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Dear Friends:

On this beautiful September morning I am sitting here at my desk with the window open as far as it will go and the drapes pulled aside so that I can look out and enjoy our roses and dahlias that are putting on such a fine show.

We had a summer of such intense heat that these sparkling days seem even finer than usual. Here at the Driftmiers we all love September and October (October is Mart's favorite month of the entire year), so we are trying not to let these days be spoiled by the realization that as yet there has been far too little moisture in many sections of our Midwest. I know that many of you friends are facing the fact that all of your hard work and expense seems to have come to nothing, and there just seems to be no consolation except the fact that you did the best you could and are not responsible for conditions far beyond your control. This doesn't mean that the problems drought brings are any less real and hard to meet, but it does mean that no one who has done his best can feel that he's in trouble because he neglected important things and was idle when he should have been busy.

This past month we had many visitors who were on their way home from vacations in the far west and the Black Hills. Everyone seems to have had a good time — but everyone seemed happy to be headed home too! Mart and I rarely take summer vacations, but we do try to get away after autumn arrives.

At this date we don't know exactly what our plans are for a trip, but we hope to get away towards the end of September for three or four weeks. Our first stop will be at Anderson, Indiana, and my! how anxious we are to see little Katharine Mary. Margery and Oliver brought back a report that sounded like Lucile's and Russell's, so we are getting very eager to see our newest grandchild.

After we leave Anderson we expect to drive to Springfield, Mass., to see Frederick, Betty, Mary Leanna and David. It will be three years this fall since we were able to visit them, and we are certainly looking forward to seeing them in their new home. You'll be interested in Frederick's account of the great storm in his letter this month. Until we received his wire telling us that everyone was safe we were surely very worried. And it's a

good thing that we didn't know full details until later for it was a dreadful experience.

Mart and I have friends in the East whom we enjoy visiting, and there are nieces and nephews too whom we want to see, so I imagine that we'll just take our time and try to make the rounds. After this trip we expect to come back to Shenandoah and be here until the holidays are over. Then we'll leave for California or Florida. Florida has more tropical foliage and natural beauty, but California has mountains which I enjoy. However, the drive to Florida has less problems for us than the drive to California, so I imagine this year we'll make it Florida.

Recently we celebrated Martha's 77th birthday with a lovely dinner that Jessie prepared. Mart, Bertha Field and I drove over to Clarinda for it, and of course Fred Fischer would have been with us had he been in town, but he was in California. Jessie had a fine meal, and one thing that I particularly enjoyed was her wild strawberry preserves — they had an unusually rich and delicious flavor.

During the evening Martha's friends came to call, and Mart and I enjoyed this time very much since Clarinda has always seemed like a second home to us after the years we lived there. Of course the town has changed a great deal since we moved away from it in 1924, but many of our old friends are still there.

I mentioned Fred Fischer being in California, so I'll go ahead and say that he is visiting Louise and her family at the time of their terrible heat wave. All weather records were broken and I understand that temperatures reached 109 — unheard of for the Los Angeles area. Fred said that he stayed in the house through this spell. His granddaughter, Jean Alexander, is in high school now and sews beautifully — even makes her own formals. Carter, who was twelve in September, is now in Junior High. We're all glad that Fred's health has permitted him to make these trips every year for his grandchildren enjoy him a great deal.

I'm sure that many of you will recall the "niece" letter last year from Josephine Field Nelson, my brother Henry's daughter. She was here recently on her way to Tucson where her only son is a student at the University. He has found that the climate in that section has done wonders

for his arthritis, so this is his second year down there. Josephine's daughter, Mary Jo is in Germany with her husband, and we were surprised to hear that when her baby boy was born he had two teeth. At the age of two months he had two more teeth! Josephine reports that he is a very strong, active boy and of course she is impatient for the time to come when they can all return from Germany and she can get acquainted with her first grandchild.

Abigail, Wayne, Emily, Alison and little Clark had a two weeks' vacation at Okoboji at the end of August. They rented a house and shared it with very good friends of theirs who formerly lived in Shenandoah but are now located at Storm Lake. These friends have two small boys, so it meant a total of five children under six years of age, but everything worked out just fine and they all came home looking brown and rested.

Howard and Mae have moved into larger quarters and are certainly enjoying more space. But even with much more room they found that some of the beautiful furniture Howard has made couldn't possibly be squeezed in, so it has been loaned to friends. Mae is enjoying a handsome new refrigerator, stove, automatic washing machine and air-conditioner they have just purchased, so all in all they are comfortably settled until the time comes when they start building their own home. Donna is getting adjusted to her first year at college — she is at the Peru State Teachers' College, and since two of her classmates are also from Shenandoah they will be able to share rides back and forth on occasional weekends.

I haven't yet started any big winter sewing projects — or perhaps I should say autumn sewing projects. Juliana and Kristin are both enjoying brilliant red jumpers that I made for them — around the bottom I cross-stitched a band about six inches wide in blue and white, and if I say so myself, these are good looking outfits. The quilt that I made for Abigail is now being put together. I want to make a quilt for Kristin, but as yet I haven't chosen a pattern. Someone told me about a lovely Dogwood design and I think I'll see if I can locate it.

Everyone in our family is very busy these days with the fine bulbs that arrived from Holland not long ago. I know that Russell plans to pot quite a few hyacinths and daffodils, as well as tulips, for indoors bloom, and they are always so cheerful that I wish all of you friends could manage some for this purpose. Don't forget that they make wonderful items for bazaars — locally they simply sell like hot cakes.

One of these days I'll make up my mincemeat and put it in the freezer. I saved all of the extra syrup from my pickled peaches, watermelon preserves, etc., and that will go into it when I start this project.

As always, we want to thank you for your good letters and your friendship. Mail will always be the high point of the day for me, and I'm grateful to all of you who write.

Affectionately yours, Leanna

GARDEN CHATTER

By
Lucile

Last month I showed you a drawing of the basic plan of our garden and told you that it would be followed by drawings of the other family gardens. This month Russell has sketched the basic plan of Wayne and Abigail's property at 207 University Avenue, and since it is a fairly typical small town lot you may find an idea or two that will come in handy when you make plans for your own garden.

Wayne and Abigail moved into their home eight years ago and, like most of us who purchase old houses, they found plenty to do on both the interior and exterior. However, the permanent plantings have now been completed, so here is an explanation (necessarily very condensed) of the figures that appear in the drawing.

Number 1 is a Persian Lilac hedge that extends across the rear property line. This is the north boundary line of their property. Behind it is an alley. It seems almost foolish to make the comment that when this hedge is in bloom it is a lovely sight!

Number 2 is another hedge, Amur River North privet that runs along a considerable stretch of the west boundary line. This privet has been allowed to grow high enough to serve as a genuine screen in front of the area marked number 10, an area that Abigail uses for her clothes lines. With three small children it is mighty important to have some good old clothes lines, and by putting them behind the privet hedge, but still conveniently close to the basement entrance, they serve the purpose but don't cut into the rest of the yard.

Number 3 is filled with perennials, bulbs, and low shrubs such as Blue Mist Spirea, etc.

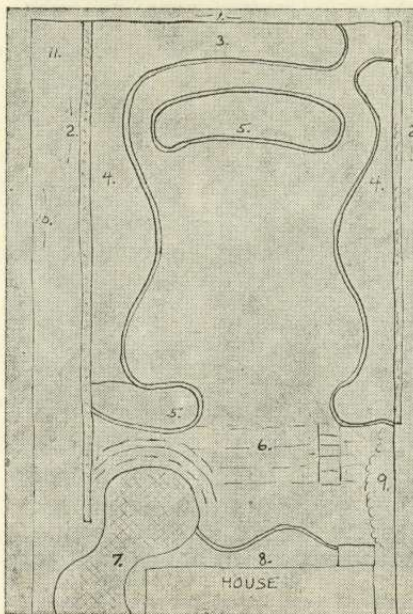
Number 4 is devoted to perennials, bulbs and Floribunda roses.

Number 5 is the focal point of the entire garden for it is filled with a handsome display of Hybrid Tea roses. (Wayne and Abigail hadn't occupied the house for more than a month when their first Hybrid Tea roses were planted!)

Number 6. There is a decided drop in the yard that previously had resulted in a bare, rough looking slope. Rather than continue to struggle with this year after year only to achieve so little in total effect, it was finally treated as a separate level and emphasized with a sharp break. This was a happy inspiration, for now the curved rose bed shows off to much better advantage.

Number 7. This is a brick terrace that was curved to fit the contour of the bank. All summer it has looked very gay with brilliant Comanche Petunias outlining it. Wayne and Abigail frequently have their evening coffee out there on summer nights, and it has also made a fine spot for Clark's play pen.

Number 8: A shady garden filled with Hostas, Forget-Me-Nots, Tuberos Begonias, etc. Since this is a north exposure right against the foundation, all shady plantings do very well there.



See article for description of diagram.

Number 9 is a shrub border. Among some of the bushes growing there are Mock Orange, Althea, Buddleia, Anthony Waterer Spirea and Deutzia.

Number 10: Clothes drying area mentioned previously.

Number 11: Berries, asparagus and rhubarb.

Wayne and Abigail have done one thing that is very important on a small lot where every inch of space is valuable to people who love flowers and shrubs. Rather than tear up the comparatively small area that is now utilized for roses, lawn, etc., by placing the children's play equipment out there, they used the front of their lot as a location for the jungle gym, sandbox and other things. It was a logical section to turn over to the children, for their house stands very close to the street and nothing could be done with this area aside from foundation plantings.

In more ways than one this has proved to be a happy solution. I'm sure that all of us mothers are only too familiar with the problem of sending small youngsters out to play in a back yard where nothing much seems to happen that interests them. In no time at all they're right back in again — or at least *wanting* to come in.

Now the front yard is another proposition entirely! Cars pass by, people walk by, other children come wandering along, and even friendly dogs trot past! Certainly there is a great deal of activity at the front of Wayne and Abigail's home for they are almost directly across the street from the Shenandoah high school, and you know how much coming and going that means. Many an afternoon at 3:30 you'll find Clark, who will be two at the end of November, watching the marching band from his post in the sandbox, and before him you would have found Emily and Alison enjoying the same excitement. Certainly they'd miss out on all this successful distraction if they were com-

pelled to play at the rear of the house.

