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P.S. Extension phones also make wonderfully welcome gifts for family and friends.

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A STAR LIGHTS UP OUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Meet Mrs. Shirley Temple Black—happy housewife and adoring mother of three (Susan, Charlie and Lori). It doesn't seem so long ago that a tiny, curly-mopped Shirley was strutting across our movie screens. Now a whole new generation curls up wide-eyed before her delightful "Storybook" series on NBC-TV. We can't think of a nicer Christmas present than a tale told by Shirley Temple just for The American HOME, just for you.

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FRANCES SCHIPPER, ARTIST WITH A PASTRY TUBE

You might guess that "Fran" is a native of up-and-at-em New England. As if she weren't busy enough cooking for her men-folk (engineer-husband, William, and a grown son), she has a busy schedule of courses at her unique school of cake-decorating—and still finds time to donate her talents to many fund-raising charities. If you think all artists work in paint, then you've never been to one of talented Mrs. Schipper's fascinating "exhibitions."

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LINDA KAY KENT . . . AND SHE CAN COOK TOO!

Only 17, and a senior at Sunbury Area High School in the Delmarva Peninsula, Linda is collecting her culinary laurels early. Her original recipe for Chicken Thalberg won raves at the famous Delmarva Chicken Festival this year, and we predict you'll be dashing to your range to try it. Linda's favorite school subject is home economics... her hobby is (you guessed it) cooking . . . and we can't help but approve her ambition . . . homemaking.

MEET THE MAN IN THE RED FLANNEL SUIT

It's always nice to have a man around the house and The American HOME (remember, we're a service magazine for the whole family). You'll meet this very important man on every page this month in one jolly way or another. But more than that, we're actually giving away Santa Claus this year—a FREE Christmas pattern, the first in our exciting new give-away-pattern series. (See the gingerbread pattern on page 63 too!)
"Why, Daddy?"

"Why is the sky blue, Daddy?...Why can't I see the wind?...Can fish hear?"

Sometimes you wonder if he'll ever stop. Sometimes you feel like ignoring a question. Because -- let's face it -- they're tough to answer. And he expects you to know. But there's a better reason for your interest. He's your child and you want to give him a good start in life...better than the one you had, if you can. And there's one way of doing it: give him guidance. Show him you care. Help him learn how to think. You can do all this -- and more -- by giving him The Book Of Knowledge.

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"Next time buy two! (keep one for you!)

Smart idea: All the "Scotch" Brand Tapes are so handy.

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OUR COVER
Oh-h-h! A child's dream of Christmas . . . sugar and spice and skaters on ice . . . snowmen and Santa, angels and elves . . . all frosted over with a sugary coating of magic. Isn't this how every child dreams of home at Christmas? And you, too? House-made-of-candy by Buchanan Florist, New York City. Photograph by Peter Benedet.

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A few miles from New York City, just off the Garden State Parkway at Woodbridge, New Jersey, the Bible Gardens of Israel have been established "to promote deeper understanding and wider appreciation of the Holy Bible through public enjoyment and study of the authentic plants, trees and flowers mentioned in Holy Writ."

The Bible Gardens consist of four main plantings—the Garden of the Promised Land, the Garden of Moses, the Garden of the Kings, and the Garden of Peace (Garden of Jerusalem)—and are composed entirely of plants native to the Biblical area of the Near East.

Bronze plaques are inscribed with Biblical passages and identify the plants by their original Hebrew names, their common English names and their Latin scientific names. Besides plants, the Gardens feature rocks, pebbles and wood brought expressly for the project from various parts of the Holy Land.

The Bible Gardens of Israel were designed by Alan Dalsimer, landscape architect of Cedarhurst, Long Island, and the selection of plants was supervised by Dr. Harold N. Moldenke of the New York Botanical Garden, author of the book *Plants of the Bible.*
How We Retired in 15 Years
with $300 a Month

"The day Nancy and I hit Arizona, we knew it was for us. The air itself felt alive, and the sunshine—well, it was wonderful. We bought a new ranch house that cost less than the price we got for our city home—and is lots less work. Every single morning I've waked up since. I've been thankful for the monthly check of $300 that makes it all possible.

