

The

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It's Christmas time again. . .and those two fellas looking at you from the cover are all ready for the big day, on December 25.

Frank Field, popular early morning personality, thought it would be attractive to put up a lighted Santa Claus on his roof top for the Yuletide season, so he set out to do it. There was much work involved. Frank had to make a braced, frame for the celluloid Santa and bracket it onto the chimney, which he also painted red and white for the holidays.

Frank is giving out with a sincere "Merry Christmas" to all of the Guide subscribers, and he's speaking for the entire staff of May Broadcasting Company, who join in wishing you a "very Merry Christmas and a bountiful New Year, filled with joy, peace and prosperity."

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Some of the Cookie Tea Crowd



Here is a portion of the 534 women who swarmed into Shenandoah for the 2nd annual KMA Homemakers Cookie Tea on December 1. That's a table loaded with some of the more than 427 dozens which the gals baked to bring to the big affair.



Christmas



MESSAGE FROM EDWARD MAY

The picture below was taken following our first snowfall of the season in Shenandoah. It could be typical of what we might expect during the next few months. Many persons enjoy speculating and prophesying the weather and the majority of the "home-made" forecasters I have talked to look for a mild winter. Most of the weather theories are very interesting and I would like to give you the system used by Mr. Lloyd Valentine of Shenandoah.

Mr. Valentine looks to the trees as an indication of each winter regarding temperatures. For example, when all of the leaves fall from the trees this indicates a mild winter temperature-wise, but when only a

part of the leaves fall this indicates a rather cold and severe winter. When it comes to snow and the number of snows, the theory relates that the age of the moon in days at the time of the first snowfall indicates the number of snows we might expect during the winter. Our first snowfall in Shenandoah occurred when the moon was in its nineteenth day, so, according to this theory, we can expect nineteen tracking snows this winter in Shenandoah. The definition used to describe "tracking" snow is when there is enough snow on the ground to track a rabbit. As I mentioned previously, these theories are all very interesting and are followed by many people.



First snow paints a Christmas scene of beauty.

It doesn't seem to me that December could be here again but it is and we are making preparations for Christmas at our house. Annette and Karen have told us they would like presents varying from a sled to ice skates, archery set and many other things. Eddie, of course who is only seventeen months old, isn't old enough to gather the spirit so I am certain he will be satisfied with anything he might receive. Everyone has told us to enjoy Christmas to the fullest while our children are young which we are doing.

We know that Christmas is far more than exchanging gifts and I think it is worthwhile for all of us to pause and consider the true significance of Christmas.

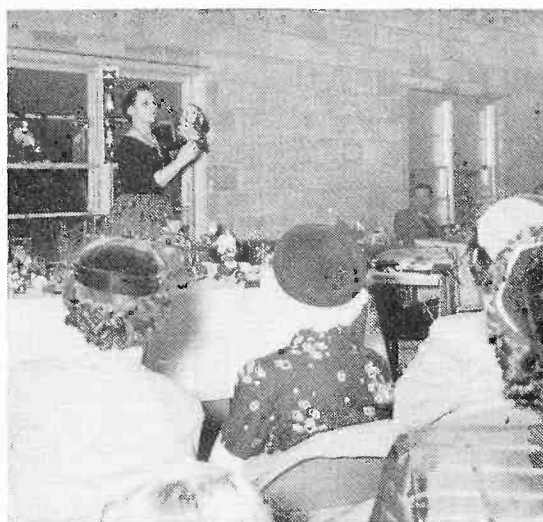
Before the next issue of the Guide is ready for mailing the year of 1955 will be past history. I hope it has been a most pleasant year for you and may 1956 be even better. In closing I wish you on behalf of everyone at KMA a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Edward May

Women, Cookies and Recipes Deluge Shenandoah for Annual Cookie Tea



This shows a group of women who were busy observing and copying down recipes as they filed past the beautiful tables which were loaded with 427 dozen delicious, home-made cookies.



Mrs. L. A. Logan of Shenandoah presented an interesting program on making Christmas decoration and festive arrangements.



Doris Murphy, who quarterbacked the Cookie Tea, presents coffee service prize to Mrs. Al Lundgren, Essex.



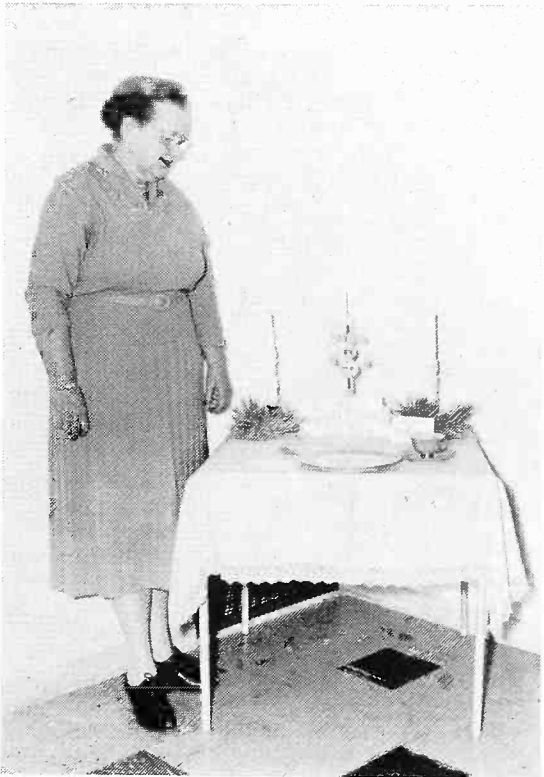
Dick Mills, versatile entertainer, was a feature of Cookie Tea. He sang a number of Christmas selections, accompanied by Gretta Bellamy on organ.