In short, think twice before you put your play equipment in the back yard if your lot is small and your house stands close to the street.

This outline and explanation can only be called very sketchy for it would take a great deal of space to go into detail about all of the plantings. But we want you to know that you're welcome to go there and see for yourself what has been done, so when you come to Shenandoah be sure to stop by 207 University Avenue, park your car and walk *around* the house to see the garden in the rear.

HAVE YOU EVER MADE A SEED PICTURE?

By Mildred Cathcart

If you have never tried to make a seed picture then you have missed a real treat. Children enjoy making these and adults find this type of picture-making a fascinating hobby.

First of course, you must collect all types of seeds—various shapes, sizes, and color. Marigold and zinnia seeds form outlines and leaves and grass. Melon seeds may form center for larger flowers while small seed may be used for the petals. Do not forget corn and small grain as you look in your gardens, about the lawn and along the roadside.

Use a very heavy cardboard for the background of your picture and use airplane glue or a good household cement to hold the seed securely. Perhaps you will find it easier if you sketch a picture very, very lightly on your cardboard and then cover it with the seed. I think the easiest of all pictures to make with seeds are those of flowers. We used many small Sweet William seeds to form black centers for our flowers and then we tinted some melon seeds very bright yellow. This daisy was quite attractive.

Kerry Lee tried a bird picture and tinted zinnia seeds for feathers. This made an unusual and pretty picture but it was more difficult. One of our pictures featured a house and we outlined it with black marigold seed. The roof was shingled with oats and the house was finished with cucumber seeds.

There is no end to the designs you can make and the variety of seed you may use. When your picture is completed allow the glue to get thoroughly dry and then shellac the picture. Or you may put the picture in a frame covered with glass. We put some of ours in inexpensive picture matting and covered them with saran wrap for protection.

No matter how you decide to make your "seed picture" you will agree it is a great deal of fun.

COVER PICTURE

Those of you who have been Kitchen-Klatter friends since we shared with you the very first pictures of Juliana and Kristin, will agree with us that they have just about grown up — and seemingly overnight! Now they do the cooky decorating for their cousins!

How I Managed With Twins

By
Mrs. Elmer L. Bauder

The old saying goes "Two's Company . . .". For us *Two* (twin babies) was the biggest surprise of our lives. You see, we weren't expecting double blessings, so it was a thunderbolt out of the blue to hear such wonderful news. I always wanted twins—even said when I grew up I was going to have them. Yet, when out of the haze and the heavy smell of ether I heard the nurse say "You have a boy and a girl", all I could answer was "You're kidding." It took her a while to convince me.

After I had partially recovered from my amazement, the terrible thought struck me "I'm only equipped for *ONE* baby." Since the twins were born in September of 1943 in the midst of war shortages, you could imagine my predicament. I had barely been able to collect a layette for one baby. When my friends and members of the family found the spot I was in, they haunted the baby counters, they begged, borrowed (I hope they didn't steal), they scrounged around till they got my babies two outfits. I had flannel diapers, birds-eye diapers, gauze diapers, but the main thing was I had *enough* diapers.

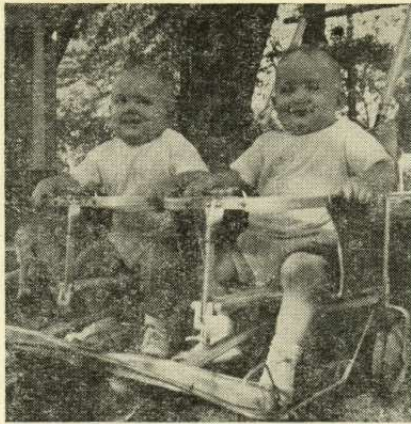
After the twins were born I was not too well physically, so I had to stay at my parents' home until I could recover my health. My aunt had come to help my mother, and did they ever have a handful! Both twins had colic and also good pairs of lungs. Their chorus went on far, far into the night. I used to feel like I could bawl right along with them!

When the twins were three months old we went to our own home which, at the time, was minus electricity awaiting the R.E.A. Was I ever glad to have a gasoline-powered washing machine? If I had to do all those washings on a board I would have been sunk. We had stacks and stacks. My husband was pressed into service to help hang diapers on cold days. I wish you could have seen how he hung the gauze ones — and they froze *that way*!

We tried putting the twins in one bed. But that didn't work. One would wake the other. After we put them in separate beds we didn't have quite so much trouble.

When it was feeding time I would give one twin his bottle in bed while I held the other and gave her her bottle. Then I would put her down to finish her bottle, pick up the other twin and hold him until he finished his bottle. After they were eating baby food, I would let them sit at the table with their Daddy and me at mealtime. The only trouble was that I didn't get a bite of my own food. I was just too busy keeping them filled. So I started feeding them a little ahead of our mealtime; this worked out much better. They still sat at the table with us finishing up a cookie or cracker, and I got to eat with their Daddy.

When the twins were big enough to play, they really were company for



These darling twins are Kurt Charles and Kent Theodore Forward, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Charles Forward of Sheldon, Ia. They were 11½ months old when this was taken.

one another. They had an extra large play pen and it held them and a generous supply of toys. When summer came their Dad built them a play yard with chicken wire next to the house. The door from the kitchen opened right into their yard so they could go back and forth. I had them under my eye and yet they weren't tied down too much. That summer I canned 330 quarts of fruits and vegetables.

As with all normal children the mischief stage was the worst. The little boy had a craze for tying up the doors of the cabinet. Houdini himself couldn't untie those knots! While I was struggling to get the doors open the little girl would emerge from the bedroom looking like a ghost under a thick layer of powder, rouge, lipstick and all else that's supposed to make a woman beautiful. What a chaos she left on the bedroom floor! My grandmother always says "The Lord fits the back to bear the burden." Mine must have been a husky one when the twins were getting into mischief.

As the twins got older they kept wishing for a baby, but none showed up. They prayed and prayed, but to no avail. Finally, in desperation, they wondered if the hospital had any old spare baby they could have. When they were five, their prayers were answered. They got a new baby sister,—not an old spare one, either! Their prayers were answered three more times in the next few years.

Now our family circle numbers eight. Our twins are approaching their twelfth birthday. I don't have to manage them any more. Now they are helping me manage with the little folks. Marianna, the girl twin, is a second little mother to them. After they have learned to say "Daddy" and "Mama", the next word is "Marwi". Joseph, the boy twin, has taken little brother under his wing. You know how the men stick together.

It has been a wonderful and richly rewarding experience raising twins. There never has been the problem in our family of getting a child to share with another. They've always shared. There has been no difficulty getting

them to play with others. In the first few struggling years I wondered how I could do with them. Now I couldn't do without them!

—Leavenworth, Kans.

ONE YEAR WITH TWINS

By
Marian Forward

I am one of the fortunate mothers blessed with twins — identical boys, Kent and Kurt. They will be one year old on September 3rd.

It has been an eventful and full year, but an experience I'm glad I didn't miss. I must admit, however, that it did look impossible my first day home from the hospital!

I have two other boys, one seven and one two. The two year old was only thirteen months old at the time the twins were born, so he was still a baby and much in demand of special diet and diaper changing.

The most important help in managing with twins is a loving and understanding husband such as I have. I never had to ask him for help. He just understood and helped me in all ways possible.

The first month to six weeks, until the routine was better established, I did my washings at night while Ted was home to help with the twins in case they fussed. (We did the washing together.) With three in diapers I washed four times a week.

Also, with twins I kept them on a schedule. I felt it better for their health and necessary so that I'd have some idea as to when I could get my housework done. They varied in their needs and wants on some days, but that is to be expected with any baby.

My next "helper" was the bottle holder. I gave them their bottles that way as soon as I knew they could handle it. It helped in these ways:

10:00 A. M. I could get the washing started while they took their bottles.

2:00 P. M. I could get the year old down for his nap.

6:00 P. M. I could get the family dinner started.

Of course, they had to be checked and "burped" during this time. But these 20 minutes three times a day were valuable time savers. I held them for their 6:00 A. M. and 10:00 P. M. feedings so they would get the comfort and closeness that *all* babies need to survive on! And of course I wanted them in my arms too.

Another time saver and helper is to learn the quick way to do the everyday housework. I still do this — it is a regular habit. I let my dishes soak and do other jobs such as dusting, making beds, picking up toys and taking clothes down from the line. That is, I put my glasses and silverware to soak, do an odd job and then wash them and put them in the drain rack and put some of the dishes to soak — do another job, and so on until the dishes are done. The soaking makes the job go faster and easier.

I feel that the most important thing is to enjoy my children as much as possible. Before long they will be grown and I'll have time on my hands.

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FREDERICK REPORTS ON THE GREAT STORM

Dear Folks:

Last Tuesday I left our summer cottage at a very early hour to make the drive back to our home in Bristol, Rhode Island where I was to supervise the packing of all our household effects in preparation for our move to a new home in Springfield, Massachusetts. That was a hard day for me — breaking up a home that we had come to love more than any home we have ever had.

The next day one of the largest moving vans I have ever seen was loaded by five men who worked so efficiently that by one o'clock in the afternoon the job was completed. The men told me that according to the schedule arranged in advance the furniture would be unloaded in Springfield the following morning. Right then and there something made me inquire if it would be at all possible for the truck to be unloaded in Springfield that night. "It is a beautiful day now," I said, "and even though the weather forecast is for good weather tomorrow, I just have a feeling that we ought to unload tonight if it can be done."

After some deliberation, the men decided to do just that, and after I had called Betty and asked her to borrow her mother's car and to drive to Springfield to meet me, I drove on ahead of the moving van.

What excitement there was in the neighborhood of our new home when the big van backed up to the front door of 57 Pinewoods Avenue! All the children in the neighborhood who had not already gone to bed by seven-thirty were there to watch the first things to come off the van and into the house, but by the time the last bed had been carried in and the children's bicycles put up on the porch, every light in the block was off. It was after midnight before Betty and I could spend our first night in the new home, and just as we turned off the lights it began to rain. Little did we know then that the rain would not stop falling for thirty-six hours!

When we awoke the next morning, it was raining very hard, and since the stove had not been connected we had to eat breakfast at a near-by restaurant. Even with raincoats we were simply drenched by the driving rain going from the house to the car, into the restaurant and back again. I don't know how many times we said that day: "How very, very lucky we are that the moving van was unloaded last night!"

