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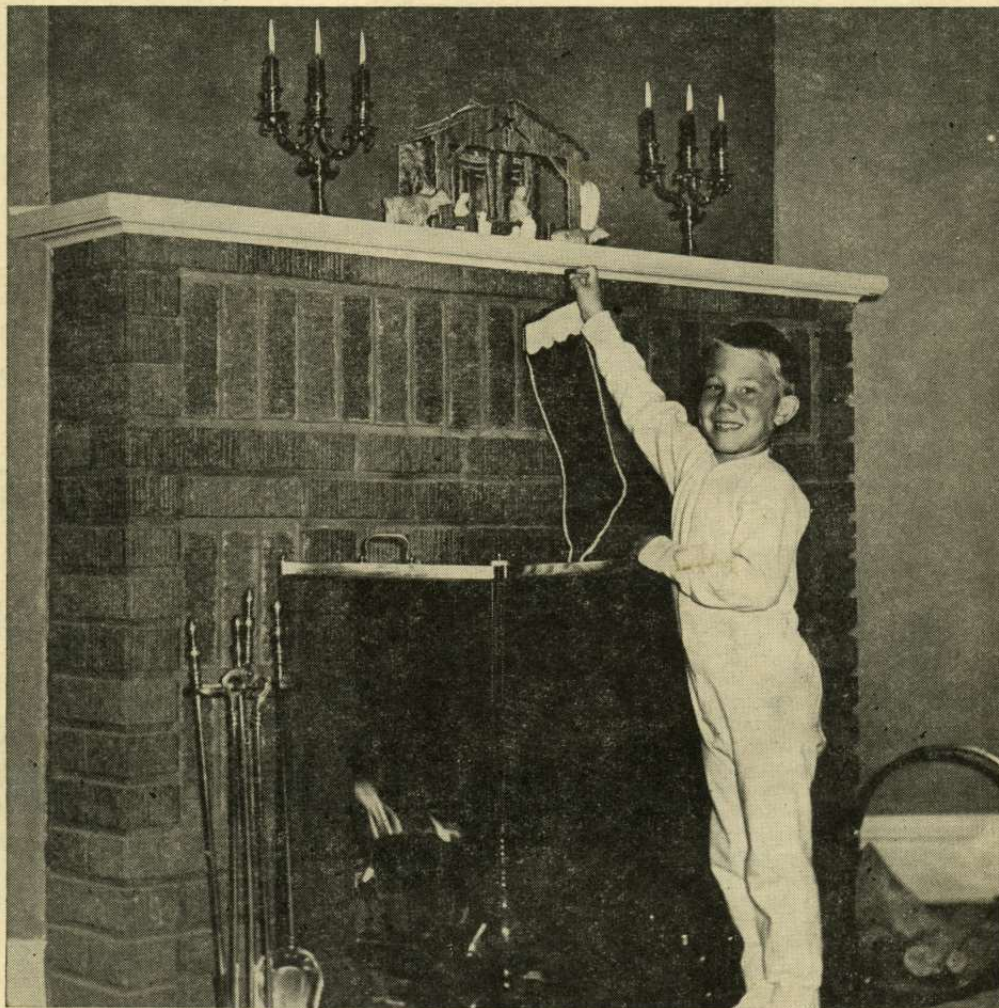


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LETTER FROM LEANNA

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU

There are thirty thousand of you,  
Of every age and size,  
Clothed in garments plain or fancy,  
Light or dark your hair and eyes;  
But we know you when we meet you  
By your quick and friendly smile,  
By your warm and eager handclasp  
As you stop to talk awhile;

You are loyal to your husband,  
(Finest in the world you know)  
You are proud of all your youngsters,  
Neat and clean from head to toe;  
Tender with the weak and aged,  
Quick to lend a helping hand.  
You forgive your erring sister—  
Always try to understand.

You are happiest when finding  
Ways to make your home complete,  
Something new to serve for dinner,  
How to keep the kitchen neat,  
How to care for flowers and poultry,  
What to read when day is done,  
How to get a crowd together  
For a bit of wholesome fun,  
And all you learn from others  
You are more than glad to share.  
God bless you and your loved ones,  
My Sister of the Air.

—Leanna Field Driftmier

My dear friend—

These Christmas Greetings above were written back in 1928 when the Kitchen-Klatter program had been on the air but a few years. Now, in 1952, we visit with you from four radio stations, adding many thousand more sisters to our circle. There is one tie we all have in common, no matter where we live — our love for our families and homes and the desire to make ourselves better home-makers.

As I grow older it gives me a great deal of pleasure to receive cards and letters from friends whose children were small when I first started broadcasting. Now your children are grown and in homes of their own and mine are too. A quarter of a century is quite a while for us to go along together, day after day.

I feel especially fortunate to have several of our children where we can see them often, and watch our grandchildren grow up. I really mean up, for each year they add several inches to their height. In the spring and fall

one of my jobs is letting down hems in the grand-daughters' dresses. I especially like to do this bit of hand-work.

The past months have been very busy ones, both inside and outside of our house. We redecorated several downstairs rooms, putting new composition ceilings in two rooms. Our front rooms hadn't been papered for seven years and they really look wonderfully fresh and clean now. I had planned to get new drapes but the old ones so completely harmonized with the paper I decided to clean them and hang them up again.

I wish you could see something I have in the east windows of my dining room. My sister Helen Fischer gave me a huge monstera (or cut leaf philodendron). It has about forty leaves, some as large as dinner plates. It is planted in a large earthen jar. The vine is supported by twining around a weathered piece of wood which is fastened securely in the jar. I'll try to have a picture of it in the January magazine.

Our flower garden came in for its share of attention this past fall. My perennial borders were dug up and rearranged. Some new fall plantings were added. I am going to be happily looking forward to next spring when these flowers burst into bloom.

Lucile tells you in her letter of the wonderful trip they had this fall. We missed them but were glad they could get away for a few weeks. Howard took care of the furnace, watered the house plants and fed the three cats. We hated to tell Juliana when they arrived home that "Bawler, Jr." was killed by a car while she was gone.

Margery's little Martin Erik loves school. He goes all day now. When I asked him how he liked kindergarten, he said, "Oh, just fine, but they haven't taught me to read yet." I guess he thought he would learn to read the first week of school.

I think I told you in my last letter that my sister, Jessie Shambaugh, had sold her home in Clarinda, Iowa where she and our sister, Martha Eaton, also a widow, had been living. The house was too large and too much of a burden on their shoulders. They have moved into a small cottage which has real sentiment embodied in its walls, for it is built of the bricks salvaged after the Shambaugh Flour Mill burned several years ago. It is a

very attractive house and I am sure my sisters will be very happy there. It is only half a block from our sister Sue's pottery shop.

Abigail and Wayne have been busy this fall too. Up to now, they had rented their upstairs as an apartment, but decided that with Emily and Allison growing up and Abigail's brother Clarke spending some time with them, they could use these rooms very nicely. This meant some redecorating, making curtains, refinishing floors and the like. Abigail says it will take them all winter to do all they have planned.

Maybe, by the time you read this Mart and I will be off on a trip. We plan to go to Anderson, Indiana and spend a week-end with our son Don. Then we will go to Bristol, Rhode Island, to see Frederick and Betty and my dear little grandchildren, Mary Leanna and David. We had a wonderful visit there last year and enjoyed attending church where Frederick is the minister. We anticipate this trip so much. It would be wonderful to have a real New England Thanksgiving dinner there.

And now may I wish you a blessed Christmas. The joy that you experience will be a reflection of the happiness you bring to others. We do not ask for material gifts this year of 1952. We only pray that peace and good will may come to this troubled world, that it may reach out from every Kitchen-Klatter home as we light our Christmas candles on Christmas Eve.

Sincerely, Leanna



### A MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Father, Thou Who hast given me the great gift of mother-love, help me to show that love every day in a gentle voice; tender, skillful hands and a brave spirit.

Save me from nervous hurry and worry, from nagging, from short-sightedness and from dimness of vision that I may tuck my children in bed at night with a serene light still shining in my eyes.

Grant to me an understanding heart that I may always prove worthy of my children for I long to have them turn to me with their mistakes and failures as well as their achievements and successes.

Work within me, Thou who has made the rich colors of autumn and the tender skies of spring, that I may see beauty and make it a part of my home. Teach me Thy way of gladness, for I would ever keep a merry heart, a keen zest for the new and untried, and pure fun in the give and take of every day companionship.

Dear Father of All, may the love, the patience, the understanding, the beauty and the gladness of my home reach out to other homes and so help to bring Thy Kingdom on earth.—Amen.—Jessie Field Shambaugh.



## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

By Pansy M. Barnes

Many times we are asked to make an arrangement for the church altar at Christmas time. A very beautiful one can be made by using a low narrow rectangular white bowl, and at each end place a candle stick which could be a kneeling angel or Madonna holding a tall slender white candle. The bowl should have crushed chicken wire in it. English holly with its shining leaves and bright berries is appropriate for the season, or one can use glossy branches of yew with either scarlet or white poinsettias.

Many families have a special table cloth for the Christmas time. The rayon and cotton ones with gay poinsettias around a green center and with a border of white are cheery and so inexpensive that a special one for the Yuletide is not extravagant. Plain white china is very effective on these. Equally good taste, however, is to use a fine white linen cloth in combination with plates and platter featuring saucy turkeys.

A centerpiece which will stay fresh all during the holidays may be made by using a rectangular or round aluminum pan as the base. Place a tall red candle in a small mushroom can. Fill the can with damp plaster paris, keeping the candle in the exact center. After the plaster paris has set, place the can in the exact center of the container. Then pack damp sphagnum moss in the pan, keeping it up around the can. Florists have wire cut in 18 inch lengths and often can be persuaded to sell some. Two of these wires can be fastened to give a 36 inch length and placed around the container over the moss and then twisted. By repeating this several times, the sphagnum will be firmly held. The next step is to insert the greens. Yew, Hemlock, and Pfitzer Juniper can be pruned to get some nice material. Sharpen the ends of the branches or twigs, so that they can be inserted easily into the moss. Bright berries from the cotoneasters or barberries can be used for accent. Cones or Coral berries can be coated with aluminum, gold, or bronze. To do this, float the powder on water in an old pan, dip the cones, and then hang upside down to dry. The material should be wired first and the wire can be hooked over a clothes line until the coating dries. The wire can be pushed into the sphagnum easily. If the sphagnum is kept damp, the arrangement will stay fresh all through the holidays.

Another interesting plan is to have one of the huge anniversary candles which are lighted each year during the holidays. Put evergreen and gay glass balls around the base. Some of these candles have a three inch base and stand 18 inches high. Other larger and more expensive ones can also be had.

Everyone likes a wreath or swag for the front door. White Pine or Pfitzer Juniper make good foundation material. Again the florist's wire is useful, although heavy dark green twine can be used. The small cones

can be used here but for a simple and striking effect, nothing better can be used than the huge cones of the Great Sugar Pine.

In the coastal regions of the mountains from Oregon into lower California, these majestic trees grow. They grow from 200 to 230 feet high and 6 to 10 feet through. In keeping with the size of the trees are the cones which are from 10 to 18 inches long. It takes them 2 years to mature and ripen their seeds. In the second autumn, the scales spread and the cones double their diameter. Long ago, the Indians and the squirrels discovered not only the sugary goodness of the seeds but their real food value.

After decorating the front door during the holidays, the cones may be stored away to be used another year. Bright red waterproof ribbon can be used in little bows in the table arrangement, in huge ones on the door, and medium ones on the cemetery sprays.

It is a nice custom to think of our loved ones, who have gone before, at Christmas time. The double sprays of Pfitzer and yew, with decorated small cones and the waterproof ribbon, can have two spikes wired to them. If these are hammered into the frozen soil, they cannot blow away.

Let's all start to plan now and not have to rush around when Christmas comes.

## DECK THE MEALS WITH HOLLY

By Mildred Dooley Cathcart

Very soon now I am sure most our homes will have taken on a merry atmosphere. It is such an ideal time to have our friends drop in to share a cup of coffee and a holiday goody with us. Our family, too, will enjoy those little extra touches that transform our ordinary meals into a holiday treat.

I know we are especially busy at this time of the year but I have found a few ways to give a gay festive touch to ordinary food to please my family. You will enjoy them too, I'm sure.

If you have a red table cloth for the Christmas season you will find that this alone perks up any meal. In fact, I believe you will find this one of your best investments. One of my friends who had stocked up well on sheets dyed one for her Christmas table.

But if you are using your reliable old stand-by, a white cloth, cut poinsettia leaves from heavy red paper and use these for place mats. They make a bright setting for your plain dishes. Or you will find bright red or green napkins are ideal for color. (If you have a worn sheet, cut out the best parts and dye them for napkins). In the corner of each napkin tie a tiny jingle bell with contrasting yarn.

Plain white cone-shaped drinking cups make cute little trees. Wind red or green ribbon from the base to the top, add a few candies that can be tied on, and there you have an edible place card or favor. Let these take the place of nut cups. Or instead of putting candy in the ordinary nut



This huge candle made by Russell and Lucile is reflected in the mirror surface of their living room table. The base of the candle is a table leg; this was anchored to a heavy board to hold it firmly. Moulding clay was used as a base for holding the colored Christmas balls that decorate it. A huge candle, one that burned all through the holidays, was purchased to fit into the table leg.

cup, wrap it in aluminum foil, tie it with ribbon, and there you have a miniature Christmas package at each place.

For an easy-to-do and attractive centerpiece, use branches of evergreen (silver branches are pretty, too) and pile high with polished apples, grapes, oranges, nuts, and other edibles. The children will surely enjoy this.

Plain colored gelatin can be transformed into fat candles to delight the youngsters. Set the red gelatin in baby food tins. Set the candles on a lettuce leaf for a candle holder, and a bit of cheese fashioned for the flame. When you stuff celery, add a bit of red food coloring to the cheese. To frost grapes add one tablespoon of cold water to one egg white and beat until stiff. Dip the grapes in egg whites and then into granulated sugar. Let dry thoroughly. You will find red and green grapes are especially attractive frosted and placed on a tray of evergreen and surrounded by sparkling Christmas tree balls.

Children will think milk tastes better if their glasses have Santa or other Christmas seals on them. Ice cubes with a cherry and sprig of mint frozen in them add glamor even to ordinary drinks.

Decorated cookies are a tradition in all homes but try serving your cookies on a large tray decked with evergreen, bells, and a gay red bow. Cake baked in Christmas tree pans may have tiny candles on each branch. Just before you bring in the cake, light the candles and ask the family to sing some favorite carol. This will be as much fun as a birthday cake. Such a cake placed on a large dish and surrounded with sprigs of evergreen becomes a pretty centerpiece.

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## MAKE CHRISTMAS FOR THE CHILDREN

By Roberta Kalen Price

Just now all the stores are filled with all sorts of toys, in a bewildering array that makes it hard for parents and well-meaning relatives and friends to choose gifts for the children on their lists. The sad thing about many such toys is that they really don't bring lasting enjoyment to the youngsters because they are so poorly made they soon break or they don't kindle the child's imagination.

Children in the various age-groups have certain basic likes and these simple suggestions are for easy-to-make or inexpensive-to-buy items that the children will love.

Babies enjoy stuffed animals. Instead of stuffing them with the usual cotton, use clippings of old nylon hose. Then the animal can be tossed into the washing machine, rinsed and hung by a convenient ear or tail and will dry in a hurry. Be sure to choose a small pattern (for an animal not over 6 or 7 inches long) or it will be too heavy for the baby to handle. For the teether who chews anything and everything, make an oil-cloth animal to which you securely anchor several large buttons. Instead of trying to turn the animal for stuffing, which causes the oilcloth to crack, bind the edges with bias tape.

Toddlers usually like Mother's pots and pans better than their own toys—why not give them one or two of their own? I remember the year our two-year-old got a real coffee pot from his grandmother! He lugged it around all Christmas day, with scarcely a look at the toys which surrounded his tree. Clothespins make excellent gifts for wee folks. Perhaps enameling them in several bright colors might make them seem even more valuable, but I'm sure that just the fact that they belonged to the child and are not borrowed from Mother will be the most important fact. Small rolling pins, cookie cutters, and muffin pans bring hours of fun to tots, boys and girls alike.

Last Christmas I made a cloth book for our little girl, Martha, who was just a year old. I used plain feed-sack for the pages and to avoid so many separate pieces I hemmed top and bottom of a long strip, and after appliqueing the pictures on with the sewing machine, I doubled the sheets to make the book and sewed several rows of binding on it. This book goes into the washer frequently and has proven very durable. Since I'm no artist, the pictures are simple: a sun-bonnet girl, an apple, a ball, a house with a red chimney and door, a tree, a sailboat, etc.. I used scraps of print to make it colorful and sewed her name on the front. "Martha's Book" goes with us to church because it neither rustles nor makes any noise when dropped. She "reads" it by the hour sitting at my feet while I work at home.