Doris Murphy is shown here presenting the lovely set of silverware to Corda Ingram, Clarinda, whose name was drawn for the big door prize. 100 prizes were given away.



Florence Falk chats with ladies who filed past her elaborate table full of decorated cookies, 40 different batches in all.



Mrs. E. E. (Gertrude) May was also one of the hostesses. She poured for the hundreds of homemakers who enjoyed coffee with their favorite cookies after the program.



KMA's Bernice Currier answers a question for one of the homemakers as a group files past her table which was loaded with choice Christmas baked goods.

Frank Comments

By FRANK FIELD

This picture was taken one very cold day the middle of November just after we had our first real snowstorm. I was trying to figure out the best way to fasten Santa Claus to the chimney so he wouldn't blow away in case we had a blizzard out of the northwest, though I didn't actually install him that day. I just took the necessary measurements and figured out the necessary clamps to use. As a matter of fact, he will not take his position on our roof until about the 10th of December.

It all started one warm day last fall. I noticed that our chimney was rather weatherbeaten looking so I decided to paint it. The brightest red I could think of was that used on Farmall tractors, so I went down to Leroy Millers and got a quart of tractor enamel. Painting the whole thing a brilliant red rather obscured the mortar joints, so the next step was to touch them up with white enamel. Tom Sawyer, who is building just across the street from us, remarked that Santa Claus certainly wouldn't have any trouble finding our house. And sure enough, the chimney looked exactly like the dummy chimneys used in department stores at this season of the year. Naturally, the next step was to make arrangements for Santa Claus to pose beside the chimney during the Christmas Season. So there he is, almost life size and twice as handsome, made of brilliantly colored plastic and illuminated from within so that at night you can see him five blocks away



Frank Field puts Santa Claus on the chimney at his home.

from any direction. This picture was taken late in the afternoon on a very dull cloudy day when it was actually still spitting snow a little. But I think you can make out the principal details without much trouble.

I think I told you last month that we were planting tulips in front of the shrubs and evergreens. If you look closely you can see the white stakes sticking up from the center of each clump. We planted a clump of fifteen or twenty in front of every evergreen and in front of most of the shrubs and trees. Each clump is all one variety and each clump is different from the one on each side of it. Come next May it certainly should make quite a showing.

I may have told you last spring that the north two-thirds of our basement is finished up as a recreation room, with the knotty pine finished ceiling and partitions separating it from the rest of the basement. Jennie and I have been working off and on all fall getting it fixed up. Naturally it has cement block walls on three sides. And these, we painted with Dry Lite paint, using blue for about three feet up from the floor and ivory from there on up to the ceiling. Then we painted the floor a light gray using a rubber base paint. Then we ran in about eight or ten more electrical outlets for floor lamps and table lamps and hung about a dozen pictures on the wall.

When cold weather came, we brought the patio furniture and lawn chairs down, together with some surplus overstuffed furniture, four or five end tables and miscellaneous furniture from the other house, including an old drop leaf dining room table which we hadn't used for many years. In tightening up the legs and under structure

of the table, I remarked that it was an extension table and would probably open out enough to seat twelve or fifteen people. I looked at Jennie and Jennie looked at me, and she said, "Are you thinking what I am thinking?" And I said, "Yes, I am." The idea which struck us both was, why not have all the Field tribe home for Thanksgiving dinner and eat in the basement where there would be plenty of room for everyone to eat at one table with no crowding. Incidentally, it took six extra leaves, three of which we had and three of which I had to make. It made the table big enough so that we could have seated two or three more without any trouble. The Bellamy's couldn't make it, as Dallas

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Grass Root Notes

By

MERRILL LANGFITT
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Farm Service Director

This is the Christmas issue, but others will be writing about the holiday season, so I'll write about Yucatan, where I spent a weeks vacation last month. I flew from Kansas City to New Orleans, then on Pan American from New Orleans to Merida, Yucatan. Yucatan is due south of New Orleans about 800 miles. The entire flight is over water and consumes about 2½ hours time. Merida is quite an old city and has a population of about 150,000 people. Some of the churches were built before the first settlement was established in America. The Spanish influence predominates in Yucatan. The architecture is Spanish and the language is Spanish. Of course, the customs are Spanish, too. The people are extremely friendly, very gracious, industrious and very clean. The climate is semi-tropical. The coldest winter temperature is about 60°, while in the summer it gets very hot. There are no mountains in Yucatan. Its just flat, rocky terrain, occasionally swampy. Alligators abound in the swamps, wild birds of all kinds are plentiful, and the native vegetation includes coconut palms, oranges, lemons, bananas, avocados and other similar tropical fruits.