We worked around the house all morning unpacking boxes of linen and dishes, but when it came time for lunch it was raining too hard for us even to consider going out for a bite to eat. Bad as that storm was, it was not bad enough to prevent our new neighbors from bringing us a hot lunch. What a wonderful feeling it



Martin enjoys the outfits that his father brings home from business trips. This is a Superman set that he almost lived in before school started.

gave us to learn that kind and thoughtful people lived in the houses next to ours! It would have been very good of them just to have brought us something to eat on a nice day, but to walk out into that driving rain carrying trays of hot food for us certainly set some kind of a record for friendly service. The people who did that for us were total strangers who had no connection what-so-ever with the church that we are to serve. It will be a long time before we can do enough for them in return.

Because David was not feeling very well when Betty left our summer cottage, she was worried about him even though she had left the children in the very best of care, and so she decided at five o'clock that afternoon to leave Springfield and drive back to Rhode Island. I had to remain and make arrangements to have the electric utilities connected and the oil burner checked on the following day. As I watched Betty drive off in the very height of the storm, I had a sinking feeling in the pit of my stomach. Had I known what a dangerous trip she was to have, I would never have let her go.

As she drove down across the state of Connecticut she saw the water rising dangerously in every stream and river, but having gone too far to turn back, she kept going. Had she left Springfield even an hour later than she did, she might not have lived, for many of the bridges that she crossed were washed away that very evening. She drove through one town that had flood water ten feet deep in the business section shortly after she had passed through there. She drove down one valley that became a raging torrent when a dam broke only a brief time after she had reached safety on the other side. To make matters still worse, in the darkness and the rain she lost her way at one point and wandered around on unknown roads for some time. Because of the broken telephone lines it was two days be-

fore I learned that she completed the trip without accident or injury.

All that long night I listened to the rain pouring down, but it was not until the next morning that I knew just how bad the situation was. The radio brought me news of the flood and again and again during the morning I heard the newscasters warning people to stay off the highways, but by two o'clock in the afternoon my patience was at an end and I decided to start out for Rhode Island. It was still raining when I drove away from the house, and as I drove past the Connecticut river just three blocks down the street, I saw that it had gone over its banks and was lapping dangerously at the high dikes protecting the city. Ten minutes later at the outskirts of town I was stopped by policemen who told me that the route I wanted to follow had been washed out in many places. They suggested that I try driving east instead of south, and so I took a back road around the edge of the city working my way across to the main Boston post road. Time after time I drove through water almost over the wheels of the car. Once I saw a big piece of the road sink right out of sight. I saw automobiles that had been washed from the road, and I became frightened and turned back for Springfield. It was then that I discovered that I couldn't go back the way I had come, for the road had been washed out behind me. Taking many detours, and coming time after time to points in the road where no man in his right mind would have dared to continue, I eventually made it back to town.

After spending another night at the new parsonage, I started out the next morning to make a second attempt. Had I read the morning paper before leaving the house, I would have stayed right there, for the paper said that there were no roads open in any direction. Not knowing that, I started out on a highway that I had not tried on the day before, driving straight south toward Hartford, Connecticut.

It was a beautiful day with clear skies, and as I listened to the news on the car radio I found it very hard to believe that we had received fifteen inches of rain in thirty-six hours, but after driving a mile or so out of the city, I had no more doubts. The only road open out of the city was packed with cars bumper to bumper, and there was one long detour around a particularly bad place. It was while on this detour that I observed the car directly ahead of me to have an automobile license from Page County Iowa. When the traffic was at a standstill I managed to get along side this car and introduce myself to the driver, a young sailor from Clarinda, Iowa who was driving to Hartford from the naval base at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

About twenty miles out of Springfield I was brought to a quick stop when I drove right up to the flood. There were a hundred or more men closing off the highway with large steel flood walls. A policeman frantically waved me off the road and

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HOLIDAY FAIR BAZAAR

By

Mabel Nair Brown

If your organization is hunting for a change from the usual "hit and miss" type of bazaar why not try a HOLIDAY FAIR for a new slant? The one we'll describe here will have an English accent, but yours might well take on an Italian, Oriental or a French flavor if preferred. In fact, you will probably find the idea so successful, that, by popular demand you will make it an annual event with a new setting each year!

First, let us get the overall picture for the fair. The various booths are set up as shops in YE OLDE ENGLISH street scene. YE OLDE TEA SHOPPE makes a congenial climax to the bazaar for your shoppers. There should be a lounge arranged in a side room, or in one corner near the shops, where the guests can rest and visit between shopping visits to the booths. If at all possible, arrange to have a nursery where (for a small fee) mothers may leave the small fry while they are making the rounds of the shops—perhaps you can find more women to help at the bazaar itself if there is a nursery to care for their small youngsters.

Keynoting the theme of your bazaar will be a string of street lamps set up in the center of the shopping area along with improvised huckster's carts filled with greens, tree ornaments, etc. Records of the Christmas carols, playing softly, will provide a warm holiday atmosphere.

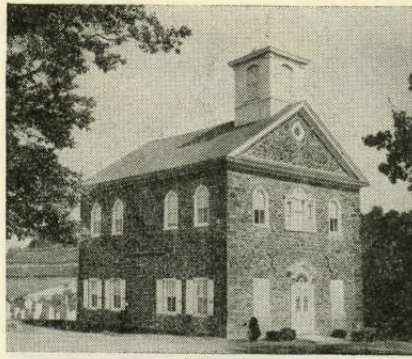
Now for suggestions for the shops (each one with its appropriate name posted above it and decorated in keeping with its contents etc.).

TINY TIM SHOP. Doll clothes, children's clothes, toys, doll or children's furniture are some of the items to be sold here. For an attractive display, borrow mannequins from the children's department of a local store on which you display various garments for sale. Collect some dolls on which the doll garments can be modeled. The red and white "candy-stick" motif might be used in this booth's decorations.

NEEDLE AND THREAD SHOP. Features the needlework for the home—pillow cases, dresser scarves, crocheted work, casserole and toaster covers, potholders, dusting mitts, to mention a few items.

THE PASTRY SHELF. Features one part of the food sale department. Here might be offered for sale such items as cream puffs, cake and cookie mixes (homemade ones nicely packaged in cellophane), rolls, homemade breads, packaged rolls of unbaked icebox cookies and pies.

"GOODIE SHOPPE" or PANTRY AND DELICATESSEN SHOP. Foods of almost every description are sold here with a few unusual items such as Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake or Mince-meat being featured. Baked goods, baked beans, potato salad, cottage cheese, dressed poultry and jellies and jams are a few items which might be sold. Popcorn is another popular item for this booth and if popcorn balls, popcorn favors and perhaps some



The Pennsylvania Dutch country has countless beautiful old stone churches hidden unexpectedly on winding roads through the Blue Mountains. This particular one, over two-hundred years old, was a masterpiece of architectural simplicity.

popcorn lambs (use popcorn ball recipe and mold lamb in one of the lamb cake molds, using raisin eyes, red icing mouth and tie a big ribbon bow about its neck) are used they will prove eye-catchers for the booth as well as being popular selling items. Popcorn Christmas trees also sell well. To make them, mold the popcorn mixture in a greased cone-shaped sieve. Then decorate with tiny candies and cake decoration candies to resemble the tree ornaments.

SWEET TOOTH SHOP is the name of the candy booth. You might decide that the popcorn confections should go in this shop, too. Candy apples and homemade candy canes could be featured in this booth. Assorted home made candies done up in pretty gift boxes will prove fast sellers.

YE LITTLE GREEN HOUSE. This shop gives the artistic fingers in your group a chance to use their talents. Here can be featured holiday wreaths, swags, garlands, and door arrangements; as well as pretty corsages made of greens, tiny cones, miniature bells and gay ribbons. Have many table arrangements and centerpieces for the eye-catchers.

As a suggestion for making these arrangements stand out more effectively, try making backdrop circles for them. Cover large cardboard circles with foil (gold, silver and red) or, with lacey paper doilies. Stand these up behind the arrangements. Perhaps the shop can have shelves made by using boards on bricks and then covering the shelves with old white sheets or paper. Thus the circles can be stood up on these shelves behind the arrangements.

Don't forget to add several of the pretty KISSING RINGS to the items for sale in this booth. (They are easily made by wrapping two wire rings, or even embroidery hoops, in red and green ribbon and then tying together with bows top and bottom. Tiny bells, balls or greens may be tied into the bows—and of course the sprig of mistletoe!)

For a very striking door swag, cut petals of a huge poinsettia from bright red oilcloth. Fashion the flower into shape (a little wire can be fastened to the back of the petals to make them hold shape better, if desired.) Then attach the big poinsettia to a lovely green swag, perhaps

adding loops of wide red ribbon. Of course giant socks made from the red oilcloth and filled with greens and plastic toys also sell fast as door decorations. Or cut two large mittens from the red oilcloth (make them double so they can hold greens) place them opposite each other (on the wall of the shop as they would be used on a door) with a red ribbon stretched between. Cut the letters "Merry Christmas" from black paper (or oilcloth) and hang on the ribbon between the mittens.

HOBBY AND NOVELTY HOUSE—is the booth where folks find ceramics, gift wrappings, greeting cards, lapel ornaments and countless other articles which the members of your group make as a hobby and will gladly donate to a worthy cause.

THE POST OFFICE—is really a cross between the white elephant sale and the gift contributions. Folks are asked to contribute something nicely wrapped in a package to be sold at 50¢ or a \$1.00. Friends in other towns might be asked to mail packages to you to have for sale on the bazaar day. As a laugh provoking (and money making) stunt in this booth, have a pretty girl behind the counter and a sign above the booth reading "WON'T YOU PLAY POST OFFICE WITH ME?" Hang a kissing ring above the counter.

THE CANDLE SHOP—can be such a lovely shop. Since so many women have started making beautiful Glo-Candles and hand-dipped candles I'm sure there are women in your group who will be happy to take over this booth and sell such candles. As a decoration for the booth make up some arrangements using the candles. For extra appeal perhaps someone could demonstrate the making of the Glo-Candle or give a demonstration in ways to use them.

