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Redlands, California

These days our plans are so very uncertain that I almost hesitate to write! Unless something completely unexpected turns up we will be back at home quite a while before you read this, but there are some things I want to mention about our stay here these past months so I will go ahead and

tell you about them.

Dear Friends:

Sunny California has really lived up to its name this year for in glancing through my diary I find that we have had only five days of rain since we arrived. And my! how welcome those rains were for California. Other sections of the country may have had abundant rainfall in recent years, but not California.

Now the barley fields are green and the wild mustard in many places has spread a yellow blanket along the roadsides and under the orange trees, covering entire yards and terraces. It shades from pale yellow to dark orange and is really breathtaking. Yellow seems to be the predominate color here. I have a big bouquet of acacia on my desk which my niece, Mary Lombard, picked for me. And it is wonderful what a lift a few flowers give to a hotel room.

Frederick and Betty sent us a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums and I nursed them along for several weeks. The camellias are in bloom now and there are violets, long-stemmed, fragrant ones, hyacinths and jounquils and even iris—I didn't know before

that it blooms here.

The loveliest flowers I've seen were at the beach. We spent several days with Faith Field Stone, brother Henry Field's daughter, and her husband, Welton. They live at Escondido which is only a few miles from the ocean and less than a two-hours' drive from Redlands. They have recently purchased a comfortable home on a large lot and intend eventually to have lots of flowers and a big vegetable garden.

Escondido is a beautiful little town nestled among green hills which are planted almost to the summit with avocado trees. There are also many lemons grown here. As in other parts of California, there is a building boom and many attractive new homes are being built.

We spent a day at LaJolla, one of my favorite beach towns. Here we saw many lovely gardens. The "cup of gold" was at its best-some shrubs growing as tall as the houses and covered with cup-like golden blooms.

We had lunch at Anthony's, a sea food restaurant. Our table was in a window overlooking the blue, blue ocean, and as we watched, some whale spouted water high in the air. I ordered a "fish plate" which had on it small amounts of several kinds of fish, and I enjoyed it to the last bite.

Faith was so happy that at last she had a house I could get into and out of easily with my wheelchair, and we had a wonderful visit. Their seven children are all settled in their own homes near enough that they can come frequently for visits, so Faith and Weldon certainly have all the requirements for happy years ahead of them.

Right here I must comment on the wonderful system of good four-lane highways we enjoy in California. They make driving a real pleasure and do a great deal to minimize the tension of such heavy traffic.

We have also had a very nice visit at the home of my husband's brother, Harry, in Glendale. His wife, Edith, has a way of making her houseguests feel as if they were no trouble at all! Somehow she manages without any apparent effort to get the housework done and to serve delicious meals! We all know that this does involve effort, but she surely knows the secret of keeping it concealed.

Harry and Edith have two sons, both of whom are most successful in their chosen occupations. Harold lives in Whittier and Robert lives in Anaheim, both towns that are close enough to their parents that they can enjoy the three loveable grandchildren. I am sorry I did not know that our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hand of Sibley, Iowa were spending the winter near them.

Mart doesn't enjoy driving in the mountains (and I believe I've told you that they almost surround Redlands) so when our friends, the Charles Foulks, invited us to go on a trip with them up City Creek Canyon and over the mountains north of us to the Mojave desert which lies on the other side of the range, we were very happy to accept. Big Bear Lake at the summit of the road is a highly popular winter sports location with its deep snow. There are many summer homes

and motels, all of them built in rustic design to fit into the landscape.

We ate lunch at Hesparia, a booming new town on the desert which now is sprinkled with new homes. Of course it is powerfully hot in the summer, but these houses are airconditioned and thus very comfortable. Certainly the winter climate is most pleasant. Apple Valley is another thriving community we visited on this trip and enjoyed very much.

If you should visit California you would enjoy a trip to one of the big new shopping centers-even though you do as I did today: not buy a thing! Where there were once alfalfa fields or orange groves, there are now hundreds of new homes-and these homes have made it necessary to have shopping centers where, under one roof, you can buy practically anything. My good husband wheeled my chair up and down the aisles of one of these interesting places for over an hour today. I enjoyed it-and hope he did! (He says he did.)

When we returned to the hotel we found we had missed friends who called on us this afternoon. I am sorry this happens so frequently and can't figure out any way to avoid it.

We thought at first we wouldn't try to make the long drive north to see brother Sol and his wife Mary since the trip lies through mountainous country where road conditions are most uncertain at this time of the year. In fact, to get to Sol's we would have to go up the Feather River Canyon and this could be a difficult drive for Mart since he isn't as young and adventurous as he once was. But Sol and Mary just wouldn't take "no" from us and are working out some easy way for us to make it through the Canyon. Later I'll give you details on all this.

After we leave Sol and Mary we'll head back towards Iowa by way of Denver. By leaving at this time it will be necessary to keep a very sharp eye on weather reports, of course . . and to trust our own judgment if skies look cloudy when they're supposed to look clear. It will be good to get home when the spring bulbs begin to peek through the ground, and to see all of the family again. Our children are at the age where they make out all right, but we have had Fred much on our minds, and I've found myself thinking a great deal too about Jessie, Martha and Bertha.

Certainly Fred is making a wonderful recovery, and although he gives all the credit to the wonderful doctors and nurses in our Shenandoah hospital, Mart and I feel that his own courage and determination has had a great deal to do with it. We'll be glad to be back where Mart can go and visit with him and read the evening papers.

I wish I could write this at a later time, but press dates are press dates and this is as long as they can wait for me, so I must simply say that I've thought of you good friends this winter and will be so glad to be back and visit with you again on the radio.

> Sincerely always, Leanna

#### THE CROSS and

#### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

Easter Worship Service

ByMabel Nair Brown

SETTING: A cross in the center of the altar with lighted tapers, if desired. If there isn't a dark dossal draped back of the altar, perhaps some soft, dark material could be draped as such for it is upon this dark background behind the cross that the symbols representing the seven last words of our Lord, as He spoke them from the Cross, will be pinned (as indicated in the script).

These will be pinned beginning at lower left going clockwise to form a big semi-circle behind the Cross-three symols on each side and one at ton above the Cross. The seven symbols might be made as black silhouette designs upon sheets of white construction paper. These symbols will be described as the words they represent are used in the service.

NARRATOR: "In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime." (Music of the hymn "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" played as prelude and while the words of the first verse are quoted, and opening meditation given

by leader).
"How remarkable is the history of the rise to prominence of the sign of the cross! From an instrument as the most to be despised manner of execution, it has become the most glorified of symbols! The Crusaders carried the sign of the cross upon their shields. It adorned the banners of Charlemagne and for centuries has topped the steeples of the churches throughout the world.

"The cross of gold stands on the altars throughout Christendom. The red cross stands as the badge of service in war, want and disaster. The white cross is to be seen in row upon row on the graves of our war dead as a symbol of hope eternal. The cross of blue is the shield for those bearing aid to the sick and the injured. In the cross of black we see the "emblem of suffering and shame," which is the symbol too, of our salvation, of the true meaning to us of Easter. The cross is the symbol of the very core of our Christian faith."

DUET: "The Old Rugged Cross." NARRATOR: "The last words of Jesus on the cross give us the deepest, most heart-touching words for our Easter meditation. Let us then hear and meditate upon these seven last words from the cross."

FIRST SPEAKER, placing symbol in place (Symbol-a cross with jagged bolt, as of wrath or lightning diagonally across it):

"Father, Forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34.) "The cross, stopping the bolt of wrath, illustrates the forgiveness Christ gives to us again and again. We are ever needing to be forgiving and to be for-



In Mother's letter last month she told you about stopping in Tucson to visit the Alexander girls. Here she is with Mary Ellen Alexander Deir and little Kathleen, the first granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Alexander who live next door to the folks.

given. Surely if our Lord in all the agony and suffering of the cross could still pray "Father, forgive," we could be more tolorant, more forgiving and more forgetful of all the petty grudges we hold against those with whom we disagree and of whom we disapprove in our day to day lives. It is so hard for us to learn to turn the other cheek but with God's help, and our own sincere desire, we can learn to say humbly always: "Father, forgive."

SECOND (Symbol-a crown) "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradisé." (Luke 23:43.) "The crown symbolizes all that our Lord promised us in the heavenly home which is to be our reward if we are true to our faith in Him, and are truly penitent of all our sins. Remember, He also said: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." BUT it is not enough simply to KNOW what is right from wrong, or simply to be sorry for wrong doing-we must show that we are truly repentant by DOING THE RIGHT THING, by CHANGING to follow in the way God has directed us to go, and to do."

(Music for this part could be "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," or some other appropriate hymn, or this hymn might be sung at this point as a solo.)

THIRD (Symbol-A large heart with the letters M and J forming a monogram in the center of the heart.) "We find the third words from the cross in John 19: 26, 27. "Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy Mother!"

Oh, the tenderness, the love, the trust in these beautiful words which show us the Savior's great concern for Mary, His mother; and his love and trust in John, the beloved disciple to whom he would entrust his mother's welfare. These words point out our Lord's blueprints, left for us, that say we are to "be our brother's keeper," "to love one another," "to do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

(Suggested music: "Help Somebody Today," "Open My Eyes That I May See," "Rise Up, O Men Of God" or "In Christ There Is No East Or West.")

FOURTH (Symbol-A large question mark encircling a cross).

"My God, My God, Why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46.)

"All the despair and the torture of our Savior upon the cross seem to be bound up in this cry from the cross. He was forsaken. He was tortured. He was crucified that we might LIVE ETERNALLY!

(Quote the words from the hymn "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" to close this fourth meditation as music is played softly. Other hymns with the theme of Calvary might be used.)

FIFTH (Symbol-The silhouette of a cup or goblet mounted upon white paper, the cup turned upside down to show us that Jesus poured out His life's blood for us.)

"Two words, but how eloquently they speak to us! "I thirst." (John 19:28.)

"Just as the cup in our symbol portrays how our Lord gave himself for us upon the cross, so must these words ever remind us that God is ever holding out to us the CUP of LIFE. We must always thirst after righteousness. be ever seeking His will-yet, how wonderful to know our thirst will be quenched if our faith be great enough, for did not He say: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world"?

(Music: "God Will Take Care Of You" or "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go".)

SIXTH (Symbol-A complete circle around a cross.)

"It is finished." (John 19:30.)

"The circle around the cross signifies that Jesus' mission here on earth, dying that we might have eternal life, is complete. So, too, our own lives become complete only through Christ. Put Christ in the center of the circle of our life's span and we can be assured that we are 'on the right track' on the Glory road!"

(Music: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".)

SEVENTH (Symbol-Praying hands inside a circle.)

"Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." (Luke 23:46.)

"Thus did our Savior's soul return unto the Father. The folded hands of prayer signify our humility, our seek-ing to follow the godly life. The circle, with the cross now gone, points out the freedom from all grief and pain and sorrow that can be ours at the end of life's span if we do seek to follow 'IN HIS STEPS', by giving our lives into His hands."

(Music: "Take My Hand, Precious Lord," "Sweet Hour Of Prayer," "In The Footsteps Of The Master," or "The Way Of The Cross Leads Home.")

Narrator: Read the words of the hymn, "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" while music is played softly.

Solo or group singing of "He Lives."

Benediction.

(Note: Part of the symbols used in this service were suggested by notes taken by a friend who visited the Mount Calvary Church in Brentwood, Missouri and saw them used there around the altar. I wonder who designed this, or if it has been used in other churches across the land?)

## FREDERICK'S LETTER TO YOU GOOD FRIENDS

Dear Friends,

How I do love this time of the year! As much as I like the winter sports, and as much as I love to see the children having the time of their lives on sleds, skates, and skis, no time of the year is quite as nice as the summer, and the wonderful thing about spring is its assurance that summer is not far away.

