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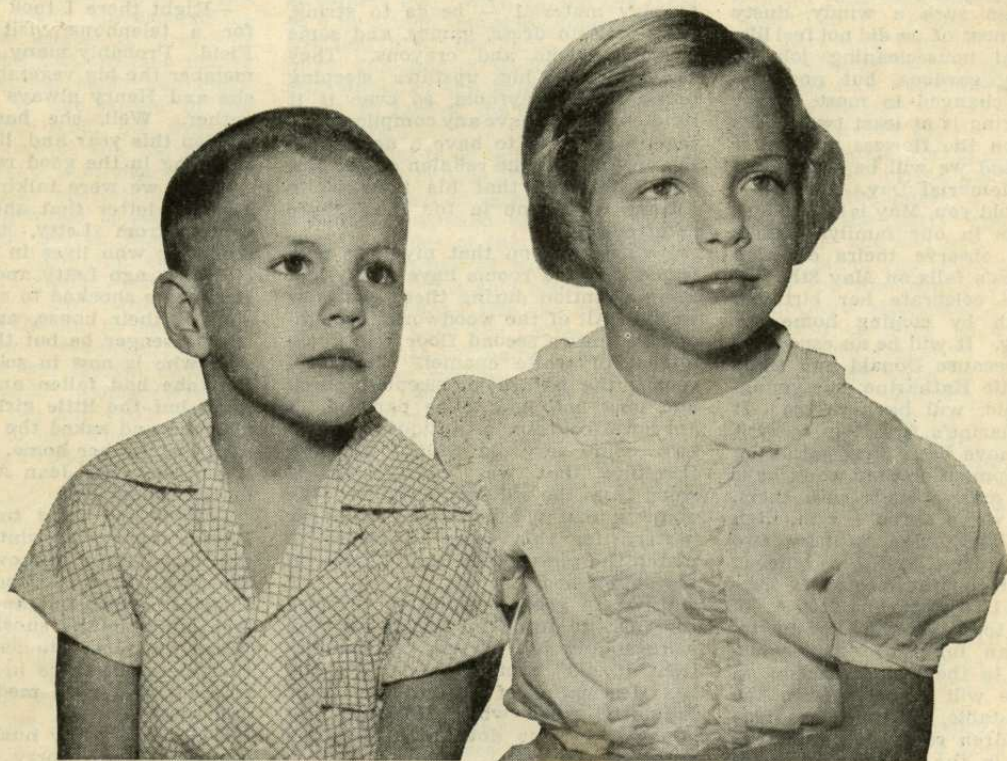
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This new photograph of Mary Leanna and David Driftmier, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Driftmier, stands in the living room of their grandparents home in Shenandoah.

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My Dear Friends:

As I sit here at the kitchen table writing to you I can hear the rain pattering on the back porch roof — and it is certainly sweet music to my ears. For the last few years we have had less than normal rainfall and it has looked as if this season was to be a really dry one, but my husband is a very optimistic man and has said that he was sure May would be the end of the dry weather. Let's all hope that the rains continue!

It has been such a windy, dusty spring that most of us did not feel like doing a real housecleaning job, or even making gardens, but now the picture has changed in most of our Midwest. Spring is at least two weeks late, but soon the flowers will burst into bloom and we will be assured of plenty for Memorial Day.

As I have told you, May is the month for birthdays in our family. Lucile and Russell observe theirs on May 3rd, Frederick's falls on May 8th, and Dorothy will celebrate her birthday on May 13th by coming home for Mother's Day. It will be an especially happy day because Donald and Mary Beth and little Katharine, our youngest grandchild, will be here too. It will be Katharine's first trip to visit us, and we have been busy gathering up baby equipment so they won't have to bring so many things with them. Fortunately we've saved a crib, high chair, etc. They plan to take two days for the drive and I'm relieved about this since most accidents happen between 1:00 A. M. and 6:00 A. M.

We plan to have the family together for an informal "help yourself" dinner in the late afternoon on Sunday. We will serve it from the dining room table, and if it is a nice day the children can eat out on the picnic table in the backyard. I will bake a ham and some rolls and make the coffee, and then Lucile, Margery, Mae and Abigail can divide up the other dishes among them. We will be remembering the birthdays of Mae, Abigail, and Mae's daughter Donna, so it will take two birthday cakes. Abigail's brother Clark (little Clark is named for him) will be with us too since he is expected soon from Phoenix for a visit.

Then we will have another family dinner when Frederick and his family are with us. I think I told you that he and his wife, Betty, and Mary Leanna and David are making a trip

out here in June for a national church meeting in Omaha. Both Frederick and Betty will attend all of the meetings, but Mary Leanna and David will spend that time with us. I do hope that their plans materialize for the little cousins here, are very excited about their visit and are making some wonderful plans. Kristin will be here and she and Juliana will supervise their activities.

In preparation for all of this I have been gathering together a collection of play material — beads to string, little dolls to dress, games, and some coloring books and crayons. They can use the big upstairs sleeping porch for a playroom, so even if it rains we won't have any complications. Martin is going to have a new sandpile in time for the reunion of cousins, and I imagine that his little white kittens will come in for their share of attention.

I must tell you that my long neglected upstairs rooms have really had some attention during these past few weeks. All of the woodwork throughout the entire second floor was given a coat of white enamel. Two bedrooms, the bathroom, sleeping porch and long hall had to be papered. I am not a collector of antiques but I do have some very old walnut bedroom furniture that was constructed of wood from the old Manti timber. We chose a real old-fashioned wallpaper pattern for this room in colors to match the pieced quilt that I have on the double bed.

It was a great temptation to close the doors to all of the closets for they were simply full of years' accumulation of old "stuff"—and that's the best description of it. But my better judgment ruled when Margery said she would come down and help me with the job.

I spent one whole day surrounded by cartons of old pictures, Christmas decorations, boxes of letters, etc. My! those closets surely held a lot. Margery got dinner for her Dad and brought me mine on a tray. If the house had caught on fire I would have gone right up in smoke too because I was so surrounded with "stuff" that no one could have gotten me out! My, such a dirty, dusty, musty job — I'm glad that it is done.

Howard came after supper and carried down the boxes that had to be disposed of. These were stacked on the back porch, and now at last they

are gone where they will do someone some good. I have just a few more curtain hanging jobs to take care of and then the upstairs will be ready for the children's visit.

Frederick called from Springfield that he had been asked to give the commencement address at Tarkio College in Tarkio, Mo., and so would be making a flying three day trip home. He graduated from Tarkio in 1939, and it was while he was there that he decided to study for the ministry. After three years of teaching in Egypt he went to Yale Divinity School to complete his education.

Margery has been busy this morning. She just came in to put 24 crinkle cups of fruit salad in the freezer and then went back home to make three kinds of ice box cookies. Abigail put in some loaves of date bread and cookies yesterday, so you see I have good help in preparing for extra guests. I want to make a ham loaf and several cherry pies, and that will finish up my frozen cherries that were put in last year. This year's freezing program is under way. I have put in asparagus and rhubarb and will have strawberries and other small fruits before too long. I hope there is a plentiful crop.

—Right there I took some time out for a telephone visit with Bertha Field. Probably many of you will remember the big vegetable garden that she and Henry always worked on together. Well, she has a wonderful garden this year and, like all of us, is rejoicing in the good rain.

While we were talking she told me about a letter that she had just received from Letty, their youngest daughter who lives in Marseilles, Ill. Not long ago Letty and her husband, Ray, were shocked to see a police car stop at their house, and who should the passenger be but their little Jean Ann who is now in school. It seems that she had fallen and skinned her knee, but the little girl with her was alarmed and asked the nearest policeman to take her home. So that's how it happens that Jean Ann was riding in the Squad car.

I enjoy my trips to California or Florida during the winter months, but not more than my own back yard. We don't have a fancy garden but I love to wheel out and spend a few free hours in the sunshine each day. When you come to see us you may find me right there in the back yard where I find good medicine for body and soul.

Well, here is my husband home for dinner. (Don't worry — it is all in the oven—baked lima beans with ham and scalloped asparagus. There is a can of peaches in the refrigerator and a loaf of home-made bread waiting to be cut. I'll plug in the coffee maker and dinner will be ready in five minutes.) Most of the time there are just the two of us here for meals and we eat at the kitchen table. What a change from the days when we had every leaf in our big dining room table!

It's a busy time of the year I know, but do get off a letter to us when you have time.

Ever your friend—Leanna

ATTENTION

We have had so many requests for help with Bridal Showers that we decided to give up the Garden Page this one month in order to use as much material as possible. However, next month we want to share with you some of the programs that many of you good friends were kind enough to send in response to my request that we share ideas on planning Garden Club activities. I have quite a collection of year books now and will devote the Garden Page in July and August to this material. I am hopeful that these suggestions will help you when your program committee meets in early September.—Lucile.

A "HEARTY" SHOWER FOR THE BRIDE-TO-BE

By Muriel Razor

This shower was planned in blue and gold, although any other colors in pastel shades may be used. When I refer to gold paper I mean the goldfaced paper with white back, and not gold foil.

Invitations: Purchase correspondence cards with matching envelopes or regular 2 cent postal cards, if you prefer. We used correspondence cards with gold edges to carry out our color scheme. Cut one-inch hearts of blue construction paper and paste one diagonally in one corner of the card. Then with gold ink draw a bow (lover's knot) at the top of the heart and a small gold heart in the center of the blue one, or make two heart frames entwined of gold paper. (Cut two 1-inch hearts, then cut a 1/2 inch heart from the center of each and paste them over lapping half-way) glue a tiny bow of blue baby ribbon at the top or bottom, or paint the bow on if you prefer. Write: "A Hearty Shower for the Bride-to-be (give her name). Come (Wednesday, May 6) at two and you'll see.

At (hostess') house where you will find, Fun and Frolic to ease your mind."

(You might ask that the gifts be wrapped in blue and gold, if convenient.)

Decorations: Choose a large living room window or a bare wall space for your "center of interest". Place a large oblong table, against the wall in this space. If you do not care to put thumb tacks in the wall or on this table it may be possible to hang a sheet above the table and pin the decorations on it.

For the back-ground decorations cut two 15-inch gold hearts. From the center of each cut out an 8-inch heart leaving a frame 3 1/2 inches wide. Mount these on cardboard and entwine (lap halfway so there is just one point). Fasten at top center of window or sheet.

Cut blue crepe paper streamers 3 1/2 or 4 inches wide. Make a large "lover's knot" (bow) and fasten at top of these hearts. Fasten about 8 strips of the streamers together, (one on top of the other). They'll be 7 1/2 ft. long (as that is the length of a bolt of crepe paper,) and attach to point of entwined hearts. Twist these



Although Mary Beth and Donald were married two years ago this past April we wanted to show you the picture that was snapped when they walked down the aisle after their wedding ceremony was completed.

streamers and fasten behind the table at 6 or 8 inch intervals, depending on the length of the table, to make a huge fan-shaped background. Cut, and staple or pin 3 inch gold hearts every 15 inches, up and down these streamers.

Cover the table with a linen tablecloth, sheet or lace cloth large enough to hang down 15 inches. Make large scallops of twisted blue crepe paper around 3 sides of the table, fastening every 15 inches at the top edge of the table. Put a gold heart over each fastening point. Use the two 8 inch hearts cut from the center of the 15 inch ones (at beginning) for the center of these scallop decorations.

At the center back of the table build a throne of three or four tiers of graduated cardboard boxes (flat and about 2 1/2 or 3 inches deep). Make this high enough that the bride doll standing on top will show nicely above the gifts placed on the table later. Cover these boxes with blue crepe paper, making ruffles (stitched through the center) of same, around the edges and paste on little gold hearts at intervals. The bride doll on the "throne" should be about 15 inches high.