MILADY'S APRON SHOP—is a booth selling aprons exclusively. Since the aprons are always one of the most popular of bazaar items, if all of them are put on sale at one time, there is usually one mad scramble and soon all are picked over and the latecomers are pretty well left out. Why not try putting out a fresh supply of the aprons every hour and thus those coming at a later hour get a better, fairer selection? Too, it makes it fairer for the ladies working in the various booths to get a turn at visiting the apron booth during their time off from their own booth—you no doubt have often heard the complaint, "But if I work in a booth I never get a chance to see the aprons until they are all picked over!"

YE OLDE TEA SHOPPE—of course will be set up in the dining room area and tea, coffee, tea cakes, cookies, etc., will be on sale so that guests may sit at small tables and chat with friends over a cup of tea or coffee, at the same time swelling the sum in the money box!

Other ideas you might consider are a huckster's cart where balloons are sold: "THE FISH MARKET" can be the old fish pond deal where the "fishermen" fish over a sheet which hides a variety of small objects which may be "hooked".



A LETTER FROM MARGERY

Dear Friends:

Surely the nicest part of a vacation is the reminiscing! I had so much to tell the family that the first day home I almost lost my voice. We fulfilled our plans I wrote of last month and more too, so we felt our trip was a great success.

I think I will have to say (and I hope the relatives we visited will forgive me) that the beginning was probably the most exciting for we started out in a brand new car, our first absolutely new one. This necessitated driving slowly at first which made for a leisurely trip. Consequently we saw more of the countryside and I'm sure we were more relaxed when we reached our destination at the end of the day.

We made Fort Madison, Iowa our first stop, then drove into Anderson, Indiana the next day. Here I will say that the greatest thrill came when we first laid eyes on the newest Driftmier, Donald and Mary Beth's little Katharine. Lucile and Russell, who were the first of our family to see her, had not exaggerated a bit — she is a pretty baby. We have never had a baby in our family with her coloring. She has dark auburn brown hair that curls and lovely deep blue eyes. While we were there we all hovered over to witness her first taste of cereal. We must have made a picture ourselves, but were all more interested in Donald's taking a picture of the baby with cereal from ear to ear.

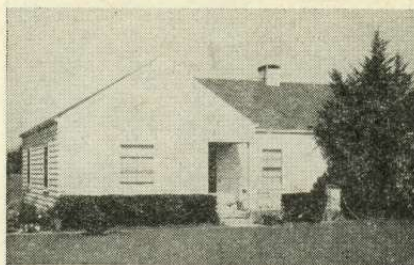
After a weekend in Anderson we drove to Chicago to visit Oliver's sister, Laura Strom, who is a nurse in one of the large city hospitals. We spent our days sight seeing and our evenings with Laura.

We thought the high point of our time in Chicago was visiting the Chicago Museum of Natural History. You can't begin to see everything in a single day, so we chose the halls we thought would be most interesting to Martin. We plan to cover more each time we visit Chicago and perhaps eventually we will cover the entire building.

Very near the museum is the John Shedd Aquarium which we found fascinating also. Oliver and I have read several books the past months on rivers and oceans throughout the world so there were certain species of fish we had hoped to see there and we were not disappointed.

One building we had planned to visit but missed this trip was the Planetarium. We felt our minds were so full of the things we had already seen that it would be best to save it for another time so that we could give it the concentration it deserves.

Martin had the thrill of seeing his first "big" baseball game. Now that school is starting the boys will be out with their balls and bats so it was



Donald, Mary Beth and little Katharine occupy this house in Anderson, Indiana. The pine tree in front conceals the other entrance, for it is a duplex. Their back yard adjoins the Country Club, so they have a home that feels "free and open."

fine for Martin to witness a Big League game. He left the ball park that day with plans to be a first baseman!

After three days in Chicago we drove to Rockford, Illinois where Oliver's sister Nina, and her husband, Robert Lester, live. They have recently purchased a new ranch style home on the edge of the city. It is a three bedroom home and was so beautifully decorated when they moved in that they have not had to make a single change. The house has a big back screened-in porch which is just like an outside living room and there they spend the bulk of their time.

We spent our last week-end with Oliver's sister Viola, and her husband, Carl Anderson. Carl is a dentist in Hampshire, Illinois but they live on a farm nearby where he raises fine cattle. They have a beautiful Collie named Duke who was always at Martin's heels and a most affectionate pet.

Like Iowa, Illinois has had an unusual summer also. They had high temperatures, rain, then no rain and grasshoppers! They were badly in need of rain when we were there and just as we were leaving for home it started to sprinkle, so we are anxious to hear what the rain amounted to.

Laura returned to Shenandoah with us and we chose a mighty hot day for the return trip, but we arrived home to find such a delightful shower going on that everyone thought surely we had picked it up in Illinois! The grass is beginning to revive — as are the weeds — and the cool weather we are having at the moment begins to make me want to start housecleaning, and planning my flower borders for fall plantings.

We know that before long leaves will start to turn and we will make plans for a fall visit to sister Dorothy's to enjoy the beauty of the timber. Oliver is looking forward to a trail ride on one of Frank's riding horses.

When I do my fall cleaning I am going to paper the two bedrooms in our house. I decided some time back that our own bedroom walls will be papered in a plain yellow so about a month ago I picked out a new bedspread in brown with yellow flowers. I was also able to buy enough yardage in the same material to cover my bedroom chair. I'll have white organdy curtains at the two windows. I haven't decided what pattern I will use in Martin's room. I may possibly

use a wood type paper so his bulletin board for school work will show up nicely.

And that reminds me of an unusual idea I saw in a friend's home in Chicago. Her son is four years old and his room is decorated very fittingly for any young boy of early school age. Iva Lee made a serviceable slip cover for his single Hollywood type bed. It is very tailored and in the day time she has throw pillows on it. Above his bed she has made a ranch scene which is framed. From cowboy wallpaper she cut out fence to put around the outside edge like a corral and figures of horses, steers, cowboys, etc. were pasted inside the fence in nice arrangement. I had never seen such a project done so well. It almost covered the entire wall.

Iva Lee has used another decorating idea I thought you might like to hear about. Her dining room has a built-in buffet which had very ornate colored glass and iron work in the doors. This did not go well with her early American furniture, so they removed the glass from the doors and replaced it with indoor shutters. She also put shutters in the small high windows on each side of the fireplace. They are very attractive and can be purchased in almost any size. I have seen indoor shutters used before in decorating but never in just this way.

Martin is enjoying his school work so much. Always before, he has been on the ground floor but this year he is on the second floor and what thrills him most is that the fire escape goes from his room. He already knew Charlotte Read, his teacher, for she is a member of our church.

One present we did bring back for his school room is something that perhaps some of you with children would like to make. These were cards with arithmetic problems. Some of the cards had the problems and some the answers. They are shuffled and dealt. The object is to make books of the problems with the correct answers. I bought a set of subtraction with combinations to fifteen and a set of addition with combinations to fifteen. It is amazing how the children will improve their arithmetic with little games such as these. I plan to make some more advanced sets as they are needed. Last winter I helped make some reading games for the lower grades.

I wish that I could write a personal note to each and every one of you who took time to write me about my letters in the magazine. They were very heart-warming and encouraging. Until next month.

Margery

ARE YOU TOO BUSY?

Are you too busy to help them play?
Too busy to listen to what they would say?

Are you too busy to watch them swing?

Too busy to hear the songs they can sing?

If you're always too busy, except to scold,

They too may be busy when you grow old.

—Carlita Pedersen

LETTER FROM LUCILE

Hello, Good Friends:

First off, I want to say that I had a field day reading all of the twin letters! Frankly, I had no idea that so many people have twins! Oh yes, I've read the figures on this and I know that in less than every 100 births there are twins, but somehow such figures don't begin to penetrate half as vividly as a mother's account of what it means to live with two babies rather than one.

We'll try to utilize more of this material in issues to come, but in the meantime I've thought of something that interests all mothers and it occurred to me that perhaps we could share our ideas by way of letters. (Don't you honestly think that most people enjoy writing letters? I do! And frequently I find that it helps straighten out our thinking just to get our ideas down in black-and-white. That's why I'm looking ahead to these winter months with some plans for letters whereby we can help ourselves and others at the same time.)

Between now and November 1st, I wish you'd think over what you feel is your most perplexing problem in living with children. What causes you the greatest worry and anxiety? What situation leaves you feeling baffled and helpless? What have you tried as a solution — and why do you think it didn't work?

I'd like to have you write just a simple letter on this subject and I don't care how long it is. You might just as well get it off your chest! (Incidentally, no one else will ever read these letters so you can write freely without the uneasy feeling that a whole group of people will be getting a glimpse into your personal life!)

There are only two regulations: 1—these letters must reach me by November 1st. And 2—address your envelope to: Mrs. Russell Verness, Box 67, Shenandoah, Iowa. In the December issue I will publish the letter that deals with what I feel is the most challenging problem. Then, after everyone has had a chance to think it over, I want you to write what you feel is the most practical and realistic answer to this problem. We'll run up to December 1st on these "solution" letters. After the first of the year we'll tackle some other situations.

I really believe that by exchanging ideas in this way we can all help each other. And as I said before, I truly believe that we help ourselves when we get things down in black-and-white. Our check for \$10.00 will go to the woman whose letter we use — both the "problem" letter and the "solution" letter.

Now, getting back to our trip that I mentioned last month, I'll have to say flatly that the whole thing seems like a dream! If you've ever returned from a vacation and plunged into a tremendous accumulation of work, you'll know exactly what I mean. I'm sure that we *were* gone for two weeks because we have pictures to prove it, but believe me, this past month has been such a busy one that I'll actually have to stop and ransack my memory before I can pick up the



Russell snapped this picture of Elliott and Jared Chapin when we were there on a hot summer day. The stream and pool are right at the back door—lucky boys?

details that happened after we turned off from the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Reading on a Sunday afternoon about one o'clock.

Our final destination was a farm approximately 40 miles or so from Reading (northeast of Reading, I should add) and all of this country was totally new to us. We drove through a number of small towns and were absolutely fascinated by them because they looked so very different from all of the other towns we'd seen. For one thing, they looked extremely old (as they are) and the distinctive Pennsylvania Dutch type houses were built right up to the street — no lawns in front of them.

