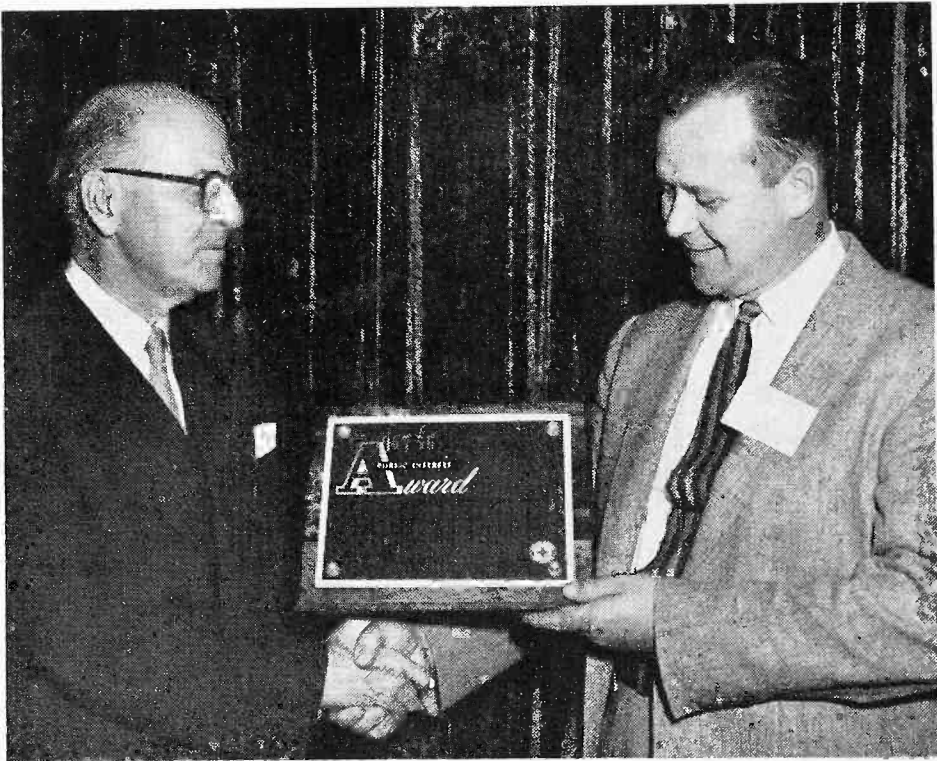


The KMA GUIDE



Christmas, 1956

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We are very proud here at KMA because this month the National Safety Council has singled our station out for a very distinctive award. Merrill Langfitt is shown as he received the plaque from Ned Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council in Chicago.

The inscription reads: "Station KMA earned its first Public Interest Award in the farm safety field for consistent ad-libbed references to farm safety on five farm shows a day throughout the year, for many remote interviews with farmers and their wives, a farm school bus driver, and junior high pupils on farm safety during National Farm Safety Week, for farm, highway and home safety spots on a saturation basis from April 11 through May 12, for special highway safety promotion during holidays, and for allowing one of the farm directors to make 25 speaking engagements on farm safety to youth groups in the area."

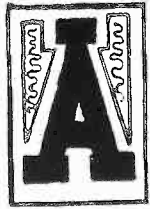
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Do things appear to be rather hum-drum? Well, this was the scene during the "wee" hours on election night as KMA presented its special county-level election coverage to 20 Iowa counties, nine Missouri counties, and several Nebraska counties. That's Joan Skallberg at the blackboard, Ralph Childs "on mike" while Warren Nielson and Dean Naven race to and from the news machines, and man in foreground, Senator Earl Fishbaugh of Shenandoah starts to answer a telephone call. KMA rec'd plaudits from county officers all over Iowa and Missouri for the tremendous coverage job that the station wrapped up at 3:15 a.m.



Christmas



MESSAGE FROM EDWARD MAY

Each month I write a column for the KMA Guide and I believe the December column is the easiest. The reason being that December is the month all of us should pause and reflect backwards and count our many blessings. This is particularly true this year. Regardless of what our circumstances of our position in life might be, we all have a great deal to be thankful for. We should be thankful we are living in this great country of ours instead of one of the war-torn or Communist controlled countries of the world. We should be grateful we live in a country where we can enjoy all of the freedoms we have. We should at all times carry the spirit of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Naturally, one of the highlights of the month is Christmas. Many people are of the opinion Christmas has been commercialized to the point that we overlook the true significance of the occasion. Perhaps this might be true in many cases but certainly not in the majority.

We are looking forward to Christmas at our house. This will be the first year Eddie will be old enough to view the Christmas tree, enjoy the beautiful Christmas carols and to partially understand about Santa Claus. Annette and Karen have already stated they can hardly wait to see Eddie's reaction when he sees Santa Claus and when he sees the tree Christmas morning. Annette and Karen, likewise, are looking forward to Christmas and receiving a few gifts. They have told us they are not particular what they receive as the spirit behind the giving of a gift is more important than the actual receiving of the gift itself.

Everyone at KMA looks forward to our annual Christmas party. This party was started many years ago and has become a tradition. Every member of KMA attends the party, except the engineer and announcer who happens to be on duty in order to keep KMA on the air. We have lots of group singing and every member of the staff leaves the party with a nice fat Christmas turkey. The annual Christmas party is the finest party, in my opinion, of the entire year and we look forward to it.

This is also the time when we should be giving serious consideration toward the New Year's resolutions that we frequently

make. Some people make twenty or twenty-five resolutions knowing they can't possibly keep all of them but I do think it is a good idea to at least make a few and make every effort to keep them throughout the entire year. Perhaps the best place to start might be to see if we can't correct one or two bad habits that most of us seem to have. If we could do this I am sure we would see an improvement in many things.

In closing, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from every member of the KMA staff.

Edward May

CHRISTMAS GUEST

Come, make yourself at home beside my
fire

And be my Christmas guest—and I'll be
yours.