Do the children you know like to borrow blankets for their "Let's pretend" games? One Christmas I made one for each of our boys that made



Kerry Lee Cathcart, daughter of your friend, Mildred Dooley Cathcart, helps put up the Christmas decorations in their home at Jerome, Iowa.

them the envy of all their playmates. I've heard youngsters ask, almost with awe in their voices, "Do you mean they're really your own? Just to play with?" For each 'blanket' I bought three yards of bright plaid outing flannel—be sure it's washfast. I cut the pieces in half and sewed it together to make the new dimensions 72" x 54", rather than the 36" x 108" of the original length. These so-called 'blankets' have been used for tents, rugs, Indian regalia, and lots of other items in the make-believe world.

Another year the boys were made happy with inexpensive equipment to be railroad men. The "engineer" got a lantern-type flashlight, a red bandana neckerchief, and a striped cap. The "conductor" received a pack of "tickets" made of colored construction paper, a paper punch, and a dark blue bill cap.

This final idea has never been carried out, but I hope to do so in a few years—when Martha gets old enough to like make-believe. It seems to me that most four- or five-year-old girls would really enjoy a reversible red and navy blue cape so they could be nurses, Red Riding Hood, fairies (add some tinsel for this), etc. Two packages of dye and two plain feed sacks should provide the material.

If you want to impress the neighbors and your relatives, buy the dazzling toys in the shops. But if you want to bring the sparkle of delight to the eyes of the youngsters you love, try some of these suggestions. Or, better still, put your own imagination to work and dream up something that will exactly suit your situation.

### Deck The Meals With Holly—Con't.

Gelatin salads set in molds of holiday design, or plain cottage cheese served on lettuce with a tiny poinsetta in top made from pimentoes are attractive.

Just one simple little touch will transform your meals into something "extra". When your children are excited and appetites lag, you will find these tricks wonderful incentives to whet the appetites. Say "Merry Christmas" to your family at meal time through this blessed season.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

Add to your own happiness by making one of these shutins happy this Christmas.

Mrs. Hattie Wagers, c/o Pines Rest Home, Omaha, Nebr., has been bedfast for ten years with arthritis and needs cheery letters.

Etta W. Heck, 1319 W. Garfield Blvd., Chicago 36, Ill., has been an invalid for 14 years.

Mrs. Martel Nuttall, 128 Blaine St., Apt. 4, Syracuse 4, N. Y., is a long time invalid. She loves to get mail and could use quilt pieces.

Miss Agnes Geiger, Box 72, Jordan, Minn., has been shutin a long time with arthritis and spent most of the fall in a hospital.

Mrs. J. W. McNabb, Rt. 2, Osceola, Mo., has been in bed seven years. She lives in the country and gets so lonely. Wants to hear from you. Collects shakers and novelties for whatnot shelf.

Mrs. Z. M. Wright, Kanopolis, Kans., had a serious hip operation in August and can hardly walk since, even with crutches.

J. W. McRae, Rt. 4, Box 337, Everett, Wash., is an elderly widower. He lives alone in the country, is partially disabled from a stroke and wants mail.

Mrs. Charles Daniels, Box 84, Adena, Ohio, is very crippled by arthritis. She has been bedfast for years, and her only joy is the mail she gets.

Myrtle Kline, Worthing Boarding Home, Mound City, Kans., is an elderly shutin who is unable to write. Send a cheery card and say "no answer needed."

Miss Jessie Porter, Poteau, Okla., has been bedfast nine years. She is paralyzed. Collects shakers, dolls and Bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kell, 1205 East Park Ave., Riverton, Wyo., need cheer. She is almost 90 and is confined to a chair. He does all the housework and cares for her, although he is nearly blind.

Mrs. Walter Ohland, 214 Fifth Ave. N., Hopkins, Minn., has had a bad hip all of her life and has been ill all summer. She collects seals and jokers from playing card decks, and would love to hear from you.

Ruth Green, c/o Mrs. Sophie Green, Albion, Nebr., is a shutin. Send cards.

Miss Marietta VanDerPoel, c/o Mrs. Henry VanDerPoel, Sanborn, Iowa, is 9 years old and has to spend most of her time in bed. She wants books to read.

Mrs. Alice R. Brown, 1047 N. Topeka, Wichita 12, Kans., is 83. Likes to get mail but is paralyzed and unable to answer. Likes poems.

Mrs. O. W. Hiatt, Rt. 1, Box 141, Porterfield, Wisc., had to have a throat operation recently. She has arthritis and other troubles.

Mrs. Alice Flentke, G S I Cot 13-1, Gallipolis, Ohio, wants mail. She has been shutin a long time. Will answer if stamps are sent.

Benjamin Pansie, Box 352, Omro, Wisc., wants reading material—books of any kind. He has never walked and is sick most of the time.



## LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Friends:

This is once that I really don't know where to start my letter to you! So many things are whirling through my mind that I guess the only thing to do is to follow the advice that I've heard Juliana give from time to time: start at the beginning, go to the end—and then stop.

As those of you know who read my letter last month, it was definitely risky on my part to tell you in such complete detail precisely what we hoped to do on our trip. Right up until the moment we left town I had a nagging feeling of doubt about the wisdom of my judgment, but for once everything turned out exactly on schedule and we managed to do what we had so much hoped to do.

Russell's father arrived here on October 17th, and the next day we all left Shenandoah together. It had been our intention to get a good early start (don't we all say this when we leave on a trip?) but at the last minute it seemed there were such unexpected odds and ends to take care of that it was almost eleven before we pulled out of our driveway and headed east on highway number 2.

We stopped for lunch at Mount Ayr and Juliana flatly refused to believe that we were actually on our trip until we continued east after we reached Leon, the town where we always turn north when we go to visit Dorothy, Frank and Kristin. All across Iowa we noticed how excessively dry the country looked and I must say that it never occurred to us but what there would have been heavy rains by the time we returned. There weren't.

At Keokuk we turned south towards Hannibal, and although we had hoped to reach Jacksonville, Ill., by the end of our first day on the road, it was perfectly apparent that we'd never make it. Our days are short now and we didn't want to do much driving after dark, so we stopped at Hannibal to spend the night.

Hannibal is one of my favorite small towns. I think that it's a very interesting place and I still hope someday to go back when we will have time to explore it thoroughly. If you're interested in old river towns, then Hannibal would appeal to you.

We had a most comfortable motel that furnished us a good night's rest, and at a reasonably early hour on Sunday morning we had breakfast and headed southeast of town to see Tom Sawyer's cave. I don't like caves so I sat in the car and read a St. Louis paper while Russell, Juliana, and Dad Verness went through. They had a wonderful guide who took extra time and pains to make it a vivid experience for Juliana, and she came out of there almost an hour later with her eyes popping.

It was around eleven or so when we turned east across the Mississippi river and headed over towards Jacksonville, Ill. As we drove over that road we were mighty glad that we hadn't tackled it the night before—it was pretty badly torn up with con-



Martha Field Eaton and Jessie Field Shambaugh. This was taken just before they moved to the small house, an event that Mother mentions in her letter.

struction work all along the way.

In Jacksonville we had a short visit with our good friend, Margaret Moore who visited us in September and had a chance to see MacMurray College where she teaches. It is a handsome place and much larger than we had expected.

Then on to Springfield for lunch, and certainly Springfield is a town that I must return to someday when I have time to look around at great length. We noticed signs to Lincoln's former home, his tomb, etc., but with so much of the country yet to cross we felt that we simply had to keep going. So we kept going, south this time, and towards dusk decided that we had actually made some headway! Incidentally, Illinois was as dry as Iowa, but it *did* look as though they had had a bumper corn crop in 1952.

At night we reached McLeansboro, a small town, and stopped there at a comfortable motel. Again we said that we hoped to get an early start on the following morning, but goodness knows it was no fault of ours that we made so little progress. We got up early enough, but we hadn't driven far when the speedometer began to squeal and howl. At first we thought it was simply cold, but when it failed to warm up we went to a garage in Carmi, Ill. (Isn't that a curious sounding place name?) to see what ailed it.

They fixed it, so they said, and we started out with light hearts fully intending to get across the corner of Indiana and into Kentucky by ten o'clock. That's where we were mistaken. Only about three miles out of Carmi the speedometer again started shrieking—and if you've never heard a speedometer perform in this fashion you don't know what noise really is. We could scarcely talk above it.

Back again to Carmi where they told us that our only hope was to go to Evansville, Ind., a city of at least a hundred thousand where it could be repaired. Eventually we reached Evansville and there we lost two hours while one garage man after another sent us on to the next place. At last we found a man who simply said that it was a long, drawnout job to put a new head in it and that we should go on to our destination and then take it in when it could be left. He disconnected it to do away with the racket, and we were left to travel hundreds of miles with-

out a speedometer! You'd be amazed how much you miss a speedometer when you don't have one.