Our friends had drawn a map for us to use in locating their home, and without it we would never have found our way because the countryside in their locale is full of winding, twisting roads that go around and through the Blue Mountains. How beautiful that country is! Somehow Russell and I had never gotten it through our heads that Pennsylvania is enchantingly lovely, and we were completely unprepared for such sheer beauty.

By far the most striking sight in that countryside is the great red barns, perfectly enormous barns, with brilliant hex signs painted on them. Many of those barns were two-hundred years old and they looked as if they'd stand for all eternity — not a sign of sag or wear. Furthermore, many of them had slate roofs and you *know* how enduring a slate roof is.

The friends whom we visited are New York people, a doctor and his artist wife, and they purchased their farm in 1950 intending to spend only the summer months there, but the countryside is so beautiful and the land is so perpetually fascinating to them (to say nothing of the fact that it's unbelievably peaceful and quiet after the great roar of New York City) that now they spend not only the summer months there, but drive back and forth to New York the year around regardless of the weather. This means a round-trip of 220 miles every week, but they feel that it's worth it.

The land itself is rented to a neighboring farmer, but they have retained about 12 or 15 acres for landscaped gardens, an orchard, vineyard, fruit and vegetable gardens, etc. All of the

buildings have been totally renovated, and the handsome large stone house looks exactly as it did when it was first built — but is a triumph of modern convenience on the inside. I'm sure that the Pennsylvania Dutch farm wife who first used the kitchen over 150 years ago would be totally speechless if she could return today and see the gleaming, extremely handsome kitchen where our friend prepared just about the most elegant meals we've ever enjoyed.

There is a spring-fed lake in a low area below the house, and Russell found it a great convenience to jump in there and cool off when he had finished gardening in 100 degree temperatures. Our friends concluded every long afternoon of work (the doctor's office is in New York and he doesn't see patients to account for the "work", but he is a writer also and was deep in a book when we were there) by going down to the lake for a swim before dinner. This always seems miraculous, having a lake so close at hand, to those of us from corn country in our Midwest.

Russell and I had much pleasure in exploring the countryside for about 15 miles in every direction. However, the finest way to explore is in a convertible, so we were glad that another doctor came out from N. Y. with exactly that and took all of us for some wonderful drives. Russell snapped some stunning shots of old covered bridges, but these were all done in color rather than in black-and-white, so I'm afraid that we can't share them with you. However, he did get some pictures of fine old churches that we *can* pass on.

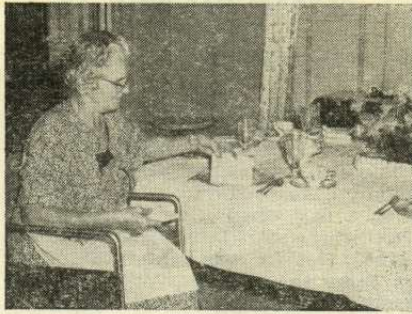
On the day before we left we got in our car and drove over to Glen Gardner, N. J. (120 mile round-trip) to see Mary and Jim Chapin and their two sons, Elliott and Jared. In this issue you'll see a picture of Elliott and Jared that Russell snapped. Mary has the most unusual and beautiful dress shop that we've ever seen, and it is certainly an example of the better mousetrap! This shop adjoins her home (a 200-year old stone house, modernized, of course) in deeply wooded country several miles from the nearest town, but people have beaten a path to her door. She had just wound up a big summer sale when we were there and was beginning to catch her breath after a terribly rushed three days.

We had our only "road trouble" on this trek to visit the Chapins. For part of the way we had to drive on the huge and busy turnpike that runs into New York City, and since we were strangers and didn't know the intricate ins-and-outs we found ourselves in the right lane when it came time to take a left turn-off. There was so much traffic behind us that we couldn't do a thing but continue right on the turnpike! I had visions of being forced to go all the way in to New York before we could get off, but fortunately a break came when we could leave it, turn around, drive back, and then get into the left lane and start all over again!

Next month I'll try to remember a little more.—As ever, Lucile.

'TIS THE GHOSTS' NIGHT TO HOWL

By
Mabel Nair Brown



Even though Mother has been in a wheelchair for 25 years she does every bit of her own work aside from the heavy cleaning—and we've seen her wax the kitchen floor more than once! She always sets the table when company is coming, and although it may take a little longer, the finished results are lovely.

the little marshmallow head can be pulled partially through. Add features with red coloring or bits of raisins, or maraschino cherries. This little ghost favor will stand alone and will please the kiddies by being mostly edible.

HALLOWE'EN FOOD FANCIES AND FAVORS

By Virginia Thomas

"BEWITCHING" CAKE: Ice a large round cake with orange colored frosting. For the big black cat atop the cake, use a small cup cake for the body and a marshmallow for the head. Small slices of marshmallows can be stuck on with toothpicks for the cat's ears. Ice the whole cat with brown icing. For the decorations around the outside of the cake, make ginger cookies in cat shape and ice in brown; then place around the outside of the cake while the orange icing is still soft. Some pretty fall leaves, placed around the edge of the plate, would complete a very attractive centerpiece.

FAMILY FAVOR COOKIES: Make up your favorite sugar or ginger cookie dough, cutting the cookies into pumpkin shape. Make small ones, large ones and middle-sized ones so that you can have "papa, mamma and the kids" to form your cookie family. Ice the cookies with orange frosting, and use chocolate icing to mark on the jack-o-lantern faces. Now comes the place to use your ingenuity. Since these will be the favors for your family dinner or perhaps a party, dress up the pumpkin faces with cute little hats, hair, etc. Papa's face might have a black construction paper hat placed at a jaunty angle. Mamma's hat might be a sprig of parsley with a carrot flower. Susan's could sprout shredded carrot hair with a tiny ribbon bow. Baby's bonnet could be cut from a lace paper doily, etc.

PEANUT BATS AND OWLS: Use a plump peanut for the body. For the owl, cut wings, tail and hood of brown paper and paste to the body, pasting the owl's hood so that the beak comes to center front, but leave points loose for the ears. Cut two large circles of yellow paper for eyes and crayon in a big black pupil and also use black crayon on the beak. The chest marks on the owl's body can be marked in with crayon. To make the twig, on

which the owl appears to be sitting, run a large darning needle through the lower part of the peanut, then insert a small twig or a piece of brown paper-wrapped pipe cleaner through the hole.

THE BAT is made in similar fashion, using black paper to make the wings, or to make very realistic ones, use a BRAZIL NUT for the body, gluing the flat side to the paper wings. Add ears from black paper and use crayon to mark the features. The bats may be used as favors, perched on name cards, or suspended from the ceiling on fine black thread.

Either the owl or bat would look cunning if perched on the nut cup or the water glass at your Hallowe'en party.

PRUNE CAT: Use a large prune for the body, then fasten a part of a prune on for the head (use a toothpick to fasten). For the legs and tail use pieces of pipe cleaner, bent into shape — be sure Mr. Cat has a long arched tail. Ears are slices of prunes fastened on with toothpicks.

CATCHY COSTUMES FOR HALLOWE'EN

MAN FROM MARS: Use large square boxes—one for the body, one to set over the head. You will need two rectangular shaped boxes to go over the legs, and two for arms. Cover these boxes with aluminum foil. Use large circles of black paper, with holes cut in center, on the head part for the eyes. The body and head boxes will have both top and bottom cut out so the wearer can get into it from the bottom. Cut holes for arms to go through. After the body part is on, the boxes covering arms and legs will have to be slipped on and fastened to the body part with wire or heavy cord.

OLD-FASHIONED "LONG" UNDERWEAR can be used in several ways — dyed black to wear as a "devil's" costume; red, it becomes a leprechaun; or green, and it may be worn by a pixie. The tops of old cotton stockings can be dyed and used for caps to wear with these various garbs.

CARTON CEREAL CUTIES might well be the name for a costume made by decorating a large carton (big enough to cover all but child's head which sticks out the top — arms allowed to come through holes cut in side) to represent a box of the child's favorite kind of cereal.

BIRTHDAY CAKE: Use round or square boxes in tiers, and fastened together so child can get into it from the bottom, to form a cake. Cover with white crepe paper and add the "cake decorations" of flutings of the colored crepe paper around edge of each "layer" along with some crepe paper roses. The child's head can be the "candle" by making a peaked cap of flame colored paper.

To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must cultivate our personal life; and to cultivate our personal life, we must first set our hearts right.

GHOSTS OF THE CORNFIELD: For a new slant on the scarecrow ghost try this. Nail a cross piece (arms) on a two by four, or narrow board, body. To the top of the upright board attach a head made by stuffing an old cotton stocking with cotton or rags, covering the whole with white cloth and sketching the face on with crayons. Attach a pair of gloves (stuffed with rags) for the hands. The unusual trick is in the ghost's robe. For this use long rustling corn leaves. Fasten these to the "arm" boards and upright, clipping those on the arms shorter to form a sleeve effect. If placed in an open doorway or in front of a fan, the ghostly rustle of the corn leaves will prove most spine tingling.

SCARECROW GHOST FAVORS:

Utilize the above idea by using a clothes pin for the body, pipe cleaner arms and cutting strips of corn leaves to glue or sew on for the ghost's gown. The head of the clothespin becomes the ghost's head by wrapping a piece of cloth over it before sewing on the leaves.

HAUNTED HOUSE CENTER-PIECE: From a rather battered cardboard box, fashion a house. Cut out windows, cover with pieces of torn cellophane to represent broken panes, add tattered window blinds (made by gluing some torn scraps of material to the inside of the windows), and also put on some green construction paper shutters which hang askew as if blown off by the wind. The doors of the house should be hanging open. One cardboard skeleton might be perched atop the chimney. By having a lighted electric light bulb inside the house, a most eerie haunted house will delight your guests. The base of the house might be encircled with small paper cats and pumpkins or the small candles made up in Hallowe'en designs (cats, pumpkins, bats, etc.)

HAUNTED ANIMAL ZOO: If you can round up several empty spools, you can have fun making some mighty spooky looking animals which may be used as individual favors, or as part of the centerpiece decorations. The spool becomes the animals' body. Pipe cleaners are run through the hole in the spool and bent at either end to form legs and feet — one piece at one end is bent to form the tail. From colored construction paper, cut the heads of such animals as cat, tiger, lion, bear, etc. Glue these to the head of the spool animal. Or by looking through old books and magazines, one can find colored animal pictures and cut the heads from them to glue to the spool animals.

