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Dear Friends:

Less than twenty-four hours ago we arrived here in Springfield, and as I take up my pen to write to you I realize how many details I could mention if only I had just two days or so before this letter has to be sent airmail back to the printers in Shenandoah. But as it is, they're waiting for me and all I can do is to wait until next month for a more full account of this visit in Springfield.

We had a beautiful day to drive away from Shenandoah at the tag end of September. (Yes, we left the house at exactly 8:00 o'clock!) As usual, the family came to see us off and everyone felt relieved to see us get in the car with the safety belts that had been installed just the day before. We've been reading many accounts about the value of safety belts and decided to get them before we started this trip. I can say right now that I'm glad we did.

It was around 11:00 in the morning when we drove into Dorothy's and Frank's place, and we stayed there for our noon meal. Kristin was in school, of course, so we didn't see her, but the rest of us had a good visit before it was time to get in the car and start on our way. This is the first trip we've ever made when we covered so little ground at the beginning, but we've reached the place where we have to take it mighty easy and our goal for the first day was Keokuk. We had a good night's rest, and started out about 8:00 the next morning in pouring rain.

It had been our intention to take time on this trip to go to New Salem to see the Lincoln Memorial, and also to spend time in Springfield, Ill., but it continued to pour down hour after hour so we gave up all thoughts of anything but just plodding along the highway with our windshield wipers never stopping the entire day.

By midafternoon we were tired so we stopped at Danville and settled down at a comfortable motel. Both of us felt the strain from driving through such heavy rain and it was surely a relief to get out of the car.

The next day we drove on to Anderson, Ind., and reached Mary Beth's and Donald's home shortly after noon. My, what a thrill it was to see little Katharine for the first time! She is a darling baby and as good as gold. Mary Beth let me hold her to

my heart's content, and I enjoyed every second that we spent with them. When we arrived we found that she just had her smallpox vaccination and everyone was afraid that she might be fretful and fussy on Sunday, but she fooled us all!

Mary Beth is a wonderful cook and we had delicious meals — even hot coffee cake for breakfast! Donald travels a great deal on his job but fortunately he was scheduled to be in town during the time that we were there, so all in all we had a lovely visit.

Sunday morning Katharine was christened, and both her Schneider and Driftmier grandparents were there for the service. Big baskets of white chrysanthemums were used at the altar, and it made a beautiful background for the eight sets of young parents who stood in front of it with their much loved babies.

Following the service, Mary Beth's parents took Katharine to their home and the rest of us went out to eat at the hotel. This worked out fine because we wanted to be there to meet Wayne when he came in at 2:30 in the afternoon. Then we had a tour of the large factories (that is, a drive through the grounds) and finally made our way back to the house for a Sunday evening lunch.

Monday morning it was clear and cool when Mart, Wayne and I headed for the Ohio Turnpike. It had been opened only two days earlier and we were really anticipating taking it. This is certainly a wonderful road and we covered a great deal of ground without feeling the least bit tired. The first night we stopped at Ashtabula, Ohio, and then after breakfast the next morning we started out in a heavy fog. We rode along Lake Erie for 100 miles and saw countless large grape vineyards and apple orchards. Grape juice plants seem to be one of the major industries in that section, and the chances are that some of the grape juice we enjoy when we are at home is processed in one of those plants.

At Buffalo we took the New York Thruway, but left it at Skaneateles to spend the night. The next morning it was very foggy and we simply crept along the road until we reached the Thruway again. Eventually the fog lifted and then we enjoyed the beautiful, beautiful countryside of New York state. Their maples had already

turned a brilliant red, and all of the birch trees were golden — a stunning sight with their white trunks. All of the Berkshire Mountains looked like brightly colored Persian rugs, and we said as we drove along that we had never enjoyed more beautiful scenery. Our route took us along the Erie Canal for miles and we can recommend it to anyone traveling East.

At noon we had lunch in Albany and took time to drive around and see the State Capitol before starting out on the highway again.

It was just four o'clock when we reached Frederick's and Betty's home in Springfield, and you can imagine how exciting it was to see them again. Mary Leanna and David had grown so much that I could hardly make them seem like the same children we'd last seen three years ago.

Betty has been very busy getting settled in their new home. Today the drapes are to go up, and I volunteered to make the kitchen curtains. They've been here such a short time that we really got in on the "first" of several things. Today, for instance, they built their "first" fireplace fire in this new home, and we ate in the dining room (a delicious leg of lamb with vegetables around it) for their "first" dinner in the new home.

Frederick is very busy, needless to say. He has many heavy responsibilities in this new parish and there are a thousand and one details to look after immediately. On Sunday we will attend services at his church, the first time we have had the privilege of hearing his sermon since we were in Bristol.

Wayne was only able to stay overnight here, and then he took a plane back to Chicago where he had business to look after.

We expect to rest a good bit during the next couple of weeks and take some drives around the city. Then Mae, Howard's wife, is coming to join us and we plan more extended trips to see old friends in other cities. How much we'll actually get done I don't know at this time, but we'd like to see our nieces and nephews who live at various points in the East.

If we get to Westfield, N. J., we'll see sister Martha Eaton who is visiting her son Dwight and his family during these autumn months. Jessie hasn't yet set a date for her trip to Greenwich, Conn. to visit her daughter Ruth, but it's possible that we'll even see her. Ruth has three little girls, Wendy, Jennifer and Heidi, and is expecting her fourth baby in December, so Jessie will stay with them for several weeks. Then if we stop at Glen Gardner, N. J. to see our niece, Mary Chapin and her family, we'll also see Fred Fischer since he is visiting there at the present time. Mart, Fred, Jessie, Martha and I spend almost every weekend together when we're all at home, and it does seem strange that all of us are back in this section of the country!

We haven't made our final plans for Thanksgiving, but next month I'll tell you how we observed the day.

This must be all for now. Until next month . . .  
Leanna



## GARDEN CHATTER

By  
Lucile

Anyone who has walked around the folks' garden at the Driftmier family home, 201 East Summit Avenue here in Shenandoah, will be struck immediately by the fact that this drawing looks "angled" . . . a situation that is so typical of Shenandoah! It certainly is a hard town to find your way around in. Even the alleys run in twists and curves or on the diagonal. Summit Avenue, on which the folks' house faces, actually runs straight east and west, but running behind their property is a long diagonal alley, and this accounts for the line that you see in the drawing.

As with the other plans we have shown you, it would be far too space consuming to account for all plantings and details, so again we will just hit the high spots in our explanation.

All such explanations should start with Number 1, it's true, but to help you get it "placed" in your minds I'll start with Number 14, the house. It faces directly south on Summit Avenue. The areas marked 12 around it are devoted to Evergreens, spring bulbs and annuals. (Those of you who were here in the spring will probably remember the brilliant Red Emperor tulips that outlined the entire section numbered 12.)

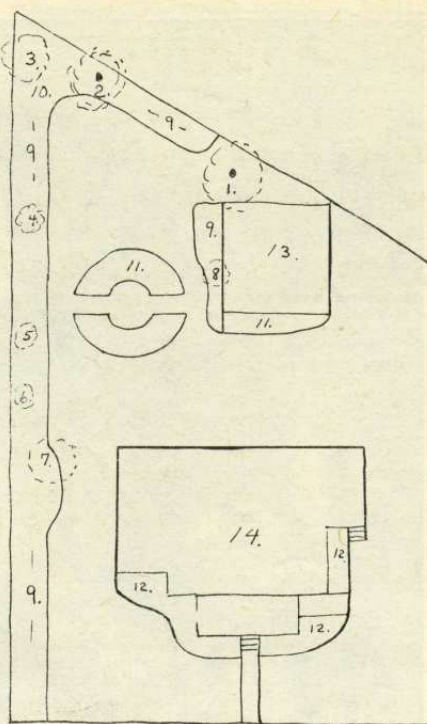
Number 1 is Juliana's Hopa Crab, the first of the "grandchildren" plantings that have been made through the years. This lovely tree was set out in April, 1943 and has made an impressive growth in only twelve years. Juliana loves this tree above everything else that grows, and keeps a very sharp eye on it. She says that she likes to sit in it and just think on summer afternoons!

Number 2 is a young Cut-leaf Birch that is known as David's birch. He has never yet seen it, but we are really hopeful that in 1956 he can come from Massachusetts with his parents and see with his own eyes what a nice tree he has out in Iowa!

Number 3 is Mary Leanna's Wegelia and Number 4 is Martin's Althea. Incidentally, this past summer was good for Altheas if nothing else in our area! That Althea was in bloom week after week — no amount of drouth could seem to discourage it.

Number 5 is Emily's Rose Tree of China, and she makes many a trip to see it in the spring when it blooms. Number 6 is Clark's Viburnum Carlesii, and I can't resist making the comment right here that it is my one great favorite of spring blooming shrubs. Surely there is no perfume in the world as sweet as one pale pink and white sprig picked from it. Those of you who love this shrub as much as I do will find a magnificent specimen of it in Fischer's garden, and I'm sure that Uncle Fred would be glad to have you stop and see it. Aunt Helen planted it on the south slope near the garage a good many years ago.

Number 7 is Kristin's Beauty Bush — and an exceptionally fine example of it. We think that this shrub looks like a fountain of pink flowers when



Read the article on this page for an explanation of the drawing.

it's in full bloom. Next spring Russell hopes that Kristin can be here when it's at the peak of its beauty so he can get some portraits in color.

Number 8 is Alison's Flowering Peach, a lovely, brilliant thing for a good two weeks in May.

From your letters we know that other grandparents have planted trees and shrubs when their grandchildren were born, and unless you've done this you cannot imagine with how much pride the youngsters regard their very own things, planted in honor of their birth. They watch them avidly and are very protective towards them. Perhaps this coming spring you can select something for a much loved grandchild and get it planted in your yard.

Number 9 is a very long border running the entire depth of the yard that has been planted carefully with spring bulbs and perennials to insure a constant succession of bloom. We can never quite make up our minds when it looks the most attractive! I believe that Mother's own preference is for the season when all of the Hemerocallis are in full bloom. Dad, on the other hand, has always much preferred the autumn months, so he thinks that the border comes into its own when Indian Summer rolls around!