By noon we had finally left Indiana behind us and we ate a belated lunch at Hartford, Kentucky. In fact, we were starved by the time we reached Hartford. From this point on we noticed a great change in the country. Everything "felt" different and we saw so many things that aren't familiar in these parts—things such as the first of the tobacco sheds, horses or mules grinding away at sorghum vats, and so forth.

Kentucky is a very beautiful state and I really believe that we were seeing it at the height of its glory. Our road, U. S. 80 and a marvelous road, took us through winding hills straight across the state, and at every bend we saw scenes that reminded us of nothing as much as stunning calendar pictures—these modern color photographs. In every direction we saw an enormous spread of vivid color, a tapestry, Russell said, made up of gold, wine, flaming yellow and pink. It was beautiful beyond description.

As a matter of fact, this seems to have been the one perfect year in all sections as far as color is concerned. At every place we stopped we heard something like this: "Well, I've lived here for forty years and I've never seen it so beautiful—we've never had color like this before." We felt rarely fortunate to travel at such a time.

I honestly thought when we reached our destination that night (Columbia, Kentucky) that we had probably seen the most spectacular country and color that we would see on our trip, but I was dead wrong—we'd only brushed the fringes of it. And by the way, Columbia is a lovely hill town, so if you are ever on U. S. 80 and approach it at dusk, you might remember that I recommend it highly as a place to stop.

The following morning we actually did get an early start, so early that it was still almost dark when we left our extremely comfortable motel and started east again. Our breakfast stop was at a small town that serves as the entrance to a country filled with lakes and dams, and we noticed at once how different it looked because of the great number of tourists that pour through there. Also in this town (I just now got up and looked at a road map and found that it was Somerset, Ky.) we saw the largest tobacco warehouse in the world.

Since this is extremely rough and hilly country we were interested to see that school buses have a long, long run to make. We noticed children coming out of side roads and down to the highway as early as 6:30 in the morning—and I felt really sorry for the little ones who had such a long day ahead of them.

In this area we began to see countless forest fires—there had been evidence of fires in southern Illinois, an increasing number in western Kentucky, but from this point on we saw one great forest fire after another.

Next month I'll pick up our trip from here and do my best to get us past North Carolina!

—Lucile



## CHRISTMAS IS SHARING

By Mabel Nair Brown

Because our youngest daughter is so many years younger than our other two and consequently has received a great deal of attention, love and gifts from all sides of the family circle, we try very hard to stress the "giving and sharing" for her as a part of putting the CHRIST in our Christmas and hers.

Last year she had a wonderful experience with her "JINGLY BASKETS". To make them she covered strawberry boxes with aluminum foil and decorated them with gay ribbons and seals. With loving thoughtfulness she selected some of our prettiest Christmas cookies, homemade candy and also a bright red apple for each basket. Right on top of each basket went what she called a "jingly favor". These were a tree favor made by cutting pipe cleaners in various short lengths and sticking them into a large red or green gum drop to make a tree. On the end of each branch she fastened one of the tiny bells (like those used on gift packages) or stuck on one of the tiny gumdrops. These favors were pretty and jingled merrily as she carried the basket. Before filling the baskets she lined them with a Christmas napkin.

These JINGLY BASKETS she delivered personally to several shut-ins and elderly persons among our acquaintances and to some of the older folks who had been particularly thoughtful and kind to our little girl. The little visits she had with each of these friends, their happiness (sometimes expressed in tears) at being remembered, made such an impression on her that I am sure we could not have hit upon a more worthwhile Christmas project for her. Many times since, she has remarked that her JINGLY BASKETS were the "best fun" she had last year and she is already planning similar friendship gifts this year.

Another suggestion for such a gift would be to paint some small tin cans a bright red. Place a ball of modeling clay in the bottom of each can and stick a twig of evergreen into the clay so that you have a miniature Christmas tree. Fill the can with small candies and popcorn and fasten a package of gum and some of the cellophane wrapped small candies on the tree itself. By the way, many shut-ins or those who are ill, although they are unable to eat candies and sweets themselves, are delighted to have a "treat" to pass around to friends who call.

Still another idea is to use the paper picnic plates that are marked off in sections. Put a glass of jelly in the center section, fresh fruit, cookies and candy in the other divisions. We like to tie red cellophane around the jelly glass and stick on a few seals. The red or green plastic picnic plates would be extra nice but more expensive.

Another way our children have shared at Christmas is by making tray favors for a nearby state hospital — this project is now taken up by the



Every year Juliana makes this winter scene for a holiday decoration. Her Lincoln logs go into the cabin, and a collection of small frosted trees are grouped around it. This stands on a walnut table in the living room.

youth groups in our church.

Here are some of the favors they have found easy and inexpensive to make

**SPOOL FAVORS:** Spool tree — paint empty spools red or green. Stick a tiny evergreen twig in each spool or, if you prefer, paint tiny tree branches white or silver. Tie or fasten on tiny candies. Spool flower pots are made much the same way. Spools are painted any color you wish. Add a frill of crepe paper or foil and a ribbon bow if you like. For the posy, use a tiny branch and glue on confetti-like bits of colored paper for the flowers. Use green paper for the leaves.

**LOLLIPOP SANTAS** will especially please young patients. Simply give an ordinary lollipop a Santa face by gluing on cotton beard and hair and put a red paper cap on his head. Sketch face on the paper wrapper or glue on a paper face. Put a red ruffle around the neck (stick).

The JINGLY favor already described also looks pretty on a tray.

You can make very pretty Christmas stockings or sacks from the clear or the colored cellophane. Fill these with candies and nuts and tie with holiday ribbon.

Perhaps your Sunday School Class or Youth group would like to fix a gift box for shut-ins or the hospital as a means of SHARING their Christmas this year.

## CINDER PLANT

In a deep dish put a piece of coal or a clinker. Around this, but not on top of it, put 6 tablespoons water, 6 tablespoons salt, 6 tablespoons bluing, 2 tablespoons ammonia, 2 teaspoons red ink or other red color. Do not stir or move about any more than necessary. In a few days it will begin to grow. You can add more water and salt from time to time.

## TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY PARTIES MERRY

By Virginia Thomas

Here's a stockingful of ideas to make your Christmas parties the gayest ones you have ever had.

**MARY IS THE NAME**—quiz.

Can you match the clue to the names?

1. Lincoln's wife (c)
2. A writer of mystery fiction (h)
3. An obstinate little girl who planted a garden (b)
4. A radio entertainer (a)
5. A sinner who repented and followed Jesus (f)
6. A queen who was beheaded (e)
7. A famous screen star (d)
8. Famous radio commentator (i)
9. Who "pondered all these things in her heart?" (j)
10. Famous opera star (g)
  - a. Mary Livingston
  - b. Mary Quite Contrary
  - c. Mary Todd
  - d. Mary Pickford
  - e. Mary Stuart
  - f. Mary Magdalene
  - g. Mary Garden
  - h. Mary Roberts Rinehart
  - i. Mary Margaret McBride
  - j. Mary, mother of Jesus

### Christmas Pudding

Here are some words all pertaining to Christmas but with only one letter and a clue given. Can you guess the word?

1. - - - - i - - (the bigger the better). Stocking.
2. - - n - - - (a symbol to guide us). Candle.
3. - - - - - n - - - - (a gift). Frankincense.
4. - e - - (sound with joy). Bell.
5. - - - - l (bearer of good news). Angel.
6. - o - (for every girl and boy). Toy.
7. - a - - - - (heralding the season). Carol.
8. - a - - - c - - - (a myth). Santa Claus
9. - - r - - - (so good!). Turkey.
10. - - e - - - (window cheer). Wreath.

### Trimming the Tree

Divide the players into groups of three or four. Give each group a box of Christmas tree decorations. At a "go" signal each group pins their decorations on one of their group who is the "tree". Choose the prettiest tree and give that group a sack of stick candy.

### I Don't Want It!

For this game you will have asked each guest to bring some inexpensive gift that they would not want to get. Have them wrapped. For the game let each one draw an "unwanted" gift from the grab bag. You may be sure there will be some laugh provoking gifts.

### Guess!

Have several packages wrapped in gay Christmas wrappings and numbered. Pass them around the room and let the guests feel them, shake them etc. and then write down the number and what they guess is in that package.



## LETTER FROM FREDERICK

Dear Folks:

What a day this has been! The first really cold day of the winter, a few flakes of snow, and this would be the day for our furnace to go on the blink. All day long four men have been working feverishly trying to get things set right, and just a few minutes ago they finished the job. By noon the house was so cold that I took Betty and David to the home of a friend to spend the rest of the day. Mary Leanna went from school to a party at the church, and so we did not have to worry about her.

