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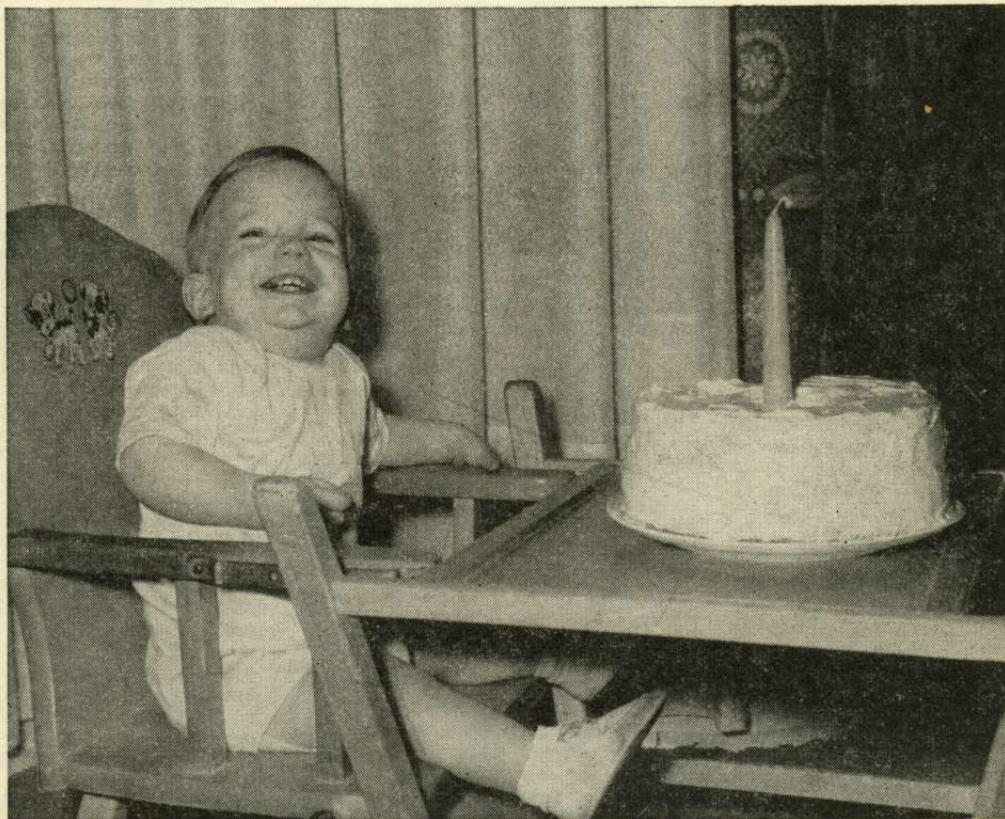


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Clark Field Driftmier, speaking for all of us, wishes you a Happy New Year! Clark was a year old on November 30th. He really enjoyed the birthday cake his Grandmother Driftmier made for him.

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LETTER FROM LEANNA

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My Dear Friend:

Oh, young Year, take not these things from me—

The olden faiths; the shining loyalty Of friends the long and searching years have proved—

The glowing hearthfires, and the books I love;

All wonted kindnesses and welcoming—

All safe, hard-trodden paths to which I cling.

Oh, glad New Year, blithe with the thrill of Spring,

Leave me the ways that were my comforting.

As I reread this verse again tonight it seemed to me that you friends would enjoy it as much as I do, and so I decided to put it right here in my letter and thus not run the risk of having it crowded out by other things — which very likely might happen if we had it printed as a verse standing by itself.

You cannot imagine how hard it is to make decisions about various things that we want to share with you every month! Time and again we have to put aside beautiful poems because there just isn't the right amount of space available. And many an article we must return to the writer because we can't figure out how to get it in — and still include the material you've told us you depend upon.

Our dream, of course, is to increase the size of Kitchen-Klatter, so we will have space for all the good reading that *could* be shared. But until that day can come I am not complaining for I feel that God has been very good to me in giving me the strength to build friendships that have now existed for many years. And God willing, those friendships will endure for many years to come.

As I sit here tonight in my little office I think of the great changes that have come to my family, (and to your families too since all of us are affected equally by Time) in the years since Kitchen-Klatter was first started. Even the world itself seems to have changed almost as much as our own family circle has changed! And now the years seem to be flying by so swiftly that I find, since I am almost seventy, that I am more than content just to live each day as it comes. I think that those of you who are about my age know exactly what I mean.

This must be written before Christmas so I can only tell you what we intend to do, not what we have already

done. (Both Lucile and I agree that we never feel more hampered by strict printer's deadlines than we do when this January number is being prepared.)

On Christmas Eve we plan to have our family supper as usual. All of the girls prepare something and bring it in. This lightens the work for everyone and seems such a sensible solution that I always marvel at my friends who try to do the entire thing by themselves on such occasions — and then wonder why they were too tired to enjoy it!

After we are through eating we will have our Christmas tree and play Christmas carols — Mart has purchased several records that we enjoy very much. In the old days, of course, our piano was here and Lucile always played for us to sing, but the piano is now at Dorothy's home where Kristin can use it daily. It would be foolish, I think, to keep it here for only one evening out of the entire year when a growing child really needs it.

I doubt that any living room is ever more completely cluttered than ours is when the last package has been opened. You can actually wade through piles of paper and boxes. But before the children leave with their *own* children to go to their *own* homes, they always get a big carton from the back porch and clear up the worst of the debris. I've even known Howard to get out the vacuum cleaner and run it before he leaves!

Speaking of Howard reminds me to tell you that he is still making his beautiful furniture. Not long ago he put the finishing touches on three cherry chests that stand together and make a truly magnificent unit. He has also finished a lovely walnut chair with matching ottoman, and is now drawing the blueprints for a cherry bed. All of this furniture will someday be in the "dream home" that he and Mae are planning to build in the not-too distant future. They already have their lot and some of the permanent plantings are in, so now, as Howard says, all they need is the house.

Their daughter, Donna, is a senior this year and before long will be graduating. She is an ambitious girl who turns every minute to good use, and all through this year she has gone directly to a job after school and worked all day on Saturday. Most of our high school girls have the same routine and it seems to me a very

good thing — they come to grips with reality much earlier when they have responsibilities.

Dorothy and Kristin plan to come down the day after Christmas and will visit us for a short time. Since Kristin and Juliana are both only children they really feel cheated if they can't share their Christmas gifts and activities. If the weather holds and we can have a Sunday with completely clear roads, Mart and I will probably try to make another trip to Dorothy's farm before winter really closes in on us.

Martha and Jessie come over as often as they can from Clarinda to spend weekends with us. Jessie injured her foot quite badly when she was visiting her daughter Ruth in Connecticut at the time Hurricane Hazel created such terrible trouble. This injury has kept her pretty much at home, but she is now getting around more easily. Bertha Field has also had a bad time with an injured leg this fall — I told them that sometimes I thought I was definitely better off (and certainly in less misery) just sitting in my wheelchair.

Before long Mart and I will be packing our car and preparing to drive to California — our plans call for leaving here shortly after the first of the year. Martha we hope, will drive out with us, but she doesn't plan to stay more than two or three weeks. Mart and I will stay longer — we want to avoid the worst of the winter that affects him so badly, and we want to spend as much time as possible with my sister, Susan Conrad.

All of us back here are so grateful to our niece, Faith Field Stone (brother Henry's daughter) for making the long drive from San Diego to Redlands to visit Sue very often. We know how much these visits mean to Sue, and since none of us can be there at this time we appreciate her willingness to take our places.

Margery's hand is almost well now — she had a cyst removed from her wrist in November. During the time that she didn't have the use of her hand, Martin was a real help and was certainly a very dependable seven-year old. Oliver's work permits him to be in town through the holiday season, and they've had a happy time decorating their house and making Christmas gifts.

Recently I've read a number of new books, and one in particular I enjoyed very much — as did all the members of the family who read it. "We Grew Up In America" by Alice Hazeltine is the story of the early years of many prominent Americans, and is a book that I recommend wholeheartedly for your family to read. I have made a firm resolution to do more reading in 1955 and not to let TV steal too many hours that could certainly be spent more profitably. Good books are of vital importance, and I hope that you'll make the same resolution if you've found your family reading slipping.

Thank you, one and all, for the beautiful Christmas cards and letters. May the year ahead be a good and blessed year for you and your loved ones.

—Leanna

"SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS" IN THE GARDEN

By

Olga Rolf Tiemann

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" is an old story although Walt Disney has made it seem new. It could be great fun for the children to take seeds and make it a living story in the summer of 1955.

A sunny nook between shrubbery—to represent the forest—would be an ideal place to "plant" our story, but if this isn't possible, choose a sunny spot elsewhere. Snow White should have the center position at the rear with the Seven Dwarfs grouped about her. Use a number of plants to represent each one of the characters in the story, and set them closer together than is usually done because we want to think of each clump of plants as a single individual.

We will choose annuals or flowers that grow and bloom the first season. True annuals die after blooming, but some may reseed themselves the second season. A number of double white Larkspurs, plus a little imagination on our part, will make a lovely Snow White. Some white Petunias planted at the feet of the Larkspurs will make her a beautiful white skirt that trails to the ground.