The night is still; I think an angel choir
Is hovering above earth's shadowed floors.
I think that somewhere shepherds watch
their flocks

In far-off valleys where the paths are dim.
Oh, what is time, and what are earthly
clocks?

Come, let us speak of Bethlehem and Him!

Lord, how we long to welcome Thee to-
Outside, God's stars are shining up above.
night!

Let our own hearts be full enough of light
To be the lowly manger of Your love!

Here by the fire where we have broken
bread

And spoken of Your birth so long ago,
May Your clear shining on our hearts be
shed,

Between the starlight and the candleglow,
And may we feel as children who are blest
To have You with us as our Christmas
Guest!

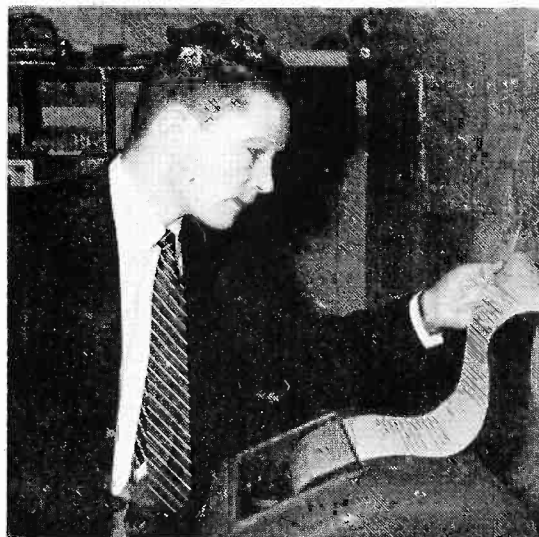


**KMA BOSS, FARM DIRECTOR
PRESENTED SAFETY PLAQUE**

Station manager A. J. (Tony) Koelker and farm director Merrill Langfitt are shown with Ned Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, who presented KMA a special award for the station's aggressive campaign to help curb accidents on the farm. The formal presentation was made at the three-day national convention for farm directors, held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

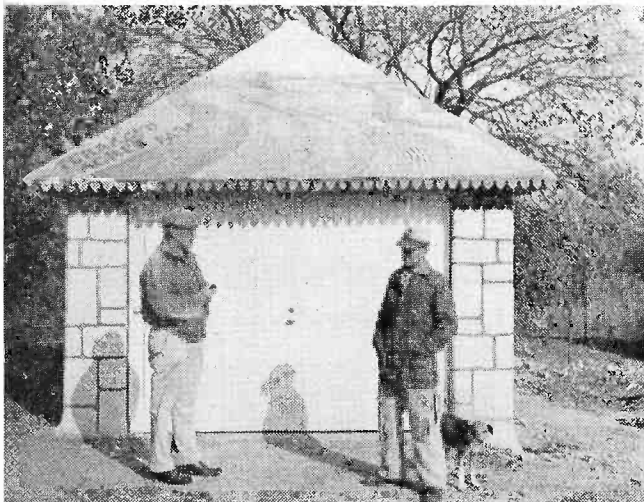
**JOHN SPRINGER ADDS
HIS VOICE TO KMA**

That well modulated voice you've been hearing on KMA of late belongs to John David Springer, 24, who has joined KMA. John just finished a hitch with the Air Force, serving as news media officer (1st Lt.) at Sac Hqs. in Omaha. You'll be hearing him on news, sports, and record shows, mostly during the nightside shift. He and wife Connee were just married two weeks ago and are busy getting settled into their Shenandoah apartment. John comes originally from Des Moines, and Connee's folks reside at Bellevue, Nebraska.



**MILLS COUNTY FARMERS
ON LAND USE PROGRAM**

Ray W. Jones, work unit conservationist, and Carl Phelps, owner of a profitable Mills county (Iowa) farm, talked with Jack Gowing, KMA's Midwest Farmer recently on his Practical Land Use show. The Phelps farm is the most terraced in Mills county. The show is heard each Saturday at 11:45.



You Name It, Tom Will Play It

by TOMMY BURNS

KMA's Afternoon Music Personality

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly." Yes, the Christmas season is here. It is a wonderful time of year. An atmosphere of happiness overtakes us and everyone seems to be affected.

This atmosphere is composed of many elements. Christmas means reverence as we pause to realize the true significance of the day. Christmas means elegant foods and family reunions. Christmas means shopping and giving of gifts. And Christmas means music.

What would Christmas be without music? It would lack much of its atmosphere, I think. For through music the birth of Christ is heralded. Through music we are taken back to that first Christmas day. Through music we hear the sleighbells which are associated so closely with this time of year. We hear of the gifts, the Christmas tree, the snow, of Santa Claus and his reindeer. The music of Christmas has a special sound reflecting our feelings, our gay spirits and our moods of reverence.

From the light, humorous little jingles which tell of "Frosty the Snowman" and the fact that "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" to the hymn-like strains of "Silent Night" and "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear", music plays a large role in every Christmas season. There are the songs which fall in between the categories of novelties and hymns. There are the songs of winter, "Winter Wonderland" and "Sleigh Ride". There are old songs and new about Christmas and winter.

The 960 spot on your radio will be filled with the sounds of Christmas this year. Each of us will be attempting to add to the atmosphere. But we need your help, too. Drop us a line to let us know your favorite Christmas songs, so that we can play them often.

You see, Mike, Merl, Warren, and I are playing records every day. We, like you, have our favorites. But we try to be impartial in selecting our records. We attempt to play every type of music to suit everyone's tastes. Impossible? Yes, almost. But it is a great help to us when we receive cards and letters from you suggesting numbers which we can include on future programs. Or, if you are completely happy with our selections, we like to know that, too.

This holds true with Christmas music as with all other types. So, let us hear from

you. I am sure that you will have some suggestions which will aid all of us in selecting the Christmas records you want to hear, music which will help in establishing a Christmas atmosphere at your house.