Betty and both children were sick with colds during the entire month of October. It was one of those colds that nothing seemed to help. Our doctor tried one thing and then he tried another and another, but all to no avail. Just last night I was reading an article in the evening paper written by a famous London doctor. This doctor said that some of the new wonder drugs have been used so often by American and English people that our bodies have built up immunities to them. No longer can we depend upon a quick cure with the help of a wonder drug. He urged all doctors to refrain from using the wonder drugs except in dire emergencies. It all sounds very reasonable to me, and I think that that explains why my family received no relief from the many medicines taken by them.

About a month ago I preached a sermon in my church that caused considerable comment in our town of Bristol. It was printed in the local newspaper and many persons called and asked me for copies of it. Although I have several things of interest to write about in this letter, I think that you might enjoy reading part of this sermon. It is too long to give it to you in full, but here is the major part of it. I titled the sermon: "Forgive Us Our Debts".

It was comfortable there in our living room. I was stretched out on the sofa with the evening paper. . . . I turned to the front page, glanced at the weather forecast, and then began to skim through the headline article, something about the war in Korea. The usual sort of thing it was—"The army said the Communist main effort was thrown back with heavy losses. Allied warplanes roared over the front line today, hitting the Red lines."

Then I came to this little paragraph with no headline, no big, bold, black type, just twenty-six short words tucked away in the middle of a long article: "One Allied outfit fought and died to the last man in defending a vital hill last night. The number of men, presumably not large, was withheld." That is all that was said. Just as simple as twenty-six words could make it.

Nothing more than that! No words of praise for their heroism. No mention of who they were or where they came from! No description of the hand to hand combat with bayonets and knives and bare fists, the cries for help and the screams of the dying. Just: "One Allied outfit fought



Mary Leanna sat down long enough in her new Christmas rocker for her Daddy to take this picture.

and died to the last man defending a vital hill last night."

As I walked into the dining room I heard the newscaster say: "America has some new heroes tonight, the New York Yankees! Yes sir, every member of that brave, courageous, fighting Yankee ball team is a hero tonight." America's heroes! Oh dear God, forgive us our debts!

People, what is happening to us? How blind can we become? How hard can our hearts get? How calloused, how cold-blooded, how unfeeling can we be. What kind of beastiality is it that makes it possible for the cheers in a ball park to drown out the cries of young men begging, for the pity of Christ, that they be shot to end their suffering? How in the name of all that is holy can we make our heroes ballplayers, and our forgotten men the group of boys who fought and died to the last man defending a hill in Korea? What kind of a standard of values is it that will pay a ballplayer thirty, forty, fifty, eighty thousand dollars a year, and a boy dying to defend a hill in Korea \$90.00 a month?

I like baseball just as much as the next man. I wanted the Brooklyn Dodgers to win more than I have ever wanted any team to win any world series. When the last game was over and I watched the Brooklyn players walk dejectedly from the field, there was a moment when my eyes were just a bit misty with sympathy. And then I read: "One Allied outfit fought and died to the last man." God, forgive us our debts!

Do you understand the point I want to make? The debts that we owe to other people are so large and so numerous! So much is being done for us by so many people! How can we ever hope to repay? When I think of how many men are standing between me and certain suffering, imprisonment and death, when I think of the men who risk their lives every day of the week in a desperate effort to impress our cruel and bitter foe that we as a nation will no longer take it with complacency, I am overwhelmed at the inadequacies of my

gratitude. What can you and I do to make amends for the fact that we are partially responsible for a social order that makes it necessary for innocent people to kill and be killed? How can we redeem ourselves? What can we do to be saved?

I think it was a chaplain with one of the Scotch regiments during the last war who wrote these lines:

"One day I came on a dead laddie, lying all alone. Why, out of all the multitudes one saw, he so affected me, I do not know. But he was Scottish, and he was young and very handsome, and somebody's dearest. And, somehow, the dead eyes seemed to look up into mine with solemn challenge; and the dead lips to cry aloud till my heart heard, "This is my body broken for you." And there we had a Communion service of a kind, just we three, the Lord Christ, the dead laddie, and my soul; and I swore that because he had died for us, please God, I would be worthier for that sacrifice."

How can we be worthier for all the sacrifices that are being made for us every day?

We can be worthy of another's sacrifice for us, by living our own lives sacrificially. How few of us are willing to do that! How few of us know the meaning of going the extra miles! When the young ruler asked Jesus what he must do to be saved, Jesus told him to volunteer, to give himself, and that is just what He is asking us to do today. We are in great debt. Our lives are mortgaged to the limit, and there is no other way to redeem our lives, to pay our debts, than to volunteer for service beyond the call of duty. How many times a year do we hear the call for volunteers? Who of us does not know the embarrassment of the hushed silence that comes over a group of people when the chairman asks: "Who will volunteer to be responsible for the sale of tickets?" or "Who will volunteer to serve on this committee?" How often do you sit still with that nice little smile on your face which says, "It's a good idea all right, but don't ask me to volunteer." "I know that the Community Chest Fund will fail for volunteers don't get out and work for it, but please don't ask me." "I know that the Red Cross is desperate for blood donors and that my blood could save the life of a boy who fought for me, but don't ask for my blood." "I know that the Church can't exist without volunteer Sunday School teachers, and volunteer choir members, and volunteer ushers, and volunteer missionary workers, and volunteer guild workers, but please don't ask me." . . .

And yet we pray: "Forgive us our debts."

While Mary Leanna was confined to her room with a bad cold, I discovered a wonderful way to entertain her. I tacked onto the wall right beside her bed a large map of the world and a large map of the United States. Then we played school; I was the teacher and she was the student learning about all the interesting places in the

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## CHRISTMAS CHECKS

Did you ever wish, as you made out your Christmas list that you could give a nice check to each person on it?

And then you laughed as you thought, "Why, I haven't even had a bank account for goodness knows when and, anyway, the average cost of my gifts this year—outside the family's—won't average over fifty cents."

But stop! Lots of people are sadly cutting their Christmas lists. They are saying—"With the cost of living going right on up the ladder, we aren't having any Christmas this year either, except for some things the children need, you know."

But we all need Christmas; we especially need to give Christmas and if you have a home, a little time, and a little elasticity in your budget, you can give Christmas Joy to many friends and that's the way to have Christmas Joy yourself.

Maybe first on the list is high school daughter, Caroline. How she loves to have a few of the girls stop by and have a "party," with cokes or cookies or sandwiches. Give her a check for a party for each month of the year. A taffy-pull or a fudge party in January; an after-the-sleighride cocoa and sandwich feed in February; a weiner roast in September and so on. Let her likes and your equipment decide the kind of parties. For example:

Merry Christmas, 1952

To the Smith Recreation Fund  
Pay to ... Caroline Smith ... 12 parties  
One home party each month of 1953.

Signed: Father Smith

Mother Smith

Attach a coupon for each month to be torn off when that party is paid.

Six year old Sonny dotes on pop and suckers. Give him a check book calling for these or other treats at specified times. He will learn a bit about baking and the calendar.

Jane and Mary keep house in a kitchenette. It's been hard on Mary since Jane has been ill and unable to work. How about a check for two suppers at your house on certain dates?

Let Sonny give the neighbor children checks for pop-corn or weiner parties some day during vacation.

And poor Mrs. King! An invalid all these years. Luckily she enjoys reading. If your budget can't stretch to cover a magazine subscription for her, take her that last issue of your own favorite, with checks for the other eleven numbers of the year. You'll find time each month to take it to her after you have read it and it will do you both good.

Your bank's assets are varied and desirable. Give checks for cookies, checks for baked beans, or a glass of jelly, or an apple pie, to those friends who mean more to you than a mere card would indicate.

Your neighbor has those two lively youngsters. Would any little gift please her as much as a chance to go shopping in peace some afternoon, knowing the children were safe in



Kristin fell heir to the old banjo that Mother purchased in 1910 or thereabouts when she was teaching school in California.

your care? A check for a "Shopping Tour" on such and such a date would make a fine gift for her.

Grandpa Johnson would enjoy going with you on an auto ride some summer evening. He will tell you of the time when Grand Avenue stopped at 35th and the site of these lovely homes was pasture land. Send him an auto ride check for Christmas and it will be something to look forward to in his lonely life.

Can you spare an afternoon once in awhile? Your pastor would appreciate your check for a little parish visiting and how these visits will enrich your own life!

Your bank has unlimited assets. Keep an accurate account, of course, of all the checks you issue and be sure they are all paid at the proper times. You can double your Christmas list and subtract from the high cost of giving and add to your happiness by drawing on the resources of your personal bank.

"But this takes time!"