Game Book: For little souvenir game books that the guests may take home, make heart shaped booklets of typing paper with blue construction paper covers. Tie book fashion, or tie twice at top of each side of hearts, with a length of gold ribbon. Decorate with gold entwined hearts on center front, or simply fold 9x12 paper and tie and decorate if the hearts are too much work.

Games: On 1st page of booklet type this story:

(Brides name) and (Grooms name) were both (1) before they met. When they were introduced they greeted each other (2) and it seemed as if they almost fell in love at first sight and surrendered their (3) promptly.

When (groom) called they sat by the (4) and talked about love. Soon they were both victims of a common disease known as (5) Sometimes (groom) thought the girl was quite (6) which gave him (7) for he loved her very much. He grew so pale that the sight of him was (8) One night as he was bidding her good night the girl gave him a flower called (9) and he was comforted. Finally he asked (bride) for her (10) and she made him happy by saying that it belonged to him already.

The missing words are. (1) Heart-whole, (2) heartily, (3) hearts, (4) hearth, (5) heartburn, (6) heartless, (7) heartbreak, (8) heartrending, (9) heartease, (10) and heart. Give 10 minutes time on this and a prize to one with most correct answers. Explain that the blanks are to be filled with words beginning with the word heart and that the number of dashes indicates the number of letters in the word.

On the next page print the numbers from 1 to 10 vertically: (Before the party ask some pianist friend to be prepared to play these songs for you.) Explain that each title has the word "heart" in it. Pianist plays only a few bars and they are to write the titles. Choose such songs as:

Let Me Call You Sweetheart, Sweetheart of the Sigma Chi, Little Sweetheart of the Rockies, etc.

Give a prize for the winner. Of course these prizes are always presented to the guest of honor at the close of the party and should be something she can use. If you don't have a piano you could ask the players to see who can write the names of the most songs with "heart" in it.

At top of next page type some phrase with the word "heart" in it, such as "My heart is yours forever, My Darling". Explain that the newlyweds are going on a wedding trip and may go to as many places, towns, or countries as you can make using only the letters in the above words. Example: London, Mts., desert, Rome, Italy, etc. Time limit 10 minutes. Prize for most correct answers.

Perhaps you'd like a game with a little action. Tie blue construction paper hearts at different heights in a doorway. Blindfold players and give them a pair of scissors to see which can cut down the most hearts. They'll probably cut the air!

Nosy Hearts: Choose 8 to 10 players and divide into 2 sides. Give each player a blue crepe paper heart. The contest is to carry your heart under your nose to the goal and back till you can touch the next player in line, without touching it with your hands. Of course it can't be done at all unless you hold your breath! The side winning the relay receives a small prize, of course. These same hearts may be carried with a drinking straw to given goal if preferred.

Nut Cups: Materials: Gold paper, blue baby ribbon and plain nut cups. Cut gold hearts (about 3 1/2 inch) with a circle or hole cut out of the center large enough to let the nut

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A LETTER FROM FREDERICK

Dear Friends:

I am writing this letter to you on a Monday evening after what has been an extremely difficult day. I have lost my voice! That is right; I can't say one word. Yesterday while I was preaching to a large congregation I could feel my voice getting worse and worse, and by the time the service was over I was unable even to speak to people at the door. I am under a doctor's care at the present time, and I hope that by the end of this week my voice will be back to normal.

Without a voice I had to conduct a funeral today. I wrote out every word of the service and then had a clergyman friend of mine read it for me. The two of us stood together, but he did all of the speaking. It was a most unusual situation for me.

It wasn't until today that I realized how people react to one who cannot speak. Time after time my secretary spoke to me with sign language forgetting that my hearing was perfectly normal. Have you ever noticed that people tend to treat a speechless person as though he had also lost his other senses? I attended a committee meeting late today where two men insisted upon writing notes to me simply because without my voice I had to write notes to them. One of the persons in my parish recently had an operation that will prevent his speaking for many months, and I think that while I am without a voice I should pay him a visit. For once there will be no embarrassment, either for him or for me. We shall both have good reason to write notes.

A Kitchen-Klatter friend out in Nebraska has written and asked me what I considered to be the biggest single difficulty of living in a city. I say first of all that it is not what many people think it is; it is not a problem of getting acquainted with one's neighbors. People who tell you that they lived in a city for months and months without knowing the names of their next door neighbors, are simply people who didn't want to know their neighbors enough to take the trouble to meet them.

Betty and I have lived in several cities both here and abroad, and we always have known our neighbors and have been good friends with them. The trouble often is that country people who move to the city don't want the city people to know that they have just moved in from the country and so they put on a somewhat sophisticated act that discourages their neighbors' efforts at friendliness.

Country people who move to the city often treat city people in the same way that I used to treat Englishmen. For years and years I used to believe that the English people were coldly unfriendly, and so when forced to live with them I tried to play their game in their way. I would try to outdo their coldness. One day I was very surprised to overhear some Englishmen saying: "Isn't it too bad that Driftmier is so unfriendly! No one dares to be nice to him!" Right



One of the most beautiful evergreen plantings in our section of the country can be seen at Rosehill Cemetery here in Shenandoah. This is the entrance.

then and there I ceased acting in a manner that I thought to be English and soon discovered just how friendly Englishmen can be. Oh, how much simpler life would be if only all of us could act in a completely natural way all of the time.

But to get back to the answer of the lady's question — I think that the biggest problem of city living is one of transportation. We always have to drive so far to get anywhere, and then when we get there we can't park the car. I think of how many of my church members drive fifteen or twenty miles to a church service, and then after they get there, they have to park the car four or five blocks away from the church. Or I think of all the problems that my Betty has taking the children to the dentist or shopping when I have the car. They have to walk several blocks to the bus line, wait twenty minutes for a bus, and then after leaving the bus downtown have to walk another five blocks to the dentist or to their favorite shop.

Before you move to the city, I want to warn you about the high cost of operating a car. I spend on an average of twelve dollars a month just for parking fees, and that is a very low figure because most of the time the car is at the church in a free parking lot. The cost of gasoline for the number of miles driven is very high, because I have to spend so much time sitting at traffic lights with my motor running. I once observed that in the fifteen minutes that it takes me to drive home from the office during the rush hour (a distance of one mile) I am actually moving just three minutes. During thirteen of those minutes I am sitting at traffic signals with my motor running. Here in the eastern urban areas we have a constant battle with ever-increasing traffic. We have so many families in such congested areas and so many of the families have one and sometimes two cars.

During the winter months many of my church families go to Florida to escape the snow and ice of New England, but this year they had a big disappointment. Most of our snow and ice came not during the winter, but during the spring. We had more snow during the month of April this year than during all the Aprils of many, many years before. Even as I write this letter in the month of May, there is some evidence of snow under some of the bushes on this block. It is all gone in front of our house, but

our neighbor still has some snow. The month of April was the coldest April ever known in the history of the Weather Bureau. When I read about some of the high temperatures you had out in the Middle West during April, I can hardly believe it.

There are always some good church families on the go — if not to Florida for the winter, then off to Europe for the summer. To plan important committee meetings for times when all the church officers can be present is difficult for me. I am learning that the most important meetings should always come between the seasons, that is, just before they leave or just after they have returned and before they leave again.

When the heat of summer finally reaches Springfield most of the church families will be off to cooler climates. Interestingly enough, because we are in the North, many of our families look for coolness to the South. Of course some go on further north to the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire, but many go south to the shore areas. Actually, our summer cottage is some distance south of here, down on the lake where we can enjoy fresh water swimming with a salty seashore breeze.

You could never guess what I am getting for my birthday! An electric train! That's right — Betty has consented to my having a new hobby, and I am planning to lay electric train track all over the third floor play room. Originally, I had merely planned on buying an electric train for David, but when I learned how many of my adult friends are taking up the hobby of miniature railroading, I decided to have the train for myself. Believe me, it is an expensive hobby! I had no idea how costly electric trains are until I bought this one. To finance the venture I shall have to sell some of my photographic equipment, but that will be all right, for I am becoming weary of taking pictures. Railroading will be something that I can do with the children. Several of my friends are donating a few pieces of equipment to help me get started, and already I am beginning to feel like a child again. This new hobby has taken ten years off my age.

Betty's hobby is flowers. She has been working very hard for the past several days getting the ground ready for planting. Because of the snow so late in the season, practically no gardening could be done until the first of May. Just tonight when I came home from the office she told me that a shipment of nursery stock had arrived from Iowa, and I know what that means for me. It means that the electric trains will have to wait for a day or two. One of our gardening problems is the fact that we are never home during July and August. We have to plant what we can enjoy in the spring and in the fall. For us, summer flowers can be a real problem with no one here to care for them.

Don't forget! If you are coming this way on your vacation, be sure to give us a call.

Sincerely, Frederick

"THREE CHEERS FOR POP!"

By
Esther Sigbee

Mother's Day has been celebrated for over forty years. We make quite a fuss over it — buy her presents and sing her praises. This is all as it should be, but after several decades of setting aside a special day for Mother, somebody finally got around to thinking of Father and now we also have Father's Day. It's the third Sunday in June.

It was about time somebody remembered Father. Though we sometimes may think of him as sort of blending in with the woodwork, paying him a little attention now and then wouldn't hurt a bit. It fact, I'd go so far as to say he deserves to have one whole day each year when everyone is decent to him!

It has become kind of a fashion on radio and TV situation comedies, to treat fathers as if they were not-quite-bright, over-grown boys. Lov-able and all that, but Mamma and the kids find it extremely easy to out-smart him. On these shows Father is always blundering. He says the wrong thing at the wrong time, paints him-self into corners when he's redecorat-ing a room, he mixes up the light cir-cuits, forgets anniversaries and just generally acts plain stupid. The big wonder to me is how the guy man-ages to earn the money it takes to buy the nice homes, the smart clothes and the expensive equipment those television families always seem to have.

Fortunately, real Daddies are lots brighter than the fictional fathers. Real Daddies are fully as indispen-sible to family living as are Mam-mas. It's Father who brings home the bacon, who writes out the checks and does most of the worrying about the hard fact of life that it takes plenty of money nowadays to keep a home and rear a family. And there are other advantages to having a father in the family.

Fathers are fun. A baby finds this out when he plays the first game of peek-a-boo with Daddy. A child's first word is often Da Da. This can be scientifically explained by saying that the D sound is easier to say than the M sound, but it does no good to try and tell a proud papa that. Fathers are fun when they romp with their youngsters at bedtime and they are lots better at getting the children to settle down and go to sleep than mothers are.

Fathers are better disciplinarians than mothers are. This is because they aren't around the small-fry so much. One word from Daddy often equals a half-hour of scolding from Mamma. I've found this out at our house, especially with our youngest. She's never had a spanking from her Dad but all I have to say when she's being especially obnoxious is, "What will Daddy say if I have to tell him about this?" and she settles down. Pop is tops with her and her be-havior improves the minute he's on the premises.

Fathers are endless sources of en-tertainment. You can go for a walk



Kent Grenier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grenier of St. Joseph, Mo. is the small boy his mother had in mind when she wrote her observations "Small Boys" on this page.

with Daddy, tiny hand grasping the big one, little feet trying to match the giant strides and have it equal a glorious adventure. Fathers are fascinat-ing creatures when they shave. Hollywood offers no better spectacle than watching Daddy spread the white foam on his face, twist his face into contortions to scrape all the crevices. The audience gets a free dab of lather on the tip of its nose, and for an encore, a small dash of after-shave lotion. Electric shavers may be an excellent way of removing whiskers, but the soap and water way is preferred by the little shavers.