Let Bashful-Bud nestle closely at her left. A pretty, old-fashioned annual, Nigella, (who always keeps his fingers before his eyes) will make a fitting Bashful-Bud.

Happy-Heart may stand on the other side at her right. A dwarf variety of Zinnia with bright scarlet blossoms is a happy thought to portray this sunny little fellow, for Zinnias never pout no matter what the weather.

Dopey-Deer's position is directly in front of Snow White. Your choice of any of the shorter Marigolds with their pungent odor will impersonate him very nicely.

A group of Dusty Millers will typify Sneezy-Snuff whom we will place to the right of Dopey-Deer. There he can politely turn aside and sneeze and sneeze without annoying the others.

Grumpy-Gruff gets so grouchy that he will snap at anyone at the slightest provocation. Dwarf Snapdragons will be quite representative of this grouty little fellow. Plants with yellow blossoms will harmonize with the orange or yellow coat of Dopey-Deer and the blue one of Bashful-Bud.

The Cup-flower will depict a drowsy little fellow called Sleepy-Eyes. We will let him repose comfortably in front of the others. You may, or may not, wish to place rock pillows around him for he is such a lazy fellow that he prefers a recumbent position instead of holding up his head properly as wide awake fellows do.

Doc-Heartsease will need to keep a watchful eye on all. Place Heartsease plants (they may be Pansies with the large blossoms or the Violas called Baby Pansies) wherever there seems to be a need of them in this bed.

If you have better selections to represent these story-book people, do not hesitate to follow your fancies. In all cases obtain fresh, live seed and plant according to directions. Just as these

characters in the story have individually, certain whims and differences, so will the seeds needed to grow these plants have fixed characteristics that require different kinds of treatment for the best results. If the plants do not appear happy, you may not be treating them properly and should try other methods. Space does not permit giving detailed planting directions but a few general rules follow that may prove helpful.

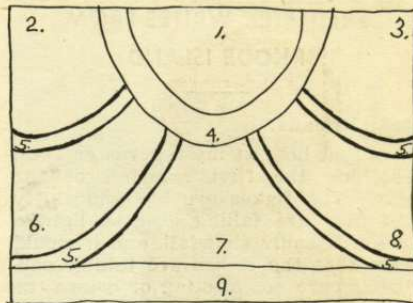
Seeds of the double white Larkspur may be planted very early where it is to bloom. Thin the plants if they germinate too well. They will bloom for many weeks if the withered flower stems are removed promptly. You may have to buy seeds only once for fallen seeds will volunteer and each spring there will be Snow Whites to greet you.

Seed of the Zinnia, Marigold, and Nigella may be planted in early May in the sections where they are to grow. You could plant a few more seeds of the white Larkspur, too, for later bloom. Dwarf Zinnias make compact bushes and bloom merrily all summer without any fuss or care. The Red Riding Hood variety is especially nice. Double French Marigolds are easily grown. Or you may choose a single variety such as Naughty Marietta which blooms early and long. Lovely, but with shorter blooming seasons, are Limelight with soft primrose yellow mum-like flowers and Man-in-the-Moon with pale yellow blossoms. Nigella, the variety Miss Jekyll, is a lovely blue flower nestling shyly in feathery foliage.

Dusty Millers, Snapdragons, Petunias, and Cup-flower seeds may be sown in flats or seed frames in April. They require a little more care and attention than seeds planted right in the garden but are not too difficult. Cover the seeds lightly and keep the soil moist. When the seedlings are up, water them only in the morning to prevent damping off. If vermiculite is used as a planting medium there is less danger of damping off and transplanting is also less of a shock to the plants. If started in flats in the house, place them outside on warm, sunny days to harden off. When settled warm weather comes they may be safely transferred to their places in the bed.

Dusty Miller (*Centaurea gymnocarpa*) is grown for its foliage which consists of finely cut silvery leaves that are beautiful until hard frosts. Lavender flowers appear in late summer. Insects by-pass the plants when looking for meals and dry weather bothers them not at all. Snapdragon seed is very fine but sprouts readily. The blooming period is long if seed pods are not allowed to form. Snow White's skirt will be beautiful if fashioned of white Petunias. Choose from such kinds of Snowstorm, White Wonder, Snowball or White Cloud. When the little plants are ready, set them in a semicircle around the Larkspur.

The Cup-flower (*Nierembergia hippomanica*) is a dear little fellow you will love for all his sleepy ways. Quite a few days must elapse before the seeds sprout. Do not become alarmed if you see nothing stirring at once for he is lazy about getting up. Just keep



To help you with your garden I will give you the names of the flowers suggested for you to plant in the different sections. (1) White Larkspurs, (2) Nigella, (3) Red Zinnias, (4) Petunias, (5) Pansies, (6) Snapdragons, (7) Marigolds, (8) Dusty Miller, and (9) Cup Flowers.

his bed nicely moist and in due time you will see tiny, yawning green spears.

We think of Pansies as annuals but they require a long growing season. To have early spring blooming plants seeds should have been sown in August the year before. Lucky you if you have some on hand to set out or can get some from a kindly neighbor! Baby Pansies often volunteer and are easily reset. Seeds could be planted in a flower pot in the house in March or very early April. Nurseries also have fine plants to sell in the spring. As the season advances, the Pansies will enjoy the shade cast by the other plants. When the weather gets very hot and dry, do not be surprised or disturbed if Doc-Heartsease leaves for his vacation.

Have you thought of a spot in your garden for this living story told with flowers? A spot where the children can enjoy them and learn to love them as they do their storybook friends? A small plot will suffice for the planting. Sow the seeds—the sun and the rain will bestow the Prince's kiss to awaken the sleepers.

TEN BUSINESS COMMANDMENTS

If there is a young person in your family who is just now starting out on his first real job, he can absorb a great deal from these very sound principles. Why not copy them and put them on a table or wall in his room?

1. Work Hard—Take the hardest job first every day.
2. Study Hard — The more you know, the easier and more effective is your work.
3. Have Initiative — Ruts often deepen into graves.
4. Love Your Work — There's a sense of satisfaction in doing work well.
5. Be Exact — Accuracy is better than haste.
6. Have Courage — A stout heart will carry you through difficulties.
7. Be Friendly — Only friendly people become successful leaders.
8. Cultivate Personality — Personality is to the man what perfume is to the flower.
9. Wear a Smile — It opens the door into the sunshine beyond.
10. Do Your Best—For if you give to the world the best you have, the best will come back to you.

FREDERICK WRITES FROM RHODE ISLAND

Dear Friends:

As I sit here at my typewriter I am watching the first snowfall of the year. The flakes are big and fluffy and they are falling ever so lightly. It is a friendly snowfall, and it would seem that the flakes are taking particular care not to sting or bruise the sleeping plants and shrubs. As much as I dislike the inconvenience of snow, I do love to watch it fall, and I must confess that our little hurricane-battered village will look much better when the scars are covered with a white blanket of snow.

I particularly like to drive along the waterfront after a heavy fall of snow. There is something very quaint and picturesque about snow-covered docks and boats and fishing gear. This morning after taking the children to school I stopped the car at one of our main docks and stared in amazement at the fishermen preparing to go out onto the harbor for a day's work. Their work is always hard, but how terribly hard it must be to stand in a little boat on choppy water with the wind blowing snow on face and hands and down the back of the neck. There are times when I think that a clergyman has the hardest job in the world, and then I see fishermen setting out to sea in the snow and I thank God for my nice warm office.

I have a very pleasant office with windows forty inches wide and twelve feet high running from the floor to the ceiling. Out of one window I can watch the flow of traffic up and down the street, and of the other I can look out over a wide expanse of lawn and garden. The office is never dark during the day no matter how gloomy the weather outside, and when the sun is shining it is actually too light for comfort. It is an ideal place for writing my sermons — I should say 'almost' ideal, for there is one thing wrong with it — the telephone. Just while I have been writing the first three paragraphs of this letter I have had four phone calls. As a matter of fact, my phone demands so much of my attention that I have a little device on it that makes it possible for me to continue my typewriting while talking with someone.

One night this past week I attended a small birthday dinner for an old gentleman on his 90th birthday. Four of us — one 90 years old, one 89 years old, one 83 years old, and myself at 37 — went out to dinner at one of the finest restaurants in New England. You might think that my company would have made me feel much older than my 37 years, but actually the three old gentlemen had such a wonderful time laughing and kidding each other, the waitresses and me that I felt younger than ever.

We were seated at a window within thirty feet of a large waterfall, and that view, plus the candlelight, plus the elaborate birthday cake on a revolving silver platter that played "Happy Birthday To You" gave the party a very festive air. I didn't do much talking that night. I just listen-

ed to the stories the others had to tell, but as they talked I thought of some of the funny things that have happened to me in my work as a clergyman.

Have you ever been in a church that had a very high pulpit, one that had to be entered via a stairway? I had just such a pulpit in my navy chapel in Washington, D. C. The pulpit was off to one side and was entered via five high steps. I had been the chaplain at that particular station only a short time when I preached a very strong and powerful sermon to a congregation of several hundred officers and men. With arms outstretched I said the last sentence: "Tied to Christ I cannot fall!" I turned to step out of the pulpit, tripped on the first step and fell the length of the stairs! Never have I been more embarrassed.