May I, in behalf of all the disc jockeys at KMA, extend to you best wishes for a most joyful holiday season. We will do our best to bring the sounds of Christmas into your home. The sleigh bells, the snow, the gifts, and the true meaning of Christmas; all through music. The invitation is extended, then, for you to be our guest during the delightful moments of the Christmas season. Be our guest to the sounds of Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tommy Burns

FRANK COMMENTS

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to pile dirt on top of these corn cobs so we just put our mulching material in on top of the corn cobs. So far it has worked out beautifully.

In case you don't have old annual flowers to pull up and use for mulching material, you can use straw or even the leaves raked from the lawn. If you have some hybrid teas which have grown four or five feet high it is all right to cut them back to about two feet so the wintry wind won't break them off.

Then when warm weather comes next spring, you can remove the mulching material and cut your roses down to about 6 inches above the ground. This applies to hybrid teas, floribundas and polyanthus. They all bloom on new wood and will give you lots better and finer blooms, if you cut them back so they can make all new top. At the same time you are cutting them back in the spring you should also give each rose bush about a teacupful of Maytone Fertilizer. Just spread on top of the ground around each plant. The rain will gradually dissolve it and carry it down where the roots can get hold of it. This one fertilizing will carry them to the middle of the summer, at which time it is a good idea to give each plant another teacupful of Maytone and this should run it the rest of the season. No fertilizer should be applied after the first of September as it might encourage soft rapid growth late in

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Frank Comments

By FRANK FIELD

Remember the very last sentence on this page last month, I said it wasn't time to put your roses and perennials to bed for the winter yet, and that we would take that up in more detail this month.

The picture on this page was taken on November 19th less than 24 hours before we had the big snow storm. From time to time during the last several weeks I had been poking petunia vines and zinnia tops and various other annual flowers in among the roses. But I hadn't completed the job. On this particular day the forecast very definitely called for winter weather to start the following day and I thought it was high time I got the job finished up. So I pulled up all the remaining annual flowers including the periwinkles and marigolds and stuffed most of them between the rose bushes. I cut off the old chrysothemum tops right at the ground and then laid the tops back down over the little plants which were already sprouted up around the old plants. You see, the old mum plant dies out completely each winter but in the meantime it has sent up some suckers from the roots around the base of the old plant. These sucker plants are the ones that will give you the glorious bloom next fall. It is a good idea to give them some protection through the winter. I have found that the old mum tops, cut off and laid back down over the little plants, are just about as good protection as you can give them. All they need is something to hold the snow



Here's Frank Field in his rose bed in front of his new Hillcrest home, preparing the plants for the winter months that face us.

and keep it from blowing off during the winter.

Some of the marigold tops I placed in a loose pile over the oriental poppies. They too, like some protection through the winter. The shashta daisies will furnish their own protection as they made a tremendous growth of leaves this summer, that even frozen down, will give the roots all the protection they need. Peonies and iris can go through the winter without any protection as they are iron-clad hardy. Coreopsis and gaillardia, like the daisies, furnish their own winter protection. The delphiniums would appreciate a little something extra but it would have to be something loose that wouldn't smother them.

That tree in the foreground of the picture is one of the new hybrid elms, as it looks after two seasons growth. When it was planted in April of 1955 it was as big around as my thumb and about 6 feet high and now it is a good 15 feet high and at least 2½ inches in diameter near the base. We have one of them at each side of the front walk and we figure in ten years time they will be giving us plenty of afternoon shade, the way they are growing now.

Those roses I am mulching in the picture are Eutins and have been blooming steadily and heavily since the middle of May. Ordinarily we have a killing frost or freeze here at Shenandoah by the middle of October and it is true we did have some light frost early in October but not enough to kill anything much except tomatoes and peppers. We didn't get our first real freeze until the morning of November 16th. The temperature was down to 15° and those Eutin roses were still blooming and with literally hundreds and hundreds of buds, about ready to bloom. Of course, the freeze put a stop to that. In fact, all of our roses including the hybrid teas, as well as the floribundas, continued to bloom gloriously all through October and November up until the freeze.

I know all the books say to pull loose dirt up around the bases of the rose bushes late in the fall and then put a heavy mulch on top of that, but here in Shenandoah we have learned to keep our roses mulched the year around with ground corn cobs five or six inches deep. We find it not only hold the moisture during dry hot weather but also keeps the weeds down, so it isn't necessary to do any cultivating. Naturally we wouldn't want

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Grass Root Notes

by

MERRILL LANGFITT

KMA

Farm Service Director

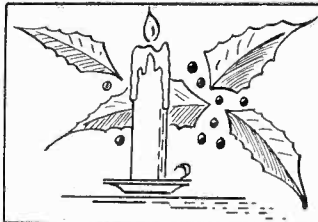


With Thanksgiving over and Christmas just around the corner we are reminded that 1956 will soon be history. What has 1956 meant to you? We hope for your family it hasn't brought extra hardships, grief or unpleasant conditions. For me, it has not been a year of any great significance except that it has gone very fast, I am a year older but perhaps not any wiser than I was at the close of 1955. We have enjoyed good health at our house and for that we are all thankful. We saw the first flowers blooming in our new yard and the shrubs spring forth with their first leaves since their development in the nursery. The grass has made a lush growth and we will have new tulips, hyacinths, crocus, iris and other bulb flowers spring to life next spring. Of course, planting never ends and rightfully so, one has to keep building and planting and doing things with some significance. Otherwise someday as we grow older we may find that we didn't leave any tracks where we walked. I want to think that when my time is done I have built some things with a foundation under them and that I have planted some trees, flowers or shrubs that will outlive me — that will grow on and on for years to come. I would like to think too, that I had planted some ideas that would take seed and grow. The basic ideas such as peace, happiness, security, prosperity, hope and faith are the ones I would like to see spreading around the world.

When we think of the poor unhappy people of Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and other parts of the world we know that many people of the world do not have freedom or happiness. As long as we have greedy merciless human beings we will always have down-trodden people and chaotic conditions. If only we could be sure there were no hungry people this Christmas or that all people were free from fear, then we could say in truth that the people of the world were happy and at peace with all men. Tragically these conditions do not exist in the world today, but someday all men will rise up and demand freedom and the tyrants will be stricken from the earth. That dream will not be realized in 1956 and perhaps not in our time.