It certainly does—and energy and work and love.

Are there any better ingredients for real Christmas gifts?

—Grace Stoner Clark

(Frederick's Letter Continued)

world. When I wasn't in the room she spent much of her time taking imaginary trips to the places we had studied on the maps, and what fun she had telling me all about those trips. I was delighted to discover how much a beautiful map on the wall will do for a room. I got the maps from a friend who subscribes to the National Geographic Magazine. He gave me all the maps that he had collected through the years, and I am going to use many of them to dress up the walls of one of our large Sunday School rooms.

I don't want to sound too much like the proud papa, but will you forgive me if I tell you how much Mary Leanna learned about the maps on the wall of her room? At the end of the first hour of playing school she could name and point out on the map each of the seven seas, the five continents, the major country on each continent, and several of the states of the United States. I thought that that was pretty good for a little girl in kindergarten.

Sincerely yours, Frederick.

## THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA

In Mexico, on a certain Christmas Eve many years ago, little Rosita was on her way to church for the service to honor the Christchild. Other boys and girls of the town walked along with nimble steps and smiling faces; but Rosita was sad and she could hardly drag her feet along for she had no gift to lay at the foot of the altar for the Holy Child.

Suddenly she remembered that she had not prayed to the Lord for help in her trouble. So she knelt down on the cold ground, closed her tear-filled eyes, and offered her prayer. Hardly had she finished and opened her eyes, when there before her a beautiful plant was springing up from the ground, with bright red leaves like a gorgeous flower. Her prayer had been heard. Here was her gift. She quickly gathered the flame-colored flowers and with a light heart she hurried into the church and placed them as her present to the Christchild at the foot of the altar. It was the poinsettia—the Flower of the Holy Night!



## A CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECE

I made a centerpiece for the table by using an old-fashioned cake standard and turning it upside down. In the vase section I placed an eight-inch candle. To anchor the candle I used the children's soft modeling clay. Around the outer edge of the plate I alternated eight and ten-inch candles. Greens were placed around the base of the candles to hide the clay. On each side of the candles I placed a small Christmas ornament which I also anchored in the clay. By using clay everything stays in place and the candles won't tip.

It is fun to make this centerpiece because you can work out such attractive color schemes using odds and ends of candles and Christmas Balls, and it's simple enough for the children to make.

—Frances L. Olson

## VERSE FOR A CHRISTMAS CARD

However far we wonder  
From friends who once were dear,  
They are sure to be remembered  
One season of the year.  
For surely as the swallows  
Fly northward in the spring,  
Our hearts go back to old friends  
When Christmas carols ring!

—Helen Field Fisher.





## "Recipes Tested in the Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By LEANNA and LUCILE

### MINCE MEAT BARS

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups mince meat
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup other shortening

Put rolled oats through food chopper. Mix with other dry ingredients. Work in shortening until mixture is crumbly. Pack 1/2 mixture firmly in pan. Spread the mince meat on, then add rest of dough and pack with hand or spoon. Bake in moderate oven for 40 minutes. Cool thoroughly before cutting.

### MOTHER'S DATE BARS

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- Pinch of salt
- 1 lb. dates
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder

Beat egg yolks, add sugar and beat until creamy. Mix flour, baking powder and salt. Add nuts and dates. Beat egg whites stiff and add alternately with flour mixture to the yolks and sugar. Spread in a flat pan and bake in a slow oven about 30 minutes. Remove from pan and cut in bars and roll in powdered sugar.

### OYSTER STEW

- 1 quart oysters
- 3/4 cup cold water
- 1 quart scalded milk
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Add 3/4 cup water to oysters and cook until oysters are plump and edges begin to curl. Remove oysters with a skimmer and add to milk. Add strained liquid in which oysters were cooked, butter, salt and pepper.

### CLARA'S COOKIES

- 2 1/4 cups sifted flour
- 2 tsps. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup cranberry relish
- 1/2 cup nut meats

Sift dry ingredients in bowl. Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat. Stir in relish and then add the flour mixture. Bake on a greased cookie sheet in a 375 degree oven.

### FONDANT

- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup water

For plain fondant use just one-third as much water as sugar, as above. Boil until it makes a soft ball in water. Take from stove and allow to cool as in fudge. When stiff around the edge of the vessel, beat until cool enough to take in the hands. Knead in the hands until the mixture is soft and creamy. Color, and flavor as desired. Cut into small pieces and make into whatever shapes desired. Dip in chocolate or roll in cocoanut or nut meats. If wishing to dip in chocolate, melt chocolate over water and add paraffine. Stir until mixture is rich and glossy looking, then dip the centers already made, using a hat pin to do it.

### NUT CARAMELS

Boil to the hard-ball stage, or 250 degrees F., 2 cups of granulated sugar, 1/2 cup corn syrup, 2 Tbls. grated chocolate, 1/2 cup milk and 1/2 cup butter. Chocolate caramels may be made by tripling the amount of chocolate. Stir lightly with a wooden spoon to keep from burning as the last stage of boiling is reached. Add 1/2 tsp. vanilla and 1/2 cup chopped nut meats when the cooking is finished. Pour into a buttered pan the size to make the candies an inch thick. An easy way to get the right thickness is to use small pans and pour into each until the mixture is an inch high. When cool, cut in squares and wrap in waxed paper.

### FRUIT SPICE BARS

- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 cup sifted flour
- 1/4 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup mixed candied fruit
- 1/4 cup chopped nutmeats

Sift together flour, soda, salt and ginger. Cream together the shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add molasses and blend well. Add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Dredge fruit and nuts in 1/4 cup of the flour. Add remaining flour gradually to creamed mixture, mixing well. Fold in fruit mixture. Spread in greased 7 x 11 pan and bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Cut in bars when done.

### CANDIED GRAPEFRUIT PEEL

Remove peel from grapefruit in quarters and cover with cold water. Boil until tender. Drain and with scissors cut in strips. Make a syrup of 1 cup sugar and 1/2 cup water. Add the grapefruit peel and cook until all the syrup is absorbed, stirring carefully with a fork. Remove peel from syrup. Roll in granulated sugar and dry on waxed paper. Orange and lemon peel may be prepared the same way. A box of candied peel makes a lovely gift.

### CHRISTMAS SALAD

- 2 cups cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 oranges
- 1 cup chopped walnut meats
- 1 pkg. lime gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup hot water

Grind raw cranberries fine. Add sugar and let stand for ten minutes. Remove seeds and core from oranges and grind fine, including peel. Add oranges and walnut meats to cranberry mixture. Soak gelatin in cold water for 5 minutes then add hot water and stir until dissolved. Combine with fruit mixture. Pour into molds which have been rinsed in cold water. Chill until firm. Serves 6 to 8.

### NUT GLACE

- 3 cups sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar

Dissolve in a sauce pan with one cup water. After it heats, stir until sugar is entirely dissolved. Wipe away any crystals from the sides and then allow the syrup to cook without stirring until it threads crisply when dropped from a spoon. Pick the sort of nuts you wish to glaze, almonds, Brazil, walnuts, or pecans. Using a long, sharp pin, pierce the nuts one at a time and dip in the glaze. Place on a buttered dish. It is necessary to work rapidly, because the glaze hardens fast. Fruit sections, such as grapes, oranges, and dates may be treated in the same way.

### PEANUT BRITTLE

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 2 Tbls. molasses
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbls. butter
- 1 cup salted peanuts
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Grease a large platter or baking sheet. Put sugar, water, cream of tartar in sauce pan and cook without stirring until a small quantity dropped in cold water separates into heavy threads. At this point add molasses, butter and salt. Cook, stirring constantly until a little dropped in cold water becomes brittle. Add nuts and soda at once and mix quickly. Pour on platter and spread. Work very fast or it will get too hard and will not spread thin. When cool, but not cold, break into pieces.



## CHRISTMAS COOKIES THAT ARE A HOLIDAY HERITAGE

By Mabel Nair Brown

Christmas cookies! These are magic words at our house. Just saying them immediately calls to our minds precious memories of the many hours of family fun we have had as we gathered around the big kitchen table for holiday cookie making. We think of the joy that has come as we have shared them in the little "friendship" boxes we always take to our shut-in neighbors and elderly friends at Christmas time; of the pride each of the children has had, in turn, as they took the "cookies treats" to share with schoolmates; their thrill when seeing their "very own" cookies hung as ornaments on the Christmas tree. We recall that our cookies have traveled to distant places all over the world, as no Christmas package is ready for mailing at our house until a box of cookies has been tucked into one corner.

Yes, Christmas cookies are truly a holiday heritage dearly cherished at the Brown home.