At least once during the day I make it a point to drive along the banks of the river to see the evidences of the melting snows in the mountains to the north of us. When I lived in Rhode Island I became accustomed to watching the changing of the tides, and here on the banks of the great Connecticut River, I find a certain satisfaction in watching the water level in the channel that sweeps close by our home. In years gone by the spring of the year has brought terrible floods to this city of Springfield. Massachusetts, and we always give a slight sigh of relief when April passes without a flood.

I had a visit with a most interesting person today. He is a young man in the Air Force who recently was sent to the big air station not far from here. Like so many of the boys at the air station, he began coming to our church, and today he came into the office to see me.

The interesting thing about the boy is the fact that he does not have a single living relative. Can you imagine that? I have met people past middle age who have had no living relatives, but until today I had never met a young person in that situation. I said to him: "Now surely you have some distant cousin that you can call your own flesh and blood!" But no! He really is alone. This may not seem so strange to some of you, but to me with six brothers and sisters and 14 uncles and aunts and literally dozens of cousins, it seems quite unique.

This noon I attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society For The Prevention of Cruelty to Children, better known simply as the S.P.C.C.. Are you acquainted with this organization? I had never heard of it until I moved to New England, but when I learned of its good work, I became so interested that it was not long before they had me on the Board of Directors. It is a wonderful organization, and each month the directors meet to hear a report from the staff secretaries.

What I have learned about the cruel and inhuman ways of some parents has astounded me. You know, I have lived in some pretty rough and uncivilized parts of the world, and I have seen children enduring great hardship, but right here in our lovely New England city I have become acquainted with conditions that are beyond imagining. Just today we learned of parents abusing children in a manner that I could never bring myself even to describe to another. Horrible! Utterly beastly! And the terrible part



Sunny California on a February day! Uncle Harry Driftmier, Mother and Dad. This was taken when the folks visited in Glendale.

of it is that this sort of thing is going on all the time, and if it happens in Springfield, it happens in all of our other cities too. Our staff secretaries have been able to save many children, and have been able to have many delinquent parents punished for their crimes. In all of this world there is nothing that can pull my heart strings more quickly than mistreated, unloved children.

I drove up to Portland, Maine last week to give an address to the good ladies of the Women's Literary Guild of Portland. It was my second visit to the state of Maine, having first gone there in 1935. You think it strange, perhaps, that one who lives in Massachusetts should so rarely visit the famous state of Maine? It is not so strange when you understand that our summer home is in Rhode Island, and the moment we get a day to travel, we go south and east to the smallest state in the union, rather than north to Maine. With the fine new turnpikes and super highways that we now have out here, I was able to drive all the way to Portland across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and into Maine on four lane roads. I could drive the 200 miles in just three and one-half hours.

The subject of my lecture for the Literary Guild will interest you; it was: "Men Are What Women Make Them". During my travels in Africa and my several months of work in the prisoner of war and refugee camps of World War II. I became intrigued with the observation that women seem to stand up under stress and strain, hardship and misfortune much better than do men. This set me to thinking about the natural superiorities of women, and all of it has finally jelled into this one-hour lecture. Strange as it may seem, the men seem to like this talk just as much as the women, and I am being asked to give it in several of our seaboard cities.

While the speech does contain some humor, I am most serious about its basic theory of a culture rising no higher than the men of that culture permit their women to rise. As the social status of women rises or falls, so does man's opportunity for cultural advancement. I hope that you have an opportunity to hear the lecture some day.

Recently some good friends sent us a big tin of cookies from Holland. Have you ever eaten Dutch pastries? Their cookies are "right out of this world"! While in Holland last summer, I was not particularly pleased with the general diet provided us, but did enjoy their pies, cakes, and cookies. The biggest disappointment on food last summer came to me in England. The one thing that I wanted to eat while in England was Yorkshire pudding, and do you know, I couldn't find a bite of it. In London waiter after waiter said to me: "Oh no, sir! We have no Yorkshire pudding! You are in London, not Yorkshire!"

The English have a reputation for eating hearty, filling meals, but most Americans find English cooking tasteless. One thing in which the English do excel in the food line, is their jam tarts. I am sure that no one else can make tarts like an Englishman.

One of the best countries for food is Western Germany. In all of Europe the German hotel restaurants are excelled in quality only by those in Finland. The Germans like heavy foods, especially those with a sour-sweet taste. Sausages, pickled and smoked meats, thick soups, dumplings, cheeses, whipped cream, rich breads, and cakes are popular German foods. One thing there is more of than they know what to do with is sauerkraut. It is used so many ways, especially with beef, yeal, pork, and apples.

Some of you will be going to Europe this summer, and I wish that I were going with you. I hope that next year Betty and I can go for a short trip to England, Scotland, and the Scandinavian countries. I do love good food, and there is no place in all of this world where the food is better than in Helsinki, Finland. The restaurants there are simply fabulous. The most popular foods are fish, especially smoked, salted, or fresh herring, and all kinds of breads, pastries, thin pancakes, meat balls, fish and fruit soups, and cheeses.

If by chance you should be lucky enough to get to go to Russia, just prepare yourself for a surprise. You are going to like the food much more than you now think you will. The Russians are fond of a large number of cold dishes, such as smoked fish, game, and salads. The strange thing about some of their smoked fish is that it has no resemblance to fish; in taste and texture it is more like fowl. Of course, the best known Russian foods are caviar (only for the rich, even in Russia), salted herring, cucumbers, pickled beets, black rye bread, and cabbage soup with sour cream. If you stay in Russia very long, I hope you like sour cream, for the Russians love to put it on and in everything from pancakes to soup. I did not mind the sour cream in the soups, but I did not like it anywhere else.

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## POINTERS ON WINNING CONTESTS

When the "contest bug" first bit me my friends looked at me pityingly, smiled indulgently and asked "Do you actually believe that all those wonderful things are given away absolutely free—with no strings attached?"

My husband refused (discreetly) to discuss the subject with anyone. Now, almost ten years and two children later, thousands of dollars worth of fabulous prizes have found their way to my front door.

I have won the down payment on a new home, put a shiny new automobile in our garage and have been awarded enough merchandise to furnish a home completely—with many

"spares" left over.

For my kitchen I have won a beautiful, completely automatic electric range plus an automatic gas range of equal value, a large home freezer plus a large refrigerator with freezer across the top, venetian blinds, a complete set of aluminum ware, waffle iron, three electric mixers, two coffee makers, two automatic toasters, electric deep fryer and fry pan, steam iron and automatic washer.

In my dining room I have put a dinette set, dishes, silverware, a clock. For my living room I have been awarded a divan and chair set, two televisions, eight radios, a radio-phonograph combination, portable phonographs, books,

vases, pictures.

In the bedroom has gone a bed and vanity and chest suite, innerspring mattress, goose feather pillows, sheets, pillow cases and three electric sewing machines. I have furnished the bathroom with fluorescent lights, scales and a literal MARDI GRAS of beautiful, bright-colored turkish towels and wash cloths.

My children enjoy a fairyland of toys—including five bicycles, a five-hundred dollar electric car, dolls, books, airplanes, roller skates galore. I have been awarded a five hundred dollar diamond ring, a one-hundred dollar pearl necklace, five wrist watches, bracelets, necklaces, orchids, soaps, perfumes, numerous beauty preparations and treatments—it is not contest sponsors' fault that I remain on the plain side!

I have won clothing for the entire family, theatre passes, restaurant passes, turkeys, hams, entire dinners, cameras, everything from soup to (dough) nuts! I was awarded fifty pounds of dog food when I had no dog, and later was awarded a beautiful little registered cocker spanielafter I had disposed of the dog food! I have won two-hundred baby chicks (and have a yard the size of a pocket handkerchief!), a bed extensioner (I measure five, two, with heels, and am lost in the average size bed), numerous cigarette lighters and I do not smoke, a ukelele which I cannot play. But I have always found a ready market for articles which I do not need, and many of my relatives find the rewards of my contest efforts stuffed in their stockings on Christmas morn! My problem is now that my husband is my biggest booster and often embarrasses me with lavish praise in front of my friends. And my friends are constantly calling, writing and asking how they can get started on this completely fascinating and highly rewarding hobby. Hence, I am writing this article.

There's No Magic Involved

First off, I would like to say that there is certainly no "magic formula" involved unless one might call hard work, coupled with a dogged, neversay-die perseverance, a magic formula and, on second thought, maybe it is because, after all, isn't that the formula by which we win most of our desires? The cost, unlike many other hobbies, is comparatively small. Your only expense will be postage stamps, envelopes and paper, for the products that you write about will be products which you will normally buy anyway.

The work is something that you can do right at your own desk or on your dining room table, without having to hire a baby sitter to stay with your children. And do not worry if you have not had an unusual degree of education. The average housewife has a better chance to win most contests than the college professor; after all, you use the products and, chances are, he does not!

The rewards are great, not only in the material things and cash which you may win but also in the downright fun which you will have. Everyone knows that anticipation is half the fun of receiving anything, and the more entries that you send in, the more you will have to anticipate! As you work to improve your technique of writing contest entries so you learn to express yourself more logically and concisely, you learn to be more observant, to look for the unusual, to enjoy every morsel to the fullest—traits which will be of benefit to you for the rest of your life.

#### How to Begin

There is just one way to begin—select the contest which you wish to enter, carefully read the rules, and get to work. But do not sit and stare at the paper and patiently wait for that \$25,000 idea to pop into your mind and come tripping lightly off your pen. Unfortunately, that is not the way it works.

If you are working on a statement contest beginning with "I like SO and SO because —" you must not only write a good statement explaining why you do like the sponsor's product, but you must express your ideas in a way that is likely to catch and hold the eyes of a tired judge who has scanned hundreds and maybe thousands of entries before he came to yours.

Study and use the product. Gather all the information that you can about it in magazines, newspapers, from commercials on radio and television, and from the labels and wrappers. Write down all the sales points of the product. Then jot down all the ways that this product helps you or the members of your family, how it makes your work easier, your family happier or healthier, or you more beautiful,

as the case may be. Write the entry, tucking in as many sales points as possible. Weed out all superfluous words and get it within the word limit. Go over each word and determine if a stronger or more descriptive word can be substituted.

I do not work too long at a time on any one contest. When I begin to tire, I put that one aside and let it "cool" for a day or two. When I go back to it, I can often see where the first efforts could be easily improved. I do not try to write when I am physically or mentally tired. I find that I can do my best creative work during the early morning hours before the children are awake—I can do housework later in the day and answer their questions at the same time!

I also like to be working on several different contests at the same time. Doing this not only gives you variety and reduces monotony but often you can "borrow" a word or a phrase from a field not related to the product and give an otherwise humdrum product that touch of originality that will make it stand out from other entries submitted. Only after I am satisfied that every word that I have used is the best possible word, do I again check the rules, then type it neatly and send it on its way.

No, you do not have to own a type-writer in order to win contests, but a typewritten entry is an easy entry for the judges to scan and get the basic idea quickly. If you do not own a typewriter, print your entry neatly with ink. However, if the contest rules state that neatness is to be a factor in the judging process, I would have it typewritten if at all possible.

#### Contest Rules

Study the rules of a contest carefully and follow them to the letter. Always give your entry ample time to be postmarked before the deadline. Different judging agencies use different standards in judging contests. If the rules state that a contest will be judged on sincerity and not fancy wording, then that sponsor wants a simply worded, sincere statement. If the rules list cleverness as one of the judging standards, you should strive to make your entry clever by the use of slogans, rhymes, puns and coined words.

Entries are rated by score cards and some agency's score card might read like this: For completing statement—10 points; for aptness (does the statement apply only to this product, or could it just as well be describing the Grand Canyon?)—30 points; for sincerity—30 points; for originality—30 points.