Little boys need fathers for they are mighty handy when it comes to fishing trips, baseball games, hikes and camp-outs. And Dad is an ex-celent object for hero worship. "Just like Daddy" is a good way to be. If Pop has the habit of walking around with a hand in his pocket, it is likely that Junior's small paw will find its way into his pint-sized blue jeans. If Dad doesn't like broccoli, his son probably won't touch the stuff. If Father is kind, reverent and honest, there's a good chance Sonny will try to be also. If Dad lets go with a few cuss words now and then, Junior is sure to pick these up. Imitation can be the sincerest form of flattery and it can also be the mirror held up to reveal Dad's shortcomings.

Fathers have a special responsibility toward daughters for it is from Fa-ther that a little girl first learns about men. If Dad is a pretty good guy, and daughter develops a com-panionable relationship with him she'll find it so much easier to get along with her boy friends, just a few years later. It will undoubtedly in-fluence her in her choice of husband for from the way her Dad treats his wife and family come her attitudes toward marriage and family life. So if Dad wants a decent son-in-law and a nice crop of grandchildren some day, he'd better see to it that he is a good father to his little girl.

Fatherhood in its highest sense is

the term we apply to the relationship of God to the universe and to man in particular. It is because God is our Father that His love prevails over His wrath at our disobedience. To what higher example can we look?

Daddy may be grumpy at times. He may complain that he is ignored, unappreciated, exploited and just generally kicked around. He should know how we really feel about him and Father's Day is the perfect time to tell him. He is the Apple of our Eyes, the Source of our Livelihood and just generally, The Nicest Guy in the World. Three cheers for Pop on Fathers' Day!

SMALL BOYS

By Mildred Grenier

Much has been written extolling the virtues of small boys; I would like to add these observations of my own.

Little boys are made up of stubbed toes, torn jeans, shirt tails out, un-combed hair, mud from the ravine; yet when you look into their the-world-is-so-full eyes, you know in your heart you've never seen anything so clean . . . Little boys are made up of "cross my hearts", "for reals?", shouts, bells, fire sirens screaming over the hill; yet when the boyish voice is stilled, the void is never so poignant, the silence never so still . . . Little boys break things, spill things, drop things, yet grasped tight in that small grubby hand is a staunch belief of a God in his heaven not to be equaled by woman or man . . . Little boys trip over things, stumble over rugs, and are made up of bubble gum, pie, and chocolate cake.

Emptying a little boy's pockets is like taking a furtive peek into his little soul — like standing on the side and watching while the baby and the man struggle alternately for control.

Little boys are made up of a dis-like for washcloths, pills, soaps, naps, intolerance and sham; they are made up of a kindness for the helpless and all that ever slithered, crawled, squirmed or swam . . . They are made up of an instant liking and trust for all of God's "guys" and when that trust is broken and betrayed beyond all doubt, a part of that little boy dies . . . Little boys are the most precious of creatures in God's in-finite plan; yours to have and to mold until you give to the world, of your making, a man.

HOUSECLEANING

She worked like a slave all the morn-ing, Perspiration dropped from her brow As she gathered trash from the base-ment, Dragged it out to the curbing some-how.

There were obsolete bottles and tires, Garden hose and a broken screen door; Old boots, scrap iron and a lawn mower

That had littered the basement floor. She waited all day for the trashman, For the truck to be late was a sin . . . Her husband arrived much too early And brought all the rubbish back in.

—Etta Gruen Dobbie.

A LETTER FROM MARGERY

Dear Friends:

When I wrote last month I was getting ready to have a tonsillectomy and happily report that I am now without tonsils and back to normal routine. I expected to be in the hospital for only one day, but ended up having to stay for four days. I expect the extra rest was also a big help in such a quick recovery. Oliver has three sisters who are registered nurses and one lives in this area so she came to stay with me the first day.

Shenandoah has a very nice hospital. In recent years two wings have been added to it so that it will now accommodate fifty-eight patients.

I got two of the little dresses smocked while I was recuperating. I haven't made Katharine's yet and am so glad I waited for Aunt Martha brought over a charming little pattern for a smocked topper and panty set that is new to me. As many times as I looked through the pattern books I had never seen it. Naturally I'm anxious to try it. The panties have a little smocking on them too. I haven't decided upon material for this one but will try to get some soon. I think that it would be sweet in yellow and white check with brown smocking.

The reason I hadn't started on Katharine's dress is because I became interested in cross-stitching a skirt for one of Oliver's nieces. She is Martin's age and they are in the same room at school. Kathleen is quite blond so I chose a bright blue heavy cotton suiting and am cross-stitching it in white and red with the white predominating. I have it about two-thirds done. The band of cross-stitching is about five inches deep and the skirt is two yards around the bottom. The pattern is the same one Mother used for similar skirts for Juliana and Kristin.

My! Oh, my! The biggest news this month I have forgotten to mention until just this minute when I heard the little cries. We have our first family of baby kittens. Our white Persian, Snow White, has five little kittens just over two weeks old. They are so dear. I think baby kittens are cunning as can be. There are two white ones exactly like the mother and are named Spin and Marty. One little white one has two black dots on its head and has been named Ambitious. Two are black and white and have been named Saccafrass, Jr. and Tiny (the smallest of the five.) These names are of course temporary for we hope to find homes for at least four of them and they will undoubtedly be given new names. To date we have three promised but one of those is a bit on the doubtful side. When they are a little older we'll let Martin choose the one to keep. We would like to keep all of them and know it will be hard to part with them when the time comes but our other cat is expecting a family also and you'll agree, I'm sure, that *that* would be a few too many to feed. Now if any of you come to Shenandoah to visit this summer and decide you would like



Oliver's work keeps him away from home very frequently, but when he is in town he has many games of checkers with Martin.

one of our kittens, DON'T hesitate to see me about it!

Last month I mentioned that I was going to slip-cover the chair in Martin's room in some gold sailcloth material I had on hand. Well, that turned out to be *not* such a practical idea after all. I draped the material over the chair for several days to see just how we did like it and in just those few days I found how impractical it would be so I changed my mind in a hurry. I just couldn't see having it in the wash *every* week. But, I did get busy with the material anyway. I made a slip cover for a foam rubber pad for the deacon's bench in the dining room bay window and have the material cut out for pads for the dining room chairs. The pads have deep ruffles around the front and will look so nice when they are finished. It will help save scratch marks on the chairs too. The drapes in that room are the same gold color.

Our croquet set is already out for the summer, and the youngsters in the neighborhood have been having a great time knocking the balls around and show so much improvement over last summer. Even little Clark participates and is learning to knock them about, but the great difficulty lies in the fact that he is ready to hit at *any* ball at hand and many times I hear raised voices and hear Clark give up and head for the sandbox. I'm afraid that at times Clark isn't too welcome in a croquet game!

We've been having such lovely showers. We aren't losing any of the moisture either for every bit of it is soaking into the thirsty earth. How green everything seemed to turn over night! Even though it did interfere with delivering May baskets on that very important night we didn't complain for we've spent many an anxious day watching rain clouds pass us by.

Martin is reporting from school every day on how many dental cards have returned. Each fall the youngsters are given dental cards which are to be signed by their dentist and returned to school after the necessary dental work has been completed. They hope that their room will be 100%. They have almost reached their goal. At the end of the school year there is a film especially suitable for the children shown in one of the local theaters for all those who returned their dental cards.

I attended a Smorgasbord recently which was sponsored by the 4-H girls. It was very well attended and proved to be a financial success. They had two lines moving around the tables

which speeded up the serving. It was well organized with the girls themselves waiting tables. Some were in Swedish costume and some in their 4-H uniforms. The food was excellent. Perhaps some of your groups would like to plan such an undertaking next year. Most of the tickets were sold in advance so they knew about how many to prepare for.

Our good neighbor, Mrs. Howard Alexander, invited me to be her daughter at the Methodist Mother-Daughter Banquet this past week. Her own two daughters live in Tucson so were unable to attend. The theme was "Hats off to Mother". I wish you could have seen the tables. They were simply beautiful! Down the center of each long table were lavender and purple runners of crepe paper and all along them were potted African Violets. When they planned the dinner in February they anticipated lilacs in bloom but with the flowers so late there weren't enough. The violets looked lovely, though. (This might just serve as a warning to others always to be prepared with a color scheme where a substitute could be arranged.) Beside each place was a hat pincushion. These were used as favors and caused much comment from the guests. They were the same shades of lavender and purple as the runners down the tables. The crowns were lavender and filled with cotton and the brims were purple with pink or yellow ribbon around them. Can't you picture what a lovely sight this made? They used lavender napkins which were stuck between the tines of the forks and looked like butterflies taking wing. There was lovely music and appropriate readings.

The main speaker was Mrs. Lloyd White from Kansas City, Missouri. She is known as the "hat lady" and has speaking engagements throughout the entire Midwest. Many of you have written to us about her so I was anticipating her talk which was most entertaining. I hope that I will be privileged to hear her again sometime soon.

I know that Mother tells you in her letter about the visits we are expecting from various members of the family so I won't go into detail except to say how eagerly we are waiting to see them and what a wonderful time we are going to have. We'll have more to say about those visits next month.

Until then, Margery

THE DIFFERENCE

Little girls have frilly dresses,
Fussy ribbons for their tresses,
Rings and things and golden lockets—
But little boys have POCKETS!

—Carlita Pedersen

COVER PICTURE

Mother and Dad treasure this new photograph of Mary Leanna and David, their grandchildren in Springfield, Mass. We promised to get it safely home from the printers so we could share it with you.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS JUST FOR HER

By
Virginia Thomas

For the bride who has been given "simply everything" in the way of linens and household wares, how about honoring her with a "just for her" personal shower using a hearts and flowers theme?

We will use a pink and white color scheme throughout, but of course you will try to use your bride's chosen colors. Silver always makes a nice accent color to work in with pastels, too.

Write the *invitations* with white ink on fat pink hearts cut from heavy paper. Cut larger hearts of pink nylon net. Cut out the center in heart shape so that the net heart can be glued to the heart invitation to form a net border around the heart. You might even use two net hearts, one pink and one white, to frame the heart invitation. The invitation might read, "It is our *heartfelt* wish that you come to Mary Jones' house on Tuesday P. M. at two o'clock and join us in giving Margaret Smith her heart's desire with a personal shower that she may make herself the more beautiful for her heart's choice. Signed _____"

DECORATIONS: Buffet or table arrangement. Use a large heart cut from white styrafoam as the base. Cut several strips of both pink and white net and gather layers of ruffles which you fasten to the bottom edge of the heart with pins. Glue or sew sparkling sequins to the net ruffles. In the center of the heart arrange a corsage type bouquet of roses, or other available flowers. Or you might use a bride and groom arrangement in the center of the heart. The flowers would be loveliest, however, and might be presented to the honor guest later.

This centerpiece might be surrounded with *Powder Puff Cuties* which are the party favors. For each favor, use one of the smaller flesh colored puffs done up in cellophane (or wrap them yourself). Then sketch a cute girl's face on one side of each wrapped puff — crayola will work. Button or bead eyes may be pinned on, if desired. Add curled paper or yarn hair, and even tiny hats in various styles, if you like to let your imagination take over! Complete each powder puff gal with a bow of ribbon at the neck, and perhaps a bit of a net ruffle at the neckline. Add a few sequins to the net collar.