We can be thankful that we live in America, that our troubles are small compared to others and that we have an opportunity to foster good will among our American neighbors and some neighbors in other parts of the world. We can continue to foster our American heritage — peace on earth, good will toward all men. We can hope that in 1957 we make some progress toward freedom and happiness for all people. Perhaps each of us will have to work toward that goal more than we have. A good place to start is right in our own back yard.

Merrill Langfitt



Christmas *with* TIME

It happens every year! And Frank Field KMA's weather forecaster, doesn't seem to be able to do anything about it! When his weather forecast calls for "Snow Flurries" the first time in the season, Frank invariably calls it "flo snurries" instead of "snow flurries". After he has said it once, it always comes out all right the rest of the year, but it seems he always pulls a "boner" the first time he hits it. Go ahead Frank. . we don't mind. "Flo snurries" sound a lot more exciting!

It might have sounded something like an explosion, but that blast you heard on KMA recently was only Jack Gowing, giving forth with a great big sneeze. A sneeze he thought he had cut off the air. But instead of pushing the black button that cuts his voice from the air, he made a mistake and pushed the "talk button". As a result, you listeners got the full blast. And the funny part about it, was that Jack didn't know his sneeze had gone on the air, until he looked in the control booth and saw announcer Mer! Douglas practically in hysterics laughing. The volume control needle shot clear over to the end of the indicator, when Jack's sneeze hit it! It just plain couldn't take any MORE volume!

Announcer Mike Heuer thinks he could almost start an "Our Gang" series of comedies, if he could film the escapades of his 2½ year old son Jeffrey. Jeffrey seems to thrive on getting into trouble. One of his most recent escapades was emptying a gallon can of gasoline all over the basement floor. Mike had hidden the can of gasoline he used for the lawn mower, behind storm doors in the basement. But Jeffrey found the can and proceeded to have fun! The basement smelled like a filling station and Jeffrey's eyes smarted, but fortunately that was all the damage done. The baby sitter smelled the gasoline and retrieved her young charge. Mike always wonders what he'll get into NEXT!

Its tough getting up at 5 a.m. and driving in from the country, to take an early morning program on the air. But Jack Gowing, KMA's Ass't. Farm Service Director, knows that is part of his job, and he doesn't mind. However he was a little put out the day he came for the broadcast, only to find out he COULD have stayed at home. Merrill Langfitt had told him he was going to a farm meeting in St. Joe and for him to take the Monday morning

show. Jack had just reached the studio, when the phone rang. It was Merrill saying "You can go on back home. I haven't gone to St. Joseph yet!" You can bet it didn't take Jack long to head back out to his warm, comfortable bed.

Radio gets results! Frank Field's loyal listeners got action, the morning he announced there was to be a church bazaar at Dunlap, Ia., but he didn't know the date, as the lady who sent in the announcement had failed to tell him. Hearing the broadcast, the lady dashed to her phone to call and tell him the date. But before she could get her long distance call completed, she had a dozen or more calls from people in the area, telling her what Frank had said. Anyway, the information was soon here and folks around Dunlap got some extra publicity over their bazaar. So far this year Frank has broadcast over 1,200 Good Will announcements for churches, lodges and community affairs, including Lord Acres sales, bazaars, church dinners, etc. I'm sure you'll all agree this is a wonderful public service brought to you by Frank on the May Seed Company programs each morning at 7:15.

Come December, children are bombarded with, "And what do you want Santa to bring you?" No wonder they decide Christmas is "What you get." In order to help their children realize the joy of the holiday lies not alone in what they receive, but also in what they do for others, the MERRILL LANGFITT family each year prepares a wonderful big box of food and toys for some needy family. The box is delivered to a local pastor who sees that it reaches some family who might other wise, not have a very plentiful Christmas. The Langfitts never know where their Christmas box goes, but they DO know it is a wonderful way to get the real Christmas spirit, and a way to teach their children it is more blessed to give than to receive. The Langfitt children have become so interested in the project, they even spend their own money for toys and food to include in the box. Why not make this a family project in YOUR home?

Announcer Tommy Burns plans to spend Christmas in Mitchell, S. D. with his family.

My. . . what a job Ass't Farm Service Director Jack Gowing and his wife had, selecting the name for their farm from the many names suggested by you KMA listeners! Between 160 and 175 names

KMA Gang

BY Doris Murphy



were sent in. All of them were very good. But they finally decided on the name "Haven Hill" sent in by two people, Mrs. J. E. Tawzer of Route 4, Sabetha, Kansas and Mrs. D. F. Johnson of Kent, Ia. The prize money was split. . . \$2.50 to each person. Jack wants you to know he appreciates your suggestions and your interest. So when you hear Jack talking about "HAVEN HILL", you'll know it's his home out on the hilltop north of Shenandoah.

Broadcasting from home is convenient for Ed May, but sometimes his young 2 year old son, Eddie, Jr., throws his dad a "curve". Like he did one day when he was playing around his dad's desk and happened to turn over the little black box containing the "cough button". This is the button Ed pushes when he's on the air, if he wants to cough or cut out. After broadcasting 5 minutes, Ed noticed the black box was upside down and it looked like the switch was off. Not knowing for sure if he was ON or OFF the air, Ed decided he had better repeat what he had already said. So if you heard the weather report TWICE that day, you know it was because little Eddie had been mighty busy that morning "fixing things up" for dad. Little Eddie carries a tune real well, and twice recently has sung "Happy Birthday" on his dad's program.