MARSHMALLOW GHOST FAVORS: For the ghost's body stick three marshmallows together with toothpicks. Half of a marshmallow will make the arms. From white construction or white crepe paper, cut a semi-circular piece to fold around the marshmallow man for a gown (with peak at top)—cut hole in one side of the coneshaped gown so

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OCTOBER HAS COME TO THE FARM

By Evelyn Corrie Birkby

With a sigh of relief and gratitude I watched the plow as it dug deep into the black soil of the garden. Although a few plants were left which might have produced a bit longer, it was a day when time permitted the fertilizing and fall plowing to be done. Not for one minute did I try to delay the process. We have been truly blessed with a wonderful growing garden. True, we fought grasshoppers, beetles, crickets and heat every step of the way. For the housewife, who has been busy for months with the canning and freezing, the realization that the last of the jars has been filled and the door of the cave carefully shut in preparation for winter is a most welcome sensation.

The dinosaurs choose October as the time to go galumping again, their long summer's hibernation over. Across the countryside they come with their slow deliberate stride and noisy approach. No one can call the country quiet and peaceful now for the corn picking season is beginning. Always the pickers remind me of some huge lumbering prehistoric animal.

Corn picking time is the season for friendliness. Some farmers have enough workers for a full crew of pickers and haulers and scoopers. On our small farm this is not true. We help the neighbors when they pick their crop and they return in like when it is time for ours to be harvested. The smell of good food drifts from the kitchen most of the day for the men come in at noon with hearty appetites. The talk around the table is the pleasant conversation of men who enjoy working together and doing a good turn for their neighbors. They discuss the crop (naturally) the quality and quantity (in detail). They compare the corn with that in years past. And the talk often turns to the harvesting problems before mechanized corn pickers.

One farmer always brings up the year that the weather was poor and he was picking corn by hand with a horse drawn wagon into March: "Clear up to spring plowing time!" The quantity of food which disappears is always phenomenal. Is it because of hunger, preference for apple, or just because the pie looks good that makes one picker eat four pieces? It is gratifying to know that food so carefully prepared is completely enjoyed.

The entire family helps when the corn is mature. When needed, I go out and scoop corn on to the elevator. Bobby sits far back on a big log to watch while the machinery is running, then he adds his five year old assistance by picking up prodigal ears of corn and tossing them into his red wagon for transporting into the cribs. Jeffrey, at only nineteen months, is best penned securely in the yard where he can hear and see the exciting sights and noise and yet be far far out of harm's way. Oh, the feeling of satisfaction when the last big wagon and the awkward picker go wearily bumping down the lane! The

famer comes into the house and says, "There, another year's crop is in." It may not be too bountiful but we've yet to have a winter when we were hungry or when we were not clothed or when the house was not warm. We are thankful for what we have.

One of the least pleasant tasks of the fall season comes when the air grows cool and the big black stove must again come into the living room. I try desperately to be philosophical about it. After all, it is completely essential to the well being of the family. It *does* have a rosy glow on a chilly fall morning, and it *does* cast a warm circle around the quiet living room when early dark descends upon the farm and brings with it the stillness of a house whose walls have re-sounded with the happy shouts of children, now asleep. Only the rustle of the newspaper and the sharp crackle of the fire show that the farmer and his wife are enjoying the peace which comes at the close of the day.

On the other hand, the stove takes up so much precious space it certainly is not a lovely addition to the appointments of the living room. My consolation is the knowledge that other farm wives are struggling with the same problems; with ashes and soot, with a large stove in a small living room and with striving in vain to arrange furniture so the main interest of the room isn't always a big black stove. It is difficult not to be a bit envious of cousins of ours who have two beautiful fireplaces in their home (along with a magnificent view of the Colorado mountains outside their windows.)

One more October day, however, we pack the basket with simple food and a big thermos jug of cocoa. Off we start for the bluffs which line the east side of the Missouri river. Our feet shuffle in the leaves. The shafts of golden light come sifting through the close woven branches. The children love to scoop together huge piles of crisp colorful leaves and romp and roll, collecting bits of sunshine and fall in their hair and clothes as they play. We eat supper beside the warm sweet smelling camp fire. It is voted unanimously our favorite picnic of the year.

So October is really here. She just walked into the house, took off her coat and blessed us with some beautiful days, much busy work and many happy times together. Now the leaves from the cottonwood trees make small drifts in the yard and along the creek. The branches of the tall trees are becoming bare. They silhouette against the deep purple of an autumn sunset, looking surprisingly beautiful in their newly disclosed sharpness. Perhaps it is the soft gray-violet of evening that touches them lightly and gives a richness to their outline that will not again be apparent until the coming of the green sprouts of spring. We watch the purple light fade. The dark curtain of night slowly enfolds the sky through which pin-points of stars poke their tiny lights. Life takes on a richer meaning and the worry and concern of the day's labor fade away in the glory of God's autumn.

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SWISS STEAK WITH RICE

2 pounds round steak, 1 inch thick
2 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
6 onions, sliced
1/4 cup fat
1 cup rice
1 bay leaf
1 can condensed tomato soup
1 can water
2 1/2 cups green beans, drained
Season meat and sprinkle with flour. Brown onions in fat; remove, and brown meat. Place meat in casserole; add onions, uncooked rice, and bay leaf; pour over soup and water. Cover. Bake in 350 degree oven for 2 hours. Arrange beans around meat and cook 15 minutes longer. This is a hearty one-dish meal that will be complete if you serve with it a fruit salad, and a piece of layer cake for dessert.

HEALTHFUL PRUNE BREAD

1 Tbls. shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup prune juice
1 cup sour milk
2 cups whole-wheat flour
1 cup sifted white flour
5 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 cups chopped, pitted, cooked prunes
1 cup chopped walnuts
Cream shortening with sugar; add egg and blend well.
Combine prune juice and sour milk; add alternately with whole wheat flour to first mixture. Sift white flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together 3 times. Add with prunes and walnuts to first mixture and beat thoroughly. Pour into greased loaf pans and bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, about 1 hour. This makes 2 loaves.

CIDER GELATIN SALAD

2 1/2 cups clear cider
1 cup chopped apples
1/4 tsp. salt
2 Tbls. gelatin
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1 Tbls. finely chopped parsley
1/4 cup chopped nuts
Soak the gelatin in 1/2 cup of the cold cider. Heat remainder of cider to the boiling point and then add dissolved gelatin mixture. When cold add the remaining ingredients and turn into a mold to chill.

LUCILE'S FAVORITE REFRIGERATOR ROLLS (Reprinted by request)

2 cups milk
1/4 cup shortening
5 Tbls. sugar
1 cake yeast
5 to 6 cups flour
1/2 tsp. soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 egg
1 Tbls. salt
Scald milk. Add shortening and sugar. When mixture is lukewarm, add yeast and dissolve. (If dry yeast is used, dissolve it in one-fourth cup warm water and reduce milk to one and three-fourths cups.) Add soda and baking powder sifted with three cups flour. Beat until bubbles come. Allow to rise one-half hour.
Beat egg and salt until light and add to the sponge. Add remaining flour to make a soft dough. (The less flour you use, the lighter the rolls and doughnuts.) Knead until smooth. Place in greased bowl, grease the top, and place in refrigerator.

CHESS PIES

1 recipe pastry
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1 egg white
1 cup chopped raisins
1 cup chopped nut meats
1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
Whipped cream
Line individual pie pans with pastry. Cream butter and sugar, add beaten egg yolks and stiffly beaten egg white. Mix well. Add fruit, nuts and vanilla, pour into pastry shells and bake in hot oven, 400 degrees, until fillings set, reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake until browned. Cover with whipped cream to serve. This makes 6 individual pies.

MEXICAN MACARONI

1 Tbls. butter
4 slices bacon, cut
2 Tbls. chopped onion
1 Tbls. chopped green pepper
2 cups tomato juice
2 cups water
2 cups macaroni
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbls. sugar
1/2 cup red beans
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/2 tsp. chili powder
Brown bacon, onion and pepper in butter. Add tomato juice and water. Let come to a boil, add macaroni and beans. Cook slowly until macaroni is tender, then add seasonings.

FREEZE HOMINY

Make hominy as usual. After husks and eyes are removed, drain well and set out to freeze. Next morning put it on to cook, then drain and freeze again. Freezing does not hinder it from keeping when canned and it pops open something like popcorn when it is cooked.

LEMON FILLING (To be used rather than icing for a yellow or white cake)

2 cup sugar
6 Tbls. cornstarch
2 cups boiling water
4 egg yolks, well beaten
1 Tbls. butter
1/2 cup strained lemon juice
1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter lemon flavoring or
1 Tbls. grated lemon peel
Mix sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Gradually stir in boiling water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture becomes like thick gravy.
Remove from heat. Pour about half a cupful over the beaten egg yolks. Stir into the remaining sauce and mix well. Place back on fire and cook for half a minute longer.
Add lemon juice, butter and flavoring—or grated peel. Cook for half a minute longer. Cool. This makes enough for thick filling between layers of cake, plus ample to cover each serving. A delicious tasting custard, and a nice change from icing.

BANANA OATMEAL COOKIES Crisp and Chewy, Children Like Them

1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 cup shortening
1 egg, well-beaten
1 cup mashed ripe bananas* (2 to 3 bananas)
1 3/4 cups rolled quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup chopped nuts
*Use fully ripe bananas . . . yellow peel flecked with brown.
Sift together flour, sugar, soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon into mixing bowl. Cut in shortening. Add egg, bananas, rolled oats and nuts. Beat until thoroughly blended. Drop by teaspoonfuls, about 1 1/2 inches apart, onto ungreased cookie pans. Bake in a moderately hot oven (400° F.) about 15 minutes, or until cookies are done. Remove from pan immediately. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

OKLAHOMA CHICKEN LOAF

4 cups diced cooked chicken (meat of 5-lb. stewing chicken)
1 cup cooked rice
1/4 cup diced pimientos
1 Tbls. grated onion
1 cup milk
2 cups soft bread crumbs
2 cups rich chicken broth
4 eggs, beaten
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
Combine all ingredients. Add more seasonings if desired. Place in shallow 2-quart baking dish, about 6 x 12 x 2 inches. Bake in moderately slow oven (325 degrees) until firm, about 1 hour. Knife inserted near center should come out clean. Cut in squares and serve with chicken giblet gravy to which has been added 1 can of cream of mushroom soup. This is enough for 12 to 15 servings.