For the nut cups, cut more hearts of the pink and white net, allowing three or five hearts to each cup. Cut a small hole in the center so the hearts can be slipped up over the bottom of the nut cup to form layers of heart ruffles around the top of the white nut cup. Glue more sequins to these net hearts. Lastly cut center from tiniest white paper doilies and slip under the net ruffles as a lacy frame.

Clever personal napkins or place-mats can become the laughter makers at your party if you will cut heart-shaped ones from clear plastic yard-

age or pink plastic. (Use pinking shears.) Then, with a paint brush or tube paints write descriptive adjectives with each guest's name on each napkin, or mat, such as "Angelic Alice", "Amusing Angeline", "Sweet Susan", "Pretty Patty" etc. This type of a napkin becomes a special souvenir if the hostess has written a favorite recipe on each one!

PRESENTING THE GIFTS might well feature a Parade of Hearts. For this the hostess will have cut out large hearts from heavy cardboard and covered them with pink paper. A frill of net might be tacked around each heart, if you wish. These hearts become the "trays" on which the hostess and her helpers carry in the gifts at the proper time. Perhaps someone could play some popular tune on the piano — a song with the word *heart* in the title — as the first heart load of gifts is carried in.

GIFT suggestions for this shower might include everything in the cosmetic line, plus lingerie, if the guest list is large. And, just for fun, why not tuck in a few masculine "beauty aids" for the groom? Of course a mud pack kit or old-fashioned curlers will add a laugh to the gift opening.

As the gifts are unwrapped designate one person to see that the pretty ribbon bows on each package are left intact with streamers of the ribbon attached. Have ready as many paper plates as there will be ladies in the wedding party. Gather up a large cluster of these colorful bows to form a "bouquet". Now place a lace paper doily on each plate, cut a hole in center of the plate and doily, then insert the streamers from the bows through the plate and presto! a clever keepsake bouquet for the ladies of the wedding party to carry at the wedding rehearsal!

With the use of heart-shaped cookie cutters, salad molds, etc. the refreshments, too, can carry out the theme of the party.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SHOWERS

By
Mildred Cathcart

Miscellaneous type showers have always been popular, but they have one genuine drawback: almost without exception there are duplicates and the bride-to-be finds herself with three or four egg-beaters, or something comparable. This is why one definite type of shower is becoming increasingly popular, particularly if the honored guest has already been entertained at a miscellaneous shower.

Right here it seems fitting to comment about showers in general. There have been some very candid articles written in recent years about the burden it becomes to buy several gifts for the bride-to-be. Many a girl finds herself almost dreading to open the small envelope that contains another invitation. What should be a joyous occasion develops into something far different, and this seems a shame since in our hearts we wish the bride-to-be only the best and are genuinely happy to share her pleasure.

Common sense certainly should dic-

tate what you do. If you find yourself compelled to be the last hostess after a series of affairs, spare your guests' pocketbook by making it a kitchen gadget shower and limiting the price to 50¢. One wise hostess asked each girl to bring an unhemmed dish towel and they had a very happy evening just visiting while they hemmed. You can be very sure that everyone will feel infinitely more relaxed and will consequently have a much better time if there isn't the sense of strain that comes from feeling compelled to do something that you can ill afford.

If there are positively no complications of the type mentioned above, you can concentrate on any number of things.

A china shower is one that would thrill any bride. Find out what pattern she has selected and ask each guest to bring something in it. Most stores keep a list of the items that are purchased so there won't be too many luncheon plates and not enough cups! If the china is quite expensive probably several girls will want to go in on one large piece such as a platter or covered vegetable dish.

A silver shower is even more wonderful, of course, and definitely calls for several friends going in on one item.

A trousseau shower with personal gifts of lingerie, hose and anything else in the wearable line is lovely — and extremely practical.

A linen shower gives many girls who pride themselves on their handwork an opportunity to finish up the luncheon set they've been working on, pillow cases that need just a few more stitches, etc.

Most of these showers just mentioned call up the picture of frills and lace. This seems the occasion for using the Irish linen tablecloth, the best china and silver. The centerpiece could be in the form of a bridal bouquet. At each place a miniature corsage could be tied to a small lacy doily with colored ribbons to carry out the bride's color scheme. Down the center of the table you might make the bridal party using small dolls that are dressed appropriately.

If you wish something less fancy, why not use a tiny toy car for the centerpiece? With nail polish write "JUST MARRIED" on it and put a miniature bride and groom inside. Scatter a bit of rice about, and do not forget to tie on tin cans and old shoes. Tiny cans that come with a child's store outfit and doll shoes can be used.

When you present the gifts you might find two tiny children to be dressed as bride and groom. Have them ride into the room in a toy automobile with some of the less fragile gifts tied to the back of the car.

A really successful shower is the one where the hostess enjoys herself as much as the guests. Don't attempt too much and you'll have fun at your own party!

Some people are making such thorough preparation for rainy days that they aren't enjoying today's sunshine.

THE MERRY-GO-ROUND

By

Hallie M. Barrow

There is an old saying that if you keep some worthless object around long enough, in time it will turn into an antique and have value! So, if you happen to have an old merry-go-round that is falling into ruin, refurbish it and start in business, for the merry-go-rounds that everyone thought had gone out of style with the horse-and-buggy era are now enjoying a thriving comeback.

One man who had several vacant lots full of old merry-go-round models and equipment was Paul Parker of the Parker Amusement Company, Leavenworth, Kansas. The junk dealer didn't want all the odds and ends; it was expensive to have them hauled off; and besides, as a sort of hobby, he worked with what was on hand and assembled a few each year. In 1953 he even made four to fill that year's quota of orders.

Then, too, there was quite a bit of sentiment connected with the old merry-go-round factory and lots. Although the business was practically gone, Paul Parker hesitated to make a final clearance of what had been his father's lifetime business, pride and joy.

The late C. W. Parker was the founder of this "Kansas Carrousel", only he didn't give that word "Carrousel" its French pronunciation. He shortened it to "carry-us-all"—it was still the same thing, being carried 'round and 'round to music.

However, he first started the business by making mechanical shooting galleries. He carved the wooden targets by hand. Before long other amusement equipment was being assembled, including the carrousel or merry-go-round. Paul Parker still has in his possession a very old newspaper which states that an Abilene youth named Dwight D. Eisenhower was employed to help sandpaper the merry-go-round horses!

(Another odd job boy in this first factory at Abilene was Glenn Martin who later became famous in aviation and headed the Martin Aircraft Company.)

C. W. Parker was known as the "king of the amusement world" and later was called the Henry Ford of Abilene. He moved his factory and personnel from Abilene to Leavenworth in 1910, and from Leavenworth more than a thousand merry-go-rounds have been shipped to points all over the world.

But for some reason, folks quit riding the merry-go-round. The factory became deserted except for the occasional tinkering around of son Paul. He doesn't understand why, all of a sudden, more and more people are looking for seats on a merry-go-round. Perhaps the nation is so dizzy from conflicting forecasts of hot and cold wars, politics, weather and business that people find it downright soothing to take a whirl on the old merry-go-round! At any rate, after that all-time low quota of four orders in 1953, business began picking up and in the month of January alone, 1954, Paul



These four youngsters live in Montclair, N. J. with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sayre. Their mother is Margery Conrad Sayre, Aunt Sue's daughter. On Sunday afternoons Thomas (5), Susan (12), Carolyn (9), and Lucinda (2) play with the Noah's Ark that their mother and daddy made for Thomas' fifth birthday.

had orders for eighteen. Since then business has been doubling and doubling, and he soon had plans set up that call for two finished machines every week.

Merry-go-rounds vary from 30 to 50 feet in diameter and carry from 20 to 60 horses. The demand now is for the smaller size. They are easier to dismantle and truck from show to show. Then too, the bulk of the machines go to the Kiddie-land amusement business. Motels, open air theaters and drive-ins think that a merry-go-round with free rides for the youngsters is one of their best advertising mediums. And this desire of tots to ride horses may be partly responsible for the merry-go-round comeback.

Nowadays children see countless riders on television programs, and they also enjoy watching riding clubs perform in parades, horse shows and rodeos. By mounting one of the charging steeds on the carrousel, bright with gay colored trappings and seeming to be in full gallop, a child can see himself as his favorite cowboy performer.

Paul Parker has kept abreast of the modern riders' demands. There was a time when you climbed on a merry-go-round and rode on a series of animals. They were paired and you had your choice of elephants, camels, lions, giraffes, etc. Children in this day and age want nothing but horses, so their choice now is limited to the kind of a horse they prefer to ride. It might be a Palomino, pinto, small pony, or a big charging horse painted jet black, pure white, or spotted. But one thing they all have in common is that they seem to be leaping full speed ahead.

How surprised the makers of the first carrouseis would be if they could return and see how their original models have been improved! At first you rode in a sort of basket that swung out a short distance after the machine started. It might have been operated by small boys pushing on a lever in the middle and around and around at the hub. (Their pay came in the form of free rides later.) A few years after this, a mule was added and went around and around. Some folks can remember when merry-go-rounds were run with a steam boiler out at one side, and my grandfather could recall that when this latest improvement was made and the operation was taken away from the center hub, a

small orchestra of colored musicians occupied the space in the middle. They furnished exciting music when you started round and round.

Another major change took place in 1923 when metal horses were added. Until this time there had been only wooden animals on the merry-go-round. Plans for future improvements include an aluminum platform covered with a non-slip rubber mat. The horses are now made of an aluminum alloy and each one is painted with eight different colors. These aluminum steeds weigh fifty pounds each. And it might interest you to know that a 30-foot merry-go-round with about that many horses will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00. If you plan to use it in our section of the country you'll have around twenty-two weeks in which to collect fares.

When we asked Paul Parker if he remembered any special order with an unusual story connected with it, he said that the merry-go-round they made for the Sultan of Java during his father's lifetime would certainly qualify. It was in 1916 that the Sultan made a trip to Leavenworth to see for himself what kind of a trinket he could get for a sizable sum of money. He looked around carefully and was sufficiently enchanted to leave an order for a merry-go-round for his wives. He stipulated that it *must* have 48 horses so that all 48 wives could ride at the same time. This would prevent friction!

Certainly it was a most elaborate merry-go-round. It was entirely hand-built with many jewels and much gold and silver ornamentation. Mirrors added to the gaudiness, and there was finely-carved scrollwork wood finishing on every available spot. We decided that the harem probably enjoyed this fancy merry-go-round very much indeed, particularly at night when all 3,000 lights were going full tilt.

Just what is the charm of a merry-go-round ride? Well, who should know better than Paul Parker who is reputed to make 80% of the merry-go-rounds that are turned out today. He says,

"This world of ours has been going 'round and 'round and getting nowhere since Time began. Merry-go-rounds do the same thing. But on merry-go-rounds people get to hear music and ride horses in addition to going 'round and 'round and getting nowhere.

"Many parents put their kids on a merry-go-round just so they can ride themselves. They wouldn't think of climbing aboard without having the kids for an excuse. But when you feel the horse under you quiver, and when the music starts . . . well, for a few moments you're out of this world!"

WHEN EVERYTHING CAN WAIT

The dishes are waiting,
The floor is unswept;
Mounds of laundry are waiting,
The house is unkept.

Time flies by unnoticed,
We are still as a mouse,
We whisper and tip-toe . . .
There's a babe in the house.

—Gladys N. Templeton

LETTER FROM LUCILE

Hello, Good Friends:

This is the tail end of a very busy day and I don't know of any better way to "unwind" before climbing upstairs to bed than to write a letter to you.