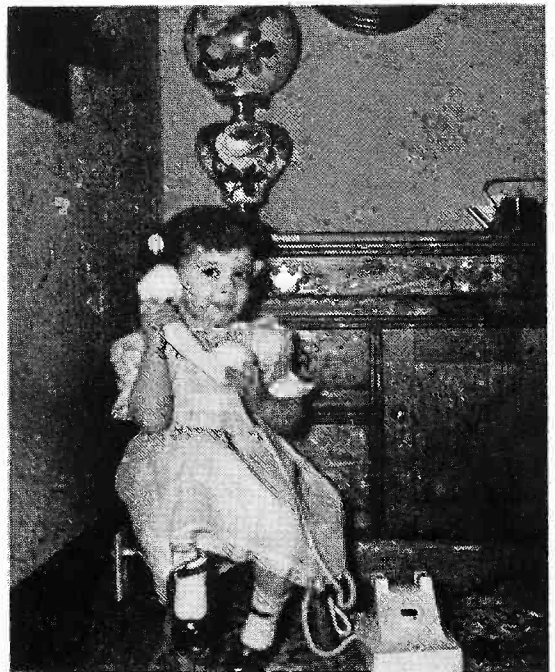
The youngsters at the Falk farm have already been talking about getting out their bob sleds, so it looks like the hill in front of the farm will be the scene of a lot of bob sled parties this winter. Florence, their mother, has been busy trying out new Christmas ideas and recipes and getting her files completed. The "Farmer's Wife" has been in much demand for talks recently and has presented her talk on "Ideas For You" before several groups, including the home department of the Red Oak Monday Club the Adult Night School Women's Classes at Bedford, the Shen Yettes of Shenandoah, and before 300 women at the annual meeting of the Albany Credit Association in Albany, Mo.

"There's goin' to be big doings!" That's the way Jamie, 3 year old son of Station Manager Anthony Koelker described the plans for his birthday which happened to come on the same day as Thanksgiving. Jamie's big brother Mike came home from Iowa City where he is attending the University, and to make the day even better,

Jamie's birthday gifts included a dump truck, jeep and even a bed for his favorite doll. . . just the things he had been wanting! Thanksgiving seemed almost like Christmas with so many nice things happening.

His eyes might have been bigger than his stomach, but Mike, 11 year old son of newscaster Ralph Childs certainly knew what he wanted for Thanksgiving. He wanted his mother to bake FIVE pumpkin pies. Even though the family was having a 20 pound Tom turkey, Mike still thought they should have five pies to top it off. He really wanted to make it a feast! His mother would have been tempted to have made them for him, but she couldn't. . . she only had three pie tins. That shows what a big job faces mothers everywhere with boys with big, healthy appetites.

"A doll by the name of Mary!" That's what little Holly Nielson wants for Christmas. And I'll bet when Santa comes to the Warren Nielson home this year, he'll have a dolly for Holly. And it's name will be Mary!



Here's pretty Holly Nielson as she talked with her Daddy on the "Party Line."

A LETTER FROM BERNICE CURRIER

Dear Friends and Homemakers:

As I sit down here to write to you it is a perfect day for a Christmas letter. The snow (the first of the season) is flying around, driven by a wind that simply howls in it's glee of bringing so much beautiful decoration to our drab landscape.

It's a good day to stay home, write letters to your family that can't be with you very often, and maybe cook up a few tasty things to have for dinner tonight. How about a rich oyster stew? It isn't hard to make but takes some care to have it just right. Pick over 1 pint of oysters carefully and strain the liquor. Then heat $\frac{1}{4}$ c. butter, add the oysters, the strained liquor, and $\frac{1}{4}$ c. cold water. Simmer this gently just until the edges of the oysters begin to curl. Add 1 quart of scalded milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt, a dash of pepper if your family likes it, and 1 t. of worcestershire sauce. Serve at once. Don't wait a minute. This will make four good servings. And how about getting some of those little oyster crackers so you can put a whole handful of them into the stew? Did you know that the latest book on etiquette says it is all right to break up crackers into your soup? You won't be put in jail or anything, so go ahead. It's a far cry from the way I was brought up!

Then you might plan a center piece for your Christmas table. A very pretty one is a tree made of Styrofoam balls in graduated sizes. According to how tall you want your tree, make a circle of the largest balls for the base, connect them to each other with toothpicks. Fill in the circle with more balls, then start building upward with rows of balls, each row being a smaller size ball and one or two less in the row. Connect all with toothpicks and there will not be the danger of toppling. Right on the top you could put a little white angel. Then comes the decorating part. Dip toothpicks into a thin glue and sprinkle lavishly with glitter, then stick them into the balls at right angles so each ball is outlined with them. It is stunning when done and will cause no end of comment.

I probably won't see any of my children on Christmas but I may go over to Lincoln to see Aunt Sue. She is a very lively person and you would hardly believe that she is blind. But she reads braille and gets the Readers Digest every month. She does all her own work, cleans the cupboards, picks out the dress she wants to wear; it is amazing.

Do you have your Christmas cards all in the mail? As of this writing I don't even have mine started. I have such a large list and every year I say to myself that I am going to cut it down because I simply cannot find the time to write mes-

sages on all of them. Then I start going thru the list and there is no one that I could possibly leave out. They are all dear to me.

During the last few weeks the Christmas Cooky Tea has taken our thoughts and time and we know that all of you who came enjoyed it as we did. Isn't it a grand sight to see all those cookies? And taste them? And to meet old friends and make new ones?

I would like to be with all four of my children and their families this year. Helen and husband Dr. J. T. with their five youngsters, each one an individual and expressing their own thoughts in so many different ways, and all so interesting. Red and Janet with their two daughters Karen Sue and Lynn Rae. I love to think what each one will be when she is grown. They are wonderful and there is a great deal of family love in that home. Margaret and Al in New York, And I hope I will get a letter from Margaret telling about the Christmas lights and decorations this year. Ed and Pat with their family of three little girls will have a Christmas at home. They said one time that the place for a family is at home on Christmas, and I agree with them.

But there is one thing that will tie us all together where ever we are and that is celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. Not only "Keeping" Christmas but celebrating a birthday.

This little verse was on the Christmas card I received from Red and Janet one year. I saved it because it says all of the things I want to say to you, My Homemaker friends, this year.