The two most important agricultural crops are sisal and honey, both being important for export. By far the largest export business is carried out in sisal products, namely twine, rope, burlap, etc. Sisal is exported only as finished products, hence a tremendous manufacturing industry has grown up in Yucatan. Over thirty big modern mills convert the raw sisal fiber into finished products. The largest of these plants have as much as 1,000,000 to 2,000,000 American dollars invested in machinery. The most modern looms are used to manufacture the twines and wrapping cords. People are gainfully employed for the most part and very little real poverty is in evidence. The rate of exchange between the Mexican and American currency is very favorable for the traveling American. The American dollar will

buy about 12½ pesos, the peso being the Mexican dollar. My hotel bill and food bill for four days and nights in Merida was \$22.50 and it was a beautiful hotel with a swimming pool included. The food is very good and includes in addition to a plentiful supply of sea food, beef, pork, turkey, chicken and any vegetable one might desire.

The Yucatan farmer owns his land, produces his own food and the export products such as sisal and honey. He farms and markets his products through a cooperative setup at the end of the year. In addition to the wages he has received for working in his cooperative processing plant, he receives a dividend based on sales and earnings from the processing of the sisal.

The climate in most of Yucatan is ideal and the people seem very happy and contented in their work. We will be doing more and more business with these people as years go by. It is well that we know our neighbors to the south better, hereby having a better understanding of their problems. They do have their problems in agriculture, as we have ours. They have experienced drouth and they are experiencing more and more government in their business. We need to relax our trade barriers with countries so close to us so they can enjoy the benefits of our industrial production and so that we might better use the things they produce. For example, the duty or tarriff on an American automobile going into Mexico is 3000 pesos (\$240) plus 50% of its value. If this barrier could be relaxed we could have a tremendous market for used automobiles. Similar situations exist on other products. Yucatan and other Mexican states have a tremendous potential industrial development. As good neighbors we should help to develop it, thereby improving the living standard for more people in the Americas. After all, they are our nearest neighbors—as close as the Canadians. Solidarity and neighborliness in this hemisphere should be of mutual benefit to all.

Merrill Langfitt

FRANK COMMENTS

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is just a little too far for driving over for dinner even if it is Thanksgiving dinner. Maybe they will be able to make it by Christmas. Peg and Jim, you know, bought a new home in a new addition on the outskirts of Dallas and are very busy now making plans for landscaping it properly next spring. They have a lot of filling to do in the back yard, yet, but the front yard is all graded now and they have all their Dutch bulbs planted and some of the evergreens. I will have Peg send us a picture of the place when they get it fixed up so you can see it.



On the KMA PARTY LINE

By DORIS MURPHY

Even tho you can't see or hear her, there is always a cute little dark eyed miss sitting in the studio reading "Santa's Cuckoo Clock". while the Hiland Tater Quiz show is on the air 10:15 to 10:30 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. It is 22 month old Holly, daughter of Program Manager Warren Nielson and wife Florence, who are known on the show as "Connie and Scotty". Holly comes to the studio with "Mommie" and reads her book while daddy puts in the telephone calls on the show, and "Mommie" chats informally and joins Merl Douglas in singing the theme. When asked what she wanted for Christmas, Holly is just like millions of other little girls. She replied "a dolly". At home Holly loves to sing over and over the first line of that famous song: "Davy Crockett". . . but her version of it is: "Baby Crockett". Pictured on this page is Holly in her first studio picture taken with her mother and daddy on



This is a candid view taken of Holly, the Nielson's small daughter, and she didn't know it was being taken. She was playing with Daddy's Hiland Tater Quiz phone after the show. She comes to the studio every Monday, Wednesday and Friday with her mother. And sometimes she hopes to be on the air on the 10:15 show.

the Hiland Tater Quiz show. Entertainer Merl Douglas with guitar, is on the left. Holly is wearing a gay little red dress with red and white checked gingham apron, and she really loves Hiland Tater Chips!

It was a "surprise answer" KMA's Home-maker Bernice Currier got from her son Ed and family in Elmhurst, Illinois in reply to her invitation to come home for a Christmas visit. They replied they couldn't. And the reason WHY, was because they had a secret. . . an expected visit from the stork in February. Upon hearing the news, Grandmother had mixed emotions. . . happiness over the coming of her tenth grandchild, yet a little disappointment as she had been looking forward to seeing for the first time, her granddaughter, Joyce Elaine born a year and a half ago. Now she can wait a few months and there will be TWO little ones to get acquainted with. Ed and wife Patti, also have a little girl Carol Ann, age 3. Guess Grandmother is going to have to make her visits more frequent, if she keeps up with the stork!