I once entered a soap contest. The rules stated that the entries would be judged for sincerity and originality. I wanted to say that I liked that certain soap because it kept my linens so white. Well, why did it keep them white? Because it washed out all the dirt and rinsed it away completely, obviously. But hundreds of other people would be writing the same thing! I had noticed that the linens that I did not use frequently kept as white

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#### WITH AN BASTER ACCENT

By

Mabel Nair Brown

GUM DROP EASTER EGG TREE FAVOR: Dye halves of egg shells in delicate pastel colors-one half shell for each tree. For tree branches use pipe cleaners or heavy green covered florist's wire cut into short lengths. Twist the wires together at one end and spread other ends to form branches of a tiny tree. Carefully punch a hole in the rounded end of the egg shell and draw the "tree trunk" through the hole and then insert the trunk into a large gum drop. Slide egg shell down over the gum drop to conceal it. Stick tiny gum drops (or halves of little jelly beans) on the end of each wire branch. Set each tree in a fluff of artificial Easter grass.

EASTER EGG (JELLY BEAN) CORSAGES: Use pipe cleaner stems or green chenille covered wire for stems and stick a fat jelly bean (egg) upon the end of each wire. Insert stems through a paper doily and tie with loops of ribbon. If these are to be "extra special," first gather a pretty pastel nylon hankie up in the center so that the corners can be perked out in a big "floret"; tuck stems of jelly bean flowers among folds of hankie and add the doily and ribbon bow as above.

CROSS EMBLEM FOR AN EAST-ER BREAKFAST OR A "SILENT LUNCHEON" such as some churches have during the Easter season: Bend white chenille wire or pipe cleaners to form small crosses. Stand each cross in white gum drop (I like the long narrow gum drops for this). Stick clusters of miniature artificial flowers into gum drop at the base of each cross. I buy the sprays of the tiniest flowers I can find in dainty pastel colors and then carefully separate each flower from the main spray—you will find each one on its own wire stem.

LILY - OF - THE - VALLEY EGGSHELL favor. Dye half eggshells, half
of them pale blue and half of them a
delicate pink. Fill each shell "flower
pot" with damp sand. Place each one
on a small cardboard square, using a
small bit of modeling clay to hold shell
upright. Fluff a bit of artificial grass
to cover the cardboard base. Now
stick a small bouquet of the lily-ofthe-valley into the sand in each shell.
The wet sand will keep the flowers
fresh for quite some time.

ALL WHITE EASTER CENTER-

ALL WHITE EASTER CENTER-PIECE: On a large mirror make an arrangement of white lilacs and white tulips, or other white flowers. Let this be a semicircle arrangement, with highest flowers in center. In front of this arrangement, still on the mirror, place several of the lily-of-the-valley eggshell bouquets as described above; for this the eggshells will be left snowy white and secured to the mirror with a bit of the clay, instead of the cardboard base. Flank on either side with white tapers. This makes a beautiful arrangement for a buffet, too.



A little Easter egg tree and a small white rabbit aren't hard to fix and add a lot to the season. This was made by Juanita Schoff of Saint Joseph, Mo. when she entertained her club.

#### DONALD'S PIZZA PARTY

(Editorial Note: Brother Donald's manuscript was prefaced by a few words, and I decided simply to print them here exactly the way he wrote them.

Dear Lucile: Driving along the highway today enroute to Peoria I got to thinking about something that has to do with kitchens. Could you accept contributions from male members of our family in the line of cooking? If so, I'd like to try my hand at telling about our Pizza party.)

Dear Friends:

Through the years I've been interested in the kitchen arts. That probably is a natural reaction to my many years around good cooks, my helping mother in the kitchen during my childhood, my marriage to another good cook, and my love of good food.

I know that I don't stand alone as a male who likes to invade woman's domain for in my contacts as a Sales Engineer for General Motors I have discovered that many of my friends and business associates share this hobby.

Only yesterday I was visiting with the Chief Engineer of a large concern in Milwaukee. As usual, the conversational ball traveled far afield from business, and I discovered that he is a backyard barbeque expert; and his charcoal broiled steaks are the envy of the neighborhood.

Don't get the idea that we are expert cooks. On the contrary, I would have difficulty preparing an ordinary dinner. But we do have a few dishes that we like to think we excell in, and mine is Pizza—genuine Italian Pizza.

Mary Beth and I belong to a bridge club composed of four couples—a really informal group. In fact, it shouldn't be called a bridge club at all because the card playing is secondary. Eating is primary. Last Saturday evening was our turn to entertain the group, and by popular request I served my Pizza. If I do say so myself, the whole thing was such a success that I'd like to tell you about it.

Some folks like to think of Pizza as a snack. But along with a salad and a dessert it makes a wonderfully complete meal that provides all the essentials of a balanced menu. And it is relatively simple. If you haven't yet tried your hand at it, I hope this little description will encourage you to do so.

In order to serve Pizza and enjoy the party rather than spending all of your time in the kitchen, as much preparation as possible should be taken care of in advance. I'll describe how I went about it in the order that things were done.

For Combination Pizza to serve eight people a complete meal (all eight of them heavy eaters, I might add) you will need the following:

- 4 lbs. lean sausage
- 2 8-oz. cans tomato sauce
- 2 6-oz. cans tomato paste
- 2 pkgs. roll mix
  - (ordinary light roll mix)
- 3 medium size onions
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 3 small cans mushroom bits (not whole)
- 4 medium green peppers
- 2 lbs. good sharp cheese

About three hours before the party, I cooked the sausage over a low heat in a large skillet, draining away the grease occasionally and stirring every few minutes. (It is important that the sausage doesn't cook into lumps but remains crumbly—thus the frequent stirring.) When the sausage is completely cooked, it should be drained to be sure that it is free of grease—or as free as possible. The sausage is then placed in a bowl and set aside to be used later.

While the sausage was simmering, I made the tomato sauce. I chopped the onions and sautéd (perhaps you call it 'fried') them in two tablespoons of olive oil over a low heat until they were golden brown. Then I drained off the oil and added the two cans of tomato sauce, two cans of tomato paste, the oregano, black pepper and the garlic—the latter minced very fine if it is used fresh. When this mixture was thoroughly combined I placed it in a bowl for later use.

The green peppers were sliced lengthwise into strips approximately one-half inch wide. These strips were then simmered until tender. I used soft water to preserve the bright green color, and they were thoroughly drained and stored in a small bowl for later use—as were the mushrooms.

The cheese was also shredded in advance on a coarse shredder.

The hot roll dough (mixed following instructions on the package), after rising 45 minutes was divided into four equal parts, floured lightly and formed into balls, wrapped in oil paper and placed in the refrigerator to retard further rising until party time.

Some folks make Pizza Pie in a regular pie tin. I don't. I think it adds much more "atmosphere" to make large pies the size of your largest cooky sheet. Our largest was 18"x24". I greased the cooky sheets and preheated the oven to 450 degrees.

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## THESE CLUB PROGRAMS SOUND INTERESTING

Dear Friends:

Before I put up the ironing board to tackle the week's ironing I'll take a little time to sit down and write my letter to you good friends.

These have been busy, busy days for the Stroms. Oliver is in the routine of a new job with regular hours from eight to five. He is home for lunch so we plan to have our big meal of the day at noon. When he gets home in the afternoon he works at the countless little jobs around the house that have needed attention. Soon he will be starting on outside jobs around the house and yard. For the first time in years he has been home to take care of these things when they needed attention. When he was traveling, sometimes they would have to wait for several weeks.

Martin has been practicing hard on his clarinet getting ready for the grade school band concert and I have been busy with the usual household routine of cleaning, baking, washing and ironing as well as my work at the desk, plus church and club responsibilities. I'll try to hit some of the high spots since last I wrote.

You may remember my telling you several months ago that our big project this year was to be carpeting. We decided after much thought that we would not carpet from wall to wall at this time, but instead would purchase two 12 by 15 foot rugs which almost cover the entire floor in the living room and dining room. We figured these rugs, with Martin at his age, would really "take a beating"! With two rugs the same size we hope to get four times the wear for they can be turned in each room and also can be interchanged from room to room so that the heavy traffic areas can be rotated. I was busy as a beaver before the rugs were delivered for I decided it was best to clean and wax all of the furniture, wash some blinds, clean some drapes and what have you before laying the new rugs. There just weren't enough hours in the day for me during this period! Oliver wondered more than once if I had taken leave of my senses when I would call him to come help me move some furniture again and ended up with the same arrangement I started with! Perhaps some of you can do quite well drawing your furniture arrangements on paper, but I'm one who has to move the furniture around.

We moved the fiber rugs to two bedrooms upstairs. They may not stay there, but for the time being we are giving it a try. Eventually we plan to put them in the basement room we hope to fix up for a recreation room.

I think you might be interested too to hear what I did to the stairs. We have had rubber treads on them for several years and I have been on the look-out for something in the line of carpet for them. One day I noticed some carpet remnants on sale and looking through the big stack I found enough pieces just alike to carpet the



When Cousin Louise Fischer Alexander (at the right) was here to see her father, she sat down with Margery so we could snap this picture.

stairs. I didn't realize what a job it was going to be to sew those strips together (all the rugs were 27 by 48 inches) and I've never had so many blisters and calluses on my hands at one time, but I got the job done and the stairs look very nice. Of course a professional could have done a much better job, but most of our friends are "do-it-yourself" people too so it doesn't have to meet critical inspection!

We have added a new desk to our office here at home. Our friends who are moving had no use in their new home for an old oak secretary desk. We thought it quite an attractive piece of furniture and since we needed another desk for personal papers and correspondence, we bought it from them. I like all the little cubby holes and drawers and the extra shelves for storage. It makes a nice addition to the office too for the book cases are oak and I hope someday soon to have a nice big old oak office desk. I should soon be able to work with more efficiency! Martin is as anxious as I to have a new large office desk because the table that now holds my typewriter he hopes will end in his playroom! He thinks it would be the ideal surface for putting model airplanes and cars together.

We have had several interesting programs in our circle meetings and study clubs since last I wrote. One was on home decoration where harmony, scale, balance and other phases of home decorating were discussed. The friend who gave the program is a "collector" and although she has many of her collections in display fashion, she also uses many of them in daily living. I agree with her that we have more pleasure from using our collections than from just looking at them. Her collection of Chinese and Japanese art is one of the largest in the Midwest.

Another program that was most interesting to me was given by the custodian of one of our State Parks. He showed colored slides of the park taken during all four seasons. We really don't make use of our State Parks like we should. We are one of

the countless families who drive to the park during the summer and fall, but honestly, the park is as beautiful in winter and very early spring. Next year I hope we can drive over during these "off-seasons" and enjoy the natural beauty of the park after a heavy snow or when the first earliest blooms come to the flowering shrubs and trees. I hope you do too. Incidentally, I understand that this is a service of the custodians of the parks so perhaps you can arrange such a speaker at a meeting soon.

At another meeting we spent an afternoon making special holiday favors for the County Home. I gave the devotions at that meeting and chose some beautiful quotations from "Light From Many Lamps" concerning the real joy we derive from doing for others. A few days later we filled the nutcups with candy and took them to the Home and they were much appreciated.

This year Shenandoah is fortunate in again having an exchange student from the American Field Service. Last year the Rotary Club sponsored a young man from Central Europe, This year the Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a young girl from Finland. She was asked to speak to a study group of which I am a new member and gave a very fine talk. She had learned English several years ago in school as one of her studies and she hopes to major in English and later to teach it in their schools.

I am always interested in the comparison of the lives of our young people as compared to those of other countries. Although there are expected small differences, young people are more or less alike the world over. Naturally some countries differ more than others but the young people in Finland must be very much like our own. Since these students are on allowances and there are so many, many countless little items they would like to buy to take back home with them, we always thank them for their talks with a gift of money instead of buying a present. It is interesting too to hear

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#### KRISTIN HAS HER "SAY" ON STUDY HALL!

Dear Friends:

What is as dull as a study hall? An hour with nothing to do at all. You've done your Science in Latin class,

And now you're bored to tears, alas!