Number 10 is an area, triangular in shape, that is devoted to summer bulbs and annuals. Number 11 is a curved rose bed, and there are also roses planted in the other area marked 11 — many floribundas and climbers.

Number 13 is the garage, used for years as office space, but now once again reconverted back to its original purpose. In the spring it makes a fine background for hyacinths and daffodils.

We want to remind you again that you are always welcome to come and see our gardens. It is never necessary to ask permission. Just park and make yourselves at home.

## Turn Winter Into Spring

In November we will begin planting bulbs for indoor bloom, and since so many people have written to ask for instructions it seems only sensible to jot down necessary information right here.

Coolness, moisture and darkness are the three essentials for growing potted bulbs, and these are easy enough to provide anywhere.

Large bulbs should be placed in containers at least 5 inches deep. Broken crockery should be placed in the bottom of the pot for drainage. Then fill loosely with a rich mixture of leafmold, loam and sand. Space bulbs 1 inch apart and cover tips with about 1 inch of topsoil. They must NEVER be allowed to dry out. Water OFTEN.

When the flower buds on Hyacinths begin to show, move plants into the light but not into direct sunshine. They need about two days to adjust themselves, and during this period need to be kept at a temperature of 60 degrees or below. After this time they can be moved into the sunlight. AT ALL TIMES KEEP WELL WATERED.

We have had wonderful results growing both tulips and daffodils inside. Follow planting directions mentioned before, but keep tulips in a very cold place until they show the first signs of growth. Then move to a cool, dark place and keep there until about 4 inches tall. Now they are ready to be moved into full sun.

Daffodils are handled in the same way and have proved to be equally satisfactory. You may recall the cover picture we used in late winter of Mother and the daffodils — those were King Alfreds that bloomed incredibly huge and handsome. Furthermore, they lasted about three full weeks in a heated house. Mother was certainly glad that her scheduled date for entertaining a social club fell during this time!

## COVER PICTURE

All three members of the Verness family know that they're not photogenic, but this year we decided to share with you a picture of a turkey at our table!

I hope you can get at least a glimpse of the tablecloth — this is the beautiful one made for us by Russell's mother several years ago. The intricate Norwegian type figures are cross-stitched in grey, black and red. The roses on the table are Peace, Charlotte Armstrong and Mojave.

Oh yes, in case you wonder about the texture of the wall I must explain that it is covered with chartreuse burlap. And the Chinese plates on the wall are my Christmas gift from Russell in 1942. That's Russell tackling the bird, while Juliana and her mother, Lucile, look on.



## DOESN'T KRISTIN'S NEW PROJECT SOUND INTERESTING?

Dear Friends:

We are having a beautiful fall day here and one with much activity at the Johnson farm. At one end of the farm a combine is combining our beans and at the other end a corn-picker is rolling over the cornfield. My job is to keep a pot of coffee going at all times because I never know when or how many will be in for coffee. I made a big batch of cookies this morning but I imagine they will all be gone by evening. I stuck a few away in a safe place for Kristin to have when she gets home from school or I'm afraid she would be left out.

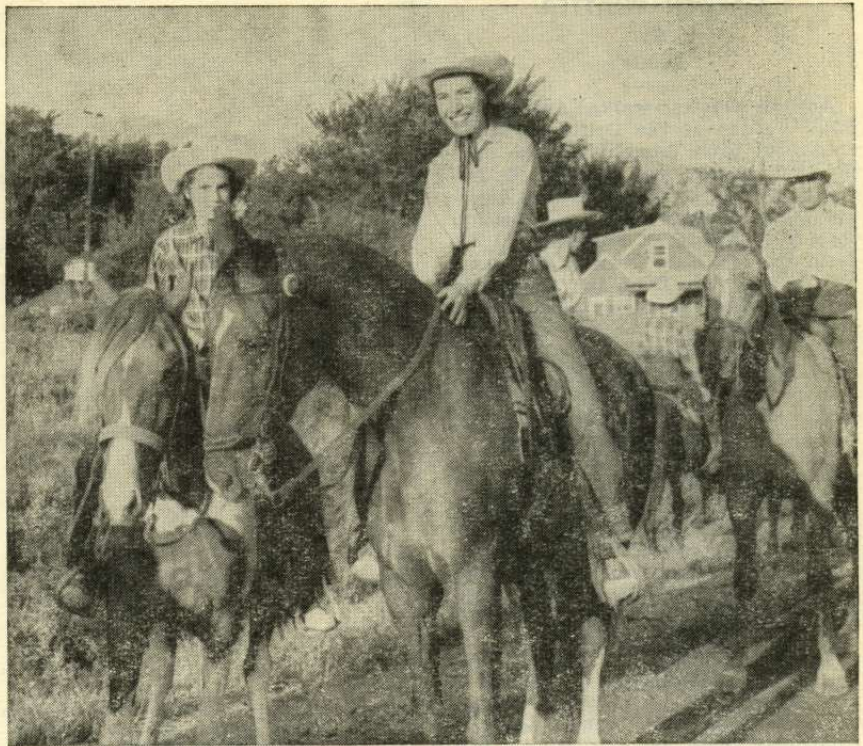
We are very happy over our harvest this year. The man who operates the big self-propelled combine that is getting our beans told us we had the best beans he has combined in Lucas County this year. The corn is turning out exceptionally well so it looks as if we will have the best yield we have had since 1948.

Our 4-H Award night was held last week. It was a big thrill for Kristin when she received the award for the Junior member who had read and made book reports on the most books this year. Our project this year will be sewing. Kristin has made a lot of doll clothes by hand but has never done much sewing on the machine. The other night she was anxious to get started and I found a yard and a quarter of some green cotton material I had purchased for some reason and then never used, so I let her make a plain little gathered apron with a waist band. She has made it by herself and has it all done except for the hem. My, but she is proud of it and she has a right to be because she did a real nice job for a beginner. I told her that sometime this week she can pick out the material and start on a skirt for herself.

I managed to get a little sewing done before school started. I made a cotton jumper and blouse. The jumper is red, black, white and grey material and the blouse is plain grey with a little red bow at the neck. The bib and suspenders of the jumper are detachable so she can wear it as a plain skirt if she prefers. She likes this idea very much, so when Mother sent her the beautiful new cross-stitched skirt she had made her she also sent along the material she had left and I made a bib and suspenders for it too.

The other jumper I made she wore for the first time last Friday. It is a beautiful shade of turquoise blue corduroy with a little black design in it. She has been saving it for cold weather but it was a little cooler than usual last Friday so she broke down and wore it with a new pink little boy shirt she had received as a gift from Sue Sayre who visited us this summer.

Our grapes were awfully nice this year. I canned all the grape juice I thought we would use (there were several quarts left from last year) and then we gave the rest of them to Frank's Aunt Delia Johnson. The big



Kristin and Dorothy start out for Des Moines on horseback.

news in the Johnson family this month is that Frank's sister, Edna and her husband Raymond Halls have bought a farm and are planning to move there in the near future. For the past twelve years Raymond and his father, Tom Halls, have owned and operated the Texaco Service station in Chariton. For the past few months Mr. Halls has not been in very good health so when they had a chance to sell the station a month ago they did. Raymond has always wanted to farm so they are very happy over the new move.

Frank and Kristin and I are going to miss them sorely. For the past two years that Kristin has been in school in Chariton she has eaten her noon lunch with Aunt Edna and Uncle Raymond and they have always been so good to her. If the weather was bad and she didn't want to ride on the bus, or if there was something going on in Chariton that she wanted to stay in for, she could always stay all night with Aunt Edna and Uncle Raymond.

Their new home will be 30 miles from here, about half-way between Allerton and Clio, Iowa. Kristin is already making plans to spend one week-end a month with them, and Edna has told her she can have one room for her very own and she can plan her color scheme and pick out her paper, etc. Edna has made a deal with Kristin — she will buy any material Kristin wants for her curtains and bedspread but Kristin must make them herself in sewing this year. She will buy any pieces of unfinished furniture she wants for her room but Kristin must finish them. Personally, I think it is a wonderful idea. In Home Furnishings this year Kristin learned how to refinish old furniture and also to finish unpainted furniture.

Ever since she saw the rooms at the State Fair that the girls had done themselves she has been wanting to fix up a room. She sees her opportunity and is raring to go.

We told Edna it would probably be a long and drawn out affair, but she says she has four bedrooms and won't need that one so she doesn't care how long it takes her. Kristin is planning on spending some time visiting them next summer and hopes to get it finished during that time. We think this will be wonderful training and experience for her and it is very generous of Edna to help her with her project.

We have had two nice visits with the folks this month. They drove up one Sunday and brought Oliver, Margery and Martin with them. Mother came planning to fish in the lake, so after dinner we wheeled her down to the edge and gave her a fishing pole. We didn't catch anything but it was a lovely place to sit and visit. Last week Mother and Dad stopped here for dinner and spent a couple of hours with us on their way to visit Don and Mary Beth.

Yesterday was such a lovely day that Kristin and I decided to go out into the timber and pick up walnuts. Last year we didn't have any walnuts in this section, but there are plenty again this year. We had enough left over from the year before to last through the year. Whenever we pick up nuts I always get enough so that I can give Dad a bushel all hulled for his birthday.

I will just about have time to run into Lucas and mail this so it will go out on the evening train. If I go now I can get back before Kristin returns home from school. So until next month this must be all . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy



## IN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

## A November Devotional

By Mabel Nair Brown

**QUIET MUSIC:** "Come Ye Thankful People Come" as prelude and a background during reading of call to worship and scripture. For prayer, the music should change to "We Gather Together".

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Lord has done great things for us; whereof we are glad. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His Name together.

**SCRIPTURE:** Psalms 92:1-5 and Psalms 95:1-6.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, in loving praise and gratitude we turn to Thee this day; thanking Thee for all the bounties bestowed upon us. Help us to hold fast to this wonderful spirit of "togetherness" which glows in our hearts as we gather together at this Thanksgiving season. Teach us, too, to share humbly and willingly with those in need — to be ever ready to lift our brother's load. Help each of us in our own place to seek to know, and to do the will of God, and, as we do His will today, gain in wisdom and understanding and faith for all our tomorrows. Amen.

**HYMN:** "God Of Our Fathers".

**A MEDITATION:** "In our scripture, in our prayer, and in the quiet music we have heard the word "together". It is a feeling that especially warms the heart at this season of the year. As Edward Everett Hale said, It is an *inspiring* word. Coming together means a beginning; Keeping together means progress; Working together means success."