Many kitchens hold enchantment around holiday time, when the scent of spices blends with the joy of mother and children making Christmas cookies for family and friends. This wonderful aroma of fresh-baked cookies came early this year in the kitchen of Florence Falk, the Farmer's Wife. Over 40 different kinds of cookies have come from the oven on the farm, so that Florence might have cookies for the KMA Christmas Cookie Tea, Dec. 1, and for demonstration purposes. Florence, with her neighbor Mrs. Wayne Almquist, is appearing before a number of Farm Bureau and County Extension groups in Clarinda, Emerson, Bedford and other places, talking on "Christmas in Your Home", and demonstrating new ideas in cookies, candies and sandwiches. One of the last creations was a Pine Cone cake!

In all probability the Christmas tree at the Edward May home this year will have to be put up on top of a table. Little Eddie, age 16 months, would have too much "investigating" to do if it were put on the floor. Karen is very easily satisfied when it comes to Christmas gifts, but Annette has more definite ideas about what she wants. She hopes Santa leaves her an archery set, a chemistry set and a new skirt!

Two year old Jamie, son of Station Manager Anthony Koelker of KMA, can't quite figure out all the answers yet. But

he's learning! Upon looking out the window the morning of the first snow of the season, Jamie was amazed to see the ground all white. Quick as a flash he said with a startled voice: "WHERE'S THE GRASS?" In order to believe it was real, he had to run to the door and get some snow in his hands. What fun to discover your FIRST SNOW!

Jack Gowing, KMA's Ass't. Farm Service Director unexpectedly discovered what his young son would like for Christmas. He came home one day to find Randy, age 2, a straddle the family suitcase and clucking to his make-believe horse. So a rocking horse will be left, along with a tricycle under Randy's Christmas tree, this year.

Usually little girls want dolls for Christmas. But not Jeannine, Merrill Langfitt's little daughter. She's more mechanically inclined. She wants a train and a sled.

Guess what happened to Farm Service Director Merrill Langfitt on his way to Yucatan, Mexico recently! He went to dinner with friends at Diamond Jim Moran's in the French Quarter in New Orleans, and there. . . seated right at the next table was Liberace and his brother George with a party of people. Merrill along with many others were graciously given autographs when they asked for them, from the famous television star. Liberace's autograph has a glamorous touch, as he draws a picture of a grand piano with it. Merrill with his two brothers, Earl of Bethany, Mo., and Walt of Osceola, spent a very interesting week's vacation in Yucatan, learning about the sisal industry. Merrill returned with a number of interviews for his early morning shows, telling about the manufacture of sisal into all kinds of commercial and agricultural fibers, such as twine, and other products for wrapping packages. When asked if he had anything unusual to eat in Yucatan, he replied "Yes, baby octopus." It was served in a casserole with heavy dark brown gravy and mushrooms, and was very tasty. One thing that made Merrill enjoy his trip more than ever, was the fact that the thermometer was hovering at 6 above zero when he left Shenandoah, and he landed in Yucatan that afternoon in tropical 85 to 90 degree weather. What a change!

Sportscaster Don Joe was called to Fremont, Nebr., Nov. 16th, by the sudden death of his father-in-law, Frank Kounovsky. Mr. Kounovsky was stricken with a heart attack while at the barber shop, and died in the car enroute home. He was 70 years of age, and retired.

We're happy to report Cathy Yeager, 2, granddaughter of disc jockey Dick Mills and wife Millie, is improving at Iowa City. Cathy was taken critically ill in October, after swallowing powdered lye. Her throat mouth and stomach were badly burned, but she is coming along fine now and is able to eat soft foods. The accident occurred when

a nearby neighbor, who was refinishing a table, using paint remover, left the lye unwatched while he left a few seconds. She was immediately rushed to University Hospital and given treatment. Her daddy, Jim, is a student at Iowa State University.

Did you see the big two page picture of the Wild Horse race taken at the Sidney, Iowa Rodeo, that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post? The title was "Furious Ride." All of us at KMA are mighty proud of it, because it was taken by KMA's Guide Editor Toke Nelson. On page 148 of the same issue, you'll see a picture of Toke and his family, and an interesting story about them. For 10 years, Toke has been pursuing a hobby of walking into the maelstrom of rodeos and photographing what comes to pass. In his hundred odd times in arenas, he hasn't been seriously hurt, but he has had his moments, leaving scars. All the Nelsons are rabid rodeo fans, except 5 month old Jennifer, but she is planning to take in next year's circuit.

Answering your requests for recipes and cooking information is an important part of the work of KMA's two homemakers, Bernice Currier and Florence Falk. They appreciate your letters and try to answer them as quickly as possible. Pictured here, is a typical picture of Florence taken as she came in the door of the office recently with a big wire basket full of mail ready for mailing. There were around 150 letters in the basket including many requests for Smorgasbord and Gooch recipes. It was the fourth basket she had brought in within two weeks.