Several years ago I was asked to address a gathering of several hundred people on an Easter Sunday afternoon in the town of Hamilton on the island of Bermuda. The people were all native Bermudians, and this event was one of the high spots of their social calendar. The organization that sponsored the meeting was one of simple laboring people, mostly servants, stevedores, taxi drivers and the like, good people of limited education. After a musical number by a large band the president of the organization arose and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen. We are very proud to have as our speaker today, Rev. Mr. Driftwood, I mean Driftwater, I mean Driftmier — excuse me sir, — I mean Driftmier. As president of this organization I would like to introduce Mr. Driftwood — I mean Driftmier, but you know how it is, brother Jones has asked me if he could introduce the speaker. Every year brother Jones insists upon introducing the speaker. I personally think that it is about time that the president of this organization introduce the speaker, but if I did, brother Jones would get awful mad. Therefore I shall ask brother Jones to speak his piece."

Well now, believe it or not, and I have a diary to prove this, Mr. Jones stepped up to the platform and in great indignation said: "Mr. President, you are a liar. I never said that I wanted to introduce Mr. Driftmier. I don't want this job. You told me last night that you didn't want to introduce him and you begged me to. I am sick and tired of hearing you say that I want to introduce Mr. Driftmier."

At that point the president jumped to his feet and shouted in a rage: "Don't believe him, ladies and gentlemen. He forced me to let him introduce the speaker." You can imagine how I felt during all of this. I think that my face turned from white to pink to red to purple.

"Go ahead! Go ahead! Just see if I care!" said the president, and with that he stomped out of the hall. Then Mr. Jones, with much smiling and bowing, began one of the most flowery and long-winded introductions I have ever received in my life. It was obvious to me that he not only wanted to make the introduction, he had been rehearsing it for months! It was at that affair that I observed how the native Bermudians show their pleas-

ure when in a public gathering. They do not applaud as we do; they stomp their feet.

Of course, for this letter to get to you by the first of the year, it is necessary for me to write it today, just a few days before Christmas. Our big house is gaily decorated for the event. Little David is determined to have a stocking hanging at each of our five fireplaces for, as he says: "How do we know which chimney Santa will use," It is a good question.

This will be the last year for Mary Leanna to believe in the real live old St. Nick, and so we are making the most of it. She is satisfied to hang her stocking on the fireplace mantle in the library, for some childish logic has convinced her that that is the one place he will choose for his arrival. We have mailed the last of our 600 and some Christmas cards, done the last of our shopping, and now we wait for that hour of wonder and magic.

1954 has been a hard year for so many of our people, but now that it is in its last hours we are grateful for it. With all of the bitterness of storms and illness and unemployment our Bristol people have had to struggle, but as we look back upon it we know that the struggle was worthwhile. We don't see how 1955 could possibly be as hard as 1954, and so we step into the New Year with confidence and hope. We are grateful that God has given us the strength to survive every hardship in the past, and our faith is in Him as we move into the future.

Sincerely, Frederick

NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS

Let us walk softly, friends;

For strange paths lie before us all untrod,

The New Year, spotless from the hand of God,

Is thine and mine, O friend.

Let us walk straightly, friend;

Forget the crooked paths behind us now,

Press on with steadier purpose on our brow,

To better deeds, O friend.

Let us walk gladly, friend;

Perchance some greater good than we have known

Is waiting for us, or some fair hope flown

Shall yet return, O friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend;

We cannot tell how long this life shall last,

How soon these precious years be overpast;

Let Love walk with us, friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend;

Work with our might while lasts our little stay,

And help some halting comrade on the way;

And may God guide us, friend.

—Lillian Gray

We can't help the past, but we don't have to repeat it.

NEW YEAR MEDITATIONS For Your January Programs

By
Mabel Nair Brown

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done."

Chairman:

"One of the great privileges all people have is that of beginning again. To each of us the New Year seems a priceless opportunity to close the door on heartaches, failures and disappointments that lie behind us, and to open a new door to a better world, another chance to prove that with God's grace we can live in harmony and understanding."

There isn't a woman in this room who doesn't have a genuine interest in recipes, so I have asked ----- to read for us this unique, dependable and downright practical recipe."

Recipes For A New Year

Take twelve fine, full-grown months and see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite, pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness. In short, see that these months are freed from all the past.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (many people spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of salad — don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well selected resolution. Put in about a teaspoonful of good cheer, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole, love and generosity and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy. Then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

Chairman:

"If all of us use the recipe that we have just heard, it will be a wonderfully happy and successful year. Probably at our December gathering in 1955 we should have this read again just to check and see how carefully we have followed it."

"But along with recipes we are all interested in where we live, so I have asked ----- to read for us something about a new address that I hope all of us will have in 1955."

Will You Have A New Address In 1955?

What is your address in the town of Life? Have you ever thought about it? Will you have a new street address in this New Year?

You see, in the town of Life, it is how you live that will determine your

address. Perhaps you have been living for yourself alone, refusing to share with the less fortunate — "Let them learn to look out for themselves," you say, "that's what I've had to do." If this is the case you probably live on Selfish Drive.

"Or perhaps you live in high and mighty seclusion on Snob Hill Circle where you look down on most of your fellow citizens as of "poorer clay" than yourself, and therefore not worthy of much notice from you and your crowd! Poor you! For the mansions on Snob Hill can become mighty cold and forbidding without the heart-warming fires of human fellowship to warm them. The pile of cold stone which snobbery builds is of little comfort in times of sorrow and distress."

"How much happier are those who live on Friendly Street where warmth and cheer radiates from the windows along the way, where a helping hand is ever ready in time of need, where a kindly word and a child's smile is valued more than jewels, and friendships more than gold."

"Spendthrift Alley and Never-dowell Court will claim the residences of those who insist on living only for the pleasures of today with no thought for the future, content to "live it up" and let the future take care of itself. They are the ones who some day will move over to Poverty Row or Despair Avenue."

"But how wonderful it is if you live on the right side of the track — over on Happiness Avenue, Charity Drive, Hope Boulevard, or down on busy Endeavor Street! What joy seems to overflow from Sharing Road! And then there is always the wonderful peace and rest to be found on Church Circle."

"Yes, it's the way we live that determines our street in the town of Life! What will be your address in 1955?"

Chairman:

"In conclusion I have asked ----- to read a poem that should be our creed, our resolution, for living in the New Year?"

A Good Creed

If any little word of ours
Can make one life brighter;
If any little song of ours
Can make one heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word
And take our bit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of ours
Can make one life the sweeter;
If any little care of ours
Can make one step the fleetier;
If any little help may ease
The burden of another;
God give us love and care and strength
To help along each other.

If any little thought of ours
Can make one life the stronger;
If any cheery smile of ours
Can make its brightness longer;
Then let us speak that thought today,
With tender eyes aglowing,
So God may grant some weary one
Shall reap from our glad sowing.

—author unknown



Abigail Driftmier and Mary Beth (Our son Donald Driftmier's wife) holding Clark, Wayne and Abigail's little boy.

TO GIVE AWAY

By

Gladys N. Templeton

We'll admit that these are busy times, but it's to be doubted if there was more leisure fifty years ago when today's modern conveniences were undreamed of luxuries.

After listening to our elderly friends tell of those days, one thing always stands out in my thoughts; it is amazing how those hard-working folk could find time to be friendly, the brand of simple friendliness which warms the cockles of your heart.

Most men and women have crowded schedules, but there are many who are unable to get outside their homes. For the latter, the days are long when friends fail to drop in for a chat, when nothing happens to break the hours of shut-in loneliness.

We are responsive to all sort of demands on our time, both civic and social. We give much effort to our church activities and even think nothing of spending an entire afternoon sewing drapes for the church parlor. The time and attention given to such things is expected and should be given to a degree, but the dozen or so shut-ins of that church should be considered first, according to the teaching of that church. How many of them have ever had a call from the women who work so unstintingly at things far removed from loneliness and discouragement?

Are we so busy that we haven't time to be friendly outside of our organizations and clubs? Do we ever lean over the fence and chat with that next-door neighbor? Yes, no doubt, but we must think of those who are no longer able to get about. Some of them are shy and are only waiting for the friendly contact.

An elderly gentleman, when questioned as to what he attributed his longevity, quickly responded: "Why, my friends!"

Naturally, to have friends one must be a friend, but generally speaking, a friendly approach receives a friendly response. We give of ourselves, our time, our money and our strength, but we too frequently overlook plain, old-fashioned friendliness which is the most prized gift

TO GIVE AWAY.

A BURRO FOR A BIRTHDAY

By

Hallie M. Barrow

At first glance "A Burro For A Birthday" seems startling, to say the least, but perhaps by the time you've finished reading this you'll come to the conclusion that it's a mighty happy idea! If you've had reason to contemplate a pet that is docile, affectionate, and can be ridden or driven, then think twice about a Mexican burro.

Several times I've had friends return from a trip to Mexico and tell me how much they wanted to put one of these small animals in the back seat of their car to bring home! Burros are cheap in Mexico, but my friends found they hardly dared yield to the impulse to buy one since the animal must be tested, dipped and vaccinated before entering our country. No tourist has time for all this procedure especially in Mexico where no one is in a hurry — including the tiny burros! But I heard plenty of wildly enthusiastic comments about burros!