**WORKING TOGETHER** — what beautiful words, how wonderful a way to live in harmony, peace and love!

"At this season of the year when the harvest is completed and provision made for the winter ahead, we pause to give thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift for the bounteous blessings bestowed upon us.

"But it is not enough to give joyful thanks. We need to cultivate a deep humility that will move us to pray, "Clear my vision, give me a humble heart that I may see what God, and home, and country mean to me."! With this cleared vision we can be humbly grateful for the countless privileges we enjoy as Americans and for that quality which enables us to live together in peace among ourselves and to desire the same for our world neighbors.

"As we find satisfaction in our provision for our own families, as we gather our families together for this Thanksgiving holiday this year, let us stress the spirit of humble thankfulness which was meant for this day. Make it a day to strengthen family ties — teaching the children to find the joy in the little everyday things that are shared as a family. Let us give the day such a spirit of loving 'familiness' and 'togetherness' that it will become the motivating spirit of the family circle and the neighborhood — spreading on to include all



This is the rowboat (plus a motor!) on Dorothy's and Frank's lake where Juliana, Susan Sayre and Kristin had many happy rides with Raymond Halls, Kristin's uncle.

men everywhere.

"Count your blessings, one by one  
At early morn and set of sun,  
And, like an incense to the skies  
Your prayers of thankfulness will rise.  
Look for the love that Heaven sends,  
THE GOOD THAT EVERY SOUL  
INTENDS;

Thus you will learn the only way  
To keep a true Thanksgiving Day."

—Anonymous

**MUSIC:** Such numbers as "Bless This House", "Count Your Blessings", "We Gather Together" or "Come Ye Thankful People Come" would be appropriate here as solos or group singing.

**LEADER:** "Every life we touch is a field; Everything we do and all the words we speak, are seed. What will the harvest be?" (Rowland) In closing I'd like to quote from the 100th Psalm "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

"Shall we stand for the benediction?" (Quiet music for benediction).

**BENEDICTION:** "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and those who dwell within. Unto His care and guidance we commit ourselves knowing in Him we may all find that safe "abiding place", together. Amen".

DOES YOUR CHURCH NEED  
A SHOWER?

By

Virginia Thomas

At this season of the year when hearts are full of praise and Thanksgiving for an abundant harvest and a deeper appreciation of all the liberties and joys that are ours, it might be well to look to some way we can express our thoughts and Thanksgiving "materially" as well as literally. It's the perfect time to consider a church shower.

Unless your church is one of the fortunate few who knows no struggle with the budgeting of the church finances (and such churches surely must be few and far between!) then there must be many of the necessities, not to mention the extras, which

would be of great benefit. Perhaps your ladies aid could sponsor a "THANK YOU" shower for the church by way of expressing the congregation's thankfulness for blessings known this year. It could be made an evening rich in fellowship and friendliness for all those who participate.

Here are some suggestions for such showers:

**KITCHEN SHOWER:** If your church kitchen is low on china, glassware, silverware, or pots and pans, send out invitations just as for any shower except that instead of a person's name, put the name of your church. You can limit the guest list to the ladies' aid or other women's group but at such a shower which I attended, it was an evening affair with the whole family invited and what fun we had! Of course, the unwrapping of the gifts was the most important part of the entertainment for the evening. Several men were chosen to do this and they stood at a table in front of the church fellowship hall and were made to guess what was in a package before it was unwrapped. Needless to say, some of these guesses were hilariously funny, especially when they told not only what they guessed it was but how they would use it. The gifts were all placed on tables so that later everyone could go and look at them.

The **GAMES** can all have the usual shower slant. For example; Church Supper Mix-up would be a list of scrambled words which would be a Church supper menu when letters are rearranged correctly. The old favorite **SUITCASE RACE** is a sure fire laugh-maker (provide suitcases filled with an array of outlandish clothing which contestants must put on and race to certain point, then back and repack suitcase.)

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?** Ask some clever person to write a story in which the names of all those in the congregation (as many as can be worked in) are used. Have listeners count the names they hear as the story is read. Here's a sample of how such a story might go. "Once upon a time in the *Long* ago, on a sunny *Day* in *Mae* two friendly neighbors, *Sam* and *Bill*, lived on opposite sides of a *Green* valley, and across the *Hill* and *Dale* with several little *Brooks* between lived a *merry* (Mary) widow and her daughters three, etc." The listener who counts the most names is the winner.

**Feeding Time** might be the name of a game where couples are blindfolded and then given three marshmallows each. At a signal see which couple can have candy eaten first — the trick being that they must feed their partner the marshmallows they hold at the same time the partner feeds them!

**LIBRARY:** Let each guest be invited to bring a book for starting a church library. Perhaps some will have books at home to donate. Some will donate the price of a book and let the library committee purchase a book. Of course the folks should talk among themselves so as to avoid duplicates in too great a number. Do not

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## FREDERICK WRITES FROM HIS NEW HOME

Dear Friends:

We always have been blessed to live in beautiful homes, and the parsonage of the South Congregational Church in Springfield is no exception. We love our new home and we are very pleased with the neighborhood in which it is located. It doesn't seem credible, I'll admit, but the honest truth is that while living in the heart of the third largest city in all New England, we are closer to the woods and the forests than when we lived in a small town.

Our new home is right on the edge of beautiful Forest Park, a densely wooded section of several hundred acres criss-crossed by several trout streams, and all of it in the center of the city. Doesn't it seem strange that while we are living in a city our chief worry is not that the children might be hit by automobiles, but that they might get lost in the woods? There are very few automobiles using the winding avenue on which we live, but the dense woodlands are right at our back door.

One of our favorite forms of recreation is to walk as a family through the park. About a quarter of a mile through the woods there is a pony ring where the children may ride several times around a large tree-lined riding ring for just a few cents, and a bit further on in the park there is a perfectly grand zoo with all of the animals that one would expect to find in a zoo. Most of the deer and elk wander freely through vast expanses of forest in the park. Just a short distance from the house in another direction are the municipal duck ponds where many hundreds of ducks, geese, and swans are fed tons of popcorn every Saturday and Sunday afternoon by the children of the community. The ponds are close enough so that we can hear the ducks and geese whenever they are excited about something. Because it would be so easy for the children to wander away through the woods in their search for the ducks, we remind them every morning at breakfast not to go near the park unless accompanied by an adult.

We had been in our new home just a few nights when a rather amusing thing happened. Betty and I were reading rather late into the evening in our upstairs sitting room, when about eleven o'clock Betty said, "Did you hear that? What was that strange sound?" It was a warm Indian Summer evening and the windows were open on the park side of the house so that we would hear sounds from the woods very plainly.

I looked up from my book and said: "Yes, I heard it, but I refuse to believe it. Our ears must have been playing tricks on us." We both went back to our reading for a few minutes, and then we heard it again. This sec-



All of us noticed such a change in Mary Leanna and David when this picture arrived. It was taken at their summer cottage.

ond time there was no doubt about it. It was no trick.

"Well, can you beat that?" I said. "Here we are right in the center of a large New England city and the quiet of the evening is disturbed by a lion! I know that sound all right. The last time I heard a lion roaring it was in darkest Africa!" It took us a few minutes to realize that the sound of the lion was coming from the zoo in the park where on that warm night the lions were permitted to stay in their outside cages. It isn't every home that possesses lion cages practically in the back yard!

Most of you people who live in the West do not think of the East as a place where there are country fairs, but in that you are mistaken. Every other utility pole on every main road has some kind of an advertisement for a country fair in these parts. New England people are very fond of country fairs, and here in Springfield is held the largest one in the entire East. The Eastern States Exposition, while not as large and as impressive as some of the state fairs in the West is, nevertheless, quite a sizeable show.

One day this past week Betty and I spent the better part of a day at the Exposition, and we were quite impressed with what we saw. We spent a great deal of time in the big cattle sheds where we saw some of the most magnificent beasts either of us had ever seen. There were hundreds of cattle on exhibit as well as many sheep, hundreds of chickens and turkeys, and some horses.

In our New England fairs there are two types of exhibits that you do not have in the West — maple sugar exhibits and wood carving exhibits. There were dozens and dozens of maple sugar exhibits at our fair this year, and in the state exhibits of New Hampshire and Maine we saw splendid displays of articles made of wood. Of course we saw plenty of Maine potatoes, and then in the state buildings of each of the New England states we saw big exhibits of trout. Since the sport fishing industry is very important around here, each of the states wanted to advertise the wonderful fishing to be had within its borders. In one of the sporting exhibits I saw some of the largest speckled trout I had ever seen in my life.

I would like to thank all of you people out in the West for your generous support of the Red Cross in its

recent drive to raise funds for New England flood relief. Although the town of Springfield was not badly hurt by the storm, many of the small towns around us were, and the relief center for this whole area is Springfield Red Cross headquarters.

One of the members of my church is the executive director of the local Red Cross, and just the other day he was telling me of some of his problems. People have not only sent money for flood relief, but they have also sent articles of all kinds. Manufacturers all over the country have been contributing their products. Just the other day there arrived here a truck carrying 10 tons of soap flakes. The soap had been sent here all the way from some point out in the West, and it was a most generous gift, but think of the problem of distributing 10 tons of soap flakes!

The problem of the soap was a mild one compared with the next big shipment to arrive. A few days ago there came rolling into Springfield a truck with four and one-half tons of sponges. Now believe me, four and one-half tons of sponges is a lot of sponges! Sponges are very light and they go a long way when unpacked and distributed. Had we had all of those sponges here at the time of the flood they might have done a lot of good, but the water is gone now. Tons and tons of soap and sponges! Have you a good idea as to what to do with them?

Like all of you, those of us here in the East were shocked and saddened by the news of President Eisenhower's illness. I learned of it just a few minutes before going to the church on Sunday morning, and on that day it was the one and only topic of conversation. I don't suppose that there is any time in the life of a nation when it is more united and more aware of its cohesiveness than in a time of great national sorrow and concern. During the last few weeks millions of people have been praying for the President. When we observe how our American people forget all political prejudices at a time like this it is most reassuring. It makes one proud of the fact that he is an American.