Florence Falk, Farmer's Wife, brings her answered mail in by the baskets during this busy season.

A LETTER FROM BERNIECE CURRIER

Dear Friends and Homemakers:

As we near the Christmas Season, your minds are divided into a million separate parts. One part says "now you have to decide just what you are having for Christmas dinner". Another part tells you to get all those packages mailed right now, today. And so it goes. The first thing I did last year when Elizabeth wrote me that they would be here for Christmas was to make out my menu. That was one step in the right direction—BUT—a month or two after they had gone on south I was busily cleaning my cupboards and found that menu inside the cupboard door. I had forgotten it completely and there were things I meant to have that never appeared on the table! !

And as I think ahead to this Christmas and look back on the years when my four children were expecting Santa Claus to appear any minute I am reminded of the little poem that goes like this—

On shopping trips with weary feet,
We made our way from store to street,
To buy the gifts and bring them back
To wrap and seal for Santa's pack.

On Christmas Day with Christmas toys,
It's loads of fun for girls and boys;
Then we sit back, the work all done,
And it's "MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE" !!!

After a plentiful Christmas dinner we usually had oyster stew for supper, or maybe we didn't have any organized supper at all. Just finished up what was left from the turkey and the pumpkin pie.



Berniece Currier has a small library devoted to nothing but her recipe books. She calls it the "Recipe Corner" in her living room, and she spends much time studying the contents. Berniece is heard every morning at 9 a.m. and usually always has some new, unique recipe for her many listeners.

At this time I do not know what my plans will be for this year on Christmas Day. I hope some of my family will be with me or that I can go to some of them. It isn't exactly my idea of a good time to be alone, but if that is the way it turns out, I won't be lonesome. Too many happy memories crowd in for me to worry about one day.

On the next page I have a recipe for "Cinnamon Twist Bread" that I hope you will try soon. It would be very good for breakfast and with fruit juice and a glass of milk, the youngsters would be satisfied until dinner time.

I've always thought it is a good idea to have a few things the same every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are certain smells that bring memories back to the children to remind them of the years when you were all together. Is it Mince or Pumpkin Pie? Is it roast chicken or turkey? Or maybe a Spice Cake just out of the oven? How about doughnuts fresh from the kettle with your children and all the neighborhood youngsters eating them up as fast as they are fried?

In thinking about things children like, I am reminded of how I loved to find new clothes for my doll family when I scrambled out of bed on Christmas morning to see what Santa had brought. I loved my dolls and would much rather have new clothes for them than to have new dolls. One Christmas I got a beautiful new doll and my family were stunned when I hunted up a little old doll that was a bit crosseyed and didn't have any hair left and I played with her the rest of the day. My mother asked me why I didn't like the new doll and I said "But this is the one I love the best. She isn't very pretty but she is sweet."

If you are planning an especially pretty table at Christmas time for a party, club meeting, wedding or something, a beautiful tablecloth can be made of tarletan wide enough and long enough to come within a few inches of the floor. Pleat it crosswise on the table and tack the pleats about three inches down from the table top. Let it flare from there, The wider the pleats, the more flare you have. Measure carefully so you have length to take care of those pleats.

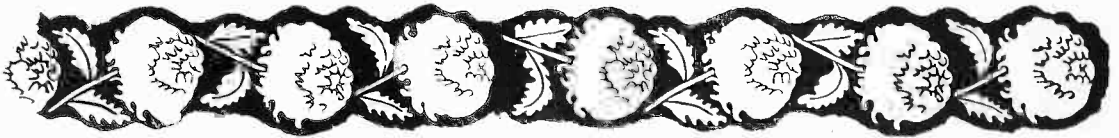
For a center piece you could use an evergreen branch wired and bent to a crescent shape, sprayed with silver and trimmed with stars and small colorful balls. A standard made of the wire will make it stand upright.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

And be with me every morning at 9:00 o'clock on KMA. Until then,

Bless Your Hearts, Goodbye

Bernice



Homemaker's Guide

HOMEMAKER'S VISIT

By BERNICE CURRIER

Christmas and New Years just naturally call for fancy coffee cakes and breads. Here are two I hope you will try.

MERINGUE FILLED KUCHEN

- A—1 package dry yeast
1/4 c. warm water
- B—1/4 c. shortening
1/2 c. sugar
1 t. salt
- C—2 eggs
- D—3/4 c. milk scalded and cooled to luke warm
- E—3 1/2 to 4 c. sifted flour

Combine A and let stand. Cream B in large bowl, add C and beat well. Add D, add A and beat well, then add 1/2 of E and beat until bubbly. Now add more of E until it is stiff enough to knead on board. Put on floured board and knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl cover and let rise to double. Put on board again and knead a few times, cover and let stand 10 minutes. Roll it out to 1/2 inch thick and about 10 by 14 inches.