HAM HAWAIIAN

Slice of ham, 1 inch thick
5 Tbls. brown sugar
1 cup pineapple juice
6 slices of pineapple
6 marshmallows

If ham is not tenderized cover with cold water and let come to boiling point. Drain off water. If ham is very salty, repeat process. Sprinkle ham with brown sugar and cook until brown on both sides. Add pineapple juice, cover and allow to cook slowly for around 20 minutes. Uncover. Lay six small slices of pineapple, which have been browned lightly in butter, on the ham, sprinkle with sugar and put a marshmallow in each hole. Return to oven until marshmallow is soft and lightly browned.

CHERRY REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

2 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 tsps. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, beaten
Juice and grated rind of 1/2 lemon
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or almonds
1/2 cup candied or maraschino cherries

Sift baking powder, flour and salt. Cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and mix well. Add lemon juice, rind, nuts and chopped cherries. Add flour and mix well. Shape dough into rolls, wrap in wax paper and chill at least 1 hour before slicing. Bake on greased baking sheet in a 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes.

SALAD DRESSING

Into a bowl put:

2 egg yolks
2 Tbls. vinegar
1/2 tsp. salt
2 tsp. sugar
2 Tbls. lemon juice
1 cup salad oil
1/2 tsp. dry mustard OR
1 rounded tsp. prepared mustard

Then make a white sauce of:

1 Tbls. butter
1/3 cup flour
1 cup water

Pour hot over the mixture in the bowl, beat with rotary beater and store in refrigerator when cooled. Simple to make and delicious.

BEEF RELISH

1 quart cooked beets
1 small head of cabbage
1 cup grated horse-radish
2 cups sugar
3 Tbls. salt
2 tsp. mustard
2 tsp. celery seed
1 pint vinegar

Put the beets and cabbage through the food chopper and add other ingredients in the order given. Let stand at least 24 hours before using. This relish will keep well in a covered crock with a little salad oil poured over it.

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1/2 cup soft bread crumbs (packed in cup)
1 egg, well beaten
1 1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup minced onion
1/8 tsp. pepper

Form into 12 balls. Roll lightly in flour and brown in small amount of hot fat. Place in baking dish and cover with a mixture of 1/4 cup catsup, 1/4 cup water and the fat that the balls were browned in. Cover and bake 1 hour in a moderate oven. Pork can be omitted if none is at hand.

DOT'S COFFEE CAKE

1/4 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 beaten eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 1/2 cups flour
Pinch salt
2 tsp. baking powder

Cream butter, add sugar and mix well; stir in eggs and add alternately the milk and flour which has been sifted with salt and baking powder. Bake 25 min. at 325 degrees.

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DE LUXE VEGETABLE CHOWDER

2 cups chopped celery
2 cups cooked corn
1 onion, chopped
2 Tbls. diced green pepper
1 cup cooked tomatoes
2 1/2 cups cold water
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
4 Tbls. butter
3 Tbls. flour
2 cups milk, scalded
1/2 cup grated cheese
1/2 cup diced pimiento
1/2 tsp. paprika

Combine first 8 ingredients, heat to boiling and simmer 1/2 hour. Melt butter, blend in flour; add milk gradually, stirring constantly; heat to boiling and cook 5 minutes. Add to vegetable mixture with cheese, pimiento and paprika. Heat until cheese is melted. This serves 6 generously.

OVER THE COFFEE CUPS

By Mildred B. Grenier

Instead of the traditional pumpkin jack-o-lantern for a table centerpiece this year, why not make a "Pumpkin House?" Cut the top off and remove the pumpkin seeds and pulp as for a jack-o-lantern; leave the stem on the pumpkin to represent the chimney of the house. Cut out doors and windows on each side of the pumpkin and, of course, your house will be lighted by a light inside.

If you wish, you may surround your house with a small white picket fence with black cats and other Hallowe'en figures cut from construction paper on the fence and in the windows of the house. Or, for a real "spooky" effect, select bare tree branches, cover with a coat of flat paint, then with a coat of non-poisonous luminous paint. Expose the luminous paint to a strong electric light about 15 minutes beforehand and in a dark or semi-dark room, it will give off a weird glow.

Make orange Jack-o-lanterns for table centerpieces by slicing off the top of a large orange; scoop out the inside part (save for a salad) and cut holes for a face on one side. Put a small birthday candle inside and you have a miniature jack-o-lantern.

Or make a jack-o-lantern dessert by cutting the tops from 6 large oranges and removing the pulp. Fill with orange sherbet. Dip 6 sugar cubes in lemon extract, place on top of oranges and light before bringing to table.

If you prefer an apple salad for autumn parties, hollow out shiny red apples, one for each guest, and fill with ham salad or chicken salad.

Now that the evenings are cooler and stretching out so much longer, a big bowl of buttered popcorn and a basket of ruddy-faced apples set before the family after supper is one of the best remedies for juvenile delinquency.

Let your small fry carry their own "signal lights" when they go out tricking or treating on that exciting night. Choose a long yellow squash or paint one with orange enamel. Cut off one end, remove pulp and cut a jack-o-lantern face. Insert a flashlight inside and you have a safe jack-o-lantern that they can carry with them.

For that something different to serve the small trick or treaters at your door, make popcorn ball witches this way; turn an empty ice cream cone upside down on the popcorn ball for the witches hat and make eyes, nose and mouth of peanuts or raisins. Or you may put the inverted ice cream cone on a flat round cookie and frost the entire thing with chocolate icing to make Witch Hat cookies.

When tempted, remember that a heel never gets to the top of anything.

To carry out the Hallowe'en theme on your relish tray, make tiny pumpkins from processed cheese with your melon ball cutter and top with a clove for a stem.

To serve hamburger patties "Hallowe'en style" two dill pickle slices make the eyes, a triangular piece of red pimiento makes the nose and a piece of onion ring forms the mouth!

Since doughnuts are favorites at Hallowe'en parties try serving them like this. Make jeweled "Wheels of Fortune" by frosting the tops with an orange-tinted confectioners sugar frosting and sticking small bright colored gumdrops all around the doughnut.

Make doughnut place cards by sticking a small witch made of black construction paper and holding each guest's name in a doughnut placed at each plate. Or small doughnut men made of the doughnut centers stuck together with toothpicks may hold each guest's name.

MY KITCHEN PRAYER

God bless my little kitchen, I love its every nook.

And bless me as I do my work, wash pots and pans and cook.

And may the meals that I prepare be seasoned from above

With Thy great blessings and Thy grace—but most of all Thy love.

As we partake of earthly food, the table 'fore us spread,
We'll not forget to thank Thee, Lord,
who gives us daily bread.

So bless my little kitchen, God, and those who enter in,

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All in all, it is a great blessing to have twins and very interesting. We're enjoying every day with them. Incidentally, I'm having a "Twin Party" for their first birthday. There will be five sets of twins under two years of age. It should be fun!

—Sheldon, Iowa.

* * *

Dear Mrs. Verness:

Managing twins is certainly a problem, especially if there are other children in the family. I have twin girls sixteen months old and a boy six years old. It is awfully hard to keep the older child from feeling left out and alone. And it requires a great deal of tolerance on the parents' part.

I feel it is of the utmost importance that the mother arrange to be away from her children at least twice a week, if only to visit with the neighbors. She will be a better mother and have better children by doing this. I find it has helped me a great deal to have just a few hours to call mine.

The main reason for my letter is to tell you that here in Birmingham we organized "The Birmingham Mothers of Twins Club" when my girls were just a few months old. I think it is wonderful, and would love to see such a helpful club formed in all cities and towns.

The mother of the twins whose picture started all of this would only have to place a small article in the Denver paper asking that mothers of twins interested in forming such a club contact her. She will be amazed at the response, and surprised at how many useful tips can be collected from other mothers of twins.

It is my sincere hope that such a club can be formed to help mothers everywhere. I will be only too happy to correspond and to help in any way I can to reach this goal.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John O. Driver,
505 Okmoor Road,
Birmingham 9, Alabama.

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Lucile's note: I am printing this letter from Mrs. Driver because so many of the mothers who wrote about their twins expressed the wish that they could be in touch with other women who had the same problems. If you write to her, be sure to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. (Incidentally, Mrs. Driver enclosed with her letter a most interesting page from the Birmingham Post-Herald that had pictures of darling twins whose mothers were members of their club.)

After reading stacks and stacks of "twin" letters I can tell you one thing in which all mothers were in complete agreement: it is easier to take care of twins than to manage two babies only 12 or 13 months apart in age. These comments all came from women who had had the experience of taking care of two children that close together in age and *then* twins, so I'm sure they know exactly what they're talking about!

I'd like to share other letters with you in future issues because I think that the entire subject is downright interesting.

A LONG WAIT

My grandpa notes the world's worn cogs,

And says we're going to the dogs.

His grand-dad in his house of logs,
Swore things were going to the dogs.

His dad among the Flemish bogs,
Vowed things were going to the dogs.

The caveman in his queer skin togs,
Said things were going to the dogs.