"Somehow, in my forties it was hard to believe I'd want to slow up someday. Fact is, Nancy was the smart one. One day she to me—back in 1943, it was—and took out the bank book. 'We've got to do something,' she said. 'Anyone who works as hard you do ought to be able to plan to retire someday. But you know we just aren't savers.'

"I knew that. 'Want to start a business of our own?' I asked.

"Nancy shook her head. 'You know we haven't enough money for that—experience, either. How much would we have to save up to retire on bank interest?'

"Well, interest rates being what they were, I figured almost a hundred thousand. Needless to it was out of the question. And I shrugged it off.

"But not Nancy. A few weeks later she came to me with a little book called 'Phoenix Mutual Retirement Plans.' She said she'd read an ad about a new way to retire. It was for anybody of average means who had fifteen or twenty good earning years ahead.

The ad offered more information, and she sent in the coupon.

"It was Nancy’s little book that changed my mind. Here was a way I could retire—and in 15 years, if I wanted to. There was no secret, except to start soon enough. And I did. Well, my Phoenix Plan was a greater joy as time went by.

"My first check for $300 came last spring. With it, Nancy and I were off to the West. I feel ten years younger since I got here. I say it's the Arizona air. But Nancy winks and says it's being my own boss. But one thing's certain—I wouldn't change places with our company president."

Send for Free Booklet

This story is typical. Assuming you start at a young enough age, you can plan to have an income of $20 to $300 a month beginning at age 55, 60, 65 or older. Send the coupon and receive, by mail and without charge, a booklet which tells all about Phoenix Mutual Plans. Similar plans are available for women—and for employee pension programs. Don't put it off. Send for your copy now.

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Researchers at the University of Chicago recently proved that flu germs expelled in coughs and sneezes can stay alive indefinitely in dry air. They also proved that the more the air is humidified, the more germs it destroys.

AquaMagic is an all-new Development of Viking Research

It automatically supplies the humidity you need for health and comfort. This low-cost accessory for your present furnace will give you the same satisfaction expressed by AquaMagic owners who made these unsolicited comments:

"Very satisfactory, especially in cold weather — noses around here are much better in the winter. Everyone should have one."

"The doctor suggested we install it to eliminate the dryness in the air and cut down colds for the children."

"When you wake up in the morning, you feel better. Before the humidifier, the air was dry and we all had coughs."

AquaMagic Increases Winter Comfort, Too

If you feel chilly even when the thermostat says, "You're warm enough," it may be because you're losing body moisture too rapidly to dried-out air. Add an AquaMagic and feel the difference; when the humidity's right, you'll enjoy June-time comfort without advancing the thermostat a single degree.

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Even your skin, hair and nails look and feel better when you live in air that's humidified by AquaMagic.

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A digest of the most frequently asked questions by American HOME readers...and our answers!

Q. How can I prepare a plan for a flower garden?

A. Buy a few sheets or a pad of graph paper at your stationer's—it'll be ruled eight or ten lines to the inch. Letting \( \frac{1}{8} \) or \( \frac{1}{10} \) represent 1', make a reasonably accurate drawing of your property and its permanent features—house, garage, driveway, paths, large trees and shrubs, and anything else you can't or don't want to move. To do this, start by measuring distances from the property lines, plot these on the graph paper, then measure other distances from these fixed points. Eventually you'll have a complete and fairly accurate drawing of your property and everything on it.

Now you can work out the sizes and shapes of plantings you'd like or which seem appropriate to the property. Next, by consulting plant catalogs or garden books for the widths, heights, shapes and colors of the kinds of plants you want, you can sketch in the right plants for all the plantings you've already drawn.

Q. The latest built-in appliances intrigue me, but many of us just starting housekeeping in apartments can't install built-ins. What advice can you give us in selecting free-standing units?