Make MERINGUE

Beat in soft peaks—3 egg whites
Add and keep beating—

- 1 t. cinnamon
 - 3/4 c. sugar
- Fold in—
- 1/2 c. cut candied cherries
 - 1/2 c. cut candied pineapple
 - 1/2 c. raisins
 - 1/2 c. chopped pecans

Spread meringue on dough to within 1/2 in. of edge. Roll up carefully like a jelly roll beginning with wide side. Pinch dough to seal seam. Place seam side up in greased 10 inch tube pan, cover and let rise to double. Bake in 325° oven for 1 hour. Remove from pan onto rack to cool. Then drizzle powdered sugar icing over it. For an extra touch, put a red taper in a candle holder in the center hole and put holly leaves around the candle on top of the cake.

UNCOOKED FONDANT

- A—1 egg white slightly beaten
1/8 t. salt
1 T. cream
1 t. vanilla
- B—2 to 2 1/2 c. powdered sugar

Combine A, add B gradually, blending well until mixture is stiff enough to knead. Sprinkle board with powdered sugar, turn the fondant out on board and knead for several minutes. Wrap in damp cloth and store in refrigerator overnight. Use this Fondant for making dozens of different candies with flavorings, fruits, nuts, and colorings.

CINNAMON TWIST BREAD

- A—2 packages dry yeast
1/3 c. warm water
- B—1 1/2 c. scalded milk
1/2 c. sugar
2 t. salt
1/3 c. shortening
- C—5 1/2 to 6 c. sifted flour
- D—2 eggs beaten
- E—1 c. raisins or dried currants
1 1/2 c. quick oatmeal

Pour boiling water over raisins or currants and let stand 5 minutes. Drain well and put on paper toweling or brown paper to dry for an hour before using.

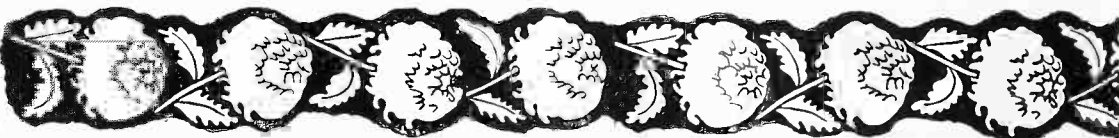
Combine A. Combine B and cool to luke-warm. Beat in 1/2 of C. Beat hard. Add D and beat well. Stir in A and E. Add remaining C to make dough stiff enough to knead. Put out on floured board and knead 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, cover, let rise to double. Put on board again and divide into 2 parts. Mold each into a ball, cover, let rest 10 minutes.

Roll each ball into a rectangle 8 by 15 inches. Sprinkle each with cinnamon and sugar and roll them up like a jelly roll beginning with 8 inch side. With the seam underneath, place them in greased loaf pans. Brush with melted butter, cover, let rise to double, Bake 10 minutes at 400° then turn oven to 375° for 35 to 40 minutes more. Turn out on rack and put loaves on side to cool.

QUICK AND DELICIOUS FUDGE

- 1/3 c. sour cream
- 1 package chocolate frosting mix
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1/2 c. chopped nuts

Heat cream in top of double boiler, stir in the mix and let stand over rapidly boiling water, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and beat in vanilla and nuts. Pour into buttered 8 inch square pan. When firm cut into squares.





"THE FARMER'S WIFE"

By FLORENCE FALK

Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Greetings to you and yours from all of us on the Farm! May the best of holiday eating memories begin in the kitchen.

BUTTER BAKED TURKEY

For a 16 pound turkey: Cut crusts from two large loaves of four-day old bread. Cube bread ($\frac{1}{2}$ in. cubes). Toast in the oven. Toss lightly $\frac{1}{2}$ cup minced onion in 4 tablespoons butter until soft, not brown. To the bread cubes add onions, $\frac{3}{4}$ pound of butter (melted), $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning. Mix well and fill the turkey loosely. Tie or truss to prevent stuffing from puffing out. Soften 1 pound of butter and spread over the entire turkey, especially on top of drumsticks, breast and wings; helps to prevent drying out or juice loss in early stages of roasting, imparts butter flavor. Place turkey on rack in shallow pan, breast up. Dip moist cheesecloth in melted butter and drape it so it covers entire bird. Do not cover pan. Do not add water. Do not spear turkey with fork to see if it is done. Brush cloth with melted butter frequently during roasting time. Roast at constant temperature never higher than 300° to 325° depending on size of turkey for 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

The above recipe answers so many that have requested this recipe in the Guide.

Christmas cookies appeal to everyone. Make up your favorite sugar cooky, gingerbread or any roll out cooky. Cut and bake as usual and try this frosting for decorating.

ORNAMENTAL FROSTING

Sift together 1 cup of confectioners sugar and $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon cream of tartar. Add 1 egg white and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla. Beat all with a rotary beater until frosting holds its shape. Cover with a damp cloth until ready to use. May be stored in tightly covered jar in refrigerator.