I don't know what you cherish as your most-hoped-for goal, but I can tell you right off the bat that my great dream is to be able to go to bed on the ground floor! When the proverbial old ship comes chugging into harbor someday we expect to build a bedroom on the first floor, and my! what a happy day that will be.

If you've ever visited our garden and consequently have any kind of a visual picture of the house you may wonder where we contemplate building on this room. Well, there is sufficient space in an area where we have a pronounced jog at the rear of the house — not enough space for an impressive "master bedroom", you understand, but one big enough to accommodate the necessary furniture. What is now a window at the end of the living room will be opened for entrance to it. All in all, it's a good area for the purpose we have in mind, and someday we'll put our plans into action. In the meantime I'll trudge up an old-fashioned, winding staircase!

Have you ever noticed how everything seems to move in a cycle? I have a series of days when nothing at all unexpected pops up, the telephone doesn't ring any more than usual, and things take an orderly course from sunup to sunset. Then there are days — well, you know THAT kind! This was one of them. Furthermore I knew by 11:00 o'clock that this was one of them for the day began with a long-distance call at 6:45, another at 9:30, and a totally unexpected request to make a cake for emergency reasons at 10:15. I didn't need to spend anymore of the day figuring out what kind it was going to be.

About the cake . . . I made a Brown Velvet cake and it turned out beautifully — thank goodness. We've had the recipe in Kitchen-Klatter and it is also in our Cake Book, so the next time you want to try something different I would like to suggest that you turn to it. I've never run into exactly the same flavor in any other recipe.

Just now it occurred to me to mention something that I don't believe I've ever referred to before. In most friendly Midwestern communities I think it's the custom to take in food to homes where there has been a death in the family. As a rule there are out-of-town relatives and friends expected, and certainly no one intimately involved with the trouble has any heart to cook and put on big meals. So it is a great help and comfort to have food brought in — no doubt about it.

But there is a little hitch in it too, and this is the fact that there are so many duplicates — generally in the dessert department. I once knew of a case where the family had six big



Juliana and Saccafrass "talk to each other" on a May afternoon. Now that India has disappeared, Saccafrass rules the roost and is the one you will see when you visit our garden.

cakes on hand and four molded salads. This doesn't go very far towards putting on a substantial, filling meal.

That's why our St. John's Guild has worked out a very sensible plan. As soon as the trouble arises the particular committee responsible for such details gets busy and makes out a list of food that can be prepared and transported without difficulty. Then they telephone and round up all of the items; if you haven't any way to get your casserole or salad to the right place at the right time they come and pick it up. They are also responsible for setting the table, serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. It has been a Godsend to the homes where sadness has struck, and it certainly is a much more realistic and practical way of showing your sympathy and concern.

If you have never organized your forces to do anything like this I believe that you'd find it a worthwhile project to discuss when you're lining up your plans for the coming season.

This last month we had a most unexpected visit from my cousin Harold Driftmier, his wife Mary and their nine-year-old son, Donald. They live in Denver, but a business trip to Omaha made it possible for them to swing by here and see us overnight. Harold, Russell and I hadn't seen each other since 1939, and we had never had the opportunity to meet Mary and Donald, so it was a most happy time.

Mary is alone a great deal because Harold's work demands that he travel almost constantly (he drives over 3,000 miles per month), and she has found solace for many long, lonely evenings by learning to sew beautifully. She purchased one of these wonderful new machines with every conceivable gadget, and I marveled at the highly professional details that she has mastered. If I lived in Denver I'm afraid that Mary would find me at her doorstep frequently with some fierce sewing problem in hand!

When I read Frederick's letter this month with his discussion of city traffic and parking problems I thought of something that Harold mentioned about their last vacation

that they spent in Los Angeles. Harold's parents, Uncle Harry and Aunt Edith Driftmier, live there and Mary's family does too. Los Angeles has now become such an incredibly sprawled out city that in order to visit all of their relatives and friends they drove over 1,000 miles in ten days without leaving the county!

In the eleven years that have passed since Russell and I left Los Angeles it has changed so much that I'm positive we wouldn't recognize anything. The great new Freeways have been built, whole new towns have sprung up in what we knew as tranquil, open countryside, and by comparison the city that we knew could only be called an overgrown town.

Yet even then we felt badly handicapped by the vast distances that it was necessary to drive if we wanted to call on friends. It seemed to me that everytime we met someone whom we knew we would enjoy it was only to discover that they lived twenty miles away — and heavy traffic every inch of it. Several of our good Minneapolis friends settled in Los Angeles while we were there, and it was such a battle simply to get to their homes that we scarcely ever saw them.

I know that many families are contemplating a move to some large city, and it seems to me that it's only the better part of wisdom to think about this kind of a problem before the final step is taken. If you're young and have extremely steady nerves and if traffic doesn't fluster you in the least, this won't seem like a problem to you. But if you're "getting on" and feel uneasy on Freeways where traffic is moving at a terrific clip, then it's a genuine reality to study carefully.

I noted too what Frederick said about parking fees. Probably he has his own garage, but we have friends in New York who spend over \$45.00 per month keeping their car under cover at night. Goodness knows what their daytime parking fees are down town. I'm just glad that I don't have to pay them!

Our schools will be out about the time you read this, and Juliana can scarcely wait for her first summer visit to the farm. She's one youngster who should have been born and reared in the country, and I'm afraid that when she's grown and meets people who tell her that they could scarcely wait to get away from the farm, she'll never be able to comprehend how they could possibly feel this way. Every inch of Dorothy's and Frank's farm is dear to her — she thinks of it as her second home.

We're hoping to get away for a short trip around June 1st but nothing is definite as yet. That's about the only time I can snatch since my summers are given over to writing the nursery circulars and catalogs that you friends take out of your mail box in the spring and autumn, so if there's to be any break in the routine it has to come before I start.

The clock says midnight and 5:30 comes very soon, so I must say good-night and trudge upstairs. Until the next time . . . Lucile

"Recipes Tested

in the

Kitchen - Klatter Kitchen"

By

LEANNA, LUCILE and MARGERY

DELICIOUS STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

- 1 qt. strawberries
- 4 cups of sugar

Place hulled and cleaned strawberries in a bowl in layers and sprinkle sugar over them. (Don't try to cook more berries than the 1 qt. at one time unless separate kettles are used.) Let stand 12 hours. Then bring quickly to the boiling point and cook quickly for 15 minutes. Place in a crock and let them stand for two days, stirring gently several times each day. Then put the preserves in glasses and cover them at once with paraffin. Berries handled in this way will hold their rich color, and when ready to seal should be plump and perfect in shape.

RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

- 2 cups diced rhubarb
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup sweet cream
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 Tbls. cornstarch
- 1 unbaked pie shell

Cover the rhubarb with boiling water and let stand until you are ready to use it. Mix together the beaten egg yolks, sugar, salt and sweet cream in which the cornstarch has been dissolved. Drain rhubarb and mix with above ingredients. Turn into unbaked pie shell and bake in a 350 degree oven until the filling is firmly set. Cover with meringue made from the two egg whites beaten stiff to which you have added 4 Tbls. sugar. Bake in a 475 degree oven until meringue is slightly browned.

CINNAMON BUNS

- 2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 tsps. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 Tbls. butter
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 2 tsps. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sugar

Sift together flour, baking powder, soda, salt and sugar. Add butter and mix well with hands. Add milk, stirring thoroughly. Place on well flour-ed bread board. Dust mixture with flour and roll into rectangular strip about 1/2 inch thick. Dust with mixed cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle top with raisins and fold dough into a roll. Cut into 3/4 inch slices. Place in well-buttered tin and bake in hot oven for 15 minutes.

WHOLE WHEAT REFRIGERATOR ROLLS

- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 2 packages granular or compressed yeast
- 1/4 cup lukewarm water
- 2 tsps. salt
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 2 eggs
- 3 3/4 cups white flour
- 3 3/4 cups whole wheat flour
- 1/3 cup shortening melted

Scald the milk and cool until lukewarm. Add the yeast to the water and let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in the milk, salt and molasses; beat and add the eggs. Combine the flours; add 4 cups to the yeast mixture. Beat until the batter is smooth and elastic, and falls in sheets from the spoon. Beat in the shortening. Add the remaining flour and work it in. Knead on a floured pastry board or cloth until elastic — (about 10 minutes). Place the dough in an oiled bowl and brush over the top with fat. Cover and place in refrigerator overnight or up to 4 or 5 days. When ready to use, knead the dough for half a minute, and shape into rolls. Brush the tops with melted butter or margarine, cover with waxed paper and place in a warm place to rise for about 30 minutes or until double in size. Bake for 15 minutes in a hot oven, 400 degrees. This recipe makes 5 to 6 dozen rolls.

BARBECUED HAMBURGERS

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup shortening

SAUCE

- 1/2 cup salad oil
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 Tbls. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. liquid smoke
- 2 tsps. salt
- 4 Tbls. brown sugar
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 3/4 tsp. paprika

Lightly form the ground beef into 6 patties. (Don't press down on meat.) Use a fork to separate the meat and lightly mold with fingertips. Melt shortening. Brown the garlic and then brown the hamburger patties. When browned, remove from skillet. Pour off any excess grease. Mix remaining ingredients together and cook in covered skillet. When mixture reaches boiling point add hamburger patties, reduce heat and cook slowly for about 20 minutes, basting frequently. Serve on toasted buns. Serves 6.

BUSY DAY MUFFINS

- 1 egg
- 1 Tbls. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup cream
- 1 cup flour (scant)
- 2 heaping tsp. baking powder

Beat egg and add the cream and other ingredients. Grease muffin cups and bake in 450 degree oven for about 15 minutes. Before baking, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar if you like. This makes 12 small muffins.

RICE AND BACON

- 1/4 pound or 6 strips of bacon
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 cup green pepper, chopped
- 2 Tbls. diced pimiento
- 2 tsps. salt
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup uncooked rice
- 3 cups water

Fry bacon until half done. Drain off most of the grease, add the onion and continue frying until bacon is crisp and the onion is yellow in color. Add remaining ingredients and simmer, covered. Fluff with a fork before serving. Serves 4 or 5.

RHUBARB CRUNCH

- 1/2 cup melted butter
 - 1 cup flour
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 3/4 cup oatmeal (uncooked)
- Mix all ingredients together until crumbly. Use half of it for bottom crust and then add:

4 cups diced raw rhubarb
Over this pour the following filling:
1 cup sugar
2 Tbls. flour or cornstarch
1 cup water
1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter vanilla
1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter lemon
Cook until thick and clear. Pour over raw rhubarb. Sprinkle remainder of crumb mixture over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Serve with cream.

DUTCH CARROTS

- 3 slices bacon
 - 1/2 cup onion, sliced
 - 4 cups cooked carrots, diced
 - Salt and pepper to taste
- Cut the bacon into small pieces and cook until crisp. Remove the bacon from the drippings. Cook the onion in the drippings until slightly brown. Add the carrots, heat and season to taste with salt and pepper. Turn the carrots into vegetable dish and garnish with the bacon. Serves 6.

KIDNEY BEAN SALAD

- 2 cups cooked kidney beans, chilled
 - 4 sweet pickles, cut fine
 - 1/2 cup celery, cut fine
 - 1 small onion, grated
 - 1/2 cup chopped peanuts
 - 1/2 cup salad dressing
- Drain the beans well. Add the remaining ingredients and toss lightly. Sometimes instead of peanuts we add chopped hard-cooked eggs for variation. Serve on a lettuce leaf.