People outside our country may criticize the looseness and rivalries in our government, and perhaps with some justification they can point out the lack of wisdom in our fostering constant, unrelenting attack upon men in office who happen to be of a party other than the critic's own, but when our people rally to the moral support of their leader in time of crisis, it is sure proof of the basic soundness of the American way of government.

I must finish this letter now and prepare my radio broadcast. Like most of the family, I too, have a broadcast. Each Sunday morning from 9:05 until 9:30 I speak over a local Springfield station. I am sorry that all of you good people out in the West cannot hear our local broadcasts. Of course, we can't hear your broadcasts either unless they are on a national hook-up.

Sincerely, Frederick



## THANKSGIVING, FAMILY STYLE

By Evelyn Corrie Birkby

While Thanksgiving has always been a happy occasion for our family, it was not until I had a home of my own and became "chairman of the committee most involved in needed preparations" that I fully appreciated all the effort needed to create a happy time for those round about.

It is fun to prepare the house and the great quantities of food. It is exciting to watch the lane for the first car to arrive full of rosy cheeked nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles and grandpas and grandmas. It is relaxing to hear about the Thanksgivings past with Great-Grandma Birkby leading the conversation into areas of the pioneer days which seem so remote until she begins reliving them. But most of all, Thanksgiving gains new importance when memories of our own begin to be a part of the traditions!

The first real Thanksgiving dinner we had in our home was one of the most memorable. All my in-laws and all husband Bob's in-laws were invited up the lane for a big country dinner. We brought in the large table which has been handed down for generations and which our generation uses primarily for a porch table. This venerable piece of furniture has the virtue of leaves which will extend it to enormous and sturdy length, two qualities essential to a holiday meal. After much twisting and turning and groaning we finally squeezed that table through the front door. The leaves were clamped into place and the long fruit embroidered cloth stretched to its full length over the top.

Now for the seating arrangements. Horrors, the chairs of the household just were not numerous enough to accommodate all the members of the family who were expecting a place at the holiday board. We finally decided to become good pilgrims. Bob went out to the wood pile and rustled up stumps and boxes and planks. From these he fashioned seats as rustic as ever our forefathers used! By the time dinner was over we were especially thankful for the modern designers who plan chairs for comfort as well as beauty. No wonder early American dinners were stern forbidding affairs. The pioneers must have feared falling from their perilous perches or were so uncomfortable they just wanted to eat and get out!

When we completed the table arrangement I went back to finish preparations for dinner. Our Thanksgiving "fowl" was two huge fat sassy roosters which had been unknowingly plumping themselves into good seven pound roasts. Stuffed with rich butter, onion, celery, bread and sage dressings, salted and drizzled with butter on the outside and then wrapped in aluminum foil, they were placed on a flat baking pan and slowly, slowly roasted. I did baste them twice and opened the ends of the foil just a little to allow for circulation of the heat. But most of the time they just steeped in their own good juices. Now came the time to lift them carefully and pour off all the



Here are the ten Hilton children about whom Lucile writes in her letter. In the back row are Robert, Marianne, Pat, William and Kathleen. In the front row are Stephen, Angela, Vincent, Marie and Louise. By the time you read this there will be a new brother or sister!

luscious drippings ready for the gravy. I curled back the foil and returned the plump chickens to the oven to brown.

I was especially glad I had foil under those chickens and had poured the drippings into the gravy pan. Just as the first carload of relatives drove up the lane I dashed to the stove to take one last test of the meat. I flung open the oven door. The flat pan under the chickens started slipping. Rather than grab it with unprotected hands I simply watched in fascinated horror. The pan, foil, and two large chickens slithered onto the oven door, across the floor and slid with unerring aim across the kitchen. They came to rest directly in front of the door through which the guests would be coming at any instant. Trying desperately to keep calm, I reached for the hot pan holders and, glory be, had everything back in place just as the first "hello" sounded from the back porch.

Regardless of such a near catastrophe we had a fine dinner. Everyone seemed to find sitting on planks a novel change from routine dining. And the story of the chickens sliding across the floor increased in scope with each telling.

While we have had many happy times at Thanksgiving with big family gatherings, one of the happiest we ever had was, from necessity, just with our own family at home.

We had, again, invited all the relatives for a big bang-up dinner. The day dawned bright and clear and completely glazed with snow and ice. Even my sister Ruth and her family did not dare try to navigate the two miles which separated our farm homes.

So two children, two parents and two big roast chickens looked at each other across the loaded table. The twenty-four hour salad lasted goodness knows how many twenty-four hours. While we ate a tremendous amount on the big day itself and left-overs for days afterwards, we thought of all the poor relatives who were forced to eat scraps on Thanksgiving Day because they could not share the food we had prepared. The family laughed and played games and enjoyed each other's company immensely. We had so much for which to be thankful, just being together. We will always remember with special tenderness that day when we

were iced away from the rest of the world.

Regardless of the anecdotes and interesting experiences which have been collected throughout the years, it is the deeper, richer meaning of the day which gives it purpose and lasting value. A friend said to me just the other day she was glad her children were tolerant of her old-fashioned saying of a "blessing" at their holiday meals. She ended by remarking she was sorry saying "grace" at meals had gone out of fashion.

Made me stop and wonder a bit. Has saying "thanks" to God regularly gone out of fashion? Are we old-fashioned when we say grace at the table at every meal instead of just at Thanksgiving and Christmas?

And then I wondered if it was easy for God to attune to listening to us on holidays if we don't tune Him in on the unimportant days of the year. I'm sure God listens whenever we talk to Him, but it reminds me of the story about the time God had a job for me to do and I told Him I was busy with some other work and He'd have to wait till I got through. Then one day I needed God just right now! God said to me, "Now you just wait, I'm real busy and have to finish this job before I can come and help you with yours." Perhaps the tuning in we do at Thanksgiving time is a good wave length to keep working through the rest of the year.

It follows, however, that it is not so much the way we say we are thankful as what we do about it that shows how thankful we really are. We can count our blessings, but until we share them with others less fortunate and help our brothers along the difficult places our thankfulness is just lip service.

And what about all the happenings which we can't tick off as blessings? What about the bad crops or sickness or death invading our family circle? We can be thankful because of the good things, but can we also be thankful in spite of some of the difficulties that come? Can we find God working through the suffering and sorrow? Can we see joy and growing strength and character through the problems we have to overcome? Nothing is really bad unless we take it badly. Even heavy stormy winds can drive us in the right direction if we set our sails correctly.

Sometimes, although we may not realize it at the moment, difficulties are occasions for our greatest thankfulness. Calamity can give us new insights and open new doors we do not see in happier times. Sorrow can clear our vision of earthly things and give us a clearer view of heaven. We can only be secure if we have a God at the center of our lives which will make it possible for us to stand the loss of the very things for which we are most thankful. Then come good, come wealth, come material gain—or come loss, come sorrow, come disappointment or failure we can still be thankful. The center is intact. The heart of the life becomes untouched by mere outside events. We are safe, and truly celebrating Thanksgiving.



## ARE YOU COOKING WITH SEEDS?

By  
Hallie M. Barrow

"Open Sesame". These famous words opened the treasure cave in "Arabian Nights," and coming down to our times, this phrase earned \$25,000 for Mrs. Bernard A. Koteen of Washington, D. C. She was the grand-prize winner in the last Pillsbury Flour bake-off contest in New York. Her entry was, "Open Sesame Pie." When housewives read the recipe calling for sesame seeds in the pie shell, many of them queried: "But what are sesame seeds? Something new"? As a result, good cooks all over the land are suddenly "seed conscious."

Sesame seeds are not new. In fact, the sesame plant is one of the oldest plants about which much is known. Several centuries B. C., the sesame plant was growing in Africa and Asia where it was a highly valued food plant. The seeds were ground into a kind of flour, and crushed to make a spread for bread; the oil was used for many purposes in addition to cooking, anointing and other rites. The leaves were used in medicines to cure dysentery and diarrhea.

Sesame went through the glorious, romantic herb and spice age when kingdoms rose and fell according to their spice wealth. Taxes and tithes were paid in spices. The spice trade was the incentive for adventure and discovery. In fact, we owe the discovery of our country to the spice trade; for when Columbus set out with his three small ships, his purpose was to discover a shorter route to India to bring back spices.

The Arabian spice traders with their camel caravans introduced sesame to the Greeks. It was Hippocrates who gave this valuable plant its name. Years later, it was introduced by the Greeks to the Romans and eventually sesame reached the British Isles. At that time one of the most important uses of herbs and spices was to preserve meats and other perishable foods. The colonists who emigrated to America brought seeds, roots and cuttings of herbs to their new homes as some of their most highly prized possessions. But sesame is more of a tropical plant and, strange to relate, it came first to our country with the African negroes who arrived on slave ships. They used sesame as a cereal.

Toasted sesame seeds give much the same flavor as do toasted almonds. They may be added to cakes, cookies, candy, cheese, salads, etc. Today experiment stations in South Carolina and Texas are carrying on extensive operations to grow sesame here since we import great quantities of oil and seeds. The seeds yield about half their weight in oil which is known commercially as benne, gingili or tee-oil. It is odorless and does not easily become rancid. The plant is a rough-hairy herb, at least two feet high with narrow leaves from 3 to 5 inches long. The flowers are about an inch long with a flaring tube resembling our foxgloves, and the blooms are white or pastel-colored. It is a beautiful crop grow-



Dorothy and Mother got some sewing done for Kristin before school opened this fall.

ing in the field and wind will ripple over it as over a wheat field. The seed is oval-shaped, pointed at one end, creamy white and about the size of a grain of wheat or rice.

Of the different varieties of sesame seeds being tested at our Southern experiment stations, some of the most valuable have come from a Syrian farmer in Kansas. For thirty-five years he has grown a small patch of sesame with seeds first brought from his native Syria. Each year he planted a small plot and harvested it by hand, as is still done in many oriental countries. Anxious to prove to his neighbors, Kansas wheat farmers, that sesame could be an important American crop, he enlarged his sesame planting until last year it was a 5-acre field. He harvested it with a tractor drawn corn binder. Many of the wheat farmers came to watch what some of them called the "ragweed harvest." To their amazement, the Syrian harvested about 5,000 pounds of seed. He told his doubting friends that the United States had imported some 15 million bushels of sesame seed that year and it could have been grown by American farmers and sold at 16¢ a pound. Sesame flour contains some 24 percent protein and is a great health food. It is delicious added to many foods. The oil has numerous commercial uses.