A. There are some free-standing appliances on the market today that have all the appearances of built-ins without many of the installation requirements of their elegant cousins. We are speaking of the squared-off look in new appliances today. Side by side, these appliances give the feeling of permanence in your kitchen but can be easily moved when you leave. Also, there are portable dishwashers available that require no installation. They are on wheels and attach to the faucet of your kitchen sink for operation.

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Cannon towels make such lovely, lasting gifts

They all have that special Cannon feel with the soft beauty woven in to stay.
Christmas-wrapped or to do up prettily yourself.

Swedish Fruit Basket:
1 bath towel, 2 guest towels, 2 washcloths $3.98

Impressions:
1 bath towel, 2 guest towels, 2 washcloths $2.98

To gift-wrap yourself: "Radiance" bath towel with glitter border, 24 x 46 $2
All males, big and little, love to play "arm-chair general" or "kitchen-floor general." And many a delighted tot will find toy soldiers under his Christmas tree this year. But George van Tubergen of Ontario, California, takes his soldiers seriously. As a boy of 12, he began collecting military miniatures. Now his collection numbers over twelve hundred—and is still growing. Even more fascinating, George is one of the few collectors who creates and manufactures his own tiny warriors.

Make no mistake, the van Tubergen miniatures are not mere toys. They're exact reproductions, modeled to scale, in authentic uniform and equipment. In the lively swapping back-and-forth among collectors, George has traded with such prominent enthusiasts as Winston Churchill, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and the late Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Do the van Tubergens keep their hobby locked away in a closet? Not by a long shot! Colorful figures march proudly across the mantel, parade on a coffee table, strut on adjustable glass shelves. Here you'll see a Scotch Highlander, there a soldier from the French and Indian War. Now your eye is caught by a medieval knight on horseback, or a Civil War casualty.

The collection dates as far back as the ancient Assyrian soldiers—goes through Greek, Roman and ancient European days right on up to modern times. (George confesses that he does have a few missing periods among his tiny soldiers—but give him time!)
Van Tubergen and his friends spend many stimulating hours recreating scenes of famous battles. They set up the skirmish on a towel-covered game table shaped to simulate hills and fields—or, in summer, on a sand table in the garden. In the garage there's a miniature battlefield where several hundred soldiers can fight it out amongst trees and rocks and bunkers.

Collecting military miniatures needn't be expensive... if you stick to the dime-store variety. But real aficionados may pay as much as $500 for a rare antique. Although George van Tubergen considers his collection strictly a spare-time hobby, he's as meticulous about the reproductions he creates as he is about those he collects. Through intensive study he is able to furnish authentic Civil War reproductions for collectors abroad—just as Europeans supply him with French and British Colonial troop miniatures in authentic battle and parade dress.

He designs his own molds, which he paints in proper uniform after the figures have been poured and allowed to solidify. When making lead miniatures, George works in a corner of the kitchen, using the range to heat the lead. This is a painstaking process, requiring less equipment than craftsmanship. Occasionally, he makes models out of plastic wood, carving with a small sharp knife.

The standard height for miniatures is 54 millimeters, or roughly two and a half inches. Tiny, indeed, but they comprise a king-size hobby filled with pleasure and relaxation!

Baked by themselves or frozen, chocolate desserts are made with Baker's genuine chocolate.
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Christmas Patterns

'Tis the season to be jolly with these festive decorations for your window . . . your lawn . . . your front door!

**LET SANTA** greet your Christmas callers at your door. He's fat and jolly and reads off a welcome from all the family. Cut from plywood, then paint his enchanting features. With this pattern you can't miss. #1761, price 75c

**LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, let it snow.** But even if it doesn't you can have this snowman-papa and his shy son for your yard. Our small friend John Eric is testing the pompon. #1763, 75c

**PLYWOOD MAILBOX** filled with gifts deceives the eye. Actually it is just one sheet of plywood cut out flat, then painted in perspective so that the packages seem to have dimension. Add real greens and Christmas ornaments. Full-size pattern makes it easy to cut out. #1762, price 60c

**IF YOU HAVE A BIG WINDOW** that cries out for Christmas trimmings, paint these wonderful cathedral bells right on the glass with wash-off paint, or use the same pattern to cut out of plywood, paint with washable paint. Pattern #1764, 50c

Christmas is just days away. Now—right now—is the time to order these gay Christmas patterns. Do it today!