You gaze out the window, you stare at the wall,

Is there anything worse than a study hall?

You start to pass a note—but then, The teacher walks past your desk again.

You'd like to whisper a word or two,

But you see she has her eye on

So you gaze out the window and stare at the wall.

Is anything worse than a study hall?

This is a little verse I wrote the other day while sitting in the study hall. Spring is the time of year my teachers repeat each question three times and wonder why I don't answer. You can't blame them for losing their tempers but neither can you rightfully blame me or the other students for gazing out the window and forgetting our lesson. I would much rather be at home raking the yard, or helping Mother and Dad get the garden ready for planting and helping them plant, than finding out what X equals. Wouldn't you? I like Winter but Spring is really my favorite season.

Some time ago while I was in Shenandoah visiting I told our radio friends about a Freshman Y-Teen party I had attended. It was a backward party and one of the most unusual parties I have ever attended. Every girl and her date had to wear jeans, and we had to wear sloppy shirts backwards. To gain admission to the room we had to crawl through a huge box on our hands and knees; backwards, of course.

We ate first. Beefburgers, pop, and potato chips were served. Then we played an exciting game called "Murder" which I will tell you about in detail because if you are on the entertainment committee for a school party it might give you an idea for a new

game to play.

Slips of paper are passed out to everyone present. All of them are blank except two. One of these has the word "guilty" written on it. The person who receives this paper is the murderer. The other paper has an X in the middle of it, and the person who receives this paper is the detective. The lights are turned out and everyone begins to walk anywhere around the room. The murderer touches one person on the shoulder and that person screams and falls to the floor. The lights are turned on and the detective steps up and takes over.

He asks everyone questions concerning the murderer which can be answered by "yes" or "no". Everyone



These are the Easter favors Margery describes in her letter.

has to tell the truth except the murderer. When the detective thinks he knows the guilty person he will say to him, "Are you the murderer?" The answer to this question must be the truth.

We played this game several times and then played a few other games. The party was over at ten o'clock.

Mother and I moved the sewing machine into my room a couple of weeks ago and in my spare time I have been increasing my spring and summer wardrobe. I haven't done any sewing for quite a while so the first thing I made to practice up a little bit was an apron. Last Fall Mother made me a cotton school dress and there was enough material left over for an apron. I plan to help my Aunt Bernie in her cafe this summer so I can't have too many aprons. Now I am just finishing a cotton skirt. The material is a red and white print and I used four yards. Since I prefer pleated skirts I had to make narrow double pleats all around in order to get that much material into the waistband. I like it very much and plan to make another one just like it in a solid color of pale green.

Last weekend I visited my Aunt Edna and Uncle Raymond Halls on their farm near Allerton, Iowa. I just love to visit them. This winter Juliana and I spent a few days with them during Christmas vacation and we visited school with one of my friends, Linda Lash, and got acquainted with

several more girls.

Aunt Edna has such a large house that she lets me call the southeast bedroom my own. We have redecorated it together and it is really lovely. I chose to do it in pink and white and picked out pink and white wallpaper and a pink quilted polished cotton bedspread. We hung white fluffy curtains at the two windows and dyed two throw rugs pink. Uncle Raymond sanded the floor and Aunt Edna refinished it, so now it really shines. Against one wall is my white dressing table, and against the other wall is a white bookcase. I have so many books at home that we couldn't find places to put them all, so it was easy for me to fill this bookcase with my own books. Aunt Edna painted a small rocking chair white and put pink pillows in it. I never get tired of looking at my room.

I will close for now and next month you will hear from Juliana.

Sincerely, Kristin

## EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS WE'VE RECEIVED

#### **Emergency Easter Lilies**

"I wanted Calla lilies for my devotion center. I had no proper paper, so (truly necessity is the mother of invention!) I rolled slices of white bread flat with a rolling pin, trimmed off the crusts, shaped them and pinned them together with toothpicks; then I stuck a carrot strip in for a stamen and placed the entire thing on a stick in a vase with philodendron and white tissue carnations. It looks so realistic that many people thought we actually had fresh Easter lilies! (This can't be done hurriedly. I worked hours and hours on it!"—Kansas.

Editorial Note: In all the years we've printed "Questions and Answers" we have never received such an outpouring of comment as the letters written in regard to the unhappy young wife who lived so close to her husband's people. Some of these letters are so full of wisdom and maturity that it seems imperative to share them with you. The following letter, for instance, carried no name and address; only these simple words so full of meaning: "I, too, have a scar on my heart."

Dear Leanna:

I have thought for quite some time that I would write concerning the woman with the overwhelming problem with her husband's mother and sisters. Perhaps what I say will help someone to understand.

Meddling parents are a frequent factor for divorce, according to a noted sociologist. It is natural for parents to love their offspring. Yet love which is untempered by Christian maturity sometimes grows jealous. The mother of a son sometimes resents the young woman who claims her son's affections through marriage. So God, in His creation, established an order in building the home.

The newlyweds are to leave and cleave. (For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they twain shall become flesh. Matt. 19:5.) When living on a home place, they should never live in the same house and preferably, not on the same farm. When you rent a place, the whole place is rented to the renter and they are the head of the home; there is always a small house or apartment to rent for people who are not literally the head of the home.

Now the order does not terminate love between parents and son or daughter. Marriage means that the daughter's or son's first love and loyalty is to the spouse. In some situations 'leaving' (perhaps psychologically rather than physically) is the only answer. Christian people scrupulously avoid interference in affairs of the newlyweds, but encourage them to make their own plans or to be with each other.

Now circumstances can alter things. When a parent is old and cannot live

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#### LIVE EACH DAY

By

Evelyn Corrie Birkby

When we started the Spring project of painting the walls of our house, it looked like an insurmountable task. Six rooms, large sized, were waiting to be washed, patched, and painted; the job seemed tremendous. I brought out the big dishpan filled with hot soapy water and then just stood and looked at the little sponge in my hand and the big expanse of walls and sighed.

All at once I laughed right out loud. How silly of me! I didn't have to do all the walls at once. No one was going to stand over me with a whip and demand that my arms and energy extend to all four walls at the same time. I would not concern myself with the other rooms, the other walls, or the ceiling. Only one wall needed my attention at the moment, and it wasn't very big.

Soon that one wall was washed, then on to the next. By dinner time one room was clean. How many wrinkles, gray hairs, and grumpiness I had stored into myself simply by looking at that big house all in one lump! Now, by doing one wall easily at a time, five of the rooms are completed; washed, patched, painted, and pretty. And it was fun to do. I not only learned much about the proper technique of putting on paint but also the proper attitude to take toward work which lies ahead.

Sometimes, too, especially this time of year my mind wanders back. It is easy to think of five years ago when our five-year-old Dulcie Jean was with us and we were enjoying a wonderful spring and happy days together. It is so easy to build up an incredible amount of longing and wishing and regret over things that aren't and never can be again, or things that weren't and now will never have the opportunity of being.

Even the happy times tend to be lost, and the joy of remembering erased, by regrets and longings which can so easily fill the mind. How easy it is to flood days with thoughts of the past! There again the lesson of the walls comes into focus. Only one day need be lived at a time. In fact, that is all God really expects of us. Be not anxious for tomorrow, Jesus tells us. Also, the evil of the day is sufficient thereof.

If we could only learn to "mind" God and live in day-tight compartments! We only have to live this moment, this hour, this day. Our life is

like an hour glass, letting only one grain of sand through at a time; and yet how often we try to cram into the same small space all the grains of sand from the past and the grains of

sand for the future.

It just isn't possible, and when we try to do so there is only one inevitable result: something breaks down. Our todays are not lived at their best, and our tomorrows are not faced with the peaceful calm which makes us able to live them to the fullest.



The three Birkby boys—Bobby, Craig and Jeffrey. If everyone were as dependable as their mother it would be easier to get things done! Evelyn was just out of the hospital when she mailed this article and picture.

Actually we can do nothing about the future except to leave it hopefully and faithfully in God's hands. Likewise, if we fix our minds on the past, we are inclined to miss all the wonders of the new day.

It has been said that life is full of glad surprises to those who hope. Something happy or worth-while is bound to happen simply because we expect it. Possibly it is as small as a crocus blossom, or it may be as magnificent as a sunset, or as sweet as a baby's smile; but it might well have been lost in the business of the day if a hopeful attitude had not been contained in every thought.

Surely the approach of living today completely and joyously, to its fullest extent, was the one which pervaded Jesus's whole life. As He lived the wondrous joy of Palm Sunday, He did not let the knowledge of the coming calvary dim one second of that happy day for Him or His followers. But, of course, He was not trying to do it all alone. He knew that every step of the way He had God close beside, to face both the joys and the sorrows with Him.

One man expressed it, "I do not know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." And another said, "This day nothing will come my way that God and I can't handle together."

Each day, then, can be lived triumphantly in its own little compartment, for:

"The light of God surrounds you The love of God enfolds you

The presence of God watches over you

The power of God protects you—Wherever you are, God is."

-E. Stanley Jones

When God wants an important thing done in this world, or a wrong righted, He goes about it in a very singular way. He does not release His thunderbolts or stir up His earthquakes. He simply has a tiny, helpless babe born, perhaps in a very obscure home. Then He puts the idea or purpose into the mother's heart, she puts it into the baby's mind, and then—God waits!

#### WHICH FLOWER?

- 1. Which flower might be a fruit?
- 2. Which flower might you wear on your feet?
- 3. Which flower might be an insect?
- 4. Which flower might be associated with a fire?
- 5. Which flower might be a foreigner and a light?
- 6. Which flower might be a young man?
- 7. Which flower might be a brokenhearted person?
- 8. Which flower might be a person in the Bible and a garment?
- 9. Which flower might be an object in the sky and Jesus' birthplace?
- 10. Which flower might be a pleasing person and a vegetable?

#### Answers

1. Mock Orange; 2. Lady Slipper; 3. Butterfly Bush; 4. Burning Bush; 5. Chinese Lantern; 6. Sweet William; 7. Bleeding Heart; 8. Joseph's Coat; 9. Star of Bethlehem; 10. Sweet Pea.

-Betty Cooper

#### WHICH HOLIDAY IS IT?

(A quiz for the smallest members of the family)

When sweet-scented lilies to church we will bring,

We know that it's and the season is Spring.

When marching bands blare and the flag waves on high,

We know we are celebrating the

The harvest is in and thanks we do say,

We're especially grateful on

When pumpkins and goblins and witches are seen

We're costumed and ready for a gay

We sing "Upon a Midnight Clear,"
When \_\_\_\_\_ is drawing near.

#### Answers

Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving Day, Halloween, Christmas Day.

—Evelyn Witter

#### MY PRAYER

What greeting shall I send you as I think of you today?

For the wish that I would wish you goes beyond what I can say!

Yet unspoken thoughts rise heavenward in the silence when I pray.

I will breathe my intercessions before God's Altar Throne,

And the best wish I can wish you shall be told to Him alone,

And the best thought I can send you is from Him and not my own.

Your name shall be remembered in the Blessed Presence there

Where remembrances are sacred and each memory holds a prayer; And where loving thoughts shall leave you in a loving Father's care.

-Anonymous

#### LETTER FROM LUCILE

Dear Good Friends:

Today I am writing to you from our Kitchen-Klatter office, and momentarily there is a lull that made me glance up a second ago to be sure that everyone hadn't left without my noticing. Ordinarily there is a terrific clatter going on, such a clatter, in fact, that if I want to talk on the telephone, long-distance, I have to ask everyone to be quiet for just a little bit!

But a second ago my nose explained the lull: coffee is ready! We bought a coffee maker for the office not long ago and it has been enjoyed thoroughly by everyone around here. Some days this winter it's been so cold that no one felt a cup of coffee was worth braving temperatures far below zero. On those days the coffee maker earned its salt! On other days it's nice to get out and grab a breath of fresh air and get a glimpse of the outside worldanyone who pounds a typewriter or pours over files needs such a break, goodness knows. But there's always someone around who thinks that a cup of hot coffee would taste good, so here is one office that actually has tantalizing smells several times a day.