May all the cheer and happiness
That Christmas hours can bring,
Continue through the winter months
And on into the spring;
And keep you glad through summer
days,

And then throughout the fall
Till next December once more brings
The NICEST TIME OF ALL!

A very merry Christmas and Happy New
Year and Bless your Hearts

Goodbye for now

Bernice

HOMEMAKER'S VISIT

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Sift A. Cream B, add C and beat until light. Add A and mix well. Chill for 1 hour. Roll out on lightly floured board to $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick and cut with floured cutter. Place on greased baking sheet, bake 15 minutes at 375°. For a crackled surface brush each cooky with cold water before baking. Makes about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen cookies.



Homemaker's Guide

HOMEMAKER'S VISIT

By **BERNICE CURRIER**

MERRY CHRISTMAS RECIPES ORANGE ROLLS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

- A—1 package dry yeast
1/2 c. warm water
- B—1/4 c. melted shortening
1/4 c. sugar
1 t. sugar
1 t. grated orange rind
- C—1 egg
- D—1/2 c. orange juice strained
1/4 c. water
- E—3 c. sifted flour

Combine A. Cream B in mixing bowl, add C and beat well. Add D, add A then add E gradually until dough is stiff enough to be kneaded. Put out on floured board and knead till smooth and elastic. Put in greased bowl, cover, keep in warm place, let rise to double. Punch down, let rest 10 minutes. Then roll out on board to about 1/8 inch thick, brush with melted butter, sprinkle with grated orange rind and just a little sugar roll up like jelly roll, cut in 1 inch slices, place them on greased cooky sheet about 2 inches apart and with the end tucked underneath. Cover, let rise to double, bake 15 to 17 minutes at 375°. When browned to your taste remove from the oven and cool on racks. Re-heat gently for serving.

SUGAR PUFFS

FOR CHRISTMAS TEA OF COFFEE

- A—1/4 c. soft shortening
1/4 c. soft butter
1/2 c. sugar
1 egg
1 t. vanilla
- B—1 c. plus 2 T. sifted flour
1/4 t. soda
1/2 t. salt

Combine A and beat to blend well. Sift B and A and blend well. For tiny puffs—drop by rounded 1/2 t. onto greased baking sheet, bake at 375° for 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes about 40.

To make **CHOCOLATE PUFFS**—stir 2 squares melted bitter chocolate into batter, or divide batter and stir 1 square melted chocolate into half.

To make **RAISIN PUFFS**—stir 1 c. seedless raisins into vanilla batter.

To make **SPICE PUFFS**—sift 1/2 t. cinnamon, 1/3 t. nutmeg and 1/4 t. allspice with the flour.

YAM AND PINEAPPLE BAKE

- 4 1/2 to 5 c. mashed, cooked and sieved yams
- 1 c. pineapple tid-bits or crushed pineapple not drained
- 1/4 c. soft butter or margarine
- 1 t. salt
- 16 marshmallows
- 1/4 c. pecan halves

Combine yams, pineapple, butter and salt. Place half in buttered casserole. Top with half the marshmallows. Add remaining yams. Arrange pecan halves in center top. Cover and bake in 350° oven 30 minutes. Then top with remaining marshmallows and bake uncovered 10 minutes longer. Make 8 servings.

SCALLOPED OYSTERS

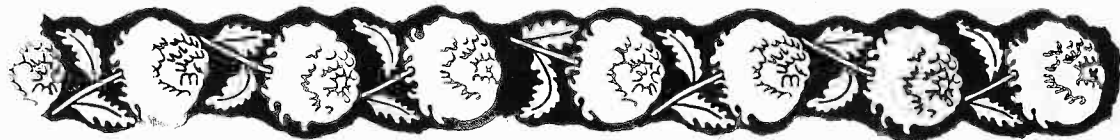
- A—2/3 c. melted butter
- 3 c. stale bread crumbs
- 1 t. grated onion
- 1 t. salt
- 1/8 t. pepper
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 1 1/2 pints oysters
- 1/3 c. oyster liquor strained
- 1/3 c. cream

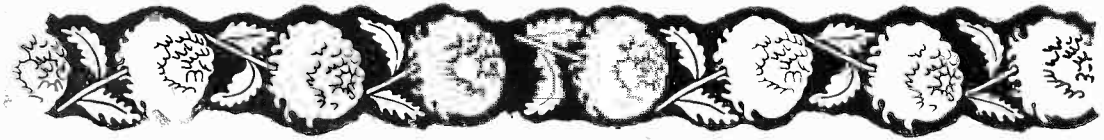
Combine A. Place 1/2 the oysters in greased shallow baking dish, top with layer of crumbs and then with remaining oysters. Pour the liquor and cream over, top with remaining crumbs and sprinkle with paprika. Bake about 25 to 30 minutes at 375° or until nicely browned. Makes about 6 servings.

LEMON SNAPS

- Delicious with ice creams or sherbert
- A—2 1/4 c. sifted flour
1/2 t. baking powder
1/4 t. salt
- B—2/3 c. shortening
1 c. sugar
- C—1 whole egg plus 1 yolk beaten
2 T. lemon juice
1 t. grated lemon rind

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"THE FARMER'S WIFE"

By FLORENCE FALK

*Christmas Greetings from the farm! !
Along with all the festive "dooms" may you
have "sweets for the sweet."*

PECAN NOUGAT

- 2 c. sugar
- 2 c. pecans, chopped fine
- 1 t. butter

Use your heavy iron skillet. Put sugar and butter in together, melt slowly stirring constantly, until the sugar is a dark caramel. Put pecans in immediately, mix and pour into buttered tin. Cut immediately. This confection is delicious, but requires just a bit of speed to be a success. In other words have everything ready. But it's worth it.

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TOFFEE

- 1 1/4 c. sugar
- 1 c. cream
- 1 c. pecans, chopped
- 1/2 c. butter
- 1/2 t. cream of tartar

Boil sugar, cream and cream of tartar stirring constantly until a thick sirup. Add butter and cook until mixture leaves sides of pan. Remove from fire, add nuts and flavoring as desired.