Through the years it has become a year-round habit to be on the lookout for new and different cutters or ideas for decorating the cookies. Too, the men folks have fashioned unusual designs in cutters from tin cans. Many of our favorite designs are simply cardboard patterns which we lay on the dough and cut around with a sharp paring knife.

Of course the list of cookies with which we fill up the cookie jars and cans includes spritz, chocolate stars, pinwheels and checkerboards, cherry-nut refrigerator cookies, springrele, chocolate sparkles, pecan nut balls and many others. But the cookie which we all love best and the one which requires all hands in the making and inspires the imagination is the decorated Christmas sugar cookies. We think they are the ones that really "set off" a tray of tempting Christmas goodies.

The following recipe for sugar cookies is the one we have finally settled upon as best, because the cookies hold their shape so well during baking. It is particularly fine for those cookies made with cutters which mark in features, (Santa Claus, gingerbread boy, snow man, etc.) or a raised design as on some trees, holly leaves, bells, etc.

We always use butter for the shortening since we think it imparts a flavor and goodness no substitute can quite achieve.

Here is the recipe:

### Sugar Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond
- 5 cups sifted flour

Method:

Cream butter and sugar until light and creamy, almost like whipped cream. Add the beaten egg and mix



We turned back into our big collection of old family pictures to find this snap of Donald raiding the cookie jar. He was about eight years old when this was taken in Mother's kitchen. Donald is now an engineer at Anderson, Ind., but he still likes cookies!

well. Add flavoring. Sift together the flour and salt and add alternately to the creamed mixture with the milk in which soda has been dissolved. Chill dough thoroughly. Roll to one-eighth inch in thickness. Dip cutter in flour before cutting each cookie. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° until a very delicate brown.

For the icing, we like to use the powdered sugar icing recipe which calls for glycerine. Glycerine helps to keep the icing from becoming hard or crackling. If butter is used and cookies are stored for several weeks, the icing is apt to get rancid. By using egg whites instead of cream or milk we get a white icing that does not turn yellow after cookies stand a while. We begin with this basic recipe and then add vegetable coloring as we decorate the cookies.

### Icing For Decorated Cookies

- 1 lb. sifted powdered sugar, perhaps more
- 4 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 4 tablespoons glycerine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon almond if desired

Method:

Beat salted egg whites until frothy; add cream of tartar and beat until stiff. Gradually add powdered sugar with glycerine and flavoring. Add sugar to make the right consistency for spreading. When ready to put on pastry tube decorations add more powdered sugar until thick enough to hold its shape. A good test is to pull a fork through the icing and if the tine marks hold their shape, the icing is about right to put through the tube. Decorative candies, cinnamon drops, colored sugar, etc., must be applied before icing is thoroughly dry so they will stick. For most of our cookies we prefer the background in white and then decorate with colors.

Here are some of our favorite decorated cookies.

1. Wreath—Use a doughnut cutter.

If you prefer scalloped edge, use scalloped round cutter and cut out center hole with small bottle cap. (a) Ice with white icing. Sprinkle on green sugar. Place three red cinnamon drops at top and 2 at bottom for holly berries. (b) Ice with white, sprinkle with green, dampen a finger in water, dip it into colored candies and press on cookie. You'll get a pretty flower-like design. Dip finger in red sugar and press on top for red bow.

2. Stocking—Cut a large sock pattern from cardboard with a round and square piece of dough sticking out of the top. Make sock deep pink and put on white heel, toe and cuff. With yellow and green icing frost the cut-outs to look like gifts. Add cinnamon drop ball and there is the filled sock.

3. Stars—(a) Ice first in white, sprinkle with yellow sugar. Put a silver dragee on each point and a cluster of five in center. (b) Ice with yellow icing and proceed as above. (c) Ice in white and sprinkle on yellow sugar. By sprinkling sugar heavily in "spokes" from center you get a "radiant" star.

4. Santa Claus — (a) Ice the suit with red or deep pink. Trim on coat, cap and trousers is white. Ice beard in white and very carefully stick on long shredded coconut for whiskers. If he has a pack, use brown icing and sprinkle colored candies across the top of the pack as gifts. (b) Ice suit as above but stick on a Santa Claus seal for the face. The kind with cotton whiskers is cute.

5. Snow Man—Ice in white and put on cut raisins or cinnamon drops down the front for buttons. Use pink icing to make a scarf at his neck. Use brown icing to make eyes and nose, and red for mouth. His hat can have chocolate or red icing.

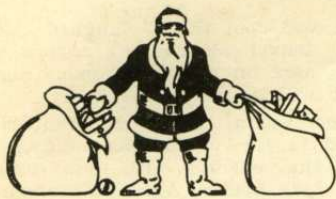
6. Christmas Trees — (a) Ice in white, sprinkle on green sugar. Drop on a sprinkling of colored candies as ornaments. Put a silver dragee at top and on tip of each branch. (b) Ice in green or sprinkle green sugar on white icing, then with pastry tube make white scalloped garlands across the tree from one branch tip to the opposite one. Place silver dragees at top or stick on a gold star seal.

7. Bells — We have a cutter which cuts a cluster of three bells in a raised design and also a single bell cutter. (a) These we do first in plain white. Then with white icing in the pastry tube, outline the designs. Sprinkle red sugar on the bells and green on the bow at the top. Stick a cinnamon drop for a clapper. The red sugar seems to fall heaviest on the raised design and thus it stands out in relief, very prettily. (b) Ice in deep pink and outline in white. Use cinnamon drops or silver dragees for clapper.

8. Holly Leaves — Our cutter is a cluster of three leaves with a bow and three berries at the top. (a) Follow through just as for the bells using green on the leaves. Add a red bow and cinnamon drop for berries. (b) Ice leaves in green and outline design

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Edge the leaves in white and use cinnamon drops for berries.

9. Lambs — Ice the lambs in white and sprinkle on short shredded coconut very thickly. A raisin eye and red mouth completes the cookie.

10. Birds — Ice in red or blue with a toothpick dipped in white icing, mark in the wings and tail feathers. Place a dab of orange icing on his beak and a chocolate drop for his eye.

Variations on plain cookies: (a) Scalloped round cookie with white icing and red cinnamon drops in each scallop. (b) Ice in white and put on designs in color so cookies resemble tree ornaments. (c) Diamond shape, iced in white, and decorated with pink rosettes and green leaves made with the pastry tube. (d) Square or round, iced in green or red icing. With a pastry tube and white icing write "Noel", "Merry Christmas" or "Greetings" on face of the cookie.

We think cookies are wonderful just "as is", but we also make pretty table favors and centerpieces using cookies.

"Cookie Tree Standups" are lovely favors. For each tree favor, cut two cookies with your tree cutter. Place on the cookie sheet; then with a sharp knife slit one tree up from the center bottom about half the way up the tree. Slit the other tree from the top down the same distance. Spread slits slightly apart. Bake cookies, but be careful to bake them just until barely done so they will not be too crisp and break so easily. Cool cookies, but while still slightly warm, slip the two cookies together for a tree that will stand. Ice with soft fluffy green icing such as a "seven minute icing". Sprinkle with colored candies. One of these at each place makes a very unusual table setting.

"Tree Ball Ornament" standup favors can be made by cutting slits in two round cookies and putting them together as the tree above. Ice in pretty Christmas colors and decorate to resemble ornaments.

We make cookie houses and cookie sleighs from the sugar cookie dough. First, make paper patterns for the various parts of the house or sleigh and then cut around them on the dough. After baking, the different parts are placed in position and "cemented" together with thick icing.

Make lots of Christmas cookies and have fun doing it!

### LET'S

It's Christmas time, Let's clean the slate

Of every old year grudge or hate. Let's pin a sprightly sprig of holly

Upon dull care and melancholy.

Let's reach out friendly hands and grip

Each other in warm comradeship.

### CHRISTMAS WISH TO OUR READERS

Wherever there is sickness,  
May Santa Claus bring health;  
Wherever there is poverty,  
May Santa Claus bring wealth;  
Wherever one is weeping,  
May tears to smiles give way;  
Wherever sadness hovers,  
May joy come Christmas day.  
To every heart that's aching.  
May peace and comfort come,  
And may an outlook rosy  
Supplant each outlook glum;  
May friends now separated  
Reunited be to stay,  
And everyone find gladness  
Upon this Christmas Day.

Christmas is made up of many, many things, but the finest gifts in the finest homes can still leave little children with an empty feeling unless they've had the priceless joy of helping mother bake and prepare the holiday food. This is the time to forget little fingers that pry into pans and little voices that beg for just one more taste. Gather the children in the kitchen, bring the baby's high chair close to the table, tack this page of recipes up in front of you, and embark on what can be the most wonderful experience of all — getting ready for Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Peace does not dwell in outward things  
But in the mind must be,  
And where it is, there is Good Will  
For all Humanity.  
Out from its home must radiate  
The boundless rays of love  
As light fell down on Bethlehem  
From one bright star above.  
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### THE NIGHT SANTA WAS LATE

by Myrtle E. Felkner

It was just dusk on Christmas Eve when Santa and his elves finished packing the very last present into the sleigh.