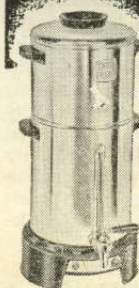
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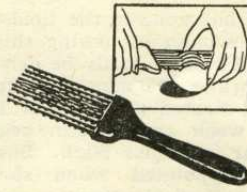
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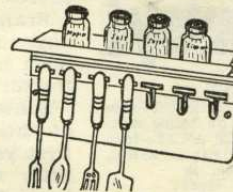
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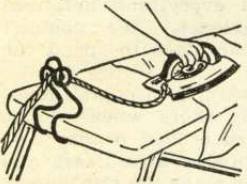
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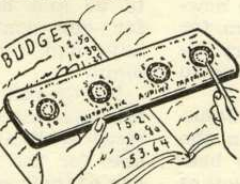
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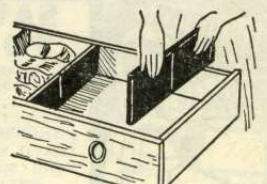
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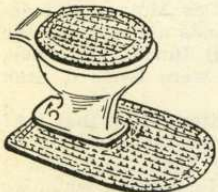
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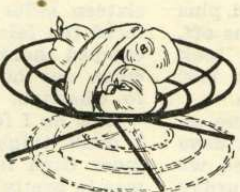
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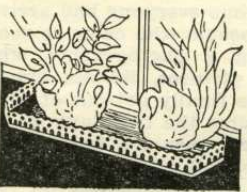
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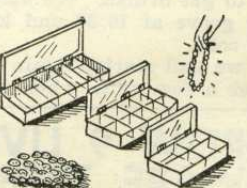
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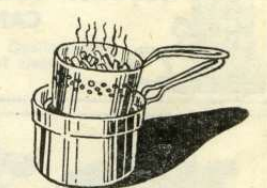
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WHAT A TRAIL RIDE!

Dear Friends:

This is a beautiful cool morning here in Lucas County. Kristin wore a sweater to school and I actually had to put on a jacket to do my outside chores.

Frank has gone to the field to rake hay. The baler is coming this afternoon so I will probably be driving the tractor while the men pick up bales.

School started in Chariton Tuesday of this week and Kristin began her first year in Junior High. She was a little disappointed when she came home the first day because she didn't get in the same home room with her two best friends. The sixth graders from the four Chariton grade schools who were enrolled this year in Junior High were listed alphabetically and then were numbered off one, two, three. All the one's were put in group A; all the two's in group B; and the three's in group C. The newness of going from room to room for different classes has all been very exciting for her and now she seems to be most contented and happy.

A week ago today we three John-sons were up at 4:00 o'clock in the morning and loaded down with bed-rolls, blankets and extra clean clothes we drove to Chariton where we joined the Chariton Saddle Club and began our 50-mile trail ride to the Iowa State Fair. Frank drove our team to the chuck wagon. Kristin rode her own pony and I rode Frank's horse. Frank and Kristin had taken our horses in the day before so they were fresh and ready to start. We were supposed to leave town at 6:00, but by the time everyone had arrived, plus all the people who came to see us off, including a photographer who took several pictures, it was almost 7:00 when we finally got out of town.

Of course the two days we were on horseback were the two hottest days we have had all summer. When we entered the fairgrounds on Saturday it was 101 degrees. The secretary of our club had been over the trail and made all the arrangements. We didn't get along as fast the first morning as had been planned because the ice cold drinking water was being hauled in the chuck wagon and Frank had to stop every few miles for those who wanted to get drinks. We stopped in a shady grove at 10:30 and had coffee and rolls.

After we had started again we had only gone a few miles when we were

stopped by a staff photographer from the Des Moines Register and Tribune who wanted to take pictures. He stayed with us for dinner and most of the afternoon.

We had delicious food on the entire trip. Mr. and Mrs. Toepfer, members of our club, are former restaurant people and offered to go along and do all the cooking. They had equipped a large truck with two refrigerators, a stove and tables. This went ahead of us to the prearranged stopping places and when we rode in our meals were all ready for us.

We had our first lunch at the Gerald Cameron farm east of Milo, and about 24 miles from Chariton. Because of so many stops we didn't get there until 2:00 in the afternoon and by that time we were pretty hot, tired and hungry. We ate and rested until 4:00, then rode 11 miles farther to Mr. Cameron's farm just outside of Hartford. The Camerons were lovely to us and had everything arranged for our convenience. We couldn't have had a nicer place to spend the night.

Mr. Carroll Sears from near Humes-ton was already there when we arrived with a truck load of hay and oats for the horses. Mrs. Sears and one of their sons made the trip with us on horseback. Our horses were taken care of first and then after we had eaten our delicious ham dinner we sat around and talked until bedtime.

We were up before the sun the next morning getting ready for the last lap of our journey. After a hearty breakfast of pancakes, bacon, eggs, rolls and coffee we were ready to leave about 7:00. We rode the remaining sixteen miles to Des Moines and entered the fairgrounds about noon. We camped there until Sunday afternoon, when our horses were trucked back to Chariton.

How do I feel after riding that far? I don't think I was ever stiffer or more tired in my life! Last year I was in pretty good condition when we joined the Fairfield trail ride to the Iowa centennial at Monroe and rode the 35 miles into Des Moines with them, because I did quite a bit of riding last summer. This summer it has been different. I haven't had time even to get on a horse more than twice and then just for very short rides, until we took this big trip. In spite of my sore muscles it was a lot of fun and I would do it again. But you can be sure of one thing. If we do plan to do it again I'm going to practically live on my horse for several weeks in advance!

The local 4-H Achievement Show and the County Show are over for another year. At the local show Kristin got four blue ribbons and those four things she got to enter in the County show. At the County show she got three blue ribbons and one red, and she also got a blue ribbon on her yearly expense account book. She was especially happy about the expense account book because she had worked awfully hard on that getting it to balance out right. Last year she just got red and she was determined to get blue on it this year.

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FREDERICK'S LETTER—Concluded

then told me to turn around and start back. I did turn around, but after driving a few blocks up the road I had just come down, I followed a line of cars that was cutting across a little side road in an effort to reach another highway a few miles further east. There were many delays and much detouring, but at last I arrived in Rhode Island to find the family well but very worried about me. Needless to say, it was a very happy reunion.

Here at our cottage on the lake there was no damage at all. The rainfall here was only six or seven inches, but there had been considerable wind. Just today we learned that the eye of the hurricane actually passed right over our little lake, but by the time it reached here, it had spent all its fury. For the past several days we have had our radio on constantly listening to the various emergency messages being sent out to communities that have lost all telephone service. Last year at this time we were shuddering under the blows of another hurricane, and then we were listening to the radio even more intently than now, for then it was this part of New England that felt the full brunt of the storm. Being a Midwesterner myself, I was interested today to hear the radio speak of large groups of flood experts arriving in New England from Omaha and Kansas City.

In a few days we shall close our cottage for the season and move to

Springfield in time for the opening of school. The church that I am to serve there let us pick out a parsonage of our own choosing, and we chose a lovely old home just two blocks from what is said to be the finest public school in the city. We shall be living in a community that has more children per square block than we have ever enjoyed before and, as I mentioned above, it is a community of good-hearted, kindly, thoughtful neighbors. It has been several years since we lived in a large city with all of its many advantages, and we are looking forward to the move with much anticipation. One of the many nice things about our new home is the fact that while in a city it is less than one-half block from a large park of several hundred acres. In my next letter I shall tell you much more about it. Sincerely, Frederick

DOROTHY'S LETTER—Concluded

As I have mentioned before, we studied home furnishings this year and worked very hard on our booth and special feature for the County show. For our special feature we used "The Four Steps to a Matted Picture". Our feature rated a blue ribbon and our booth did also; those of us who had worked on it and had spent so many hours getting it ready felt well rewarded for our efforts. This year we study sewing and I'm open to suggestions from some of you leaders who have fixed special features for your own fairs.

Since I have been working in 4-H these past two years that Kristin has been old enough to be a member, when we go to the State Fair the first place we head for is the 4-H exhibits. I am always amazed at the quality of the work these young girls can do. The furniture they had refinished this year was beautiful, and the clothes they had made (some of the blue ribbon articles) looked as well done as if they had been made by professionals.

It will soon be time for Frank to come in for dinner and I had better stop now and think about food. Until next month . . . Sincerely, Dorothy

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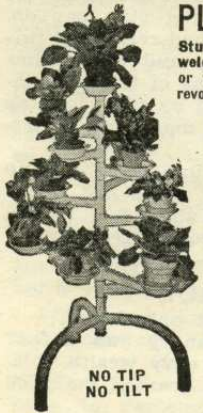
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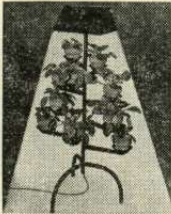
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GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

The time for completing our afghan project for this year is almost at an end. A good many of you have knitted or crocheted squares to go into the afghans and some have sent them to me. I must have the rest before the first of November; so if you have any made, or are making some, please get them to me as soon as you can. After I get them, they have to be combined with other folks' squares and set together into robes for wheel chairs or hospital beds. That takes time, so please get yours in soon. We want to deliver them to the Veterans Hospitals for Christmas. Thank you.

We have four little folks who need some cheer this month. Betty Smith, c/o Mrs. Herbert Spires, Rt. 3, Shenandoah, Iowa, is sick a good deal of the time. She is two and a half. JeanAnn Nelson, 1800 N. E. Vermont, Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be 5 on November 9th. She had cerebral palsy and has been shut in since she was 18 months old; enjoys pretty cards and pictures and mail of any kind. John David DeNeui, c/o David DeNeui, Rt. 3, Lennox, So. Dak., is six. He has been bedfast since May with rheumatic fever. He likes to get mail, and is especially interested in cowboy things. Junior Bennett, 329 Penn Ave., Scranton, Pa., fell three flights of stairs when he was 6 years old. He has been sick ever since and now the injury has started to have a paralyzing effect on his legs, arms and neck. His mother, Mrs. Leland M. Bennett, is a semi-invalid. Both would like mail.

Mrs. Margaret Ledson, Rancho Los Amigos, Hondo, Calif., has been in bed, quite ill, since before last Christmas. She is unable to answer mail, so send cheery cards only.

Mrs. Helen Heifner, Olean, Mo., has been sick all year and unable to work. A cheery letter would help pass the time.

Mrs. Guy Dickinson, 236 North 1 St., Apt. 4, Grand Junction, Colo., has been shut in for 8 years, with arthritis and other troubles. Send cheer cards, please.

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Mrs. Bert Ralston, 112 N. Main St., Yates Center, Kansas, has been shut in 24 years. She can now be taken out in a wheelchair. Mrs. Ralston is 74.

Mrs. Pearl Smith, Lawsonville, N. Car., is another long-time shut in who has had surgery recently but must have two more operations soon.

Mrs. Anna Perkins, 1708 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa, has been shut in since 1951. She sits on the bed all day, alone. All the care she gets during the day is when some good neighbor runs in. Mail means a lot. The carrier brings it to her bedside.

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