Since I last wrote to you Russell and I have been out of town on a brief trip. I didn't mention it in advance because I've gotten almost fatalistic about making plans: as sure as I say we're going to do so-and-so, then something comes up to prevent it. If I just make plans in silence and say nothing at all until the last minute, things don't seem to go so awry.

We had several business calls we wanted to make in Minneapolis and we chose the one time of the month when we could slip away: this means that nothing urgent concerned with Kitchen-Klatter magazine was right on top of us. Evelyn Birkby was willing to substitute for me on our daily radio visit, Juliana's Aunt Mae and Uncle Howard said that she might stay with them, our appointments were all made in Minneapolis—so we were off!

We hadn't been in Minneapolis since Russell's father was so critically ill—that will be four years ago this coming May. At that time we drove. And believe me, I'd forgotten how hard it is to get to Minneapolis if you don't take your own car! There is only one train a day and it doesn't make what you could call any kind of connections with busses running from Omaha or Council Bluffs to Shenandoah. There are always planes, of course, but I have a crazy feeling about planes and somehow can't seem to get myself up in the air!

We were afraid to drive so far north at this time of the year because of the lively possibility of severe storms, so we took the bus. One complication arose from the fact that if we went directly from Shenandoah into Omaha, where the bus is made up, we had only fifteen minutes to change stations and grab the bus. I'm not speedy on my feet, and consequently it seemed



When Russell and I saw this latest picture of our niece, Kyra Solstad, she looked so grown up to us. Her parents, plus Grandmother Verness, live at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

wise to avoid the chance of not getting from station to station in time, so we got off in Council Bluffs and waited there 40 minutes, approximately, for the bus to come through.

We always expect heavy traffic over weekends, of course, but this was the middle of the week and we were surprised to find that a lot of other people shared our intention of going someplace! The bus was almost full of passengers all settled down for the night by the time we boarded it, so Russell and I had to sit on the bench at the back. There was a heavy fog that night and by the time we reached Minneapolis at 7:00 A.M. I felt as if we had been traveling through a very long tunne!

We found Minneapolis such changed city that it was as if we had never been there before. The old Minneapolis we once knew so intimately is practically gone. There are great dramatic new buildings, the kind that soar and float in space. There are churches overwhelming in their architectural splendor and one of them, the Christ Lutheran church, has been rated by a panel of architects and churchmen as the most beautiful built in the United States in 25 years. Everyone who admires the magnificent Art Center in Des Moines will be interested to know that the same architect, Eliel Saarinen, was responsible for this ultra-modern church that is the pride of the Missouri synod.

However, the one haunting memory I have of all those tremendous new churches built to the glory of God is a church not far from the old Verness family home on Twenty-Fourth Avenue South. Richard and his family now live there, and it was Richard and Arleigh who took Russell and me on a Sunday to see this new church that had one feature almost heartbreaking in its simplicity.

One entire end of this church is constructed of a great slab of stone—it looks like a piece of powerful sculpture in form. Engraved upon it are

these few words, arranged as I have printed them here:

O, Land
Land
Land
Hear The Word
Of The Lord

And underneath this, in small letters, the exact passage from Jeremiah. You cannot imagine the impact of that great slab of stone and those simple, compelling words. They remain in my mind as a constant challenge and reminder. We live in a time when Man must truly pause and reflect upon such words.

There is also an enormous, ultramodern new Greek Orthodox Church built very near to Lake Calhoun. Their old church was a landmark. Russell and I said how many countless times through the years we had transferred from one streetcar to another at the corner of the old Greek Orthodox church. Now the streetcars are gone, every single one of them, and Sears-Roebuck occupies the ground once used by the church. When I looked at the tremendously impressive new building I commented that I didn't realize there were enough members of this church to put up such a building, but Richard said that they had many, many members. Then, too, they had realized a substantial sum from their former property.

Both Richard and Arleigh laughed at me when we took one drive and they said: "Now we want you to be sure and see Southdale—there's noth-

ing else like it."

I'd heard about Southdale, had read that the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright called it a vision of the future, but I was tired . . . and so I said rather wearily, "Oh, I'll just wait in the car. After all, stores are all alike. If you've seen one, you've really seen them all."

"You haven't seen THIS one," Richard said firmly. So we parked in a lot called "The Kangaroo" and made the trek into Southdale. Incidentally, the way they've handled these acres and acres of parking spaces is really interesting. Instead of numbering the different sections in the usual way they've given them names and put up huge pictures at the entrance. They figured that even small children could remember and say: "We're parked at the Pink Rabbit" or "We're parked at the Gopher." The store is so huge that they knew they'd have a big quota of lost children, and that some of the problems would be solved by identifying the parking lots in such a way.

Well, we walked from "The Kangaroo" into a very big arcade and then into a gigantic square formed by brilliant store fronts. All of these store fronts opened into a terrific enclosure surrounded by a balcony, and when we leaned over we looked down into a vision of the future! There was a big free-form pool filled with giant goldfish and a lovely fountain that followed the form of the pool. There was an aviary filled with dazzling birds, pieces of modern sculpture, a sidewalk cafe, play areas for children

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## This Month Evelyn Birkby Shares Some Of Her Favorite Recipes With You

#### MOM'S SALAD

1 pkg. lemon gelatine

2 cups hot water

2 bananas sliced

1 can crushed pineapple, drained

8 marshmallows, chopped

Combine hot water and gelatine. Cool until slightly thickened, then add fruit and marshmallows. When set, spread on the following topping:

#### TOPPING

1 cup pineapple juice and water

1/2 cup sugar

2 Tbls. flour

2 Tbls. butter

Combine juice, flour and sugar. Cook over low heat until thick. Put a little hot mixture into the beaten egg and then add the egg to the hot custard. Cook for about 1 more minute. Remove from fire, stir in the butter. Cool and fold in 1 cup cream, whipped. Spread this on the gelatine mixture and top with grated cheese.

One of my good neighbors served this salad with little crisp crackers for a club meeting. After she graciously gave me the recipe I asked her what she called it. "Oh, it came from Mom, so I've always just called it 'Mom's Salad'." And the name has

#### CHOCOLATE MINT WAFERS

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup sugar

1 egg

2 squares melted chocolate

2 cups flour

2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 cup milk

Cream together the shortening and sugar. Mix in the egg, melted chocolate, and the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the milk. Chill well, roll out 1/8 inch thick and cut into rounds. Bake on a greased cooky sheet at 400 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes. When cool decorate with cake decorator (wonderful for Halloween cookies) or put together with the following 7 minute frosting—or just eat "as is."

#### MINT FILLING

1 egg white

3 tablespoons water

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. white corn syrup

16 marshmallows, diced

Combine in top of double boiler all ingredients except the marshmallows. Cook, beating constantly, until the mixture forms peaks (about 7 min-utes.) Add the marshmallows, beating until melted and the frosting is of spreading consistency. Add a few drops of mint flavoring. Spread between cookies or use for a "never fail" cake frosting with any flavoring desired.

#### TUNA CASHEW CASSEROLE

1 3 oz. can chow mein noodles 1 can cream of mushroom soup 1/4 cup water 1 can chunk style tuna 1/4 lb. cashew nuts 1 cup finely diced celery 1/4 cup minced onion Dash pepper Salt to taste

Combine all the ingredients in a 1 1/2 quart casserole (reserve about 1/2 cup of noodles for topping). Top with remaining noodles. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes. This is also an excellent "emergency shelf" dish. Served with a green vegetable, hot rolls and a light fruit dessert it makes a simple company meal. It is also fine for covered dish suppers. Be prepared for questions as to the ingredients; you'll be sure to get them.

#### BING CHERRY SALAD

2 cans pitted bing cherries 1/3 cup lemon juice

Cherry juice to make 1 3/4 cup liquid when added to lemon

package orange gelatine

3/4 cup nut meats 2/3 cup stuffed green olives

1 pkg. cream cheese made into balls

or squares

Heat the 1 3/4 cup fruit juice and pour over the orange gelatine. Chill until syrupy and then add the other ingredients. Chill until firm. This is a beautiful salad to make in a mold. It is one of my favorite bright spring salads. The combination of fruit juice with orange gelatine is a very tasty base. I have made this using only two of the ingredients mentioned when I wanted to be economical. One can of cherries may be used for the same reason if desired.

#### DELUXE HAMBURGER

1 lb. ground beef

1 cup evaporated milk

1/3 cup uncooked oatmeal

3 or 4 Tbls. minced onion

1 tsp. salt

Dash pepper

Combine all the ingredients well. Now, you can do all sorts of interesting things with this mixture. 1. Spread into a well-greased pan about 8 by 8 inches square. Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 25 minutes until nice and brown. Cut into squares the size of a bun. 2. Make into thick cakes and broil. 3. Form into balls the size of walnuts and fry in a skillet. 4. Form into balls, place in a baking dish, pour in one can of tomato soup, undiluted and bake slowly for nearly one hour, turning at least once.

#### LUSCIOUS ANGEL LOAF

1 pkg. frozen strawberries

1/2 cup water

1 pkg. strawberry gelatine

1 cup heavy cream 1 angel food loaf cake

1 or 2 cups heavy cream, whipped

Mix hot water and gelatine, add berries and 1 cup heavy cream, whip for several minutes. Pour into two ice cube trays and set until firm. Split cake into 3 layers. Fill between layers with the set gelatine mixture. Frost with whipped cream (I just use 1 cup, but the original recipe called for 2. I have also used the whipped cream that comes from cans and the evaporated milk chilled and whipped.) This may be frozen before the whipped

#### EGG YOLK PIE CRUST

cream frosting is placed on it. Made ahead it is just right for a busy day,

a club meeting or a company dinner.

1 1/2 cups flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 cup shortening

1 egg yolk

1/4 cup milk

Sift the first three ingredients into a bowl, add the shortening and cut in. Stir egg and milk together and add all at once, stirring with a fork lightly. Press into a ball and roll out as desired. This is a good way to use leftover egg yolks. Until I found this pie crust recipe I despaired of ever making a pie I could take anywhere. This holds together and yet is tender and flaky, something I had never been able to accomplish before.

#### GOOD PARTY PUNCH

4 cups boiling water

4 tsps. orange pekoe tea

1 cup sugar

1/3 cup lemon juice

1 1/2 cups orange juice

1 qt. ginger ale

Pour fresh boiling water over tea, cover, steep 5 minutes. Strain and add sugar until dissolved. Add fruit juices. Chill. Add ginger ale.

(An ice mold with fruit may be added or scoops of sherbet is more

party-like.)

#### MYSTERY SALAD

24 single soda crackers, crushed

6 hard-cooked eggs

6 pickles

Small can pimentos (about 2 1/2 pieces as they come from the can)

1 cup mayonnaise

Chop everything as fine as possible and add enough of the mayonnaise to moisten nicely. Stir hard, no chunks to bite into in this salad. Chill well before serving. If you pack it into a bowl it will hold its shape enough to turn out on a lettuce leaf or into the center of a relish plate.

This recipe was "discovered" at a

covered dish supper. Everyone was trying to guess the ingredients. No one even mentioned the soda crackers!

#### PINK SPRING CAKE

1/2 cup shortening 1 1/4 cups sugar

2 cups and 6 Tbls. flour

3 tsp. baking powder 1/4 tsp. salt

Cherry juice from 1 small jar of maraschino cherries with enough milk to make 3/4 cup liquid

1 jar maraschino cherries, chopped

1/2 cup nut meats, chopped 4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Cream together the shortening and the sugar. Add the sifted dry ingredients alternately with the liquid. Com-

bine the cherries and nuts with the 6 extra tablespoons flour (be sure and keep this separate when you sift together your dry ingredients!). Add the fruit and nuts to the batter and lastly fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in a 9 by 13 inch cake pan or two 9-inch layer pans for 25 to 30 minutes at 375 degrees. Frost with pink tinted seven minute frosting.