I longed to see for myself just how "endearing" these small burros were, so when I found that there were some for sale within driving distance, we simply picked up and made the trip to the farm of W. P. Peterson, Route 5, Independence, Mo. The moment I saw them I knew exactly how my friends had felt — I wanted then and there to bundle one into the car, especially the little mouse-colored two-year old that weighed only sixty pounds. Burros have the most pleading eyes that I have ever seen in any animal, and long, intelligent acting ears! I say 'intelligent' because those ears work all the time as though they were talking to you.

Some gift firms will take orders for burros and they are shipped to you from Texas. But if you can visit the Peterson farm you'll have some choice of color and temperament, for each burro has its own individuality. This is one of the qualities that makes him so interesting.

Burros can be kept where any large dog could be housed, and they will eat straw, hay, corn, oats, grass, bread and table scraps — anything but meat. The cost of their food will vary, depending on whether you have any spare grass. But in the main you'll find that they are less expensive to feed than a large dog. One customer reported that a bale of hay lasted two burros for a month.

For children who love to take care of their own pets, a burro is a treasure. It is much safer than a Shetland pony and easier to handle in many ways. They refuse to run off! They do not bite or kick. They will stand tied for hours without getting impatient and are famous for their good dispositions. They can be hitched to a cart or ridden.

Mature burros will weigh up to two-hundred pounds and their life span is twenty-five years. They can carry three times their weight, or as many children as can pile on between their necks and their tails. Because they are so sure-footed and not inclined



W. P. Peterson and two of his burros. At the left is a Colorado burro who was determined to get into the picture.

to run away, they are invaluable as pack animals in their native country. As a rule they are rough-coated on arrival for they've had it rugged in Mexico where they are turned out to live off mesquite, beans and very sparse pasturage. However, if a child feeds them regularly and brushes their coat every day, they will soon look smooth and silky.

Burros cost around \$100.00, and the female is priced \$10.00 higher than the male. Much of this cost is for express for they arrive uncrated. Unless used on paved highways they need not be shod. Probably you'd have to pay around \$175.00 for a mother and baby, but a burro colt will be an attraction that few other pets can equal.

In adult saddle clubs and horse shows, the parade class creates much competition. The riders have costly Western costumes, bridles and saddles that are be-spangled and be-jeweled. This applies to horses, you understand, but you can outfit your burro rider in the grand style if you wish! A hand-made Mexican burro saddle will run as high as another hundred dollars, plus more for the bridle. We haven't yet seen any class for parade burros, but it is an idea.

However, we think that most small riders will prefer to hop on bare-back, and we know that when they start toward their burro with a handful of feed and it makes that peculiar burro bray of thanks, all small owners will be highly amused.

Don't for one second confuse the burros of our western states with these little Mexican burros. I have yet to hear about any traveler in our own country wanting to bring home a burro — they are much larger, you know. And of a different disposition, I might add.

If you have a youngster or a grandchild who has been begging for something in the line of a "horse", perhaps you'd better keep this magazine out of his hands. Otherwise, you're likely to be hearing a great deal about burros!

The man who insists he is the victim of circumstances is unconsciously admitting that he is a quitter. Little minds, weak wills are tamed and subdued by misfortunes. Great minds, strong wills rise above them. We should never permit circumstances to rule us.

WITH THE NEW YEAR LOOK

By

Virginia Thomas

SUREFIRE CONVERSATION CENTERPIECE: This might well be called a Jack Frost Masterpiece and here's how it is made.

Into a large bowl put pieces of dry ice (leave pieces as large as bowl will accommodate). Add one-half cup of water. Now pile the bowl full of Christmas balls (I prefer to use all silver balls or silver and blue ones). If the balls are in a variety of sizes it is more effective. You can add a few trees branches (painted white) if you like. In a short time the mist from the dry ice will coat the balls with delicate frost that gives an indescribably beautiful effect. You can be sure this one will start your guests talking. Flank the bowl with greens, some roly-poly white snowmen of cotton or the plastic foam. Also use candles on either side for the candle glow reflects beautifully on the frosted balls.

Naturally, since this centerpiece will last only about the duration of one party, you will save it for that occasion when you want something very special. We can get the dry ice at the store where we buy our ice cream for parties since the cream comes packed in dry ice.

ALL WHITE ARRANGEMENT for buffet or table: Cut a large circle of cardboard and cover it with white paper. From white net, lace, ribbon or tulle, make a wide double ruffle and attach to edge of cardboard circle. On this base place a "clump" of small tree branches which have been painted white and sprinkled with mica snow flakes or silver glitter. Anchor this firmly on a needlepoint holder. Arrange cotton snowdrifts around the base of the twigs. Then arrange three or five white reindeer (plastic or china) as if standing in the shelter of the tree clump. A large circle of the plastic foam could be used for the base instead of cardboard, if preferred, and the twigs stuck directly into it. Complete the arrangement with white candles if desired.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1955: (a) Ice cupcakes with a fluffy white icing and then spell out the greeting by putting one letter on each cake with red icing. Arrange these on a long tray and surround with greens and white foam snowballs. (b) Cut blocks from the plastic foam and put a letter on the side of each block to spell out "Happy New Year 1955". Place a large plastic foam snowman, or one made of cotton, on a large mirror in the center of the table. Around the edge of the mirror use Bon Ami to make a clock face; (the snowman stands in the center of this face.) Place foam blocks around the mirror and intersperse them with evergreen tips. Individual favors could be small foam clock faces, or little marshmallow or cotton snowmen. The round clock faces could be anchored with toothpicks into a small square of foam and thus be made to stand upright. Stick a sprig of evergreen in the base. Use

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LETTER FROM LUCILE

Greetings to All Of You
Good Friends:

What I had in mind to say a moment ago was "Happy New Year" rather than "Greetings", but when I stop to think that you'll receive this issue several days before January 1st, I guess that I'll not hurry these last few hours of 1954.

Christmas is over, of course, but since this must be written long before the 25th, perhaps you'll not mind if I make some references to our holiday plans.

These nights I'm firing Juliana up to bed just as early as I can get away with it, for every minute must be snatched now to finish a somewhat surprising Christmas gift. She told me back in October that what she wanted for Christmas was cross-stitched percale sheets and matching pillow cases. I was sort of taken aback by this, but goodness knows it's not an unreasonable wish.

She has twin beds in her room and consequently I couldn't get away with cross-stitching only one double sheet. The bottom sheets were left unadorned, of course, but both top sheets had to have a wide band to match the wide band on the pillow cases. Come to think of it, I *did* make some extra work by running the pillow case band around the entire thing rather than on just one side, but I'm glad I made the extra stitches for she'll enjoy them more.

This cross-stitching was done in one solid color — a brilliant red. We let her select her own colors when her room was entirely rebuilt last winter, and she settled on Wedgewood blue walls, snow-white ruffled curtains, white bedspreads (with red skirts underneath to the floor) and a red loveseat, a very small one just right for a little girl's room.

With two exceptions this was all carried through. I never could find time to make the red skirts for the twin beds, and Russell (who does the upholstering at this house) couldn't spare a second to fix the loveseat. We decided that to finish both projects would make a highly appreciated Christmas gift, so before the 25th they will both be done. Then with the new cross-stitched sheets and pillow cases Juliana's room will be as she wants it.

Toys, of course, are completely beyond us now and have been for quite some time. Clothing, books and anything for her room is the story now. I'm a great believer in books for children — I'm sure you know this because of my many references to them. I think that public libraries are absolutely wonderful and will take care of most needs, but there are a few books every child learns to love with real emotion, and those books should be right in the house where they can be picked up at any time. I can't begin to tell you how many times Juliana and Kristin have read the beautiful "Little House" books by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Certainly their lives will always be richer for having loved these genuine classics while they were growing up.

Russell never reads my letter to you

friends until just about the time you read it, so I can safely write that I have three sewing projects to complete for him. I *aim* to make two shirts, one of a beautiful plaid gingham with brown predominating in it, and one of beige in a new fabric that is guaranteed to launder beautifully — and for years. The third thing is a pajama outfit of suede cloth. Last year I made such an outfit and he regarded it so highly that I feel fired with enthusiasm to make another.

Another thing scheduled is Christmas cookies, very elaborate ones, for Juliana's room at school on their last day before vacation begins. I felt badly about last year's Christmas cookies — I was too rushed and hurried to enjoy it, and too (as I told you last month) I had neglected to purchase the things we needed. This year I'm determined to take the cookies slow and easy, to make the project a really happy time that Juliana will remember with pleasure.

The other night Russell and I had a good time going through a lot of kodachromes taken long ago, and when we came across two of them I simply laughed until I cried. Without seeing them I don't suppose you can understand why they struck us so funny, but I'll try and give you an idea of what we looked at.

One day when Juliana was 3½ months old, Russell propped her in the corner of a big chair and photographed her in color. She was all dressed up because we were headed for her regular visit at the pediatrician's office far down town at a big Medical Arts Building.

This doctor had me in a fever all the time because he wanted to know exactly how many ounces she took from her bottle (I was supposed to keep a chart, you see), and it so happens that Juliana was a baby who never ONCE finished an entire bottle. I finally got so excited by this situation (particularly after talking to other mothers who said that *their* babies not only finished a bottle but screamed for more!) that on the day Russell photographed her in the chair, I had quavered to the doctor "My baby won't eat" — and then burst into tears.