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PEANUT BRITTLE

Put 1 c. of granulated sugar in heavy iron skillet and stir until it sirups, being careful not to burn. Push back from heat, and quickly stir in 1 c. peanuts shelled, skinned and heated in oven, adding 1 t. butter and tiny pinch of soda.

Turn out at once as thinly as possible on to buttered platter. When cold break in pieces.

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PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. milk
- 1/2 c. peanut butter
- 1/2 c. shredded coconut
- few drops vanilla

Boil sugar and milk until it forms soft ball when tested in cold water. Take off stove and add peanut butter. Add vanilla and pour into greased pan and put in cool place to harden.

DATE LOAF CANDY

- 2 1/2 c. sugar
- 1 c. sweet milk

Cook the above ingredients until a bit almost hardens in cold water. Add piece of butter the size of a walnut, one package of seeded and chopped dates and one cup of chopped pecans. Beat until nearly hard. Roll in a damp cloth and when cool unroll and cut in slices.

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MARZIPAN

- 2 egg whites
- 1 c. almond paste
- 1/2 t. lemon or vanilla flavoring
- 1 c. powdered sugar, more or less

Beat egg whites and mix with the almond paste. Add the flavoring and enough sugar to make the mixture stiff enough to handle. After it has stood overnight, it may be molded into a small shape of fruits or vegetables, such as pears, apples or carrots and colored with vegetable colors or it may be cut into small pieces and dipped in chocolate or other coating, or used as the center for candied cherries, dates, prunes, etc.

The almond paste may be purchased or the almonds may be blanched and pounded. Two and two-thirds cups shelled almonds make one cup of paste.

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CANDIED NUTS

Combine:

- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1/2 c. white sugar
- 2 T. white sirup
- 1/4 c. top milk or thin cream

Cook the above ingredients to the consistency of soft ball (234°).

Add:

- 1 T. butter
- 1 t. vanilla

Beat slightly. Add 1 1/2 c. nut meats and stir until they are coated. Turn into a greased pan. Separate into individual pieces.

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VANILLA FRENCH CREAMS

French creams almost always have a plain cream center, colored and flavored, of course but with no addition of nuts, fruits or other decorations. The plain centers are dipped in chocolate and then the candy is rolled in chopped nuts, chocolate rice, nonpariels or any number of different coverings.



the guy speaks from the

OTHER END OF THE "PARTY LINE"

By WARREN NIELSON

Emcee of KMA "Party Line"

The first thing I want to say in the column this month is that the KMA PARTY LINE IS BACK ON THE AIR! This may sound kind of foolish to some of you but the fact remains that every day I receive letters from listeners telling me that they just found the show and didn't know it was back on the air. I would appreciate it, if you enjoy the KMA Party Line, if you would call at least three of your friends and tell them about our show.

The question came up the other day as to whether we should talk about recipes on the KMA Party Line, and I agree with you folks who say no, because recipes do take up a lot of time. Also there are so many other interesting subjects that we can talk about and let's not forget that KMA brings you two fine homemakers programs daily, and both Florence and Bernice have the background and experience in this recipe business.

I hope you were listening the other day when our 2½ year old daughter, Holly, was on the KMA Party Line. Perhaps it wasn't the most illuminating conversation but we all got a big kick out of it. There are many educators who claim that you cannot teach youngsters under three years of age, but believe me, Holly rehearsed with her Daddy for her radio debut, and I think she got as much fun out of it as did the hundreds of listeners who requested that she call in. Fact is, after the show, I went home for a "tea party" with her. . . and nothing would do but that she come back to work with me. . . and after the nice job she did I couldn't resist. . . so Holly went "to work" with her Daddy.

Once again we are getting into all sorts of interesting subjects on the "line". . . and whether you realize it or not. . . YOU are responsible for the popularity of our little show. . . I don't believe that any one person. . . no matter how smart he might be. . . could ever think up all of the subjects that we get into. . . everything from chickens eating eggs. . . how to roll soap bubbles. . . schnicker doodle recipes. . . tracing down strange noises in the night, caused by (1) possum (2) a wild cat (3) eagle. . . take your pick. . . and we've also found a home for some 2 dozen dogs and almost that many cats. . . as well as finding the owner of some 20 stray hogs that were eating a farm listener out of corn and home. . .

we've discussed what to do with your old hens. . . what white ducks should sell for. . . how to clean a fur collar at home. . . how to get spots off colored plaster. . . and one of our classic discussions: how to zip and unzip yourself out of your dress when you're all alone and the zipper is in the back. . .

It's a lot of fun and because I never know what's going to happen when that telephone rings. . . there's never a dull moment. . . I'll be waiting for you to call me up some day soon on the KMA Party Line. . . until then remember, as we always say: "It's so nice when you talk WITH people. . . and not ABOUT them."

Warren

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

Not Herod in his palace,
Not mighty men or strong,
But simple shepherds keeping watch
First heard the angels' song.

Their names are not remembered,
Who knows their lives or ways?
We only know that heavenly hosts
Sang them their songs of praise.

The miracle of Christmas
Had its beginning when
God sent His greatest message
To ordinary men.

— Martha Smock

God made man free because He wanted an interesting universe.

FRANK COMMENTS

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the season which would be apt to winter kill.

There is nothing new or exciting to report about any of the Field tribe as everything is running along about as usual. PS—In case you didn't get your roses mulched for winter yet there is still plenty of time, as we never get our bitter cold weather until along in January. And even if the ground is frozen fairly solidly now, you can still give them that six or eight inches of mulch, using straw, excelsior, petunia vines or anything else that doesn't pack together too solidly.