Cooking with herbs has become very popular with American housewives since the turn of the century. There are now a number of cook books dealing entirely with herb cookery, most of the recipes using herb leaves, both fresh and dried. It has become quite the fad for gardeners to have small herb plots. To all those who are now growing herbs for kitchen use, beauty, fragrance or for a hobby, we wish to suggest that they go a step further and make a practice of saving herb seeds. Seeds will add even more flavor to foods and are also quite decorative.

To save seeds, clip the flower heads when they have formed seed pods and after pods have started to turn color or ripen. Watch that the seed pod does not fully ripen . . . for then the seed shatters. It's best to clip the seed pods right into an open paper bag. Then spread them thinly

to dry thoroughly. When they have reached the crumbly stage, rub between your hands. Separate seed from chaff by letting them dribble slowly through your hands in front of an electric fan to blow away chaff. Bottle and label.

You can not grow sesame seed unless you have a long growing, warm weather condition, but you might try a few plants in your flower bed. These seeds are now grown in many gardens: anise, caraway, coriander dill, cardamon, cumin, fennel, lovage, black and white mustard, nasturtium, poppy, sunflower and pumpkin.

Perhaps the easiest to save are the poppy seeds. Each pod will hold at least a thimblefull. From a small bed of either annual or perennial poppies, you could harvest enough poppy seed to last a year, even though you add them to salad dressing, sandwiches, cookies and cakes. Do not confuse our garden poppies with the oriental opium poppy; they are not the same and besides, opium is made from the juice of unripened seed pods. Poppy seed gives a distinct flavor to cakes, cookies, rolls, bread and many other dishes; they may be added in making canapes, salads and sandwiches. If you ever serve poppy crescents, your family will demand this treat often.

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- 1 part security

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- 2 heaping cups vision
- 3 full measures of faith

Sift these ingredients until a smooth, even texture results.

In your SCHOOLS, place:

- 3 cups practical knowledge
- 2 parts ambition
- 1 full measure of self-reliance

Fold in 2 parts wisdom. Stir constantly until the ingredients blend.

Now combine all three mixtures. Add equal portions of Active-citizenship and Free Enterprise. (Be SURE these ingredients are crisp, fresh and of the highest quality, since the success of this recipe largely depends upon them.)

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We hardly find any persons of good sense save those who agree with us.



## GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

What are you thankful for today? Health is one thing, I'm sure. And that you are able to get about on your own two feet. Show your thankfulness by doing something for these folk who are not able to go and do as they would like to.

Little nine-year-old Thelma Green, Rt. 1, Sterling, N. Y., is having to stay in bed with rheumatic fever which has seriously affected her heart. She must keep quiet and that is hard for a little girl. Send her something to play with in bed such as materials to make doll clothes, and scraps of felt and velveteen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Taylor, 312 East 8 St., Topeka, Kans., are both shutin. He is 80 and is quite sick. She is 79 and takes care of him, in spite of having had a hip broken three years ago. Both would enjoy mail.

Mrs. Icedore Jessup, Rt. 1, Greenfield, Indiana, is 84. She is alone and not able to do much, except piece quilts. I think she might like quilt pieces, especially if they are accompanied by a nice letter.

Linny Orpurt, 828 E. Elm St., Lima, Ohio, of whom I have told you before, is to get braces soon. His mother asks if the Ohio folks would send him Ohio Tax Stamps, which will help to get the braces. Linny is 13 and is badly crippled. He likes pictures, book and records.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knecht, 2210 East 18 St., Muncie, Indiana, would like to hear from you. She will be 73 on December 11. He is entirely shutin, having had 9 major operations during his life. She takes all the care of him, so both are shutin and I'm sure would love to hear about your little corner of the world.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brookes, c/o County Hospital, Hollister, Calif., is all alone since the death of her sister during the summer. She gets so lonely and blue. She is bedfast and will be 85 on November 29th.

Tony Sasso, 51 Coolidge St., S. W., Grand Rapids, Mich., is a life-time shutin with cerebral palsy. This year he is not able even to go to school and is feeling pretty bad about it. So is his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Sasso. She would like to hear from other mothers who have had children with this disease. Tony loves pretty cards and playthings. He is 10.

Mrs. Earl Renn, 1839 1/2 Cordova St., Los Angeles 7, Calif., has been in a wheel chair for a long time. In spite of that, she keeps house and gets meals and so on. A couple of months ago, while making the bed, she got overbalanced and her wheel chair fell with her. Her hip was broken and she has been in bed since, in traction. She suffered a lot, but is getting better. She and her husband are Iowa people and many of the Kitchen-Klatter readers from Iowa will know her. I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

The Christmas Good Neighbor Guide will be ready about the time you are reading this. Ask for a copy if you are interested. My address is 685 Thayer Ave., Los Angeles 24, Calif.

## CLEANING CALAMITY

By  
Elaine Derendinger

When it comes time to give the house a thorough cleaning, you can count me among the folks who long for "the good old days".

Grandma may not have had a gleaming white refrigerator — a shiny white stove — a snowy white sink; but neither did she have to wear her fingers down to the second knuckle trying to keep them gleaming and shiny and snowy. Every minute smudge; the baby-size fingerprints; yes, even the fly-tracks show up on our modern appliances. And will someone tell me why the manufacturers insist on decorating their products with groups of little grooves here and there to catch dust? I remember Grandma's stove — it was dark, and could get by with one good polish in spring and fall. The springhouse, where foods kept cool, could go in definitely without repair, and I don't recall a sink. True, there was wood and water to pack in, but large families meant many hands to help carry.

The trend seems to turn towards pastel walls, pastel floor-covering, pastel everything. Delicate tints of pink, lime, maize, etc. It is lovely, but if you have children it will stay lovely for maybe one week. (If luck is with you!) If they dare touch the wall while eating peanut-butter and crackers, or chase each other through the house with dirt-on-the-feet, I must drop everything and get out the cleaning supplies.

The living-room in Grandma's house was cleaned after company, and stayed that way until next time — the door and blinds were closed to the dust and tousele of everyday living. We have to "live" in our living-room, and as a natural result it needs cleaning daily.

Dirty venetian blinds (my pet-peeve) cause me to long for Grandma's reliable, dark-green, window shades. They could hang for years without showing too much soil, and when they did, new ones were inexpensive. The previous owner of our house installed a blind (white, of course) on each and every window, including two above the stove — where the steam from cooking forms a dirty scum removable only with the aid of a blow torch!

In Grandma's day toys were neither plentiful nor cheap, so the children didn't own a room full. Now they are both plentiful and cheap (especially plentiful) and it takes a good bit of the day just putting toys in their places — or persuading the children to do so. Houses used to be built bigger — long hallways, large rooms, spacious porches — and they just didn't take on a messy look if a few things were out of place, like the small-size homes of today.

But, I guess I'll keep my modern house after all — I just happened to think — Grandma's bathroom was located quite a distance from the house — very inconvenient for a mother of four small ones when snow falls deep, or the yard is lake-like on rainy days!

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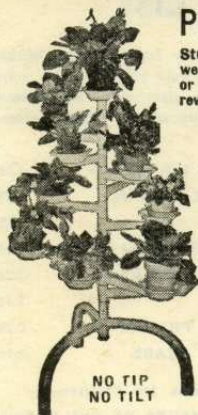


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## LETTER FROM LUCILE

Hello, Good Friends.

This is such a dreary, bleak autumn day that I honestly think it might perk up my spirits to sit down and visit with you. If you read my letter on an equally dreary day, perhaps you can perk up your own spirits by sitting right down and starting a letter to me!

This month I *really* must ransack my memory to think about any details of our summer trip. I'm sure we were there (at least we have about 35 kodachromes, plus a big stack of black-and-white pictures to prove it!) but I will confess that when you've gotten totally and completely back into all the year-around routine it *does* seem like a dream to remember a trip.

I can't think, to save myself, of any genuinely important thing that happened on our return trip aside from going to see Katharine Mary and her mother in Anderson. It was frightfully hot the entire time we were on the road (up to 104 in Ohio and Indiana) and our one goal was to get home. We didn't take a second to sight-see or stop and explore anything. Aside from the visit with Mary Beth we just methodically plodded along mile after mile.

Russell and I were laughing yesterday when we recalled the final day of our return journey. You know and I know that when you drive 2700 miles on our highways you are forced to face the fact that you *MAY* have an accident, so we were extremely cautious every inch of the way. But when we were only 50 miles from home we got almost scared and exercised even greater caution. I've always thought that it would be the height of irony to get safely across the country and then smash up almost in sight of home. I've read about such accidents in the paper and it has always seemed to me doubly bad.

We found extremely comfortable motels every bit of the way, but we had to leave the road early to be sure of a good bed. I don't think that we'll ever again travel such a distance in July. We had the hottest weather of the year to cope with the entire time, and the highways were packed with tourists — which means that you must leave the road so early to find accommodations. I guess that many people carefully make advance reservations, but when you don't know how far you're going to be able to get in a day it doesn't fit into your plans to do this. I truly do believe that the fall of the year is the one perfect time to travel, but we can never get away at that season, so . . . it looks as if in the future we'll have to take our vacations in the spring.

As I write to you today I've had my mind on Mother, Dad and Wayne, for probably just about now they are pulling into Springfield, Mass. I don't know yet if they took the Ohio Turnpike. It opened at 12:01 on October 1st and connects with the Pennsylvania Turnpike. This means that you can now drive from the western border of Ohio right into New York City on Turnpikes the entire way.



Juliana on an October day.

Doesn't that seem wonderful? I could be wrong about this figure, but it seems to me that in all of this distance (completely across two states) there are only 44 points where traffic can come in from the side. Just think of the anxiety this eliminates! I believe that everyone, without exception, is more nervous about something coming in from the side directly into his path on the highway, than any other single thing.

If you drive East this fall or winter and take the Ohio Turnpike, I hope you'll write and tell me all about your trip when you return. It will be a great day when we can drive entirely across the country on a Turnpike. won't it!