Another frosting that is tops for fruit cake.

CREAMY LEMON ICING

$2\frac{1}{3}$ c. confectioners sugar
 $\frac{1}{4}$ t. salt
1 egg
2 T. lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. granulated sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. homogenized shortening (crisco type)

1 T. grated lemon rind

Mix confectioners sugar, salt and egg. Boil lemon juice and granulated sugar together for 1 minute, then blend with sugar-egg mixture. Add shortening and lemon rind. Beat until creamy.

(N.B. I used butter in mine.)

If you are planning a party and want to serve just Christmas cookies, mints and nuts, here's a good cocktail.

ORANGE-CRANBERRY COCKTAIL

2 c. orange juice
2 c. cranberries
2 c. water
 $\frac{1}{3}$ c. sugar

Cook cranberries and water until all the skins pop open. Strain through a fine mesh strainer or cloth. Heat cranberry juice. Add the sugar and boil for 2 minutes. Add to orange juice. Chill before serving. This amount serves about 10. If you wish to extend this for a larger number, just add lemon juice and ginger ale.

MINCEMEAT TORTE

1 c. sifted Gooch's Best Enriched Flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. soda
1 t. baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. salt
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. shortening, soft
1 c. brown sugar
1 t. grated lemon rind
 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. milk
1 egg
1 c. mincemeat
1 c. uncooked oatmeal (either quick or longer cooking type)

Sift together the flour, soda, baking-powder, salt and spices into a bowl. Add remaining ingredients except the oatmeal. Bake in a greased 7x11 or 8x8 inch pan in moderate oven 350° for 35 to 40 minutes. Serve with whipped cream or orange hard sauce. Serves 10 to 12.



speaking of programming

Christmas Choir Concerts, Party Line Gossip And Other Tidbits From Program Director

by Warren Neilson

This last month of 1955 will be a busy one around KMA what with all the special holiday programs and features. I would like to remind you that we are planning an even bigger and better Christmas Eve Choir Concert for you this year. This will mark nine years that we have featured outstanding high school, college, community and church singing groups in an entire evening of sacred and holiday music on Christmas Eve. I hope you will be able to hear at least part of it.

On Christmas Eve we will be presenting KMA's Ninth Annual Christmas Eve Choir Concert. This wonderful array of high school, college, church and community groups represents over 1200 singing voices that you will hear between 6:45 p.m. and midnight on Christmas Eve. A total of 12 groups are included in this year's concert.

We hope that you will be able to hear all 5¼ hours of our show.

Here is the order in which the groups will appear:

- 6:45 p.m.—Essex High School
- 7:05 p.m.—Villisca Elementary School Choirs
- 7:30 p.m.—Nebraska City High School
- 8:05 p.m.—Red Oak High School
- 8:30 p.m.—Shenandoah High School
- 9:05 p.m.—Edward May Quartette
- 9:15 p.m.—Stanton Mammrelund Church Choir
- 9:30 p.m.—Tarkio College
- 10:14 p.m.—Boys Town
- 10:30 p.m.—Clarinda High School & Jr. College Choirs
- 11:00 p.m.—Drake University (Des Moines)
- 11:30 p.m.—Simpson College (Indianola)

Dick and I are enjoying the KMA Party Line more all the time, and it seems that since we have changed to our new time of 2:30 every afternoon, more of you folks can listen, and we are getting more telephone calls on the show. Remember KMA pays your long distance calls when you call the Party Line.

In Doris Murphy's column, this month, she tells you about our new Hiland 'Tater Quiz show which is on the air Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:15. My wife, Florence, and I really enjoy working the show. Our little 22 month old daughter, Holly, sits on a chair in the studio

during the actual broadcast. So far, she has been a perfect lady and hasn't said a word, but Florence and I are just waiting for the day when she "throws a fit" during the show. You know with kids, it could happen any time, so I hope you listen every day because, if it happens, we'll really have our hands full. By the way, here's a new Hiland Dip for Chips recipe that we thought you might enjoy:

HILAND

Sweet and Fruity Dip for Chips

- 3 ounces cream cheese
- ½ c. drained crushed pineapple
- 1 T. heavy cream
- ¼ c. Maraschino cherries, chopped
- 1 T. ginger syrup (optional)

Beat cream cheese until fluffy. Add remaining ingredients. Mix well. Heap in serving bowl. Chill before serving. Serve with HILAND potato chips.

That's all for now. Florence, Holly and I hope you have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.
Warren Nielsen



The Hiland lassie on the phone is Holly, 22-month old daughter of Warren and Florence Nielson.