Now I just wish you could see this picture of the baby who wouldn't eat! She was so fat she had about three chins, her legs look down-right swollen, and you can't even see her wrists. Since the picture is in color you can see her pink cheeks, and all in all, it's impossible to imagine a healthier looking specimen. But believe me, I was in tears that day! And I find it in my heart to forgive the doctor who made me so wildly apprehensive the entire time, for he was a very young man just starting to practice, unmarried, and without a second of practical, down-to-earth experience to bolster up his training. I just wish, however, that our pediatrician had been a calm, easy-going grandfather of ten!

The other picture that always makes us laugh is of Juliana and Kristin when they were five. No one knows now what in the world they had been fighting about, but both little girls look positively savage. Kristin has a black, black scowl on her face and



East bay window in the Wayne Driftmier dining room. The table is an heirloom brought from Abigail's family home.

a good-sized turkey could perch on her lower lip. Juliana actually has clenched fists and is staring down at the ground in real anger. They would look funny enough under any conditions, but it so happens that this picture was taken on Sunday afternoon when both children had on fancy organdy dresses, white shoes, ribbons in their hair, etc. They should be wearing angelic, glowing smiles to go with such clothing, but you should just see them!

At this point may I toss out a word of warning to any of you town friends who take a notion to order a goose for some festive occasion? I decided that I wanted a goose for our Thanksgiving dinner after I heard that someone in the country had some fine ones for sale. I called and made arrangements to have it delivered the following evening, and I can assure you that I nearly dropped dead when it turned up ALIVE. I knew that I would have to dress it, but I thought it would be small — and dead. It turned out to be enormous (8½ lbs. *after* it was dressed) and terribly lively.

If our neighbors next door (ex-farmers) hadn't come to our rescue on getting it killed, we simply would have been without a goose for we had nothing to work with — and anyway, it was too big and wild for only Russell to tackle. (It took three people to get the job done, I might add!) Then I realized that I had absolutely nothing big enough to use in scalding it, so my good friend, Mary Spears, came to my rescue and told us to drive out to the country where she lives. When we arrived we found that she had the wash boiler all set and plenty of scalding water, so we set right to work.

The goose was delicious and we enjoyed every mouthful of it, but henceforth I'm going to determine right at the outset that any creature I order will be dead when it arrives — and I'll know too that it will be a size I can handle if I have to dress it.

A blessed, happy New Year, to each one of you.

—Lucile

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and God is guide—

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and leaves the rest—

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By

LEANNA, LUCILE and MARGERY

BAKED LIVER AND ONIONS

- 5 slices of bacon cut in small pieces
- 1 1/2 lbs beef liver
- 1/3 cup flour
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 minced onion
- 1 tsp. salt

Fry bacon until golden brown and remove from pan. Flour the liver and fry gently on both sides until just browned. Place liver in casserole and sprinkle with bacon. With the fat in the pan use the water, flour and salt to make a gravy. Add minced onion to this. Cook 5 minutes. Pour over liver in the casserole and bake 30 minutes in 350 degree oven.

CRAB-MEAT SALAD

- 2 cups flaked crab meat
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper
- 2 Tbls. lemon juice
- Mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 6 large tomatoes

Combine crab meat, cucumber, celery, eggs, and seasonings. Sprinkle with lemon juice; moisten with mayonnaise. Chill. Turn tomatoes stem end down. Cut in quarters not quite through. Spoon salad in tomato roses. Makes about 4 cups salad or 6 servings with the tomatoes.

CRANBERRY-APPLE SALAD

- 1 Tbls. plain gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 cups cranberries
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped English walnuts
- 1 1/2 cups diced red apple

Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine cranberries and hot water. Simmer until skins begin to pop and then drain off cranberries. Add sugar to liquid and then add softened gelatin and stir until both sugar and gelatin are dissolved. Let stand until mixture starts to thicken. Then fold in remaining ingredients and pour into a mold to chill.

(Lucile's note: I have made this up several times in recent weeks and think that it is a very good winter salad. Two different dressings are fine with it: whipped cream mixed with salad dressing, or honey dressing to which small amounts of whipped cream and salad dressing have been added.)

SAUSAGE AND CABBAGE CASSEROLE

- 1 medium sized head of cabbage
- 3/4 lbs. bulk pork sausage
- 4 Tbls. sausage drippings
- 4 Tbls. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup rich milk
- 2 cups water drained from cabbage
- 1/3 cup grated American cheese
- 1/2 cup cracker crumbs.

Chop cabbage and cook in boiling water to which the 1/2 tsp. salt has been added. When tender, drain and save 2 cups of liquid. Fry sausage and drain. Combine sausage drippings and flour. Then add milk and cabbage liquid, stirring and cooking for about 5 minutes.

In a buttered casserole place layers of cabbage and of sausage, pouring some of the sauce over each layer and sprinkling with cheese and cracker crumbs. Finish with cracker crumbs and cheese on top. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately one-half hour.

Here is another budget crutch if your family will eat cooked cabbage. Note: The amount of salt used in this cannot be given definitely because some bulk sausage is much more highly seasoned than others.

CREAM OF CORN SOUP

(Fine on a blizzard January noon)

- 3 Tbls. butter
- 1 Tbls. minced onion
- 2 Tbls. flour
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 qt. rich milk, scalded (see below)
- 2 cups cream style corn

Melt butter and stir in onion — cook lightly, being careful not to brown. Then add flour and seasonings and blend well. Add scalded milk. (If you have enough cream to use in this way, scald 3 1/2 cups of milk and 1/2 cup cream.) Then add corn and stir until hot and smooth.

We like to chop 4 slices of bacon into small pieces, fry and then sprinkle the browned bacon over the top of the soup when it is served. When we do this (because sometimes there isn't bacon in the house and butter *must* be used) we brown the onion in 3 Tbls. bacon fat rather than in butter.

FISH BALLS

- 1 cup codfish
- 2 cups mashed potatoes
- 3 egg yolks
- 3 Tbls. butter
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

Soak codfish overnight. In the morning drain, cover with fresh water and boil for approximately 15 minutes. Pull apart with forks. Then add the mashed potatoes, egg yolks, melted butter and pepper (no salt — codfish is usually salty enough). Drop by spoonfuls into hot fat and fry until brown.

Don't turn your back on this recipe unless your family positively refuses to eat fish fixed in any way. It's not expensive for a main dish and very tasty. Left-over mashed potatoes can be utilized. And you need not fry in deep fat — just enough in your heavy skillet so you can get them nice and brown.

COWBOY COOKIES FOR THE LUNCH BOX

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
- 1 pkg. semi-sweet chocolate bits

Sift together the flour, soda, salt and baking powder. Cream together the shortening and sugars. Add eggs and beat until light and fluffy. Add flour mixture and mix well. Add rolled oats, vanilla and chocolate. (Dough will be crumbly.) Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet and bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. The children will love these in their lunch box.

BANANA NUT BREAD

- 1 3/4 cups of sifted flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. soda
- 2/3 cups of sugar
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 2 well beaten eggs
- 1 cup mashed bananas
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Sift together flour, baking powder, salt and soda. Cream sugar and shortening; then add well beaten eggs. Into this mixture stir the dry ingredients alternately with mashed bananas, dates and nuts. Turn into 1 large well-greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 70 minutes.

(Margery's comment: "Thin sandwiches made from this bread were served at a committee meeting that I attended, and I thought I'd never tasted a more delicious bread of this type. Do think about making it the next time you have bananas, dates and nuts in the house.")

MAKE AN ICE CREAM PIE

- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 pint chocolate ice cream
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Make unbaked crumb crust and chill well. Put ice cream and cinnamon in chilled bowl. Beat quickly with rotary beater until well blended. Pile into crumb crust and put in your freezing unit until firm. If your freezing unit isn't large enough to hold a pie pan, make the crust and pie in an ice tray. Save some of the crumbs to sprinkle on top.

WALL PAPER PASTE

- 2 qts. cold water
- 3 pts. flour
- 8 qts. boiling water
- 1 tsp. powdered alum

Dissolve flour in the cold water. Add boiling water and boil slowly for 10 minutes, stirring constantly. When cool add alum.

SNEAKING UP ON THE FOOD BUDGET

It would be my guess that January brings to most of us two sharp thoughts when it comes to cooking: the first is that we feel like going easy on rich pies, cakes and desserts for quite a spell; and the second is that our food budgets look pretty limp and battered after the holiday attack on them.

Now I'm sure that a goodly number of you friends have all kinds of meat on hand and it's just a question of deciding what to thaw and cook. But I'm equally sure that a lot of us *don't* have big supplies of meat on hand and must tread cautiously as we think about meals through this period.

I'm not going to give you minutely detailed recipes for any of the things I fall back on when I'm treading cautiously, but I will jot down the general ideas. Perhaps most of them are familiar to you and you've just forgotten about them. In that case, here are the reminders.

Canned luncheon meats can come to the table once too many times if you simply heat them and then slice. Before we reach this point at our house I make a casserole of escaloped potatoes with alternating slices of the luncheon meat. (Exactly the same way you'd make the delicious and more expensive escaloped potatoes with ham.) This is good, filling, fairly cheap and a welcome change.