RHUBARB PIE

- 4 cups unpeeled rhubarb, diced
- 6 Tbls. flour
- 1 1/4 to 2 cups of sugar
- 1 Tbls. butter
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell (double crust)

Combine rhubarb with sugar and flour. Turn into pie shell and dot with butter. Cover with pastry. Bake in a 450 degree oven for 10 minutes and then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake until the crust is golden brown.

SKILLET DINNER

1 lb. round steak, cut in serving pieces
 1/4 cup flour
 1 tsp. salt
 1/2 tsp. pepper
 4 Tbls. shortening
 4 medium-sized potatoes, quartered
 4 medium-sized carrots, cut in half, lengthwise
 1 large onion, peeled and sliced quite thin
 1 tsp. chopped parsley
 1 Tbls. meat sauce
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 Flour meat and season. Brown in hot shortening. Place vegetables in skillet with meat. Mix meat sauce and mushroom soup and pour over top. Cover and simmer until meat and vegetables are tender, about 3/4 hour. This will serve 4.

ASPARAGUS AU GRATIN

1 pound cooked asparagus, or 1 box frozen asparagus, or 1 can asparagus
 2 Tbls. butter
 2 Tbls. flour
 1/2 tsp. salt
 Liquid from asparagus and enough milk to make 1 1/2 cups
 1 cup grated Cheddar cheese
 4 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
 Paprika
 Save liquid from asparagus. Melt butter and blend in flour and salt. Add liquid and cook until thickened, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and add cheese and stir until cheese is melted. Alternate layers of hard-cooked eggs, asparagus and cheese sauce. Cover with bread crumbs in greased casserole. Sprinkle paprika over crumbs and bake in a 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes. Serves 4.

FRIED SHRIMP

1/2 cup sifted flour
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1 egg
 1/4 tsp. lemon juice
 1/3 cup milk
 2 dozen shrimp, fresh, cooked or canned
 Shortening for deep frying
 Sift together the flour and salt. Beat the egg; add the milk and lemon juice and beat into the flour until the mixture is smooth. Heat fat to the depth of 2 inches until it will brown an inch cube of bread in 1 minute (350 degrees). Dip the shrimp, one by one, into the batter and then slide them into the hot fat. Fry until brown on one side, then brown on the other. Drain on paper towels.

CREAMED ASPARAGUS

2 cups cooked asparagus
 1 1/2 Tbls. butter or margarine
 1 Tbls. flour
 1 cup milk
 1/2 cup grated cheese
 Make a cheese cream sauce and pour over asparagus after it has been heated and drained.

SWEDISH POT ROAST

3 or 4 pounds any cut beef suitable for pot roast
 2 ounces fat salt pork
 1 1/2 tsp. salt
 2 Tbls. minced onion
 4 peppercorns
 3 Tbls. vinegar
 1 small bayleaf
 14 whole allspice
 1/2 Tbls. sugar
 1 cup boiling water
 1 beef bouillon cube
 1 cup whole milk or undiluted evaporated milk
 2 Tbls. flour

Pound meat thoroughly to tenderize it. Cut 12 incisions in it and press in the salt pork, cut in strips. Truss into shape and tie with clean string. Brown all over in meat fat in a heavy saucepan. Add salt, onion, peppercorns, vinegar, bayleaf, allspice and sugar. Add the water and bouillon cube. Cover and simmer slowly for 3 hours, or until tender. From time to time add a bit more water as necessary. Before serving, remove from the saucepan and make gravy by adding 1 cup rich milk to the liquid in the saucepan instead of using water. Add a bit of flour mixed with milk and bring to boiling point.

PINEAPPLE PUNCH

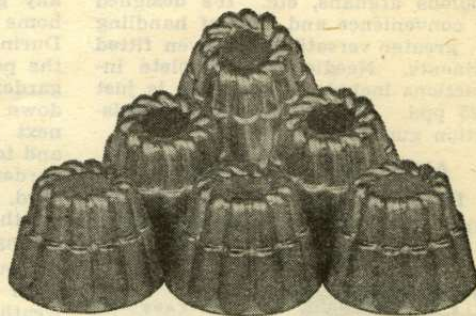
1 1/2 quarts pineapple juice
 Juice of 4 lemons
 Juice of 4 oranges
 Juice of 1 lime
 1 cup sugar
 1 bunch of mint
 1 quart of water
 4 bottles of ginger ale
 Mix fruit juices, sugar and mint. Before serving, add water, ginger ale and ice.

HORSERADISH BEETS

2/3 cup heavy cream, heated to scalding point
 3 Tbls. prepared grated horseradish
 1/2 tsp. celery salt
 Dash of white pepper
 2 Tbls. minced parsley
 Heat tiny beets until very hot, then drain. Mix above ingredients, pour over the beets and shake lightly to mix them. Serve very hot. This dresses up tiny beets and gives them a very glamorous appearance. I've found that this is another way to prepare beets for company and of course since Oliver likes horseradish so well, this dish appeals to him any time.—Margery.

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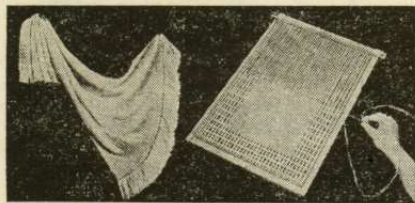
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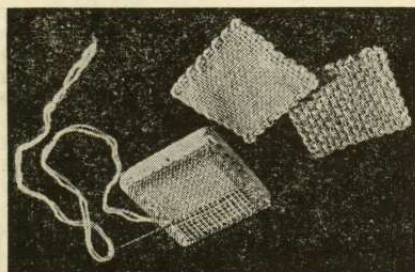


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RAIN ON THE FARM, AT LAST !

Dear Friends:

Frank has just been in for his morning sandwich and cup of coffee before starting out to build some fence. We had to take out so much fence when they built the new road, and since he works by himself it takes a long time to get it all back up again. We have had rain the past four days and while it is too muddy to get into the field he can get quite a bit of his fencing done. Yesterday he worked on the telephone line all day. He and several of the neighbors have been setting new poles and cutting brush.

This rain has certainly been a welcome one. The garden has seemed to come up over night. We actually have a little green grass in the yard now too. Shrubs that I set out a year ago looked to me as if they had winter killed from lack of moisture, but between showers yesterday I went out and looked around the yard and noticed little green leaves on all of them.

The rain has also put several feet of water in our cistern. Oh happy day! I washed Monday and if the sun comes out Friday I will wash again—bedding, curtains, throw rugs, slip covers, and all the other items I have put off washing until we had a rain.

Last month when I wrote to you from Shenandoah I said I didn't have any garden in yet, but when I got home Frank had a surprise for me. During my absence he had planted the potatoes and had the rest of the garden all leveled off and raked down and ready to go. He took the next week off from his field work and together we put in the rest of the garden, cleaned the yard, the chicken yard, the barn lot, and carried out all the debris that had accumulated during the winter months.

I put a fresh coat of paint on the lawn chairs and as soon as the weather clears up I plan to paint my porch boxes and porch swing.

I have just come back from feeding the lamb. We have one lamb on the bottle this year, the first one we have had for six or seven years. The mother ewe had been down part of the winter and when she had twins Frank didn't think either one of them would live because they were so weak and little. The ewe claimed them all right but she didn't have any milk. Frank started right in feeding them but one of them only lived a couple of days. The other one couldn't stand up for a week or ten days, then he got strong enough to stand if we would help him get up. Now you should see him — big and husky and always crying for his bottle.

We were very glad to have the rain but it did spoil one thing Kristin and I had planned to do. One of the big State music contests was held in Chariton this year on Friday and Saturday of last week. We attended the piano and string divisions on Friday, and when we came home that night I noticed it was cloudy but I didn't leave the car out on the gravel



Juliana snapped this picture of Kristin and the wonderful old buggy that they've had so much fun with in the summer months. Lois Jean Hutchison of Chariton is serving as the "horse".

because a cloudy sky hasn't meant a thing in the past few months. Of course it rained and we couldn't get the car out the next morning, so instead of spending the day in Chariton attending the music contest, we had to stay home.

We have had two especially nice Sundays this past month. The Sunday before Frank's birthday Mother and Dad drove up for the day bringing with them Uncle Fred Fischer, Juliana, and Susie Henshaw, a friend of Juliana's and Kristin's. While we older folks visited the girls had a wonderful time boat riding, horseback riding, and fishing. They caught five nice big bullheads. The girls also took a hike through the timber and came back with a big bouquet of the first wild flowers for Granny.

After they left about 4:30 Kristin and I did the dishes and cleaned up the kitchen and started preparations for another big dinner that night. Ruth Johnson and a friend of hers had come from Kansas City for the week-end. They spent Saturday night and Sunday with Edna and Raymond at Allerton and they all came on to our house late Sunday afternoon. The rest of the Johnsons also came and we had a birthday dinner for Edna and Frank whose birthdays are both in April. Just exactly a year ago the same day the folks were here for the day and Ruth came home and we had a Johnson dinner that night.

The other special Sunday was the day Wayne and Abigail and the children spent the day with us. This was the first time Abigail had been to see us since Alison was a baby. Wayne had been here several times, stopping off to see us as he went through Chariton on business trips. The little girls had a wonderful time riding Little Champ, and Clark spent the day carrying all the tools out of the tool shed and "fixing" our electric motor on the pump. We are all sure that Clark is going to be a mechanic when he grows up because of all the children who have been to our house he is the only one who has ever even noticed that motor, and he not only noticed it, but hardly left it all day. Of course when we first saw him start toward it all electric wires were put out of his reach.

Wayne has a new outdoor charcoal broiler, so he and Frank spent quite a bit of time in the timber cutting several sacks full of small pieces of green hickory wood for the broiler

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Dorothy's Letter—Concluded

so they can have good hickory-smoked steaks.

The next evening I drove to Humeston to show the Hawaiian pictures to another group there. When I arrived I found it would be a half-hour before time for me to show the pictures, so I drove to the home of a very good Kitchen-Klatter friend, Mrs. Neva Mitchell, and spent that time with her. Mrs. Mitchell has been confined to a wheelchair for many years and is such a cheerful person that it is an inspiration to visit with her. I met Neva when I went to Humeston last fall to show the pictures and had promised her that sometime I would bring Kristin to see her. I had planned that Kristin would go with me that night but she had been sick in bed for several days and I knew it would be very late when I got home so she stayed at home and went to bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and their 15-year-old son, Mike, have a lovely home and I think they said 40 acres of ground on the edge of Humeston. Mike is a 4-H member and raises beautiful purebred sheep. Mrs. Mitchell told me she had been in a wheelchair since Mike was about a year old and as he has grown up he has been a wonderful help to her. He can cook and also bake delicious pies. Since Neva is completely helpless, you can see what this means to her.

The sun is out now and it looks as if the road is beginning to dry a little. I hope so because I must get the car out so I can go to work tomorrow. Right now it is time to start dinner, so until next month . . .

Sincerely, Dorothy

A Hearty Shower—Concluded

cup slip down thru it so the heart makes a frame at the top edge of the nut cup. Make tiny bows of the blue ribbon and staple on to top of heart. (It's not necessary to make a knot in the bow, just fold over bow shape and staple.)

Refreshments: May be a dessert with gold cup cakes iced in gold with blue icing ribbon bows or blue hearts (or both decorations) and a whipped orange or lemon (with pineapple) gelatin, with whipped cream folded in. (If lemon gelatin is used add a little yellow coloring to make desired "gold".) Or: if you prefer sandwiches and salad, make open-faced heart-shaped sandwiches by cutting slices of bread with a heart cookie cutter. Use 2 slices for each sandwich. Spread with butter and put the two slices together. On top spread with Philadelphia cream cheese tinted blue and garnish with little gold hearts cut from American (sharp) cheese slices. These little hearts may be made by cutting a strip of tin 1/2 inch wide and bending heart shaped, or use coffee or shortening can strips or a catsup bottle cap and punch to make the point of the heart and push in the opposite side to make the V of the heart. Press into slices of cheese.