This started out to be Jeffrey's February birthday cake, but we like it so well as a pretty spring cake it has become that also. Made into cup cakes with a pipe cleaner handle and a few candy eggs on the frosting it becomes a perfect Easter basket.

#### HOT MILK CAKE

2 eggs

1 cup sugar

1 cup sifted cake flour

1/8 tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking powder

1 Tbls. butter

1/2 cup milk

Beat the eggs until light and thick, add the sugar and beat for 5 minutes with a spoon or 2 1/2 minutes with an electric mixer. Fold in the sifted dry ingredients all at once. Heat together the milk and butter and add. The folding in of the dry ingredients and the hot milk mixture should all be done in just 1 minute. Add the flavoring you desire, such as 1 teaspoon of Kitchen-Klatter vanilla and 1/2 teaspoon Kitchen-Klatter almond. Lemon is also very good. Bake in a waxed-paper-lined 8 inch square pan in a 360 degree oven for 30 minutes. For cup cakes bake at 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

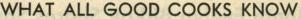
We like this for shortcake with fruit and whipped cream just as it is.

If we want it for a cake I make a meringue topping to bake right on top of the cake.

#### MERINGUE TOPPING

2 egg whites Pinch salt 1/2 tsp. Kitchen-Klatter lemon flavoring 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

Beat the egg whites with the salt until stiff. Fold in the sugar, flavoring and nuts or coconut if desired. This may be placed on the batter before baking or spread on the cake the last 10 minutes of baking. If you want a caramel topping add 3/4 cup brown sugar instead of confectioner's sugar. This topping is excellent for any cake.





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#### FAVORITE ROLLS

1 cup scalded milk

1/4 cup shortening 1/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. salt

1 package yeast

1/4 cup lukewarm water

1 beaten egg

3 1/2 cups flour

Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt and cool to lukewarm. Add the yeast which has been dissolved in the warm water and the beaten egg. Add the flour and mix well. Knead (add a bit more flour if needed) and place in a greased bowl to raise until double in bulk . . . about 2 hours. Turn out on board and shape as desired. Cover and let rise until double. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 2 dozen excellent rolls.

This was the first recipe I tried as a bride and to date it is still our favorite. Through the years I've experimented with all kinds of sweet mixtures for fillings and toppings. Also, if I wanted a sweeter, richer roll dough I step the sugar and shortening up to 1/2 cup and add 2 more eggs. This makes it into a basic butterhorn recipe and I like to shape the rich dough into the fancy "horns."

Following are our favorite ways of making up the rolls into sweet rolls.

#### BUTTERSCOTCH ROLLS

After first rising of the dough for Favorite Rolls, roll 1/2 of the recipe into oblong shape about 1/4 inch thick. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle with 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Roll and cut into 1 inch slices. Now combine 1 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons light corn syrup and 1 tablespoon of butter in the baking pan over low heat. Stir until mixture melts together. Cool slightly and place rolls over this mixture. Let raise until double in bulk and bake at 375 degrees for about 25 minutes. Remove from pan immediately, turning so butterscotch is on top of rolls. Pecans may be added to the topping for rich pecan rolls.

#### ORANGE ROLLS

After first raising of the dough, roll 1/2 of the dough for Favorite Rolls on lightly floured surface until 1/2 inch thick. Combine 1/2 cup sugar, 1/4 cup melted butter and the grated rind of 1 orange. A little orange juice or orange flavoring may be added. Spread over the dough, roll and cut into 1 inch slices. Place in a shallow greased pan. Cover and let rise until double and bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. Equal amounts of orange juice, butter and sugar may be placed in the bottom of greased muffin tins to make them extra tasty.

#### PINEAPPLE ROLL FILLING

After first rising of the dough, roll 1/2 of favorite roll recipe out to an oblong shape 1/2 inch thick. Then combine in a sauce pan the juice from 1 small can of crushed pineapple, drained, with 1/4 cup brown sugar and 2 tablespoons flour. Boil over low heat until thick. Add the pineapple and cook one more minute. Remove from heat and add 1 tablespoon butter. When cool spread onto the dough and roll up. Cut into 1 inch slices and place in greased baking sheet. When double in bulk bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. May be frosted with 1 cup confectioner's sugar, 2/3 tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon Kitchen-Klatter vanilla flavoring.

I had a spring "coffee" not long ago and served these different sweet rolls in woven baskets. With plenty of hot coffee, good conversation and more hot rolls to refill the baskets it made a convenient and satisfying way to entertain.

#### ORANGE BEETS

1/3 cup sugar 2 Tbls. cornstarch MIX and add: 1/2 tsp. salt 1 cup orange juice

Heat and stir until thick. Add one can diced drained beets and 2 tablespoons of butter. Let stand for several hours to absorb flavor. Heat and serve.

## DOROTHY SOUNDS DOWNRIGHT BUSY!

Dear Friends:

By the time you read this I hope Spring is just around the corner, but right now winter is still very much with us.

While we were eating breakfast the other morning, with the thermometer outside the window registering 15 below zero, Frank asked if anyone wanted to offer to go out and milk the cow. Since neither Kristin nor I know how to milk this was just a joke, but I do feel so sorry for the men who have to go out and chore when it is so terribly cold. I keep reminding Frank on these cold mornings how much he hates hot weather and he still says he will take this zero weather in preference to 100 degrees in the hay field in the summer. But megive me the good old summertime.

For the past week, and for the next five weeks to come, I have been working six days a week from 8:00 to 5:00 in the County Superintendent's office in Chariton. I think in previous letters I have mentioned the regular office girl, Mrs. John Allen, a lovely English girl who married one of our Chariton boys in England during the war and has made her home in Chariton. Two years ago this coming summer she took their three daughters to England and spent two months with her family there.

Before Christmas Doris told me that her father wasn't well and that she planned to fly to England in April and spend six weeks with her parents if I would be able to come in and work for her while she was gone. I told her I would be happy to do this. We who work in the courthouse all love Doris and felt very badly when she received a cablegram last Friday morning that her father had passed away. She left Friday night by plane for England and I reported for work on Monday morning and will work until she returns.

Needless to say, my working has changed the routine around this house considerably. I worried at first for fear I wouldn't be able to keep up with the pixie orders, but thanks to the cooperation of my family with the household duties, such as meals, dishes, beds, etc., I have been able to spend all my time with the pixies at night and get them mailed out to you on schedule. I do appreciate the letters that tell me what date you will be needing them; then I can be sure that yours will reach you in time for your party.

I wanted so much to get a picture of Edna's cute pixie tree to show you this month but I just haven't had the time to get down to her house to take the picture. We plan to go to Allerton this Sunday, so I can promise you a picture next month. It will give you an idea for a novel and different centerpiece, or an arrangement for your coffee table.

I had a birthday dinner for Frank's sister Bernie last Sunday. It was a little past her birthday but then we



Thousands of you friends have stood at exactly the point where Martin and Oliver are standing to study Bagnall Dam at the Lake of the Ozarks,

seldom can all get together on the exact date. While I was at the office on Saturday trying to think what groceries I needed to buy before I went home, Mrs. Hutchison called me and wanted to know if I knew that her Lois and my Kristin were to serve the lunch at young people's meeting Sunday night? Kristin hadn't been there the Sunday before and she didn't know it either. We planned what to serve and I added "36 sandwiches" to the list of things I had to do Sunday morning before dinner. I dressed my chickens, made an angel food cake and the sandwich spread on Saturday night.

What complicated everything was the fact that we had to have dinner over with by 1:00 o'clock so we could be cleaned up and ready to go to town at 1:30 to attend the public installation of the new Rainbow officers because Kristin was being installed as one of the officers. As soon as Edna and Bernie arrived I put them to work making the two dozen open-faced sandwiches that were to go with us to Rainbow, and put Kristin to work making the three dozen sandwiches that were to go to the young people's meeting, and I got dinner. Everything went off on schedule with everyone getting to the place he was supposed to be, with the food he was supposed to take, on time, and believe it or not I even had time to work in a few pixies before I went to bed.

I don't know what the main topic of conversation is of the people on the street in the state where you live, or the County where you live, but here in Lucas County (and I think this is true in the bulk of the counties in Iowa), everyone is talking about school reorganization. This is more pronunced in the rural communities than anywhere else because it means the last of the one-room country schools. Those who are for reorganization are ready and willing to tell you all the advantages of the larger schools; those who are opposed to it are just

as ready and willing to point out the disadvantages.

The main issue for the large school is that they can offer a bigger and better curriculum, more sports, music, art, dramatics, etc. I think this is all very true and that all the outside activities are important in a school, but my gripe is that I don't think these activities are the most important thing in school. At the end of the year when they give out all the awards, school letters are given to those who were prominent in sports; music emblems are given to those who have musical ability. Considering the enrollment in large schools there are very few boys and girls who receive these awards. Why can't we give some recognition to the boys and girls who have studied hard and maintained a high grade average through the year? Don't they also deserve a school letter or an emblem? Would it make the boys and girls study a little harder and try for a higher scholastic average if they knew at the end of the year they would get recognition for their efforts? I don't know, but personally, I think it would be worth a try.

A large number of the boys and girls who receive the sports and music awards would also receive a scholastic award and I think they would be just as proud of it as they are of the others. But it would also give the boy or girl who physically cannot be outstanding in sports, or who isn't blessed with a talent for music, a chance to win a school letter. So much for schools. Frank has gotten to the place that he warns everyone who comes not to mention schools because it gets me started and it's hard to get me stopped!

On the coldest day last week one of our ewes had twin lambs and one of them is black as can be. Frank didn't think the ewe was going to live because she was down for several days and couldn't get up, so he got a couple

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## LETTERS WE'VE RECEIVED Concluded

by himself, the Bible says: "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother . . ." It is the responsibility of all the children to care for the aged parents, although usually it falls on only one or two. In that case, an allowance should be given to the child or children who assume the responsibility and whose lives are affected.

God established this order and when it is followed, parents learn that instead of losing a son or a daughter, they gain a son-in-law or a daughterin-law. And God willing, even grandchildren upon whom they can shower their love and affection.

Sincerely,

I, too, have a scar on my heart.

Omaha, Nebr. "One day not long ago when you were talking about doll clothes it reminded me to tell you that I supply a home-missionary in Minnesota with them. I make clothes for dolls from the 12-inch size up to 24-inch size. I buy patterns to get the basic dimensions and then use my own ideas for styling and trimming. Lots of my ideas come from the clothes of the children whom I teach. All the work (with the exception of snap fasteners) is machine work. My materials (snap fasteners excluded) are scraps left from the sewing of our women's society in the church. It's an absorbing and satisfying hobby. It satisfies my desire to create pretty things and it is also useful in the services of the church."

#### A Wonderful Smorgasbord Idea

"Last November our Legion Auxiliary put on our annual Smorgasbord. One thing we use is a large wagon wheel mounted on a good base and painted and decorated nicely. We line it with chef's foil and it turns like a lazy susan. We put our pickles, olives and celery in between the spokes. Of course, the wheel has a bottom cut out to fit!

"We served turkey, ham, baked and fried chickens, meat balls, pickled tongues, potato sausages, sweet potatoes, escalloped potatoes, various kinds of salads, rolls, cookies, and a Danish fruit soup that was very good.

"We have a beautiful looking table when we start, but when we finish you have to search for something! It is always worth the effort and we make a nice profit which we give to the Legion to pay on the mortgage."

—Mrs. W. J. M.

#### **Church Activities**

Several months ago we had such an interesting letter from Norfolk, Nebr. regarding the various meals served by the extremely active and hard-working women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Their big banquet held in Minneapolis was interesting, but this was the responsibility of the hotel where it was held, so we will confine the following comments to work accomplished right there in Norfolk.