PATTERN ORDER FORM ON PAGE 16
Nothing like a good book after an ideal meal

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Ideal...complete "7-Course Meal"

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Dogs are getting smarter every day—and the smartest dogs of all love Ideal Dog Food.

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Look for Ideal's new BLUE DIAMOND LABEL!

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<td>1762—60c. Another full-size pattern of a real fun type of Christmas decoration. This is a mat box filled with presents. Actually it is cut out of a flat piece of plywood, painted in perspective, which is easy with our pattern. The greens and the Christmas ornaments are real.</td>
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<td>1763—75c. The snowman and his small son are also cut out of exterior plywood painted to withstand the weather. Full-size tracing pattern.</td>
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<td>1764—50c. You can use this pattern as a guide to paint balls on your window. Or paint them on pieces of cutout plywood. Paint them with wash-off paint on the window, but use enamels on the plywood so you can use them year after year.</td>
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<td>1333—50c. An angel atop your door would be a nice way to greet Christmas callers. Pattern gives complete details.</td>
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<td>1450—30c. Bring carol singing close to home by painting these carolers on the inside of your storm door. Musical notes blossom on a painted tree. Use wash-off poster paint for easy after-holiday removing.</td>
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<td>1488—25c. If you have a picture window here is a trio of choir boys with can- dles all cut out of metal-foil papers. &quot;Pomander&quot; balls made from plastic snowballs stuck all over with whole cloves and hung with red ribbons add decorative note.</td>
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<td>1686—50c. Make a bright locomotive, coal car and tank from cereal boxes covered with bright foil papers for a novel decoration to put under the tree or on the mantel. Easy-to-follow pattern.</td>
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<td>1687—50c. To start a new Christmas Tradition, make a beautiful border to hase on your best Holiday cloth. Bright little felt Christmas trees in several sizes add glitter with sequins and beads and tiny &quot;candy&quot; canes. The border can be removed from the cloth and rolled up for storage to use year after year.</td>
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<td>1707—50c. Pattern for a beautiful mosaic design of the 3 Kings riding their camels in the quest of the &quot;Star,&quot; bearing gifts for the new King who will be found under the star. This is large enough to use on a storm door. Craft papers are mounted on a clear plastic panel.</td>
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<td>1708—35c. A trio of caroling angels with golden wings playing golden instru- ments to paint on a panel for a door or mantel decoration. The pattern includes a wonderful idea for lighted panels on each side of the door, like twinkling stars.</td>
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<td>1710—40c. A fat jolly Santa with a great bag of gifts to use on a door or the mantel, over a table or as a center of attraction almost anywhere. Make him of old cloth and styrofoam and tiny Christmas balls.</td>
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<td>1711—30c. Hang a sign on your lawn shaped like an Early American street sign saying Season's Greetings to all who pass your way. Full instructions.</td>
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<td>1714—25c. This is a pattern for a Swedish Santa &quot;Jul Tomte&quot; made of wool yarn. It can be used as a wonderful crib-set toy too.</td>
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A few last-minute suggestions for making Christmas gifts.

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IT MAKES IDEAL DOOR DECORATION

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YOU CAN ENLARGE TO USE ON YOUR LAWN

The graph below is for your convenience to permit you to enlarge this delightful bit of Christmas cheer for an unusual lawn decoration. Use marine plywood—it’s waterproof—and scale up graph as follows: Decide how large you want your “Santa on Rocket.” If you want it 3 or 6 times larger than our graph, mark off squares on a piece of plywood the size desired. Number squares vertically and horizontally. Draw lines of design in each square, carefully following every curve. When all blocked out, cut out plywood following outline, then paint as shown.

IDEA: WALLACE M. YODER, JR.

your House or Lawn
Record Your Family's Christmas

Whether you “troll the ancient Yuletide carol,” or accompany the local barbershop quartet, you’re “having a ball.” Well, perhaps you don’t sing exactly like the heavenly choirs, but it’s fun to try, especially when you get in the swing of Christmas. And all you need are several music enthusiasts, a tape recorder, two pickup microphones and a mixing board to make your Christmas not stereotyped by stereophonic!