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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.—Rural Electric Reporter (Tu. & Th.)
 6:15 a.m.—Merl Douglas (MWF)
 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.—Merl Douglas
 7:45 a.m.—Morning Headlines
 8:00 a.m.—Breakfast Club
 9:00 a.m.—Bernice Currier
 9:25 a.m.—Whispering Streets
 9:45 a.m.—When A Girl Marries
 10:00 a.m.—Kitchen Club
 10:15 a.m.—Tennessee Ernie (T,TH)
 10:15 a.m.—Tater Quiz (M,W,F.)
 10:30 a.m.—Florence Falk
 11:00 a.m.—Back To The Bible
 11:30 a.m.—Companion
 11:45 a.m.—Morning Markets
 11:55 a.m.—Joe Fassen
 12:00 noon.—Dean Naven, News
 12:15 p.m.—Edward May
 12:30 p.m.—Jack Gowing
 12:45 p.m.—Markets
 1:00 p.m.—Dick Mills Show
 2:30 p.m.—Party Line
 3:00 p.m.—Dick Mills' Show
 5:45 p.m.—Bill Stern
 6:00 p.m.—Farm Bulletin Board
 6:15 p.m.—Tennessee Ernie (MWF)
 6:15 a.m.—Andy Parker (T,TH)
 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
 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.—Life Is Worth Living
 8:00 p.m.—Basketball Game
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Club 960
 10:30 p.m.—KMA Sports Roundup
 10:45 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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

7:00 p.m.—Club 960
 9:15 p.m.—Boxing Bout
 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
 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.—Club 960
 8:00 p.m.—Basketball Game
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, News
 10:15 p.m.—Club 960
 10:30 p.m.—Sports Roundup
 10:45 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

SATURDAY PROGRAMS

5:00 a.m.—Town & Country Hour
 6:00 a.m.—News & Weather
 6:15 a.m.—Merl Douglas
 6:30 a.m.—Merrill Langfitt

7:00 a.m.—Dean Naven, News

7:15 a.m.—Frank Field
 7:30 a.m.—This Week In 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.—Inner Circle
 10:30 a.m.—Florence Falk
 11:00 a.m.—Back To The Bible
 11:30 a.m.—Songs America Sings
 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.—Sat. Matinee
 5:45 p.m.—Bob Edge
 6:00 p.m.—Farm Bulletin Board
 6:15 p.m.—Here's To Veterans
 6:30 p.m.—News
 6:45 p.m.—Manhattan Melodies
 7:00 p.m.—Dancing Party
 9:00 p.m.—Hotel Edison Orch.
 9:30 p.m.—Lawrence Welk's Army Show
 10:00 p.m.—Ralph Childs, 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

SUNDAY PROGRAM

6:30 a.m.—Musical Clock
 7:00 a.m.—News and Weather
 7:15 a.m.—Musical Clock
 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.—KMA Roundtable
 12:45 p.m.—Platter Party
 1:00 p.m.—Light & Life Hour
 1:30 p.m.—Wings of Healing
 2:00 p.m.—Newstime
 2:15 p.m.—Sun. Worship

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 2—Corning at Shenandoah
 Dec. 6—Red Oak at Glenwood
 Dec. 9—Atlantic at Villisca
 Dec. 13—Red Oak at Clarinda
 Dec. 16—Shenandoah at Villisca
 Dec. 20—Creston at Clarinda

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However, all Programs Are Subject to Change.

KMA's Family Album



PLEASANT "DUTY" FOR JACK GOWING

Jack Gowing, the Midwest Farmer, is also president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. In that role, he had the pleasure and privilege of crowning the Queen of the Botany Bowl football game here on Thanksgiving Day. The pert queen is Yvonne Funkhouser, freshman at Peru (Neb) Teachers.

ONE LOOK AND YOU'D HEAD FOR TREATS, TOO

Needless to say this spooky trio had lots of luck on Hallowe'en out "trick or treatin". That's Bobby and Susie Larson, neice and nephew of Evalyn Saner, KMA's traffic manager, and their next door neighbor Tami Naven, daughter of News Editor Dean Naven.



CHRISTMAS IS HERE NOW, SANTA COMES TO SEE UNCLE DICK

The jolly old gentleman in the bright red suit and the long white whiskers stopped off recently to visit Dick Mills on his Kiddie Corner show, heard at 4 p.m. each day on KMA. Dick said that Santa would be on his program regularly before Christmas, so tell the smallfry to be listening.



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KMA Events of the Month



534 WOMEN BRAVE SNOW, ICE TO COME

Snow, icy highways and general bad weather didn't stop 534 women from coming to Shenandoah, December 1 for the annual Cookie Tea, which was labeled a tremendous success.

THAT NEW VOICE BELONGS TO HIM

To the right is Dave Alan, who has just joined KMA as staff announcer and continuity writer. Dave just completed schooling at Creighton, and was with a radio station in Garden City, Kansas. And to whom it may concern, he's still single. . . and 22!



PREGAME HUDDLE BEFORE BOTANY BOWL

Dean Naven and Don Joe, KMA's sports experts, huddled the two coaches of the Botany Bowl football game together the night before the game for a terrific 30-minute show. . . and then KMA carried the game on Thanksgiving Day, which Kearney, Nebraska won, 34-13, ending a 16-game win string for Northern Teachers of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