KMA Daily Programs For December, 1956

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DAILY DAYTIME PROGRAMS**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

- 5:00 a.m.—Town & Country Hour
 6:00 a.m.—News & Weather
 6:15 a.m.—Western Star Time
 6:30 a.m.—Merrill Langfitt
 7:00 a.m.—Dean Naven, News
 7:15 a.m.—Frank Field
 7:30 a.m.—Markets
 7:35 a.m.—Lets Go, Visiting (Tues. Thurs.)
 7:35 a.m.—Lawrence Welk's Show
 7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines
 8:00 a.m.—Breakfast Club
 9:00 a.m.—Bernice Currier
 9:30 a.m.—When A Girl Marries
 9:45 a.m.—Whispering Streets
 10:00 a.m.—Kitchen Club
 10:15 a.m.—Housewives Serenade
 10:30 a.m.—Florence Falk
 11:00 a.m.—Back To The Bible
 11:30 a.m.—Tennessee Ernie
 11:45 a.m.—Morning Markets
 12:00 noon—Dean Naven, News
 12:15 p.m.—Edward May
 12:30 p.m.—Jack Gowing
 12:45 p.m.—Markets
 12:55 p.m.—Prof. Farm Review (T. Th. Sat.)
 1:00 p.m.—Tommy Burn's Show
 2:00 p.m.—You & Your Marriage
 2:15 p.m.—Ted Malone
 2:30 p.m.—Party Line
 3:00 p.m.—Tommy Burn's Show
 4:00 p.m.—Mike's Matinee
 5:30 p.m.—Corn Country Jamboree
 6:00 p.m.—Farm Bulletin Board
 6:15 p.m.—KMA Sports
 6:20 p.m.—Mel Allen
 6:30 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 6:45 p.m.—Edw. May, Mkts. & Weather

MONDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 p.m.—Club 960
 7:30 p.m.—Voice of Firestone
 8:00 p.m.—Club 960
 9:35 p.m.—Mysterytime
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Club 960
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:30 p.m.—Back To The Bible

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 p.m.—Club 960
 7:30 p.m.—Bishop Sheen
 8:00 p.m.—Fast Break
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Fast Break
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:30 p.m.—Back To The Bible

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 p.m.—Club 960
 9:05 p.m.—Boxing Boutis
 9:35 p.m.—Mysterytime
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Club 960
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:30 p.m.—Back To The Bible

THURSDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 p.m.—Club 960
 9:35 p.m.—Mysterytime
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Club 960
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:30 p.m.—Back To The Bible

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 p.m.—960 Hit Parade
 7:45 p.m.—Hunters Corner
 8:00 p.m.—Fast Break
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Fast Break
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:30 p.m.—Back To The Bible

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

- 5:00 a.m.—Town & Country Hour
 6:00 a.m.—News & Weather
 6:15 a.m.—Western Star Time
 6:30 a.m.—Merrill Langfitt
 7:00 a.m.—Dean Naven, News
 7:15 a.m.—Frank Field
 7:30 a.m.—KMA Sports
 7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines
 8:00 a.m.—Saturday Shopper
 9:00 a.m.—Bernice Currier
 9:30 a.m.—No School Today
 10:00 a.m.—Song Hits From The World
 10:30 a.m.—Florence Falk
 11:00 a.m.—Back To The Bible
 11:30 a.m.—Electrical Reporter
 11:45 a.m.—Practical Land Use
 12:00 noon—Dean Naven, News
 12:15 p.m.—Edward May
 12:30 p.m.—Jack Gowing
 12:45 p.m.—Market Review
 1:00 p.m.—Saturday Matinee
 6:00 p.m.—At Ease
 6:30 p.m.—News
 6:45 p.m.—Here's To Veterans
 7:00 p.m.—Vincent Lopez Band
 7:30 p.m.—Honor Roll of Hits
 8:00 p.m.—Nat'l. Juke Box
 8:30 p.m.—Best Bands In The Land
 9:00 p.m.—Lawrence Welk's Army Show

- 9:30 p.m.—Platterbrains
 10:00 p.m.—News
 10:15 p.m.—Guest Star
 10:30 p.m.—Proudly We Hail
 11:00 p.m.—News
 11:05 p.m.—Music In The Night
 11:55 p.m.—News
 6:30 a.m.—Back To The Bible
 7:00 a.m.—News and Weather

SUNDAY PROGRAMS

- 7:00 a.m.—News & Weather
 7:15 a.m.—Here's To Veterans
 7:30 a.m.—Sunday Worship Service
 7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines
 8:00 a.m.—Radio Bible Class
 8:30 a.m.—Your Worship Hour
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School Lesson
 9:15 a.m.—Bible Truth
 9:30 a.m.—Sun. Album
 12:00 noon—News
 12:15 p.m.—Platter Party
 2:00 p.m.—Harry James
 2:15 p.m.—KMA Commentary
 2:30 p.m.—Hour of Decision
 3:00 p.m.—Revival Hour
 4:00 p.m.—High Moments in Music
 4:30 p.m.—Greatest Story
 5:00 p.m.—Mon. Morn. Headlines
 5:15 p.m.—Paul Harvey
 5:30 p.m.—Quincy Howe
 5:45 p.m.—George Sokolsky
 6:00 p.m.—John Edwards
 6:15 p.m.—Overseas Assignment
 6:30 p.m.—Sunday Music Hall
 9:00 p.m.—Milton Cross
 10:00 p.m.—News
 10:15 p.m.—Lets Go To Town
 10:30 p.m.—Revival Time
 11:00 p.m.—News
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Winter Paints A Picturesque Landscape In KMAland, U. S. A.



THE FIREPLACE IN THE PARK

A scenic reminder that the outdoor season for picnics is just about over is this scene, taken in one of Shenandoah's nine pretty parks, just to the south of the main district of Shenandoah.

PARK PINE TREES ETCHED BY NATURE

Mother Nature cannot be matched when it comes to artistic design as these stately pine trees in McComb Park in Shenandoah graphically portray. A four-inch snow had fallen several hours before.



DWARF FRUIT TREES BECOME RESPLENDENT

This scene shows some dwarf fruit trees in a nursery field across the street from the home of Guide editor Toke Nelson. When snow covers the trees they present a very picturesque view, located on the outskirts of southeast Shenandoah.



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