If you want to serve 2 sandwiches



Alison and Emily come down the staircase and pause for a moment as the camera clicks. Their parents, Abigail and Wayne, have done a wonderful job in this entrance hall. They worked for three months to restore the carved walnut stair rail to its original condition and then painted the walls a beautiful delft blue. The chest is a walnut antique with a marble top. Above it is a magnificent heirloom blue platter on a walnut rail that Howard made for them as a Christmas gift several years ago.

the other may be made heart shaped too, only spread butter on top and with your cake decorator (using the ribbon fluter) press pale blue tinted cream cheese into a ribbon all around the edge of the sandwich. Serve these sandwiches with squares of any salad you prefer with a yellow gelatin base.

Other "hints": If your table won't hold all the gifts or if you want to just add a little extra touch, cut a large plywood heart (it'll make a nice cutting or writing board for the bride later) and tack a wide blue crepe paper ruffle around the edge, decorated with gold hearts, either pasted on or hanging down on gold ribbons. Pile the gifts on this and present to the bride after the others have been opened, or before she starts to open any of the packages.

Be sure to count the packages as they are opened. You know the old adage, "The person giving the 7th package will be the next to marry, the 14th the 2nd, 21st the 3rd, etc., etc."

COOK'S COMPLAINT

I sometimes wonder how 'twould feel
To plan and cook a luscious meal,
The salad crisp, roast piping hot,
With gravy bubbling in the pot—
And have the family, and a guest
Sit down and eat it at its best!
I've planned and cooked them — O,
dear, yes!

But when it's ready—well, I GUESS
Dad simply HAD to change a tire,
While Junior's off to see a fire!
Daughter's on a diet, so
She'll just have melba toast, you
know!

I soothe my wrath, that urge to kill,
With a cup of tea and a Vita-pill;
But I swear some day this rap I'll
beat,

And serve a meal while it's fit to
eat!

—Ruth M. Dirgo

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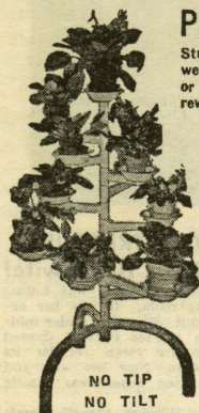
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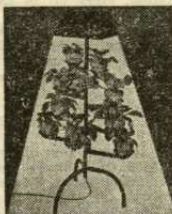
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TO ALL DADS, GOD BLESS THEM EVERY ONE!

By

Mabel Nair Brown

If you are asked to help plan a Father-Son Banquet, or a program in honor of Father's Day, I suggest you build your plans around the "three or four generation" idea or "Dads of all ages", and thus pay a tribute to fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

If it is a banquet, your table centerpieces might be made up of various tools or implements typical of the generations—small log and ax to represent pioneer ancestors, one of the ornamental miniature buggies for great-grandpa's horse and buggy days, a toy tractor and plow, etc., to represent grandpa and an airplane, toy helicopter, etc., to represent today's dad. Once started, you will find many other persons will become interested in helping you collect items for the conversation type centerpiece depicting the different eras.

For nutcups, how about buying some of the striped overall denim yardage, and making tiny work caps? They should be of a size so the nut cup will set in the crown, or the cap placed on top the cup, if desired.

Along this theme you might incorporate the IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS idea. Thus program booklets might have construction paper covers (in black or brown) and pages cut in the shape of a man's shoe, with outline and shoelaces done in ink. Placecards might have outline of footprints sketched in one corner, or be cut in shoe shape also.

One might also fashion shoes of crepe paper into which a container would be placed that could hold all kinds of toy or miniature tools, fishing tackle, etc. pertaining to a man or boy's work and recreation. If you wish to use flowers (men like brilliant flowers such as the bold zinnias or gay petunias) try molding aluminum foil around a man's shoe and then setting a container in that to hold the posies.

If you can locate them, some of the keepsake bronzed baby shoes would add much to table decorations or a buffet arrangement for this Dad's party.

Program suggestions: For Scripture use Proverbs, Chapter 4, perhaps to the musical accompaniment of "Silver Haired Daddy of Mine", "Faith of Our Fathers", or "Bless This House".

TRIPPING THE SCALES might be the way group singing is announced, or perhaps you will use a male quartette under this title on the program.

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND might introduce some poems pertaining to Fathers and grandfathers, or indicate the welcome. In the latter case, the response might be "Following the Leader".

SIDESTEPPING might be the name given the main speech, which could bring out the thought that while we keep stepping along through life on our chosen course, still it's all the little sidesteps we make, out of our way perhaps, to give a friendly smile, to extend a helping hand, to



Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a family like this? In front are Kevin, Wanda and Nancy; behind them are Steven and Linda. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Compton of Willis, Kansas.

speak a word of encouragement, to boost a faltering brother, which really broadens our lives and lets us leave footprints that are really seen in the world!

TWOSTEP might introduce a musical number and if there is a humorous part to the program let it come under the heading **QUICKSTEP**.

"Footsteps on highways, footsteps on by ways—

It matters not the road;

So long as we quickstep at every chance to sidestep

To lift another's load.

Footsteps on our way, like footsteps in Dad's day,

Some are fast, some are slow.

It matters not how fast the speed, if we God's directions heed,

And as He wills, our footsteps go."

GAMES FOR THE BRIDAL SHOWER

THE BRIDE'S TROUSSEAU: A paper and pencil game where the answers take their clue from the question: "What will the bride wear if her husband is a _____?"

Answers:

- | | |
|------------------|-------------|
| 1. Lawyer | 1. (suit) |
| 2. Publisher | 2. (prints) |
| 3. Blacksmith | 3. (shoes) |
| 4. Fisherman | 4. (net) |
| 5. Prize fighter | 5. (socks) |
| 6. Banker | (gloves) |
| 7. Miser | 6. (checks) |
| 8. Fireworks | 7. (tights) |
| manufacturer | 8. (caps) |
| 9. Beekeeper | 9. (combs) |
| 10. Fireman | 10. (hose) |

WHITE ELEPHANT SHOWER: Ask each guest to bring some white elephant from home, which they have wrapped in a piece of cloth. Number each package and then have them passed around to the guests who may feel each one for a few seconds before passing it on. The person identifying the most objects wins — all the white elephants, or these might be presented to the bride for laughs!

MATCHED COUPLES: Have half the group write a proposal and the other half write answers to proposals. Then mix them up and have each guest draw one. Going around the circle have a person read what is written on his paper and try to guess who wrote it. Every correct guess might be given a prize.

HISTORICAL PARADE OF BRIDES: For this the hostess will (Continued on next page)



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need to have made some advance preparation by gathering up a lot of materials for guests to use. Now divide into groups. Give each group a slip designating the era in which their bride lived such as "In Pilgrim Days", "The Bride of the Oregon Trail", "The Flapper Bride", etc. Then allow each group a few minutes to dress the bride designated, using one of their group as a model. Award a prize to the best characterization.

Alphabet Games

BRIDAL A.B.C. Give all of the guests paper and pencil and ask them to begin with the letter "A" and to go on through the alphabet naming things that pertain to the wedding. Start them with three suggestions such as this: A, altar; B, bridge; C, church. The one who finishes the alphabet first is the winner.

HONEYMOON. Going around the circle, the first person must name a town or city beginning with "A" where the couple might go on their honeymoon. The next person names the state in which it is located. The third person names a town or city beginning with "B" and so on. When one fails to name a place or the correct state, he drops out. Keep this going fast — it's fun to see how long it takes to eliminate all but one person.

DESCRIBING THE BRIDE. This is another good game for a large group. Beginning with the letter "A" there must be a word given that describes a very lovely bride. She might be "Adorable" — "Beautiful" — "Cherished", etc.

A FEW MINUTES' FUN

Another game that you can make up yourself is to give points for such silly things (and the sillier the better) as these for an afternoon ladies club.

Give yourself:

5 points if you're carrying a red purse. 10 points each for earrings. 15 points for each son you have. 15 points for each daughter you have. 20 points for each grandchild. 10 points if you have a stick of gum in your purse. 50 points if you went to church last Sunday. 35 points if you kissed your husband this A. M. 100 points if you've had a tooth pulled in last month. 10 points if you're wearing green shoes. 10 points if you had spinach for dinner. 75 points if you're on a reducing diet.

Now add your total points and deduct:

50 points if you didn't do the dishes before you came. 50 points if you failed to tell your husband good-bye. 25 points if you failed to bring someone to club with you, etc. The one having the most points wins a small prize. It's fun to give a booby prize for the one with the fewest points too.

Grandma Comfort says the most popular people that she knows are those who have mastered the art of keeping their feet on the ground while getting up in the world.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

By Gertrude Hayzlett

Sunday, June third, is National Shutin Day. That is the day that has been set aside for us to do something especially nice for some one who is sick or crippled or handicapped. Personally, I think we should do this every day; but I'm hoping we can make this first Sunday in June a real red letter day for a lot of shut-ins. Here are some you can help.

Mrs. Arden Koch, Box 385, Aurelia, Iowa, is down in bed again. She has arthritis and a bad heart and has been sick a long time.

Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Box 623, Grove, Okla., is an elderly person who is not well. She has only ten dollars income a month and makes quilts to sell so she can get a little extra money. She needs quilt pieces.

Greg Bean, c/o Fordmore, Rock Springs, Wyo., is five years old and has cerebral palsy. He recently had surgery and is in a cast. He would love to get lots of mail.

Mrs. Bertha Graves, 214 - 31 Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., is 78. She has arthritis and is in bed all of the time, unable even to feed herself. She would like mail, but is unable to answer.

Dennis Earl Pettibon, c/o Elmer Pettibon, Deerfield, Mo., will be four in September. He has a bad heart, is partially paralyzed and does not walk well. Send pretty cards or playthings.

Irene Finkelstein, Bird S Coler Hosp., Ward 53A, Section D, Welfare Island, N. Y., has been in the hospital for eleven months. She is almost totally helpless and gets so lonely and blue. Mail would help. She is 48.

Victor Russell, 312 Division Ave., Apt. 2, Spring Valley, Minn., is 71 and has a broken hip. He is in a wheel chair and will not walk for some time. Mrs. Russell says he would enjoy getting some letters.

Mrs. Frank Dalbey, 2339 S. Lime-stone St., Springfield, Ohio, will have her 58th birthday on June 25th. She has arthritis and has been bedfast for a good many years.

Mrs. Doris Hicks, 304 S. 3 St., Mt. Vernon, Ill., is ill again. She has several children; three are partial shut-ins. They need clothing badly and she will make over anything that is sent to her. The children are girls age 14 and 12, boys 11 and 10. Can you help them?

Mrs. J. W. Hart, Perham, Minn., has been in a wheel chair 23 years. She lives alone and makes quilts for welfare cases as a hobby. She needs quilt pieces.

Mrs. S. B. Bothne, 1214 E. 13 Ave., Spokane 3, Wash., is quite ill and has been in the hospital some time. Please send cheery cards. Age 62.

Mrs. Alpha Spurlock, R1, B91, Huntingburg, Ind., has a heart ailment and has been ill all winter. She is unable to write and would enjoy cards.

Mrs. Gertrude Nutting, Wadena, Minn., is in a Home. She gets very lonely and blue. Cheery letters would help, but she will not be able to answer.