Spring doesn't seem far away when you look at a picture like this! Kerry Lee and Jean Marie Catheart are ready to go over the fence and run in fresh green grass.

"The convention of the Walther League was a success. They had planned for a total of 300—and 473 registered! We served breakfast on Saturday morning to 250. The menu was orange juice, coffee, milk, dry cereal and rolls. They used 10 gallons of juice, 2 lbs. of coffee, 300 ½ pt. cartons of milk, 60 doz. rolls and about 30 boxes of cereal.

For lunch we served 392 people the following: Mexiburgers, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, milk and coffee, ice cream and chocolate cake. We used 45 lbs. of beef, about 1½ gallons of catsup, 2 qts. mustard, 18 cans of cream of chicken soup, 125 lbs. potatoes, 1 gallon of salad dressing, 3 qts. cream, 5 doz. eggs, 1 bushel of tomatoes, 13 gallons of ice cream and 17 large chocolate cakes. There was nothing left but some potato salad and cake. We finished up with hot dogs! Oh yes, we used 525 buns! We put one on each plate and then passed them around. We felt that many would want two and many would be satisfied with one. We also used 200 cartons of milk and cooked up 1½ lbs. of coffee.

(Editorial Note: The next portion of the letter deals with a big banquet but these details might come in most conveniently for a Junior-Senior banquet at this season of the year, so we are including them.)

The rooms for the banquet had been transformed into an Oriental garden with the ceiling covered with red crepe paper streamers dotted with gold stars. Trees around the room were covered with paper cherry blossoms. The stage was transformed into a rock-walled garden. Nut cups were in red, green, yellow and blue and held miniature Japanese umbrellas. Larger umbrellas formed the centerpieces with red and gold streamers the length of the nine long tables. We entered over a bridge with a small pond holding water lilies. It was a big job but very well done.

Now for the food . . . a total of 611

were served at the banquet and they had Hawaiian punch, baked ham, escalloped potatoes, buttered frozen corn, tomato salad, rolls, pickles, coffee and cherry squares. Our grocery list ran something like this:

26½ gallons punch; 170 lbs. ham; 250 lbs. potatoes; 8 gallons milk; 14 lbs. butter; 100 lbs. frozen corn; 96 dozen rolls; 2 bushels of tomatoes; 29 heads of lettuce; 2 gallons of sliced pickles; 8½ lbs. coffee. Our cherry squares were like pie only baked in large sheets that cut 64 to a pan; we had 10 pans."

(Editorial Note: The following comment is so very human and familiar to anyone who has worked on a big banquet that we wanted to include it.)

"I was so busy all day that about 9:30 in the evening I discovered the only thing I'd eaten since breakfast was a piece of chocolate cake and a little ice cream at noon! I was hungry! We finished up at midnight. I slept until 8:30 the next morning and then got up and attended the convention worship service. The young people certainly did themselves proud."

(And one final note: the above events were held during the "tomato" season but the letter came too late to take advantage of this material for salads. Thus we reserved it until now when there would be a better chance of utilizing the ideas for your own coming needs in the summer months ahead.

#### BRAND NEW PARENTS SPEAK!

Before you enter, perhaps you should know,

You may be insulted before you go! If you come with advice on infant care,

We warn you, dear friend, you had better beware.

We don't care at all what mother did, We like our own system for raising our kid!

When we want advice, we call our doctor — and pay,

We don't care to hear-free-what your doctor would say.

So as two harassed people we let it be known,

If you want to raise babies, have some of your own!

-Unknown

(Lucile's note: A friend from Wahoo, Nebr. sent this, and when I read it I thought of a friend of mine who told me in tears that the hardest thing about trying to get along with her new baby (born when she was in her late 30's) was the absolute avalanche of advice poured on by every single soul who came to see her. "No two people ever recommended the same thing," she said, "and it left me so confused and worried that I was wild! If only they'd refrained from telling me what to do and left my baby's feeding troubles up to the doctor, I'd have come through those first three months in much better shape."

One of today is worth two tomorrows. What I am to be I am now becoming.

#### MARGERY'S LETTER—Concluded

what things they are interested in taking home with them. I think it is a wonderful experience not only for them but also for us, for it certainly gives us an opportunity to learn about their homes and way of life first-hand. If you know of any exchange students near you, you might consider this for a program.

Again this month we are sharing one of our vacation pictures from last summer. This was Martin's and my first trip to the Lake of the Ozarks and it had been a number of years since Oliver and his sister Laura had been there. We're anxious to return some time for it certainly is restful and ideal for vacations.

Many of you are planning to entertain around Easter so perhaps you would like to make some little Easter bonnets for favors for your party My friend, Margaret Welty, and I made some for Mother and everyone thought they were very clever. We used an egg-shaped piece of plastic foam which can be bought in this shape during this season at the dime stores. Flatten the top some by pressing with your thumb and then with a pin stick a small round of the plastic foam about the size of a silver dollar on top. On top of that stick a smaller round of the foam. With scraps of lace, net, feathers, artificial flowers, etc., fashion pretty bonnets for the ladies. We used sequins for features, sticking them on with straight pins. A round of the plastic foam about the size of the hat can be stuck on the bottom for a good base so the head will stand up. They are really very clever and such fun to make You could even make the faces and have all the materials on hand for the guests to fashion the Easter bonnets as part of the entertainment, giving a prize for the best hat.

With this I must close or I certainly won't get my ironing done before this day is over!

> Sincerely, Margery

#### FREDERICK'S LETTER—Concluded

Tomorrow I am going into Boston on business, and for my lunch I shall go down to the waterfront and find myself a good seafood restaurant. Out here in the East we have the funny idea that seafood should only be eaten within a few miles of the sea, and preferably within sight of the sea. I am going to order a nice big bowl of oyster stew and a big plate of clams. How does that sound to you?

I am writing this to you just before preparing a sermon for Easter. This is a season full of special work for all pastors, but work so meaningful, so rich, that members of the clergy feel blessed to be able to perform these extra duties during the Lenten season. To each and everyone of you I send my most profound wishes for health and happiness on the joyous Easter morn.

Sincerely always, Frederick

#### COVER PICTURE

This inspiring church is the South Congregational Church in Springfield, Massachusetts. Frederick feels greatly privileged in being able to serve as its pastor.

#### THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once, And no man has the power to tell Just when the clock will stop . . . At a late or early hour.

Now is the only Time you own; Live, love, toil with a will, Place no faith in tomorrow, For the clock may then be still.

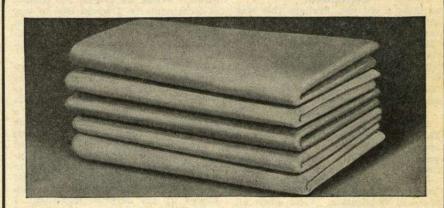
#### A PRAYER

Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art
That thou mayest consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart,
And comforters are needed much
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Each new day is an opportunity to start all over again to cleanse our minds and hearts anew, and to clarify our vision. And let us not clutter up today with the leavings of other days.

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as those I did use. Perhaps this was something that other contestants would not think to add! So I wrote: "My linens wash thoroughly clean. rinse clear; they keep their original whiteness whether stored on the shelf or used daily-never become yellowed or grey." This entry was awarded a one-hundred dollar check.

#### Types of Contests

Naming contests are my "pets." They do not require so much research and are something that I can do while washing the dishes or cleaning the floors.

In most naming contests, one must "make up" or coin an original word to avoid duplication. Write down all the descriptive words you can think of to describe the puppy or whatever is to be named. Always keep a dictionary close at hand. Look up words that you do know as well as those which you do not know. Write down all words that are in any way related to the object to be named, its description, eating habits, play, etc. Often you can "push" two of these words together and come up with a name that is euphonious, descriptive and "fits" the object that is to be named.

In a puppy naming contest, I once took the words "alert" which described the puppy, and "Tex," a masculine name, squeezed them together and made "Alertex." This name won a minor prize, as did the name "Sir Katskram" in the same contest.

In another puppy naming contest I could not get away from the big, wistfully sad eyes of the forlorn little puppy for whom his mother could not find a name. I pushed in the word ORB in the name OBADIAH and came up with ORBADIAH. This name won a radio-phonograph combination, but as two-thousand other names were



Here is Mother with the other new baby in the Alexander family, little David Overstreet. This was also taken in Tucson.

also awarded prizes, I am afraid that the puppy's mother was still going to have quite a job selecting the ONE name!

'Coined names are not advisable in contests in which the winning name must be clearly understood by everyone and is actually to be used. In a local contest to name a new street in a newly developed housing unit, I suggested the name of our state flower and the name was chosen. The \$50.00 savings bond which I received as an award thrilled me immensely, but it is even more thrilling to drive down what my young son calls "Mom's Street!" While we are on the subject of local contests, I would like to say, DO enter them. You stand a much better chance of winning than you do in a national contest because the competition is much lighter.

I also like recipe contests for I love to cook-and eat. Most winning recipes are essentially good, nourishing, in-expensive, easy to prepare and, if the rules of the contest so state, have a catchy and descriptive name. In one cake recipe contest. I used a basic white cake recipe which I have relied upon for years, added an unusual ingredient which did add favorably to the finished product's looks and taste and gave it a descriptive name which played up the surprise ingredient. I was awarded a fully automatic gas range for this recipe.

There are numerous other contests -slogans, jingles and last lines. In the last line contests it is important that you have the same number of syllables in your line as the line that you are rhyming, that emphasis fall on the same syllables and that your line is smooth and "falls in" naturally with the preceding lines.

In closing, I would like to say this -DON'T get interested in the contest hobby if you are a poor loser, for you will lose many, many more times than you will win-if you are an average person. Some of the big national contests pull as many as two hundred thousand entries per day-often, millions during the entire contest period. So you should not feel badly if you do not win and you should certainly feel complimented when you do.

I think it is a sound idea to send in as many good entries as you have qualifiers for and have the time to write. The more entries that you send, the more chances you will have to win! But do not send a lot of hastily written, poorly constructed entries just because you have the necessary qualifiers because quality, not quantitu, counts.

One well written entry is better than one hundred poor entries. In naming contests particularly it is a good idea to send as many entries as possible for duplication dooms many an otherwise very good name. The winning names are not only good names, but good unduplicated names. Soap flakes, etc., can be bought in quantities and used as you need them-after the qualifier has been removed and used.

And that reminds me of a joke which is not new but which never fails to amuse me. A certain gentleman had won a new automobile in a breakfast food naming contest. "It's beautiful," he exclaimed, "and just fits into our living room!" "Living room?" questioned a friend. "Why don't you put it in your garage?"

"The garage?" answered the proud owner, "Oh, that's full of breakfast

I have not yet started filling our garage but my cupboard is always pretty well stocked-sometimes with label-less cans. It has jokingly been said in this house that Mom never knows what the dinner menu will be until she opens the cans! This is, of course, an exaggeration. Only once have I opened a can of spaghetti and got dog food!

As you enter more contests, you will get into my habit of keeping a file of your ideas. For instance, there are certain soap companies, breakfast food companies, etc., that are in the habit of having contests yearly. I do not wait until these contests are an-nounced before I start working on them. Often as I am doing housework and using the products, descriptive words and phrases come to me and I immediately write them down in my notebook for later reference.

I also recommend a course in contest writing to all who have access to one, and a monthly or semi-monthly bulletin which lists current contests is helpful. I am a busy housewife and mother and do all of my own work; I do not have time to haunt supermarkets constantly in quest of new contest entry blanks or to read through all the magazines and newspapers on the newsstands. Do not try to write a contest entry without having used the product, whether the rules require you to do so or not. You cannot write a sincere statement about something of which you know nothing. You are only wasting your time and the sponsor's time by trying to do so.

