100-pound print feed sacks, alike, to make a nightgown.

Miss Lela Burkhart, 140 N. 2 Ave W., Hartley, Iowa, has been an invalid for 5 years or more. She is twenty-plus.

Mrs. John Germershausen, age 68, 9 Brooklake Rd., Madison, New Jersey, has heart trouble. She would love to hear from you.

Mrs. Hulda Bakke, Box 167, Watson, Minn., will have her 44th birthday July 12. She is a long time shutin and, as I write this, is about to go into a hospital for treatment. She enjoys mail.

Mrs. Fred Deffke, 134 Trier St., Brillion, Wisc., is bedfast, an arthritis victim. Please send her a cheery letter.

Tommie Joe Hughes, c/o Mrs. Stewart, Star Rt., Heaven, Okla., was 15 in March. He had polio, is paralyzed from the waist down, and is bedfast. He enjoys comic books.

Doris Jean Wolfe, Box 184, Alexandria, Nebr., wants to find a twin. She was born August 27, 1925, and has been completely shutin for many years.

Miss Yolanda Infantino, 1559 Harrison St., Santa Clara, Calif., is bedfast and will be for six months. Cheerful mail would help.

Mrs. Wilma Long had a stroke and will be in a Nursing Home for some time. Write her in care of her daughter, Mrs. Nels Lekwa, 1509 S. Shore Drive, Rt. 1, Clear Lake, Iowa.

Narcissa Fiske, 1720 W. Leland, Chicago 40, Ill., is middle-aged, bedfast and alone. She takes magazine subscriptions and needs orders.

Nora Stout is in a Nursing Home, at 1314 T. St., Sacramento 14, Calif. She is past 70 and would enjoy letters.

Miss Alice Greenwood, Spiro, Okla., has been handicapped since she had polio when she was 2 years old. She enjoys corresponding.

Mrs. Maude A. Chase, Rt. 1, South 3, Room 18, Wallum Lake, Rhode Island, has been on a frame for 12 years. She has only one arm.

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OUR DAILY BREAD

By Mildred Dooley Cathcart

it seems to me as if there is no part of the day more enjoyable than the time when the family gathers for the evening meal. The day's work is nearly done, the family is united, troubles are forgotten and all can relax and turn to happier thoughts. And no where is the graciousness of the family more vividly portrayed than in the table setting itself. I do not mean to imply that fine linen or sterling silver are essential. But an orderly neat table is certainly a necessity. There is no better opportunity to teach children to become gracious hostesses than here.

It is not only what you serve but how you serve it that is important. Let the children learn to set the table and teach them to do it properly. They can place the knife on the right side of the plate and the spoon on the outside next to the knife. On the left of the plate put the dinner fork next to the plate and the salad fork on the outside. The water goblet is at the top and to the right of the knives. Even the smaller children can follow this simple arrangement.

Why not let the children gather a few flowers or arrange a bowl of fruit for the center of the table? On rainy days they can amuse themselves by making place cards or nut cups for those holiday meals. Letting the child do things makes him feel a sense of responsibility for the success of a meal. And it is amazing how much more children enjoy eating when they have helped "dress up" the table.

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God is great and God is good,
And we thank Him for our food;
By His hand must all be fed,
Give us Lord our daily bread.
Amen.

Lord, help me through this busy day
To conduct my life in such a way
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