On the desk in front of me are some samples of beautiful plaid gingham that I'm trying to make a decision on. I am going to make a dress for Emily's 7th birthday on November 4th, and because she is dark and looks very good in bright colors, the predominate color in all of these samples is red. She wants a full skirt (so her fancy new petticoat will stand out!) and certainly I can manage this. I have some beautiful eyelet to trim it in — some left over from the days when I made comparable dresses for Juliana.

Do your twelve-year old girls wear mostly skirts and blouses, or skirts and sweaters? I've noticed locally that you see about one dress to twenty of the skirt outfits. Big fancy belts seem to be highly popular too. And white buck oxfords. I told Juliana when she bought the white oxfords that we were just about back where we started when she first entered school. That entire year of kindergarten I was silly enough to keep her in white shoes (well, I wasn't the ONLY one!), but from first grade until 7th grade we had brown oxfords or red oxfords. Now we're back to white. But there's one mighty big difference — she cleans them herself. And faithfully too. This surprises me. I assumed when she bought them that I'd have to nag constantly to get those white shoes cleaned, but every night of the world she takes care of it.

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## THANKSGIVING MENU

Grapefruit Juice  
Olives - Celery - Radishes  
Roast Turkey - Potato Stuffing  
Giblet Gravy - Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Peas and Cauliflower  
Cranberry and Celery Salad  
Pumpkin Pie - Coffee

## CRANBERRY AND CELERY SALAD

3 cups cranberries  
1 cup boiling water  
1 1/4 cups sugar  
1 1/2 cups chopped celery  
Mayonnaise  
Chopped salted almonds  
Wash cranberries; add sugar and water, cover and boil for 10 minutes. Skim and pour into mold. When cold cut into 3-inch squares; put 2 Tbls. chopped celery on top each square; garnish with mayonnaise and sprinkle chopped salted almonds over top. This recipe was chosen because it can be mostly prepared in advance. The jellied cranberry can be made ahead of time and kept waiting in the refrigerator. The celery can be chopped and stored in a plastic bag. The nuts can be chopped in advance. If you prefer, you could even use the commercially canned Jellied Cranberries; slice and garnish as above.

## VERY RICH PUMPKIN PIE

1/3 cup boiling water  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 1/4 tsps. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/4 tsp. cloves  
Dash of nutmeg  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 1/2 cups canned pumpkin  
12/3 cups evaporated milk  
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell  
Blend boiling water, salt and spices together. Combine with beaten eggs, brown sugar, pumpkin and evaporated milk. Mix well and pour into unbaked pie shell and bake in a 375 degree oven for about 50 to 55 minutes, or until knife inserted comes out clean. Serve with whipped cream.

## POTATO STUFFING

2 cups mashed potatoes  
1/2 cup melted shortening  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
3 cups bread crumbs  
1 tsp. salt  
1 1/2 cups raisins

## PEAS AND CAULIFLOWER

2 Tbls. butter or margarine  
1 tsp. minced onion  
2 cups cooked or canned peas  
1 cup cooked cauliflower flowerets  
Salt and pepper  
Brown the butter or margarine; add the onion. Cook until tender. Add peas and cauliflower; heat. Season with salt and pepper.

## CANDIED SWEET POTATOES

6 medium-sized sweet potatoes  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup hot water  
1 tsp. salt  
Wash and parboil sweet potatoes. Peel and cut in 1/2-inch slices. Place in baking dish and cover with syrup made of brown sugar, butter, water and salt. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes, basting occasionally with the syrup.

## CORNEB BEEF CASSEROLE

4 cups cooked rice  
2 cups cubed cooked or canned corned beef  
1/4 cup chopped onion  
1 No. 2 can (2 1/2 cups) tomatoes  
1 tsp. salt  
Dash of pepper  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
Alternate layers of rice and corned beef in greased casserole. Combine tomatoes, onion, salt, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over beef mixture; cover. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 30 minutes.

## OATMEAL BARS

1/2 cup shortening  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1 cup flour  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
Dash of salt  
3/4 cup milk  
1 cup rolled oats  
3/4 cup chopped raisins  
Cream shortening and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder and salt and add alternately with milk to creamed mixture. Add oats and raisins; mix well. Spread in greased pan 8x8x2. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 min. Cool, cut in bars and frost with Powdered sugar icing.

## COMPANY PORK CHOPS

6 pork chops, 1/2-inch thick  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. paprika  
Dash of pepper  
2 Tbls. shortening  
1 cup orange juice  
2 Tbls. brown sugar  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
6 thin slices of orange  
Season the pork chops and brown slowly in shortening over medium heat. Combine the orange juice and brown sugar and cinnamon and pour over chops. Cover and simmer for about 45 minutes, basting with the orange mixture occasionally. Place orange slice over each pork chop the last 15 minutes.

## RASPBERRY SQUARES

1 cup flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 cup butter  
1 egg  
1 Tbls. milk  
Beat the egg and milk and add to blended flour, baking powder and butter. Spread in an 8-inch square cake pan which you have not greased. Spread on raspberry jam and cover with a mixture of 1 egg, 1 cup white sugar, 4 Tbls. butter, melted, 2 cups coconut, and 1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla flavoring. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes. You could use other berry preserves if you do not happen to have raspberry on hand.

## LEMON-BUTTER FILLING FOR ANGEL FOOD

3 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
Juice of 2 lemons  
Grated rind of lemons or 1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter lemon flavoring  
1 Tbls. butter  
Beat eggs and sugar until thick and lemon colored. Add juice and rind (or flavoring) and the butter. Cook in top of double boiler, stirring constantly, for about 10 minutes. Cool. Split cake and spread on for filling and cover sides and top with whipped cream.

## ORANGE FLUFF CAKE

3/4 cup vegetable shortening  
1 1/2 cups white sugar  
3 unbeaten egg yolks  
2 1/4 cups sifted cake flour  
3 1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
3/4 cup cold water  
1/4 cup orange juice  
3 beaten egg whites  
Beat thoroughly the shortening and the sugar. Add the egg yolks and beat again. Sift the dry ingredients twice and add alternately with the cold water and orange juice. Mix very well. Fold in the beaten egg whites. Pour into 2 greased pans that have been lined with waxed paper. Use 9-inch pans. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees. This is delicious with your favorite orange filling.

## SOUTHERN STYLE STEAK

1 1/2 lbs. flank steak  
1/4 cup flour  
1 tsp. salt  
1 onion sliced  
3/8 cup of uncooked rice  
1 green pepper  
2 cups tomato juice  
Cut meat into individual servings. Season and place on well-floured cutting board. Cover with flour and pound with a meat tenderizer. Brown steak on both sides in 3 Tbls. fat. Top each portion with a spoonful of rice, onion slice and green pepper ring. Pour tomato juice over entire thing. Cover and cook slowly for 1 hour, or until the meat is tender.



### PINEAPPLE NUT COOKY

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 small can crushed pineapple
- 1 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
- 1 cup broken nut meats
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 4 cups sifted flour

Cream shortening and sugars. Add beaten eggs, pineapple, vanilla and nut meats. Sift soda and flour together and add. Mix all thoroughly, drop by small spoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake in 375 degree oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

### CHOCOLATE FILLING FOR ANGEL FOOD

- 1 cup chocolate bits
- 1/2 cup milk
- 16 marshmallows
- 1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla flavoring

1 cup cream, whipped  
Melt chocolate and marshmallows in the milk in the top of your double boiler. Remove from heat and chill well before folding in the whipped cream. This is nice to use for the filling and for frosting the outside of an angel food cake.

### MEXICAN PEPPERS

- 2 cups browned bread crumbs
- 1 cup diced cheese
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 2 tsp. minced parsley
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 8 green peppers
- 1/2 cup brown stock or water
- 1 egg, beaten

Combine first 8 ingredients, and if too dry, moisten with a little tomato juice, stock or water. Cut tops from peppers and remove seeds. Place peppers upright in baking dish. Fill with mixture and pour stock around them. Bake in hot oven, 400 degrees, for 30 minutes. Dip pepper tops in beaten egg and brown in hot deep fat. Place tops on peppers. Serves 8.

### POTATO CHEESE PUFFS

- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbls. hot milk
- 1/3 cup grated yellow cheese
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt
- 1 1/3 cups mashed potatoes, hot or cold
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. finely chopped onion

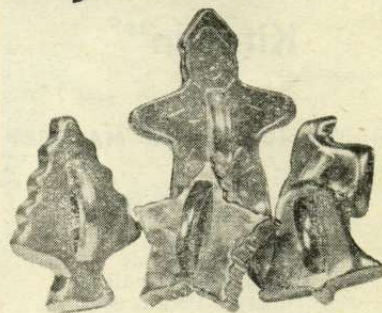
Beat 2 egg yolks well and then fold in the rest of the ingredients. Lastly add 2 egg whites which have been beaten until stiff. Fold in carefully. Place the whipped potato mixture in rounds in a lightly greased pan and brush tops with melted butter. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes. These are good served with frankfurters and a green salad.

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### LEANNA'S BUTTERHORNS

- 1 cup milk, scalded
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cake fresh or 1 package granulated yeast
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 4 1/2 cups flour

Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Add crumbled yeast and stir well. (If you use dry yeast dissolve it in warm water.) Add eggs, then flour; mix to smooth, soft dough. Knead lightly on floured surface. Place dough in greased bowl, cover and let rise until at least doubled in bulk. Divide dough in thirds, roll each third on lightly floured surface to 9-inch circle. Brush with melted fat. Cut each circle in 12 to 16 wedge-shaped pieces. Roll each wedge, starting with wide end and rolling to point. Arrange in greased baking pan and brush with melted fat or salad oil. Cover and let rise until very light. Bake in moderately hot oven, 400 to 425 degrees, for 15 minutes. For crescents, shape in curve on baking pan. This recipe makes about 3 dozen butterhorns, and because they are such a favorite with all of the Driftmiers we hope that you try them very soon.

### OATMEAL REFRIGERATOR COOKIES

- 1/2 cup soft shortening
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 tsp. lemon flavoring
- 1 1/2 Tbls. molasses
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 7/8 cup sifted flour
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups oatmeal

Mix all ingredients in order given. Shape into rolls and wrap in wax paper to chill. Slice thin and bake, using a moderate oven.