Corned beef hash is another faithful standby. I brown the corned beef with onions, add diced, cooked potatoes, then add a small amount of water and simmer, covered, for about 10 minutes.

Canned corn beef hash is more expensive than the version mentioned above, but it's a fine emergency dish. I chill it thoroughly, remove both ends of the can, so I can force out the hash in a solid cylinder, and then slice. Dip each slice in beaten egg to which a tablespoon or so of water has been added, then into bread crumbs or cracker crumbs, and then into hot fat in the skillet. Brown on both sides. I'd never thought of handling canned corn beef hash in this way until I visited a friend who served it frequently — and who was amazed that I'd never thought of it!

Sure, we'd all prefer fine quality red salmon, but the much cheaper pink salmon can do well enough in a casserole dish if you don't have it too dry. Use enough white sauce and do one more thing that makes a difference: over the top scatter cracker crumbs and dots of butter or margarine. Every single casserole of this kind that I make is eaten with more enthusiasm if I take time to "fix up" the top.

Macaroni and cheese casserole are enlivened considerably by a couple of layers of sliced, hard-boiled eggs.

Stews make a hearty meal — no doubt about it. I prepare many of them in January (and not with expensive meat either!) and learned long ago that if I'd take time to make dumplings to serve with them, the whole meal was more successful. I'm surprised at the number of women



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You may be able to get along without using good old hamburger, but I'd certainly hate to try it. A pound of it can be used in endless ways and can help the family to forget that it's been quite a spell since a fine roast or expensive chops came on the table.

Bacon is another meat that we sometimes see at supper rather than at breakfast. Delicious Spanish rice rests upon it, and even scrambled eggs don't seem quite so commonplace if you've cut about 4 slices in fine pieces and browned them — then added the eggs in the same skillet.

I'm sure you know this too, but anyway I'll go ahead and say it. A "meat substitute" meal seems twice as good if you have hot rolls, hot biscuits or cornbread. I bake all three items *very* frequently in January! If you haven't done this, give it a try in these next weeks.

—Lucile

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ORANGE OR GRAPEFRUIT MARMALADE WITH ALMONDS

6 oranges or grapefruit

3 lemons

10 cups cold water

6 1/2 lbs. sugar

1 lb. blanched, shredded almonds

Slice fruit very thin. Cover with cold water. Let simmer in uncovered pan for 1 hour. Drain and add sugar and water. Boil 2 minutes. Add almonds. This makes 15 glasses.

NEWS FROM DOROTHY'S FARM

Dear Friends:

We are having our first taste of nippy winter weather. Frank spent yesterday plowing a piece of ground that he always likes to get fall plowed if he can, and I took hot coffee out to him several times to help warm him up. There were a few snow flurries in the air off and on all day and Kristin was in hopes the ground would be covered with snow when she got up this morning, but it wasn't and Frank and I both said, "thank goodness."

Kristin was out of school two days this week with a touch of tonsillitis, but is back in school today. All the time she was in bed she spent her time making plans for Christmas. She said last night that the thing about Christmas that she loves so much isn't the presents she gets, but all the things we do at our house during the month of December — making and decorating cookies; making peanut pixies; hunting for a pretty Christmas tree in the timber and going with Daddy to cut it down; and of course decorating the house. Frank and I have continued with the customs we loved so much when we were children at home and have added a few of our own, so it makes us happy to hear Kristin say that it is these things that will always make it seem like Christmas to her.

We had a very lovely Thanksgiving at our house this year. Frank's sister, Ruth from Kansas City was able to be here, so all of the family was together. We had a big turkey stuffed with Abigail's wonderful dressing, and all the trimmings. Late in the afternoon we were still too full to think of eating supper so we decided to go in to town to a movie and come back here for a late supper. We didn't get to Shenandoah for any part of the Thanksgiving holiday this year. Ruth didn't leave until Friday and Kristin had a 4-H meeting on Saturday; she is trying to have a perfect attendance record this year and didn't want to miss the meeting. We hope to be able to spend a few days with the folks during Christmas vacation.

Mother and Dad spent a day with us the first part of the month and Uncle Fred Fischer with them. This is the first time he had ever visited us in our home since we moved to the farm and we were awfully glad to see him.

Frank is busy this afternoon sawing fireplace logs for the Chariton Public Library. They have a beautiful fireplace in the library and yesterday the librarian called to see if Frank could furnish them with logs again this year. During the winter months they always have a fire in the fireplace and it adds so much to the Library. Many people love to go in and browse around or pull up a chair in front of the fireplace and spend the afternoon reading.

Kristin just came home from school and brought a letter to us from the P. T. A. which interested me very much. I believe I'll tell you about it because if you are active in the Parents-Teacher's Association in your

town you might be interested in trying this project.

Through the cooperation of the Chariton PTA Council, a series of PTA endorsed Movies are planned for those children whose parents approve of the idea. They wish to bring to the Chariton Theatre the classic features that were produced in years back, pictures that the National PTA and the Children's Film Library endorse. These would be shown in a series of seven Saturday morning shows starting at 10:00 A. M., and the shows would be made up of features and shorts that are wholesome, clean and helpful to the children. The cost of these movies will be reduced to seven for only one dollar. They enclosed a list of 18 movies that a committee from the PTA Council will make their selection from. A few of those that I remember so vividly that I would love to have Kristin see are. *Courage of Lassie*, *Christmas Carol*, *Secret Garden*, *Two Thoroughbreds*, *Adventures of Robin Hood*, *The Poor Little Rich Girl* and *Black Beauty*.

I'm getting awfully anxious to start my Christmas baking, but think it is a little too early yet. Just for fun this year I'm going to keep track of the number of cookies I bake and decorate. We have several friends and neighbors to whom we always like to give a gift of some kind, and last year I made up several boxes of cookies and candy and they seemed to enjoy them so much that we will do the same thing this year. I have found many recipes for candy that I have never made before that I'm anxious to try. Another thing I'm going to try this year is glaze' nuts. I went shopping yesterday and have everything on hand now that I will need.

We have several new additions to our farm family. Last fall some friends of ours gave Kristin three baby ducks that are very large now, and last week they gave her two more. These, she says, we can never kill, so unless something happens to them we will always have these five and probably many, many more.

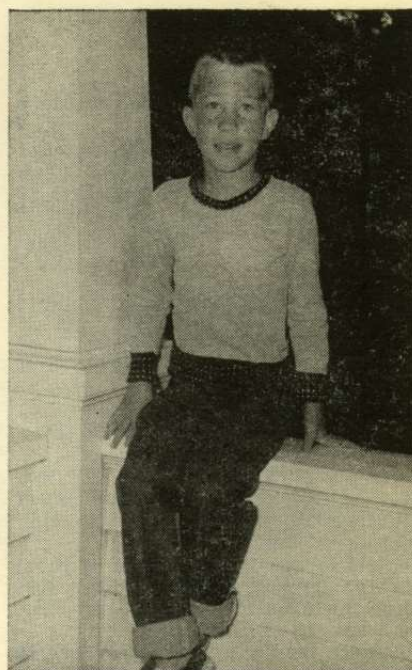
Last week Frank brought home three big ducks that we will have for Christmas—I hope! I rather like to see ducks wandering around the barn lot during the day, but I don't like to have them where they have chosen to spend the nights — the back porch. We have three dogs and if they would only sleep on the back porch I'm sure they would keep the ducks away. But they prefer to spend the nights on the front porch where they have very comfortable chairs to sleep in. Frank suggested that I move the dogs' "Beauty Rests" around to the back porch and then everything would be solved.

I see by the clock that it is a little past Kristin's bedtime, and she is waiting for me to pin up her hair before she goes to bed, so I had better close for this time.

A very happy New Year to you — may it be a good year for those of us who live on farms and always start each season with high hopes for the right amount of sun and rain.

Until next month . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy



Martin Strom, Margery's little 7 year old, visits with his Grandfather Driftmier.

PAMPAS PLUMES

Last fall a friend called and asked if I wanted to come over and dye with her. Having attended dyeing days with her before, I knew I would be in for a colorful time and accepted the invitation.

Pampas grass was standing in all available spaces, awaiting the colors that would highlight their charm. These pastel beauties lend themselves well to fireplace decoration, and most of us can well remember the days when a tall vase of brown cattails and silver plumes held an honored place on the marble top parlor table or stone hearth.

The formula for dyeing pampas grass is simple, but it must be done on a sunshiny and, preferably, a windy day. First, the pampas plumes should be cut when perfectly dry and several days before the dyeing procedure.

Get packages of several different colors of a good grade of crepe paper (I use Dennison). It takes the dark shades of each color to produce the lovely pastel shades in the finished product.) Fill sink with warm water and add paper. One package of paper will tint only, and if you want deeper shades, keep adding paper until you are satisfied with the tone.

You can dip as many plumes as you want in each shade, and then make up another batch of color and continue dipping the plumes until you have the wanted shades. After the plumes have been well dipped, stand the stems upright in a wide, deep container, and then place them out in the sun and breeze so they will fluff out prettily.