By following a few basic tips, home recording can be easy and wonderfully entertaining. Of first importance is your recording room—the perfect specifications measuring 20x20 feet with a 10- to 20-foot ceiling of acoustic tile to absorb the sound. But actually, any size room can be converted; recreation rooms often have the “sound-deadening” pine-paneled walls and heavy draperies, or a long, rectangular living room with a low ceiling also quickly converts into a sound studio by drawing the drapes and blanketing the door openings and the bay window—with an ideal floor muffler of wall-to-wall carpeting.

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JUNE and FRED MAC MURRAY say:

"Make this your Merriest Christmas ever—give a Gas Appliance!"

Give an RCA WHIRLPOOL WASHER-DRYER COMBINATION like ours—Modern...money-saving...because it's Gas!

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WAXING'S NO CHORE WITH THE PASTE WAX YOU POUR!

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I suppose every family has its favorite Christmas story. All over our land on Christmas Eve cozy family groups will gather to read Dickens’ “Christmas Carol” and “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas” and other private pets. But this Christmas I know which story will fill Charlie’s and my hearts as we cuddle our three little “angels” close. It’s a story about a story . . . a story about the most important story I’ve told in all my life.

Maybe our story doesn’t have a Christmas-y setting—sparkling Lake Tahoe on a bright August day. But it’s filled with the meaning of Christmas. Especially at Christmas, as we bask in the wonder and blessedness of being together—Big Charlie, little Charlie, Lori, Susan and me—we will remember how narrowly we escaped being brushed by tragedy.

Every summer for the past few years, we have made an annual trek to Lake Tahoe during Charlie’s two-week vacation. I don’t know why. I don’t know why anybody in California goes anywhere for a summer vacation. Here at home we have the Pacific Ocean at our doorstep, a treehouse, and a regulation camping tent set up in nether regions by the back fence. All day, every day, a long file of small fry spin like dervishes through the yard, each one on a noisy, special mission, up and down the tree trunks, and popping in and out of the bushes like a big family of quail. If variety, a regular swarm of friends (and foes) and ideal weather are the objectives, we have it.

But sure enough, starting about New Year’s Day every year, the children begin to clamor. “But Mom, there’s no crayfish fishing in our yard!” “But this isn’t the Lake, Mom!” (Or as Lori would say, “This isn’t the Yake!”)

So off we go, in our station wagon top-heavy with two roof luggage carriers, canvas water bottles draped from the door handles, cameras, fishing poles, and all five of us stacked inside like warm sardines, Californian at that. (At least we’ve outgrown the folded playpen on the back and the baby buggy on the front!)

Lake Tahoe is nestled in the high Sierras, a mile high, half in California and half in Nevada. Mark Twain called it the “lake in the sky.” Its shimmering beauty is irresistible—especially to my husband. So one
Pepperell makes any bedroom beautiful

Look what we’ve got for Christmas! New Florals, Stripes, Pastels, and luxurious Blankets! Can you imagine anything more fun to give or to get?

Multi Stripes—ever popular because they go with everything! Your choice of fine muslin or quality percale.

Bridal Rose—a delicious floral that’s a delight in every décor! Blue, rose, or yellow print on finest combed percale.

Rainbow Stripes—new twist on a charming theme—wide and wonderful stripes! Fine muslin or luxury percale.

Pretty Pastels—so delectable they look good enough to eat! 7 colors in petal-soft percale.

Saucy Scallops—add a fillip to the most tailored bedroom. White on pastels and vice versa in finest percale.

Luxury Blankets—made to cuddle in! Latest miracle fibers—loveliest color.
sunny August morning we all scrambled into our rented skiff, box lunches, fishing lines, and all, headed for a picnic beach five miles distant. The lake was like the proverbial millpond, etched here and there with the wake of a water skier. My husband cranked up the outboard, we all took our places, and the little boat cut quickly and smoothly across the water.