### SPICED APPLESAUCE DESSERT

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 Tbls. sugar
- 2 cups applesauce
- 1 cup crumbled graham crackers

This is one of Martin's favorite desserts! I'm sure your children will like it too. I whip the cream, stir in the cinnamon and sugar. Fold all together until marbled. I serve it immediately, but some of you may prefer letting it chill first.





## MARGERY'S DEEP IN PAINTING AND PAPERING

Dear Friends:

The lid is back on the paint can, the brush is cleaned and the first coat of paint is drying on the bathroom woodwork. When I see the beautiful picture advertisements of women painting in attractive housedresses I wonder how they do it! You should see my painting rig! I wear my oldest rags, things that I can discard when I am through with the job. Maybe I'm unusually sloppy in my painting, or perhaps I will improve with experience. Although I have done some papering, this is really the first time I have undertaken a big painting job.

I had planned to do the bedrooms first, but then we women still have the privilege of changing our minds, haven't we? I am using this new type of paper that is pre-pasted so I decided to tackle the bathroom first where I could do my practicing on smaller areas. I'll let you know how I come out on it.

The woodwork is bright yellow and the paper is brown with small yellow designs in it. There is matching fabric available so I might make curtains out of that for the window. Martin has been my assistant throughout the painting, pointing out the spots I missed. He has been very helpful! We are doing this while Oliver is on one of his business trips so we will have a nice surprise for him when he gets back.

How well I remember when Mother went to the paint and paper stores when we were youngsters. She never failed to bring home some old wall-paper books, and we would sit for hours looking through them and choosing our favorite patterns. Then we would make houses out of orange crates and paper the rooms. Other pages we would save for May Basket Time.

This all came back so clearly when I went into the store to pick out my paper and was offered some old books to take home to Martin. Some of the samples are plastic coated so we decided to make some place mats with those. There are any number of activities centered around old discarded wallpaper books so don't turn down any should they be offered. Finding a place to put them was our problem, for you will have to admit they are bulky things. Martin suggested cleaning off a large area of the workbench (since it is over-sized for our carpentry needs), and it made an ideal place for them.

We are deep in Cub Scout work now. Martin has a den meeting every Tuesday evening at one of the local churches. They are a fine group of boys and are so interested in their work. The first project has been making a bow and arrow because they are studying Robin Hood this month. The object of the Cub Scout projects

is to start it at the den meetings and complete it at home for in that way the parents can help participate and observe the progress the boys make. Many an evening finds Martin at the kitchen table whittling with his Scout knife or braiding an new bow string. He has entered this group work with much enthusiasm, and he enjoys costumes so much that he wears his new Cub Scout uniform with great pride. As Mother says, "He fairly struts, doesn't he?" The dens meet together with their families for a pack meeting once a month. This is usually a covered dish supper and it is a grand way to meet the parents of the other youngsters. I hope your sons have an opportunity to enter Scout work.

This year finds Martin taking great pride in his appearance when he leaves for school. Maybe it is because he has his Bobcat Scout pin to wear proudly. At any rate he dresses quickly in the mornings where he has dawdled in the past, and even reminds me of bathtime! He wears his hair in the Flattop style which he greases and combs straight up with much ado. We have an appearance chart hanging in the bathroom with reminders of hair, teeth, nails, face, clean hanky and a smile on his face.

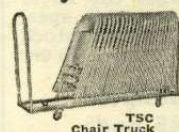
Not long ago we lost our little kitten. He probably strayed too far away and was unable to find his way home. We advertised in the paper but couldn't locate him. We certainly were aware of how many kittens needed homes, however, from all the phone calls we received. I was very busy for several days following up leads but when we realized we might not find our own kitten again, we decided to adopt another. We brought home one of the strays we heard about, saw, and decided would make a nice pet. We no sooner got her home when the phone rang again. This lady said she had a family of white Persians and she would like to give us one of those. I couldn't turn down such an offer as that so we added her to the household too. They are both nice little kittens and are company for each other. Juliana could scarcely wait to see them when we called her on the phone and was here in a matter of minutes to admire them with us. Although Martin liked his dogs, he agrees that kittens are much easier to raise in town. We are keeping a closer eye on these and hope they stay with us for a long time to come.

I suppose you are in the full swing of club meetings and committee meetings such as we are. I had such a delicious dessert at a meeting the other day. It was really very simple but certainly tasty. The hostess made Brownies in a large flat pan so they were quite thin. The baking time was shortened considerably for this. Then when the Brownies cooled, she cut it in three parts. She alternated Brownies and peppermint ice cream, making five layers in all and stored it in her freezing unit until ready to serve sliced about an inch thick with coffee. I'm very fond of the combination of chocolate and peppermint so it really appealed to me.

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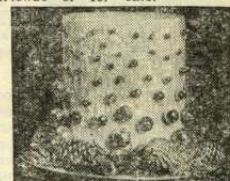


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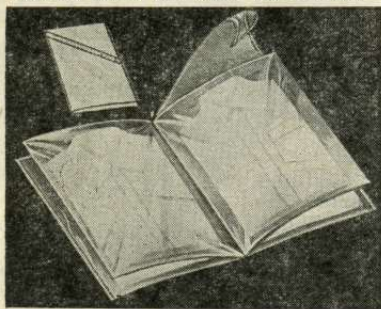
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## MARGERY'S LETTER—Concluded

Speaking of chocolate, did you ever sprinkle this new cocoa mix in whipped cream? We tried it the other night with some chocolate pudding and liked it.

I've been very interested in the letters that have come to me on household schedules. One that particularly appealed to me was this. The good friend who wrote it said that she didn't try to wash on Monday anymore. With her family the house is such a wreck by Monday morning that she spent most of the day cleaning up after Sunday. She lined up the odd jobs she hoped to accomplish during the week, planned out meals for the next few days, cleaned out the refrigerator of left-overs and sorted over the laundry for the next day's washing. On Tuesday she did the washing that would require ironing. On good days when the washing dried quickly, she brought it in as fast as she could and steamed-ironed whenever possible. Clothes that required sprinkling down, she saved to iron the next day. In her case it wasn't much, for she had a family of boys so had little starched clothing. On Wednesday she did what little ironing she sprinkled, cleaned the bedrooms, bathrooms and halls, changing bedding, towels in the bathrooms and throw rugs. On Thursday she washed these items, including the underwear and socks. None of these things she ironed, except the top hem on the sheets and the pillow slips, which she did with the steam iron and could handle as soon as she brought them in off the lines. She said she could usually clean the living room and dining room on this day too. Friday she planned her meals for over the week-end, did her marketing and usually quite a bit of baking, after which she cleaned the kitchen thoroughly. Saturday left her reasonably free. She said that many times country friends coming into town to shop would stop by for a visit, so she never really planned any major projects, unless you call getting the boys shoes shined for Sunday, seeing that they do their practicing, chores and learning their Sunday School lessons, major projects. Naturally every day has its little jobs such as dusting the furniture, sorting out yesterday's papers, meals, dishes and sweeping the kitchen floor.

If any of you have a different schedule which you would like to share with others, do send it to me for it is a subject that I believe all homemakers are interested in, don't you think?

Well, Martin is home from school now. I can always hear him coming up the street on his bicycle, for he whistles "Davey Crockett" all the way. He'll want a glass of milk and a cookie before he goes out to play with his friends so I'll close for now and fix it for him.

Sincerely, Margery

Grandma Comfort feels about life much the same way she feels about seasoning her cooking. "I never worry about it", she confides. "I figure if there isn't enough salt we can add some at the table and if there's too much, there's nothing I can do about it now anyway."



Martin's only chance to ride a pony is when he visits Kristin.

## NEW NEIGHBORS

"I wonder what sort of a neighbor she'll be."

I thought as I watched them move in. Will she always be borrowing this thing or that?

Will her children annoy with their din?

Will she gossip and scold, or will she be kind?

Is she tidy or slack as can be?

Will I like her or not? How I wish I could know

What sort of neighbor she'll be.

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Was wondering what sort of a neighbor I'd be!

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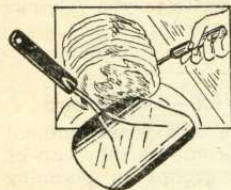
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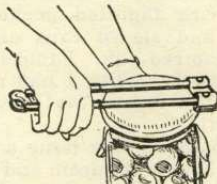
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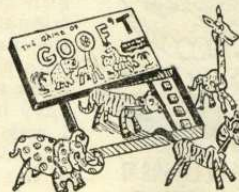
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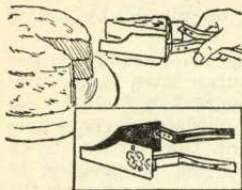
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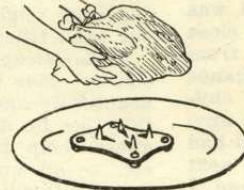
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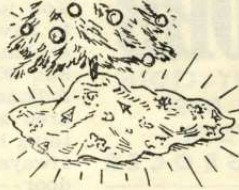
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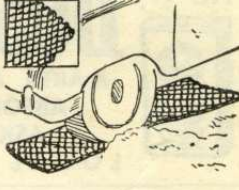
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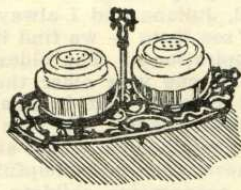
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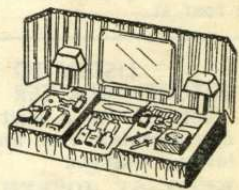
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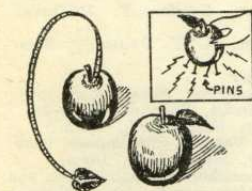
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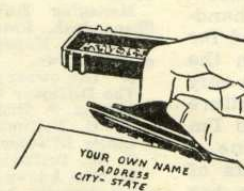
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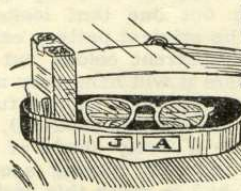
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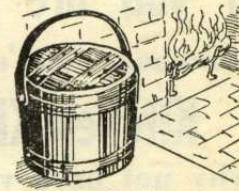
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## LUCILE'S LETTER—Concluded

Just one more note about clothes  
... the dress that Juliana is wearing  
in the cover picture is her first really  
grown-up silk dress. It is navy blue  
trimmed with fagotted pockets, and  
the neck and sleeve caps are lined  
with Chinese red silk. I told her that  
I too was twelve when I had my first  
navy blue silk dress. My! how proud  
I was of it!