So, with these pointers I will get back to my typewriter and try and figure out some fresh ideas for a contest that came to my attention yesterday. Lucile has promised me that she will not identify me in any way and will not forward on any letters. I told her that only if she agreed to do this could I write about contests, for if I started answering letters I'd have no time left whatsoever to pursue my favorite hobby. All I know about winning I have put into this article. I wish you all kinds of success and pleasure.

#### A BIBLE DRILL

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Bu

Myrtle E. Felkner

Thirteen of the children form a semi-circle about a low table. (A coffee table is ideal for this worship center.) The Bible is upon the table; on each side are lighted candles.

Seven of the children each carry a single rose or lily (flowers are on each end of the semi-circle. Six other alternating children carry placards on which Bible references are written as follows. On the reverse sides of the placards are the letters E-A-S-T -E- and R.

A smaller child enters, carrying a Bible, stands between worship center and semi-circle of older children to speak:

CHILD:

"These are the names of Jesus, Our blessed Christ so fair; You'll find them in the Bible If you will study there."

(Child then sits on small chair at stage right and silently reads Bible

during exercise.)

FIRST CHILD WITH PLACARD: (This child's card reads Isaiah 9:2.) Jesus was called the Everlasting Father. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father. The Prince of Peace." (After reciting the verse, child turns placard to show the "E." The first and last children with flowers now step forward to lay the blossoms beside the Bible on worship center.)

SECOND CHILD WITH PLACARD: (Isaiah 9:2 also) Jesus was called the Almighty God. (Recites verse, then turns placard to show the A. Second child with flower places it beside

Bible.)

THIRD CHILD WITH PLACARD: (Titus 2:11-13) Jesus was called the Saviour of the world. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." (Child turns placard to show the S. Third child with flower places it beside the Bible.)

FOURTH CHILD WITH PLACARD: (Acts 5:30-31) Jesus was called The Prince of Peace. "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a PRINCE and a Saviour for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins." (Child turns card to show the T. Fourth child with flower places it beside the Bible.)

FIFTH CHILD WITH PLACARD: Jesus was called the author of Eternal Salvation. (Hebrews 5:8-9) "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And

being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." (Child turns placard to show the E. Fifth child with flower places it beside the Bible.)

SIXTH CHILD WITH PLACARD: Jesus was called the Redeemer of mankind. (Isaiah 59:20) "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." (Child turns placard to show the R. Sixth child with flower places it beside the Bible.)

(Child reading Bible now rises, points to the name "Easter" which is now held by the children and recites:) CHILD:

"We celebrate this blessed day Because our Saviour came To suffer and to die for us; Sing praises to His Name! Curtain.

#### A PROMISE

By

Kathleen Sexton

Not long ago, my little daughter asked me where the Easter bunny came from, and I told her I had no idea. Does anybody else? When I was a child I never heard of the Easter bunny or Easter presents, although we always colored eggs or had an egg hunt, and a basket with paper grass and candy in it was ordinarily provided.

We talked about the Easter parade, which Irving Berlin made famous through his song, and about which we hear each year by way of radio, television and the newspapers. We don't go in for Easter outfits at our house for several reasons, one being expense, and another the cold weather which still prevails at that time of year in our part of the country. But mostly we just plain don't believe in going to church and showing off a new outfit of clothes. I can remember everyone being so busy looking to see what the other person had on that was new, that not many got the full benefit of the sermon or the lovely music.

Maryann and I then launched into

a discussion of the real meaning of Easter. She already knew the story of the resurrection. A bit of research in the encyclopedia brought forth the information that a possible derivation of the word Easter might be from "Eostra," a goddess of Spring. Spring . . . an awakening of the sleeping things on God's Earth. Resurrection . the restoration of Jesus to the living. A Rebirth. The two go hand in hand to show us God's promise, and it is so simple that even a little child can see it . . . so beautiful that nobody, young or old, can help being thrilled by it.

Then, in the simple language of a child, my little girl said, "Wasn't it wonderful of God to keep His promise and let Jesus come back to life, just like he said he would?" And you know, how better could it ever be

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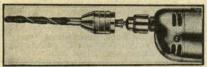
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#### DONALD'S PIZZA PARTY Concluded

At this point the fun begins-the actual assembling of the Pizza Pie. This is when I like to put on my white apron with the humorous decorations. my tall white chef's cap, and perform for the guests! From now on, too, I will discuss a single pie.

I rolled a ball of dough to a shape just slightly smaller than the cooky sheet. To transfer the crust to the cooky sheet without tearing it I floured the top lightly and rolled it up like a newspaper, unrolling it in place on the sheet. I then pinched up the edge to approximately one-fourth inch to hold the ingredients which were added in layers.

First came the tomato sauce. Onefourth of the sauce spread evenly just covered the dough. Next I spread on evenly the pre-cooked sausage. The strips of green pepper were next added and distributed in an artistic pattern. The mushrooms were scattered at random over the sausage. Then the whole pie was topped with the shredded cheese and the top was sprinkled lightly with oregano.

Twenty minutes in the oven at 450 degrees browns the crust, melts the cheese and blends the mixture into a dish fit for a Roman king!

Serving was simple. The cheese is sticky when the Pizza is removed from the oven so it is difficult to cut with a knife. The kitchen shears worked like a charm. I cut each pie into pieces about 2"x5" and served directly from the cooky sheet to the plates. And don't worry about silverware. The only way to eat Pizza Pie is with the fingers. Of course, forks were needed for the tossed green salad (with Italian garlic dressing) and spoons were used, naturally, for the Italian ice cream and coffee.

Does our food sound good? Well, it was a terrific success! Of course, I left the kitchen in a mess such as has rarely been seen before at our house, a mess that the women spent the rest of the evening cleaning up. But they like to gossip as they clean, I notice, so with the women happily engaged out there, we men just sprawled out in the living room with belt buckles loosened.

And we didn't play any bridge!
As I said before, we are really an eating bridge club.

Sincerely yours, Donald

#### LUCILE'S LETTER—Concluded

-well, really, you've never seen anything remotely like it! I looked up and asked Richard to estimate the distance between the garden and the very top-he thought it was between 60 and 80 feet, so that gives you an idea of how free and open it seems.

No stores were open, of course, because it was Sunday; but if you ever visit in Minneapolis and can make it out there during the week, do allow plenty of time for it. There are rows and rows of strollers reserved for babies, a zoo in the basement, and then this large play area that I men-

tioned earlier. Arleigh said that many of her friends left their children to play and went about their shopping with a light heart. (She added that her own small youngsters were so adventurous and curious that she'd never been able to bring herself to leave them!)

We bought one-way tickets when we left home because I promised Russell that if he'd make our trip up to Minneapolis the way I wanted to make it, I'd return with him the way he preferred. I honestly intended to keep this promise too, but when I went to the phone and called the airlines to make reservations, my eye landed on the big headlines of a paper just delivered and these words jumped out at me: 48 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH.

With that I hung up the telephone and said to Russell: "You go ahead and fly back, if you like, but I'm tak-ing the bus." He allowed as how he didn't want to roam off without me, so it ended that at 5:45 the following morning Richard drove us to downtown Minneapolis in pitch blackness and at 7:00 we boarded the bus for the return trip. However, the daytime trip was genuinely interesting because we could watch the countryside, and every town we passed through, regardless of its size, called up the name of some one who has written to us through the years. It was 10:00 that night when we finally reached Shenandoah, very tired, and I felt as if I had been gone from home for ten years.

Once again I've taken far more space than I should, so with this I'll look around an office that is now empty, cover my own typewriter, pick up my coat and head for home.

> Faithfully always, Lucile

#### DOROTHY'S LETTER—Concluded

of bottles and nipples and started feeding the lambs. But the ewe has gotten up and this morning Frank said when he came back with the empty bottles that he didn't think he would have to feed them much longer because he felt sure the lambs were getting some milk from her since they didn't rush him when he walked in with their bottles like they had been doing. The ewe hadn't eaten for a couple of days but now that she is up and eating a good diet, she will be able to produce enough milk for both of the lambs.

I had planned to give you another favorite cooky recipe this month but I have rambled on so long that there won't be room, so I'll save it until next month.

> Sincerely, Dorothy

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#### Gertrude Hayzlett

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I hope to hear from many more of you who have yarn. It can be small pieces you had left from that sweater you made, or the several skeins you bought for something and then didn't use. It can even be used yarn, if it is clean. And the kind of yarn doesn't matter. We use all kinds and we need a lot of it. Write me before you send it. Perhaps we have a knitter living near you.

You have been so good to write to some of our shutin members. Here are a few more who need your letters and cards. Also, if you know someone who needs cheer, why not send their name and address to me?

Mrs. Helena McCollough, 1038 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind. has been bedfast for six years. She has multiple sclerosis and is unable to use her

hands at all. She loves to get mail. Mrs. Crystal Butler, 12 Brookview Drive, Rt. 51, Greenville, South Carolina fell and broke her leg. She is in a cast. Her days are spent alone except for her two-year old granddaughter. She gets very lonely and would like to hear from you.

Eddie Clarke, Merna, Nebr. is 12 years old and is in bed with rheumatic fever. Please send cards and small games or things that he can handle in bed.

Miss Mary Sopher, 718½ Cameron Ave., LaCrosse, Wisc. is a young girl who has multiple sclerosis. Usually she can walk a little about the house, but after Christmas she tried to go out into the back yard and had a bad fall. She has been in bed since that time.

Thelma Green, Rt. 1, Sterling, N. Y. will be 12 on April 8. She has a bad heart and the last report was that she was not so well. She loves to get mail. Her mother, Mrs. Lucille Green, is

Mrs. Edith Allcorn, 225 W. Virginia Ave., Sebring, Ohio is a long time sufferer, and has been very ill for the past several months. She will enjoy mail but is not able to answer.

Mrs. Clara Simon, 639 N. 9 St., Montevideo, Minn. likes to get mail. She lost a leg last fall and it was quite a shock to her.

Does anyone have or know where I can get patterns for a set of tea towels with a donkey design? A shutin asked for them and so far I have not been able to find them.

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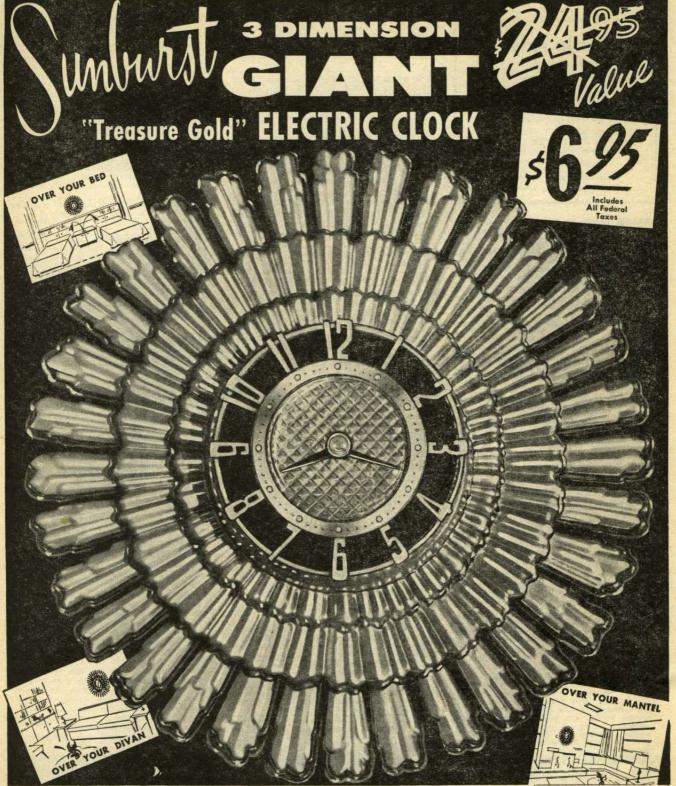
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