(Remember they will be a much lighter shade when dry.) The stems are somewhat weak, and caution is needed when they are wet and heavy to prevent breaking. Breeze-fluffing is essential to their beauty.

NOTES ON SERVING MEALS FOR LARGE CROWDS

The Lutheran Woman's Missionary League of Norfolk, Nebr. undertook the big job of serving several meals last autumn, and one of their members (Mrs. H. A. Krehnke) was kind enough to write some of the details. It seemed to us that other groups might find these details helpful at a future date, so we are sharing with you these extracts from her letter.

"In October we served a dinner for the District Teachers' convention that was held in Norfolk. There are two large rooms in the basement of our big parochial school, and we had tables set for 271 in one room and tables for 110 in the other room.

"On Thursday we served 434 teachers. Our menu was Swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered peas and carrots, individual molded salads of gelatine and fruit cocktail, hot rolls, relishes, assorted pies and coffee. That evening we served 206 at a banquet (another group of women served this meal) and the menu was steak, potatoes, gravy, Schnitzel beans, pear salad, rolls, relishes, cherry squares and coffee.

"On Friday our Circle again served dinner (cafeteria style) and we prepared baked ham, salmon loaf, fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, potato salad, and a variety of both vegetables and salads. An assortment of cakes was also offered. There were 270 guests.

"On November 2 we served a dinner to a group from the three Lutheran churches in Norfolk. Our menu was homemade individual chicken pies with peas and carrots in with the chicken. (We made these at the school and then took them to a bakery where they were baked.) With them we served orange glazed sweet potatoes, radishes and carrot sticks, cranberry salad, and ice cream and cookies. Plates were prepared for 88 people. Oh yes, I almost forgot to say that we served apple cider for an appetizer.

"Sunday evening we served dinner to 125 who had gathered for a Young Peoples' Rally. On this occasion we prepared a tomato juice appetizer, baked chicken squares, potatoes and gravy, buttered peas and carrots, pineapple salad, relishes, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and coffee.

"Now we have one more dinner coming up on November 23 when we are responsible for serving the public school faculty. Our menu for that has been planned so I know right now that we'll be serving roast turkey, potatoes, giblet gravy, dressing, vegetable (not determined at this date), cranberry salad, rolls, relishes and pumpkin chiffon pie.

"We have enjoyed all of these events even though they do represent a lot of work. Our nice group works together well for each one has his job and goes at it with a smile. It really was a lot of work getting ready for the dinner for the Teachers' convention. The day before we set up all the tables, and prepared each one with table cloths, silver and flowers. After the dinner on Thursday we used clean

tablecloths and reset them again so they were ready for the next day. We were fortunate to have so many lovely Chrysanthemums around here this fall and could really use them to advantage to decorate for all the dinners."

Personally, my proverbial hat is off to these women who tackled so many big meals. If your church has done anything comparable, I'd certainly like to hear about it for I'm sure that other women would feel encouraged by such reports — and probably would glean helpful ideas from the various menus planned.—Lucile

JANUARY CHUCKLES

By
Mabel Nair Brown

Wet Pennies: A "conversation piece" game! Have a small glass nearly full of water. Supply each guest with several pennies and let them first guess on how many pennies the glass will hold before it overflows. Then going around the circle, each person carefully slides a penny into the glass. Keep going the rounds until the glass overflows. Prizes might be given to the person guessing nearest to correct number of pennies used, and also to the person who put in the penny which caused water to overflow the glass.

Apron Basketball: Tie aprons on the men of the party. Give the women (each in turn) three plastic snowballs or balls of cotton. See which woman can stand a given distance from her partner and still get her snowballs in the basket (apron which her partner holds out to form a basket to catch the balls). You could choose up sides for this game and count points as one couple from each side tries to "make" the basket. Then the next pair from each side can try, etc.

Stunts For Laughs: Have partners for these. 1. The man holds tea strainer between his teeth and woman stands three or five feet away and tries to toss ping-pong balls into the strainer. If two couples are competing at a time it is more fun. 2. **Dual Sundaes** means that a small dish of ice cream (or gelatin) is set before each player. These players sit side by side with his left hand tied to her right hand, leaving the string about a foot long between the tied hands. At signal the couple starts eating ice cream using just the hands that are tied. Naturally they will have to get together on when to "gee" and when to "haw" in order to be first couple to finish the ice cream. 3. **Package Duet:** Give each couple some wrapping paper, string and a box. At signal they must see who first can get package wrapped and tied, using only two hands—one from each person in each couple.

Baby's Bonnet: Have the group divided into couples for this game. Provide each couple with crepe paper, scraps of ribbon, lace, organdy, etc. Then allow them five or ten minutes to fashion a baby's bonnet for Baby New Year. If there are men at the party, it is more hilarious if the men have to model these bonnets after they are made. Select a woman jury for a secret ballot on the winner.

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By Mildred Dooley Cathcart

Does Christmas and the Christmas Spirit end abruptly at your house the twenty-sixth of December? I used to feel that way, too. The tree looked droopy, and much of the sparkle was covered with dust. So down came the tree immediately and my housekeeping was restored to normal once again.

One day Kerry Lee remarked that she didn't care much for Christmas any more — it was just all over too soon. And as I took an over-all look I could see how her soaring spirits must have burst like a punctured balloon.

I am all for family traditions so from this little incident came a happy solution which has turned out to be a favorite custom in our family. And the children have found it as enjoyable as Christmas itself.

We have six candles which we light each night, one by one, so that on Christmas Eve all are glowing. Then after Christmas one candle is extinguished each night until New Year's when we light them all again in honor of the New Year.

As you can well imagine, by this last night the candles are very low so the children are allowed to stay up until the candles burn out.



Kerry Lee and Jean Marie, little daughters of Mildred Cathcart, enjoying their Christmas toys.

By this candle light we dismantle our tree, sorting out and storing all the trimmings to be used again next year. We would not think of parting with our angel who has the broken wing, or with the battered Santa that has little teeth marks around his pudgy tummy.

When the decorations are out of the way, we gather round and sing carols and read the Christmas story again. Then we troop to the kitchen to find some special treat. This is something edible that we have received — a box of candy, cookies, fruit cake — that I have managed to secret away.

While we munch our goodies we talk about the events of the Old Year. Then we plan ways in which we can make our New Year more profitable and more enjoyable, not only for ourselves but for others as well. Usually we decide upon ONE good New Year's resolution.

And last comes the part of the evening that is an extended Christmas for the children. We always save one of their presents for them to unwrap on this New Year's Eve, and sometimes John and I even save some small gift of ours to open with the children.

With such a grand farewell to the Holiday Season there is no time for regrets or that "let down" feeling. By the end of the evening the girls are ready to say goodbye to the Old Year and are equally eager to awaken and meet the adventures and challenges of the New Year.

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All the goodies Mother made
When the garden things were here
In the summer of the year.
Crocks of lard and jars of meat,
Other things we use to eat,
Make me glad there's food for all
In rows around the cellar wall.

—Anon.

They conquer who believe they can.
He has not learned the lesson of life
who does not every day surmount a fear.—Emerson.

THE WINCHESTER HOUSE OF MYSTERY

By
Frances Lyden

Not far from San Jose, California is an incredible house, a house unlike anything else that has ever been built in this country—or in any other country. On a recent trip I went through it, and details of this experience seem to interest people so much that we thought perhaps you Kitchen-Klatter friends would enjoy hearing about it too.

The story begins back in the 1880's when Mrs. Sarah L. Winchester, widow of a son of the firearms manufacturer, arrived in California. She purchased a conventional 17-room mansion, then under construction, and assumed command of a corps of carpenters and artisans. However, this house was destined never to be finished, for Mrs. Winchester, who had become a spiritualist (following the death of her husband and two children within a short space of time), was informed by a medium's message that as long as she kept on building, death would never overtake her.

Mrs. Winchester took this message seriously. She built a special room for her seances with the spirit world and was guided thenceforth by the medium's messages.

As the rambling mansion began to take on gargantuan proportions, she bought more land to accommodate it. Every weekday for 38 years the structure resounded with the noise of hammering and sawing, as she poured the Winchester fortune into operations that finally reached a cost of more than \$5,000,000.

Only the workmen had access to this property during those 38 years. Not only were the neighbors refused entry, but even Theodore Roosevelt could not cross that threshold. She had a vast hall built on the ground floor where her carriage could be brought directly into the house, and the only time she ever left her home was behind the drawn curtains of this carriage.

It is virtually impossible to describe the Winchester house. So labyrinthine are the miles of corridors that a stranger is in danger of losing himself completely. The mansion is a fantastic patchwork of trapdoors, crooked halls, steps leading nowhere, doors opening into space.

Forty stairways twist in and out, up and down; 2,000 doors open at unexpected places, some of them on blank walls, into cellars, or into thin space from upper stories. Three elevators were installed and thirteen bathrooms, some of which have clear glass windows and screen doors. In one section a glass wall permitted Mrs. Winchester to look straight down several floors and directly into one of six kitchens so that she could observe her household help without them knowing.

In 1906 the earthquake damaged her seven story mansion. Three top floors were knocked off, and Mrs. Winchester was trapped in her bedroom for three hours before one of her forty servants found her unharmed. At this point the spirits told her not to re-

build the top stories or to enter the damaged rooms again. She had them padlocked, and it is an eerie sight now to see the embossed plaster that still hangs by shreds, the beveled windows that are still broken, and the inlaid floors that lie under layers of dust.