You'll notice in this issue a picture  
of the ten Hilton children, and I'd like  
to say just a little something about  
them.

When we moved here nine years  
ago (goodness, it will be ten years in  
February!), I was extremely happy  
and pleased to find that the Hiltons  
lived just exactly two doors up the  
street — their back yard was directly  
across from the folks' back yard.  
You just don't know how glad I was  
to have such lovely children so close  
at hand. We had come here from  
San Francisco and the only chance  
Juliana had to play with other chil-  
dren was in the park. This was any-  
thing but satisfactory. My dream had  
always been to have youngsters next  
door — or two doors up — and I  
couldn't get over my good fortune to  
have the Hiltons so close.

Well, this was surely a short-lived  
piece of good fortune. We had been  
in our house exactly three weeks  
when the Hiltons moved to Imogene,  
a small town about nine miles from  
here. I've never in my life hated so  
to see a family move.

Russell, Juliana and I always enjoy  
going to see them — we find it down-  
right inspirational. The oldest child,  
William, is one year older than Juli-  
ana, but Robert, next in line, is ex-  
actly Juliana's age. (He was one of  
twins — the other baby died at birth.)  
You've never seen more helpful, sweet-  
natured, cooperative children. Their  
mother has achieved this without  
yelling or screaming or spanking!  
Really, it's an experience to go there  
and spend some time, believe me.

Just any day now I'm going to get  
busy and start a sampler that I'm  
making for a Christmas gift to send  
to the friends whom we visited in  
Pennsylvania. I've never before done  
a sampler and am just hoping that I  
can turn out one that looks hand-  
some. The original pattern called for  
about 25 different colors, but in the  
home where it will hang they use only  
pale blue walls and walnut furniture  
(nothing blonde and modern), so I'm  
sticking to a lovely shade of blue, a  
brilliant red and sparing accents of  
black. I had to order this design, but  
if you'll send me a stamped, self-ad-  
dressed card I'll be glad to jot down  
the number and the address. It cer-  
tainly has a lot of work on it and if  
I don't get underway very soon it will  
be Christmas 1956 before I finish it.

There are interesting letters coming  
to me at Box 67 about the most dif-  
ficult problem you're facing these  
days with your children. I think it  
would take Solomon himself to fur-  
nish the answer to some of them! But  
I still believe it helps us look at things  
more clearly to write them down in  
black and white, so in the few days  
between the time you read this and

the deadline for the letters, November  
1st, perhaps you can get one off.

The sun still isn't shining, but I feel  
a good bit more cheerful than when I  
sat down here, so you see, it did perk  
up my spirits to write to you. Thanks  
for letting me come in.

Lucile

## CHURCH SHOWER—Concluded

forget that game and entertainment  
books will be welcome as they can be  
used by various groups in planning  
Sunday School parties, etc. Also files  
of useful magazines (Kitchen-Klatter,  
of course!) would prove helpful. There  
should be someone well versed in the  
needs of the library to whom people  
can go to get suggestions on what  
books to buy to bring to the shower.

All the games at such a shower  
could feature the theme of books—  
charades might be played by acting  
out book titles.

A Landscaping or Garden Shower  
can get your church lawn landscaped  
beautifully and with fun for all. Let  
this one be an outdoor party where  
guests help plant the shrubs, trees,  
etc. — all under the supervision of  
one responsible person who knows the  
whole planting plan, of course! Per-  
haps this party could wind up with a  
weiner roast at a nearby fireplace or  
in the park if it's not too cold. Per-  
haps this shower will be one you will  
want to hold in the spring time — or  
have folks donate the shrubs now for  
spring delivery from the nursery.

These are only a few suggestions  
to remind you that if YOUR church  
is limping along on inadequate equip-  
ment, YOU can do something to rem-  
edy the situation and have fun, too  
— just have a CHURCH SHOWER.

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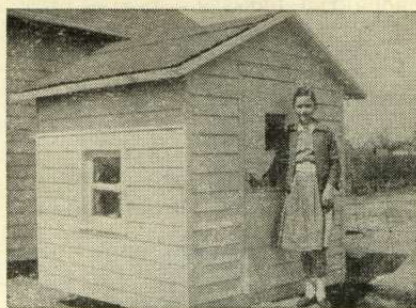
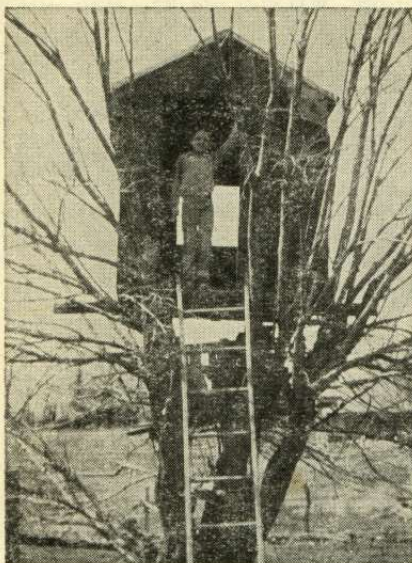
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The Frank Spencer family of Stewartville, Mo. has no housing shortage! Above is ten year old Frances with her playhouse—she is a perfect housekeeper and this led to complications for brother Jimmy who tracked in mud, lugged in his pets—and simply wouldn't be tolerated when friends brought dolls and came to visit for tea parties. That was when his father came to the rescue and built this tree house.

## MRS. LONGTAIL LEARNS TO BE THANKFUL

By Myrtle E. Felkner

"Well, well," said Mr. Longtail over the top of the Daily Mouse Gazette. "It says in the paper that today is Thanksgiving."

"So it is," agreed Mrs. Longtail. She hopped up at once and began to rinse the breakfast teacups. Then she hung up her apron, smoothed her fur a bit and said to Mr. Longtail, "I am going out to find something to be thankful for."

"Do be careful," said Mr. Longtail mildly.

"Oh, pooh," replied Mrs. Longtail, and off she went.

Mrs. Longtail scampered across the yard and along the fence to the barnyard. By and by she met Tom Gobbler. Such a sight! His wings drooped so badly that they scraped the ground, and his tail was all folded up.

"Good-morning!" said Mrs. Longtail. "Isn't this a fine Thanksgiving morning?"

"Brrrrr!" shuddered Tom Gobbler. "I was never so frightened in my life."

"How interesting," said Mrs. Longtail. "Did you have an adventure?"

"Adventure? I should say so! Mr. Baldman took me off the roost last night and tied my feet together. This morning he was just ready to chop off my head when the telephone rang." Mr. Turkey tried to gobble, but he was so frightened that his gobble got stuck and he could only squeak.

"How exciting!" shivered Mrs. Longtail. "Did he chop?"

"Don't be ridiculous. His relatives invited him to eat dinner with them, so he let me go."

"How wonderful," said Mrs. Longtail. "You must be very thankful on Thanksgiving Day. I am looking for something to be thankful for, too."

"Well," replied Tom, "I suppose I'll be too tough before next year. Yes, I believe I will be thankful! Then he tucked his wings up off the ground, spread his tail wide and strutted away. Mrs. Longtail flicked her tail and scurried on to find something to be thankful for.

By and by Mrs. Longtail came to the timber. She squeaked with joy when she found a fallen log. Mrs. Longtail loved to nibble on the bark.

"For goodness sake, stop that racket!" came a voice from inside the log. "You'll attract attention."

Mrs. Longtail was too interested to be frightened.

"I thought everyone liked attention," she said.

"Not a squirrel. Not *this* time of year. If a hunter should see me here, I'd end up in a skillet in nothing flat. Come on in if you want to visit."

"Well," said Mrs. Longtail to the squirrel as she peeked inside, "you can be thankful you have such a cozy place to hide. But I can't stay, thank you. I am looking for something to be thankful for." And off she went.

By and by Mrs. Longtail came to the hedge. Mrs. Longtail loved to play with the big green hedgeballs that were lying everywhere. She was about to push one over the edge of a little hill when she heard an agitated, "Stop!"

"What's the matter?" asked Mrs. Longtail after she had greeted her friends, the Rabbits. Father Rabbit looked very serious, and Mother Rabbit was wringing her hands.

"There are dogs in the barnyard," began Mr. Rabbit.

"And foxes in the timber," cried Mrs. Rabbit.

"And if you roll the hedgeball, they will come to see what is here."

"What is?" asked Mrs. Longtail. "Can't we run?"

"Oh, dear," said Mrs. Rabbit. "We have a whole nestful of new babies."

Mrs. Longtail felt ashamed. She begged their pardon and scurried away.

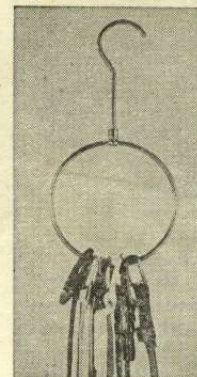
Mr. Longtail was reading a book when Mrs. Longtail got home. He had found a nice piece of cheese for their Thanksgiving dinner.

"Well, dear," he said, "did you find something to be thankful for?"

"Oh, yes," said Mrs. Longtail humbly, "I'm thankful that I'm a mouse. Just a mouse."

Mr. Longtail didn't understand, and Mrs. Longtail was too tired to explain. So she kissed him on the nose and made some ginger tea for lunch.

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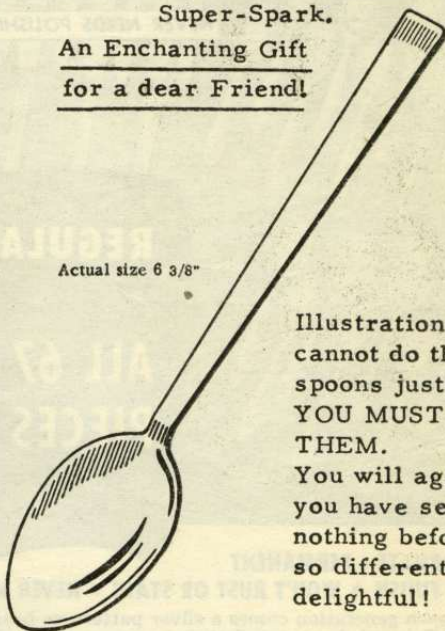


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