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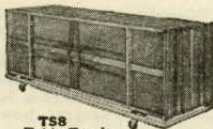
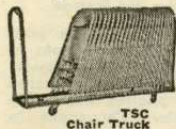
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VACATION TIME MEANS CAMPING

By
Evelyn Corrie Birkby

The first bags are out on the porch. Boxes marked "food", a few of the pans and the rough outdoor clothing are all packed ready to go. The official outdoor season for the Birkby's begins with an overnight trip.

This year the first outing has come a bit early. Bob has several days which must be taken from the office immediately or, due to the ways of business, he will lose them. Since our planned trip to the Ozarks last fall did not materialize, we are keeping our fingers crossed in the hope that all will go well in getting away this time.

Bob decided to take Friday and Monday off with the two weekend days in between, pack up the veteran six year old camper of our family, invite the twelve year old boy of our good neighbor up the road, and get to the Ozarks in time to see a bit of lovely spring scenery. So I am collecting "gear" and packing necessities optimistically.

My best suggestion to you, if you think you would like camping, is to marry a boy scout. I was lucky. My father was a scout master for many years, and since his boys were both girls he taught my sister and me many of the fine arts of scouting. He concluded, wisely, that if we could learn from him the art of making a fire with two matches he could teach the boys to do so!

Then when my turn came to marry I chose a tall boy scout executive. He has an inborn love of nature and the out-of-doors. He has had years of experience in camp work. Although no longer active in that phase of scouting his background is invaluable in the raising of three active boys and in setting up our family vacations.

Some of our camping trips have come from necessity as well as joy. Taking several children on a regular trip can become rather expensive. In addition, some of the problems of traveling with little ones can be overcome quite easily when roughing it. This is especially true when the camping place is chosen for the entire stay. We have camped near families with children who covered thousands of miles and camped each night in a different place. It would seem less enjoyable to me than a more permanent, relaxed plan.

While elaborate, expensive camping equipment is available it is not necessary for a genuinely enjoyable trip. We started with a tent, a two-burner stove, kerosene lantern, camp ice box and two sleeping bags as basic equipment. Orange crates held the pressure saucepan (which is wonderful for high altitude cooking), two smaller pans with lids, the skillet, food, towels, wash cloths and the like. These crates then became our cupboards.

Our first real camping trip was made to the Lake of the Ozarks in 1948. The facilities of the campground were excellent, even to hot



This is the home where Uncle Henry Field's eleven children grew up here in Shenandoah. Aunt Bertha now lives there alone. You can see the edge of the radio tower in the background—and this must be one of the few homes in the country with a radio tower right at the back door!

showers in the bath house! We had the exciting feeling of having discovered something new which had been ours all along. The public camp grounds, the state parks are really our property. We came home realizing that we owned some of the most beautiful land in the world.

My, we did learn that first trip! The first night started uneventfully enough. The tiny pebbles under my sleeping bag made me feel really close to nature. By midnight the big rocks under my sleeping bag caused me to sigh for a thick innerspring, and by morning those big boulders under my sleeping bag pressured me into wishing I had never heard of scouting, camping or the great out-of-doors. (I might add that by the third night out I was sleeping like an infant, pebbles, rocks, boulders and all. Nature, by then, was wonderful!)

We had one other experience that first night. We had pitched our tent hurriedly and turned in exhausted. About one o'clock it began to rain, and in a few minutes a wide riverlet of water came swishing down the back of our necks. Muttering to himself, Bob started around the outside of the tent making a rain ditch with his ax. I fear that I was too amused at the sight of the pajama clad scout chopping away in the middle of a damp night rain. He did not share my humor.

"Never again," Bob stated as he dripped back inside the tent. "I know better than to pitch a tent without a rain ditch around it. It just didn't seem possible that we could get rain tonight." We have never pitched a tent since without a shallow ditch, or failed to mention our Ozark night of rain and riverlets.

It seemed that we learned much from experience. For example, we were headed for Yellowstone in 1951 in our black pickup. We had the back fixed with side boards and a tarp over the top for our own Dulcie Jean, then four, and our niece, LuAnne Barnard, then eight. Bob and I continued our pattern of sleeping bag nights. We were driving through the Medicine Bow national forest and saw the most beautiful camping location we've ever laid eyes on. A rugged snow-peaked mountain soared

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high over a tiny jeweled lake. On a deep green bank stretching back from the lake were tents and trailers of fortunate vacationers. But we could not stop for we had no milk.

From that time on we carried a supply of powdered milk with us. It is fine for many uses connected with camping meals. It makes gravy, stirs into pancake mix, drinks best in hot cocoa or finishes up a soup. We always carry as many of the instant products as we deem usable; instant coffee, tea, bouillon cubes, soups, fruits and vegetables in cans, fine prepared stews, meats in gravy and luncheon meats.

Our most essential piece of equipment was the can opener! Candy was practically eliminated from the trip. "Piecing" was done on prunes, raisins, crackers, rusks, or baby toast which could be warmed and substituted for our breakfast bread if necessary. Popcorn was in our larder and a pan was popped and sacked to take to the "movie" which the ranger showed each evening for the campers.

Our trip this last summer to the Glacier Basin Campground high up in the Rocky mountains above Estes Park was made in the same black pickup which went so far into Yellowstone country. This time Bob had enclosed the back and built in two bunks — Bobby slept on top and Jeffrey used the bottom with the slats from an old play pen making it a crib. Thus the boys could nap and play in the back during the trip, and keep warm at night when the cool mountain air descended.

If you want to get acquainted with other campers take along a youngster about eighteen months old who loves to walk. Jeffrey proceeded to visit every campsite, Daddy following loyally behind. He met the minister from Iowa, the railroad man from California, the doctor from Indiana, the salesman from Chicago, the psychiatrist from Ohio, the students from New York. Camping is a social leveler, without a doubt. The elite of the camp are the men who can swing the meanest ax and build the finest campfires, Ph.D.'s not withstanding.

The children gained so much from the experiences of Nature's nearness. We made it a point to stop at all museums, marked points of interest, and listened intently to the excellent talks and pictures presented each evening by the rangers. We bought the little booklets describing the wild life of the area. Climbing a mountain, cooking pancakes, sitting together by a campfire under the brilliance of glowing stars, hearing the small noises of tiny wild animals all go together to bind a family into a unity of spirit which is priceless.

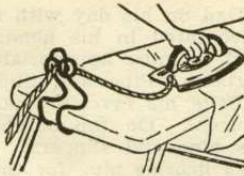
Growing in an understanding of the wonders of God's world is brought very close when a vacation takes the form of a camping trip, outdoor type!

We say "Don't kick a man when he is down," as though we had a right to kick him at other times.

It is never too soon to do a kindness, for one does not know how soon it may be too late.—Ruth Smeltzer.

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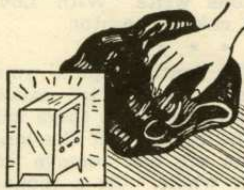
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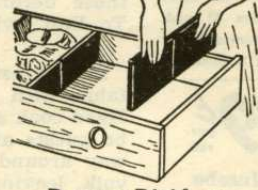
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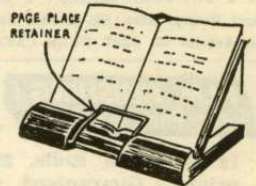
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The cure? Stop centering your concerns upon yourself; do something for others.

No truer line was ever written than that by Frances Ridley Havergal: "Seldom can a heart be lonely if it seeks one lonelier still."

—Clarence W. Hall in
Christian Herald.

Many people are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

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A woman may consent to forget and forgive, but she never will drop the habit of referring to the matter now and then.

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

I think ofttimes as the night draws
nigh

Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred

Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
"Are all the children in?"

'Tis many and many a year since
then,

And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet
And the yard is still, so still.

But I see it all, as the shadows creep
And though many the years have
been

Since then, I can hear mother ask,
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if when the shadows fall
On our last short, earthly day,
When we say good-bye to the world
outside,

All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that Other
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Where mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
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OVER THE COFFEE CUPS . . .

By
Mildred B. Grenier

Let's honor Dad on his day with a special cake decorated in his honor. And what could be more appropriate than a comfortable "Pipe and Slippers" theme? Bake his favorite cake and frost as usual. On top of the cake set Dad's pipe and slippers! I bought a child's licorice pipe for the cake that I decorated but one can easily be fashioned from the round gumdrops with a pipe cleaner bent to resemble the pipe stem. To make the slippers use a powdered sugar and milk frosting in your cake decorator with the pencil tip. First outline the sole of the slipper and fill it in; then fill in the toe of the slipper — making the scuff-type house shoes. Below these decorations write "With Love To Dad" with cake decorator.

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Now "just for fun" complete your table with Dad's "Bow Tie" salad! Hard cook as many eggs as there will be guests at the table. Cut the long way around the egg and remove the yolk, leaving it whole. On a mound of cottage cheese, tomato slices, or grated lettuce arrange the tie — the egg yolks makes the center and the halves of the eggs arranged alongside complete the tie. Pass mayonnaise separately.

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Here is the best hint that I know for keeping garden tools bright and shiny. Keep a tub of clean oily sand and after cleaning off dirt, plunge the tools a few times into the oily sand before putting away.

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Pretty silver bells to use as bridal cake decorations, favors, or as package decorations, may be made by molding aluminum foil over the small cup sections cut from a cardboard egg carton. String together with white ribbon and tie a pretty bow at the top.

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Another clever idea for June showers is umbrella nut cups made in this way. Cut circles of pastel colored cloth and dip into warm melted paraffin. Allow to drain on waxed paper for a few minutes; mold into umbrella shape and stick onto lollipop sticks for handles. Tie a small ribbon bow on the handle, turn upside down and fill with nuts or mints.

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Typographical error found in local newspaper: The bride's floor length wedding gown was fashioned of oyster white satin, trimmed in Chantilly lace, appliqued at the waist line, etc., etc. . . . the bridesmaids were lime green.

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These nut cups may be used at bridal showers or any other dinner, party or shower. Remove the cork from the cap of a soft drink bottle. Hold the cap in the center of a lace paper doily that is three or four inches in diameter. Now replace the cork in the cap, holding the doily firmly in place. The bottle cap forms the bottom of the cup and the paper lace makes the sides.



Martin has now learned to read very well and enjoys showing his Grandmother Driftmier how much progress he has made.

Here is another garden hint for making non-failing straight rows in your garden every time. Make the first row as straight as possible, then turn the lawn mower upside down and, using the straight row as a guide for one wheel, make the next row and so on down the line.

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Try this shortcut in meal planning. Whip the cream before hand and freeze in ice cube tray. When frozen, remove and store in plastic bag. One cube will make an individual serving. Remove from freezer when the meal is ready to serve and the whipped cream will be just right to serve at dessert time.

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I can't say good-bye this month without sharing with you my favorite Strawberry Ice-Box cake. Heat in a saucepan 20 diced marshmallows, 1 cup milk and 1/2 teaspoon salt until the marshmallows are half melted. Remove from heat and stir until smooth. Add 1 cup crushed strawberries, 1 cup whipped cream sweetened with 1/2 cup of sugar and flavored with 1/4 tsp. vanilla and 1/4 tsp. almond. Split lady fingers and line a loaf pan with them, placed round side out. Arrange alternate layers of the fruit mixture and lady fingers in the pan — have top layer of lady fingers. Cover and place in the refrigerator for three or four hours before serving. Serve with a topping of additional whipped cream and garnish with halved berries dipped in sugar.

TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

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In answer, as I pray it.

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