As it stands today, the Winchester house has 160 rooms and 10,000 windows. Some of these windows were shipped over from Europe and cost, even years ago, from \$1000 to \$1500 each. A number of them have jewels inlaid in them and are extremely beautiful. Some highly expensive windows at the front of the house are made of optical glass.

Needless to say, there is no rhyme or reason in such details as woodwork. Rare polished woods and strips of bare lath can be found in the same room. Electric push buttons, gongs and switches form an electrical network impossible to trace.

Mrs. Winchester died in 1922 at eighty-five years of age. Her heirs then arrived to try and dispose of the unbelievable amount of things in the house. They found enough wood, windows, chandeliers and wallpaper on hand to build five small houses! One storage room contained enough bolts of material to start a store. And when it came time to sell the furniture at auction, it took seven vans a day a total of six weeks to move it out.

The property passed into private hands and is now opened to guided tours for a small fee. Anyone who travels in the area of San Jose should take time to see it.

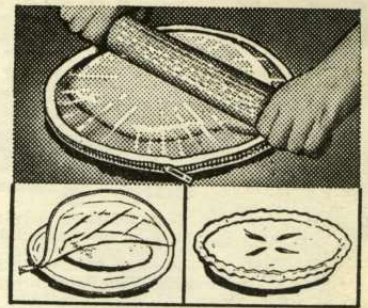
Lucile's note: I agree with Frances Lyden — this house is well worth the time it takes to see even a portion of it. Dorothy, Russell and I will never forget our sensations as we went through it on a summer afternoon. I believe that the one thing I was the most struck by was the room within a room. We entered it through a winding staircase with two-inch treads—it was a huge room literally buried within walls. Frankly, I'd hate to get lost in that place by myself!

COOK'S QUIZ

Everybody, north, south, east and west, seems to be asking and answering riddles these days. The old fashioned riddle has come back with a bang! Children never stopped enjoying them and now adults seem to be getting in the swing of the riddle game too. Here are some riddles especially made for cooks. So test your kitchen knowledge!

1. When are cooks cruel?
Answer: When they beat the eggs and whip the cream.
2. Why is a plum-pudding like the ocean?
Answer: Because it contains many currents, (currants).
3. Why should a cook never put the letter M into her refrigerator?
Answer: Because it turns ice into mice!
4. Spell hard butter with four letters.
Answer. Goat!

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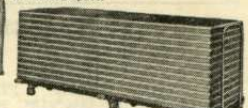
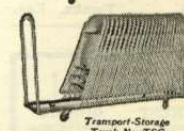
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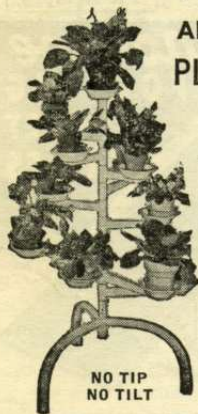
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O year that is going, take with you
Some evil that dwells in my heart;
Let selfishness, doubt,
With the old year go out—
With joy I would see them depart.

O year that is going, take with you
Impatience and wilfulness—pride;
The sharp word that slips
From those too hasty lips,
I would cast, with the old year aside.

O year that is coming, bring with you
Some virtue of which I have need;
More patience to bear
And more kindness to share,
And more love that is true love indeed.

—Laura F. Armitage



Gary Fragodt and Frisky Anna.

THE VALUE OF PETS

By

Erma Thompson Fragodt

It would be very difficult to estimate the value of a pet for a child. Our most important possessions cannot be valued in dollars and cents, but how much they add to our lives in love, relaxation, knowledge and pleasure.

A pet, or better yet a variety of pets, add so much to a child's life, and adults, too, can derive a great deal of pleasure from them. Having pets to care for and love teaches a sense of responsibility and is helpful in teaching the true facts of reproduction. Children learn the joy and anticipation of new arrivals as well as the heartaches of seeing a pet die or finding one ill or injured and helping to nurse it back to health.

We have two sons, Gary who is nine and Rodney soon to be five. When I asked them which pet was their favorite, they said "They're all our favorites." When the children are not in school, the pets occupy their time.

The goat, Frisky Anna, is a dear pal. She'll jump into the little coaster wagon for her turn to ride, stand on her hind feet to reach leaves and play with the children as if they were all "kids". Our neighbor's goat will even climb into a tree or into the hay mow of the barn. We have had many a good laugh and some good snapshots too, because of Frisky Anna.

Every child, if possible, should own a pony. We love to have children come to our house to play and there are few days when there aren't some neighbor children here. Chubby is an eight year old black Shetland pony. The children play rodeo with him, or have him pull them in a sled or wagon. This fall at the "Kid Day" Gary dressed as a cowboy and rode him in the parade, winning first prize. The children now want a pony cart so more friends can enjoy him at one time.

We have grey, black, and white rabbits. They are cute! In the summer we let them run free and at dusk they scamper to and fro near the house.

One could spend hours watching them. We all enjoy naming them.

Many people are afraid of a goose, but none of us are. Last summer we were alarmed when we heard a horn tooting. Upon investigation we found to our amazement that the geese were taking turns squeezing the rubber ball on Rodney's tricycle horn. They also picked on the string of a basketball and tossed it into the air.

Some of our other pets include Banty chickens, ducks, sheep and cats. We have two goldfish to watch indoors. The boys take turns feeding them and I take care of changing the water.

Last, but not least, is Sparkles, our faithful White American Eskimo dog. He has been with us for seven years and is one of the family! It is a common sight to see a black pony, a white dog and two little boys strolling down our road. We could always find the boys when they were little tots and strayed away, for the dog would come into sight when we called. He is a real pal and friendly to all.

What our next pet will be, nobody knows, but it could be anything from a burro to a monkey!

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black paint or crayola to make numerals and hands, with the hands pointing to midnight. (c) A New Year Cornucopia would be lovely and different. The cornucopia can easily be molded from foil shaped over a reed horn, or one shaped from chicken wire. Pile foam balls or Christmas balls in the cornucopia, allowing them to spill over on to the table. Use glue and glitter to write the New Year's Greeting on the balls.

RING IN THE NEW is an arrangement featuring New Year bells, and the Baby New Year. Use a doll with a banner draped across it on which is written "Happy New Year", and place the doll on a flat tray or plate; arrange a few greens about the base. Then lay clusters of large silver bells—three to a group, tied together with silver and white ribbon—around the base among the greens. Mold these bells of silver foil, or you can paint paper drinking cups with silver paint and use them for the bells. Three small bells, made from foil and tied with ribbon, may be used at each place as a favor.

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GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

A brand new year is here. How will we spend it? Will we concentrate on doing things for ourselves or will we find some less fortunate persons and do something to make them happier? That is the way to lasting happiness for ourselves and for them. Here are some opportunities for that kind of service.

Betty Christoffersen, 3485 S. Walnut, Fresno, Calif., is an eight year old girl who had polio last summer. She will be flat in bed for some time. Send her something to play with, or some pretty cards. She collects storybook dolls.

Jean Clark, age 6, was seriously burned more than a year ago. She still has months of painful skin-grafting ahead. She is sweet and patient, but gets so lonely as she is not able to be with other children at all. Her address is 1910 N. Quincy, Topeka, Kansas.

Miss Pearl Doyle, 515 S. Centennial St., Monticello, Illinois, had an operation not long ago and is weak and lonely. Please write to her.

Mrs. Minnie Hayden, 704 W. Wea St., Paola, Kansas, is an elderly lady who has been ill for a long time. She is bedfast and needs cheery letters.

Mrs. Ollie Lain, Star Rt., North, Roach, Mo., is another elderly woman who is shutin. She would enjoy cards and letters.

Dale Rohner, Fontanelle, Iowa, is nine. He fell and broke the large bone in his leg in August and has been in the hospital for surgery. He is in a cast now and will be for some time. He can use his hands and does some handwork (such as weaving pot-holders) which he sells.

Miss Grace Sarsfield, 612 W. Sixth St., Atlantic, Iowa, has been ill and needs some cheery letters.

Mrs. J. B. Stuyvesant, Box C, Morro Bay, Calif., has been in bed for more than a year with a heart ailment. She is not able to write but enjoys getting mail, especially pretty cards.

Phyllis Wilfawn, Rt. 5, Bloomfield, Iowa, is 12. She had polio last year and now has developed a hip trouble that has kept her in bed for some time. She likes to read and would enjoy mail. She also makes nylon corsages and other handwork and would like materials.

Mrs. Ose Wilson, 3215 Tyler, Fresno, Calif., has been bedfast with arthritis for 13 years. She is entirely helpless and unable to write but loves mail.

Miss Katie Clinkinbeard, 1518 East 8 St., Trenton, Mo., is a long time shutin. She is in bed most of the time but would like mail.

Mrs. Blanche Robinson, W. Second St., Moulton, Iowa, has arthritis and would like to hear from others who are also combatting it.

Jerral Leroy Smith, Rt. 3, Gloster Rd., Lawrenceville, Ga., is 13. He has been shutin quite a while but would be now able to go to school if he had clothing. Some of you parents of boys that age might help him.

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