"Ho, ho," laughed Santa gleefully, for this was the night he loved best in all the year. "Now I must be on my way." Mrs. Santa came hurrying to the sleigh.

"You must eat supper first," she said firmly.

"No, indeed," chuckled Santa, "for then I would be too full to eat all the treats that are left for me by the children. Besides, it is getting dark and I must hurry."

Mrs. Santa sighed, for it was no use to argue with Santa. She kissed his round, red nose and waved as he shouted to the reindeer. Away they sped! Santa laughed jovially, and all the sleigh bells tinkled. It was a wonderful evening!

It was eight o'clock when Santa's reindeer skidded to a stop on the roof of the very first house.

"What luck," said Santa. "Eight o'clock is bedtime for boys and girls. I am going to get an early start. Perhaps I can finish in time to shop for a very special present for Mrs. Santa. Then she won't be provoked at me for not eating my supper." Santa tossed his sack of toys over his shoulder and slid down the chimney.

Imagine his surprise when he landed ker-plop at the feet of a little boy and a little girl.

"Oh, ho!" said Santa. "My watch must be fast. Isn't it eight o'clock?"

"Of course," the little boy laughed, "but Mother said we could wait for you just a little longer."

Santa pulled his beard in perplexity. Everyone knew that boys and girls weren't supposed to see Santa leave their gifts.

"Suppose we drink that hot cocoa together," he said at last, "and then you must run to bed while I fill your stockings."

"What fun!" cried the little girl. She poured a big cup of cocoa for each of them. The little boy drew a comfortable chair before the fireplace for Santa. Then Santa told them all about his workshop and the elves and about Mrs. Santa. The cocoa tasted so good that he drank two cups. Suddenly he jumped to his feet.

"I have been here twenty minutes!" he exclaimed. "I'll never get around to all the homes if I don't hustle." The children ran to their beds. Quick as a flash Santa stuffed their stockings, leaped to the roof, and cried to his reindeer. Away they sped!

When Santa reached the second house he saw four little children who stood with noses pressed to the front window scanning the skies for Santa.

"I will fool them," laughed Santa. "I'll deliver all the other toys and stop here on my way home. Surely they will be asleep by then."

Poor Santa! It seemed that every child in the world was waiting for him that evening. He found only a few dark houses. Again and again he was forced to backtrack. It was getting very late, and not even half the toys were delivered.

"Oh, dear," sighed Santa as he paused to rest on a rooftop. "What shall I do?"

"What is the trouble?" asked a strange voice. Santa looked up and saw a gay little brown man before him. He, too, was carrying a bag over his shoulder.

"The trouble," said Santa, "is that the children won't go to sleep so that I can leave their gifts. Already I have lost so much time that I won't be able to buy anything special for Mrs. Santa."

Then Santa peered more closely at the little man.

"By the way, who are you? I thought I was the only Santa Claus."

"You are," the little man said, "but I make the same stops that you do. Come, let's go together. Perhaps I can help you."

Santa was mystified. He made room in the sleigh for the little man and sped to another house. It, too, was lighted.

"See?" said Santa. "It is no use. I will never be able to fill all the stockings before morning." He started to cluck the reindeer to the next roof.

"Wait!" cried the little brown man. "Let me go first. When you get down the chimney, all will be asleep." He hopped gaily down the chimney. Santa picked up his bag and hopped down, too.

Sure enough, all were asleep. "How did you do it?" asked Santa as he filled the stockings.

"Very simple. You see, I am the Sandman. Every night I put the children to sleep. If you will let me ride with you, I will sprinkle sleep into every little eye for you."

How Santa laughed! He thought it was the best idea in the whole world. Finally he wiped his eyes and said,

"The only trouble is, I still won't have time to shop for Mrs. Santa."

"Then you must save the treats for her," said the Sandman. "See, we will put them in a special basket."

Santa rubbed his hungry tummy. How he wished he had eaten his good supper!

It was just dawn when Santa and the Sandman finished cramming the very last stocking to the very tip-top.

"I will see you next year," chuckled Santa as they said goodbye. "Merry Christmas!"

When Santa reached home, he gave the basket to Mrs. Santa. It was chuck-full of cookies and apples and nuts and bananas; nutbread and fruit cake and popcorn balls and mince pie.

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### A LETTER FROM DOROTHY

Dear Friends:

Who could ask for more beautiful Fall weather than we have had this month. Mother and Dad came to see us Sunday, for what will probably be their last trip to our house this winter, and the day was absolutely perfect. There were still a few pretty trees around the house, and we spent practically the entire day out in the yard. Our October weather this year has reminded me very much of the winters in California — so nice and warm in the daytime, but the minute the sun goes down it really cools off in a hurry.

As you drive along the country roads today you see men in every field picking corn, some by hand and some with pickers. Frank is picking most of our corn by hand, but we did have a neighbor come in with his picker and pick some for us. When I drive by the elevators here in town there is almost always a truck loaded with corn standing on the scales. I notice the pickers are leaving many husks on the corn this year and I suppose that is because it is so terribly dry. This dry weather has also cut down on a lot of the fall plowing.

Kristin and I were very happy to be able to go to Shenandoah to help Dad celebrate his birthday. All the Driftmiers were at the folks home for a buffet supper, and it is the first time I have been able to attend one of these family gatherings for a long time. There were even new little cousins present that I had never seen before.

We were happy that the big Jubilee celebration and parade was the following day, so that Kristin and I could see President Truman and Senator Taft. The forty floats were all beautiful, and of course the children loved watching the sixteen bands perform.

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When Mother was here Sunday she told me that she had had many requests for me to repeat my Christmas cookie recipe, and suggested that I include it in my letter this month. Several years ago I gave you a recipe for my favorite sugar cookies, but since then I have found this recipe that I am very fond of. Last year I made a big batch of these cookies for Edna, Frank's sister, at Christmas time because she does quite a bit of entertaining. She decorated them herself and I must say she does a much better job of that than I do. I have never seen

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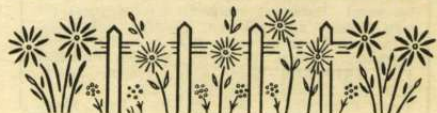
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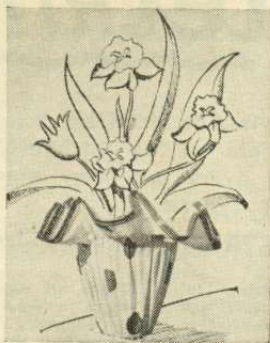
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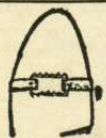
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- Beat 2 eggs thoroughly
  - Add 1 cup sugar
  - 4 tbs. sweet milk
  - 1 t. vanilla

Beat this well and pour into the dry ingredients.

Cut and bake in 375° oven until nicely browned

Let the dough chill, then roll thin.

The Lucas County rural teachers held their annual banquet for their directors and school board members and their wives last Saturday night in the Chariton Presbyterian church. This has been an annual affair for several years, and a night that we all look forward to. A Hallowe'en theme was used for the table decorations. Each table was centered with a very large lighted pumpkin jack-o-lantern. White place mats were used under the plates, and down the length of the table was a wide ruffled strip of orange crepe paper, with a black strip slightly narrower on top of it. Beautiful colored leaves were scattered along on top of this.

I thought the place cards were very clever for a Hallowe'en party, and I hope that I can describe them to you well enough that you might be able to use the idea for a party next year. They were little ghosts made with pipe cleaners and facial tissues. Take two pipe cleaners and twist the ends together so that you have one long one. With the twisted ends as the top of the head, shape the cleaners to make a round circle, twisting them once and letting the ends come down to make the legs. With another cleaner twist once around the neck and let the two ends make the arms. We bent the ends of the legs to make feet, and stapled them to a white piece of cardboard so they would stand up. If you don't have a stapler you can glue the feet to the cardboard. Using a facial tissue, stuff the head making a little round ball. Your facial tissue is usually two sheets put together. Using only one sheet, place the head of the ghost in the center, pull the sides down and tie it around the neck with a piece of white yarn with your name card fastened to it. The rest of the tissue makes the flowing white robes of the ghost. Make two eyes with pen and ink.

We haven't made any Thanksgiving plans as yet, but by the time I write to you again Thanksgiving will be over. Until next month. . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy

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