Now Lake Tahoe is about 15 miles long and 5 across. Most of the California shore line is speckled with homes, campgrounds and resort areas, but the Nevada side remains generally primitive and uncluttered. For miles along our way, we passed no houses whatsoever, nor saw a living being. Merely the upthrust peaks of the Sierras, still capped in midsummer with a mantle of snow, and the steep foreshore clad in thick forests of tamarack, pine and spruce.

"Where's the beach, Mommy?" inquired Lori every few minutes. Indeed, there was none to be seen. Merely a giant rubble of boulders where the inhospitable mountainside plunged into the lake.

Our course roughly followed the shore line, which is heavily indented with open bays. Between headlands we were quite far from shore, and seemed very far out on the lake.

"Look, that boat is flying," shouted Susan.

Far across toward California, a speedboat was moving in slow motion. From that distance, it appeared to be elevated from the lake and actually flying along above it. The optical illusion was perfect.

"It's like a mirage, Susie," I answered, "the same sort of thing that thirsty travelers in the Sahara Desert often see. A trick of imagination and optical illusion."

"How close can you have a . . . optical illusion?" asked Charlie. "I'm thirsty!" said Susan.

We opened a bottle of soft drink and passed it around while I thought out the answer to that one.

In the stern sat my husband, shirtless, shoeless, looking very pleased with his role of helmsman. This is no surprise. As a downy-faced kid, he started sailing knockabouts on Long Island Sound, before the war raced a 31-foot yawl to Honolulu and back, and for four years during the war, chased the enemy as skipper of a motor torpedo boat. Like the proverbial sailor's holiday, he mustered out of the Navy, and promptly set sail again—this time on a 5000-mile trip to Tahiti in a 60-foot schooner. Though it is certainly a long way from such substantial vessels on the open sea to a small lake skiff, our daddy smiled happily forward to us, and turned to make some adjustments on the little engine.

W e had gone about halfway toward the lonely little beach which was our destination, when I noticed that the color of the water far out on the lake had changed. Instead of the calm gray line that characterizes water at a distance, it was quite blue, a deep rich blue. Captain Charlie had noticed this subtle change too.

"There's some wind out there, and I think we'd better turn around."

Despite the immediate objections of our three junior crew, who spouted a stream of reasons why we should continue on our picnic, we turned about promptly and started back along our wake. The strip of blue water out on the lake grew steadily larger, and closer, and before long the first catspaws were ruffling the water around us. Through my bare feet, I could feel the little boat meet the ripples. I glanced over my shoulder at Charlie. His face had taken on a businesslike expression, and his voice had overtones of a skipper more than of a daddy.

"Help me shift the gas can forward for a little more ballast, and better check the kids' life preservers."

Now, those of you who are experienced with weather on mountain lakes will not be surprised. On the ocean, the breeze rises slowly, and gives adequate warning of its coming. On Lake Tahoe, the wind curls down without notice, off the peaks. In one short moment, it can lash the lake into a roiling mess of short waves.

Then the wind hit us. And the waves. Five minutes previous our wake had stretched out behind, a single ripple on the motionless water. Now it was lost in the whitecaps which curled against our boat, drenching us in sheets of chill water.

Why not run for the shore? If anything, it looked less hospitable than the water. The waves were now about 3 feet from trough to crest, short and steep, and went boiling into the rocky boulders with a wild spewing of water. Clearly, we could not consider making the shore here. We were at midpoint. About halfway behind was the little beach—slightly closer ahead was the haven from which we had departed.

As the skiff had started to buck into the waves and we all became drenched with the spray, Lori and Charlie had fallen silent, with grave expressions on their little faces. It was Lori's first outing in a boat. There was little I could do to assist my husband at the helm, so I sat about to ease the growing apprehension of our little crew members.

This was not easy, as I knew that we were in a touchy situation. The dangers of swamping were obvious, and unless we took each wave with skill, the boat could have been thrown on her beam-ends and overturned. I had

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Christmas is *Music* . . . the clear call of church bells and the clear young voices of children singing "Silent Night."

Christmas is a brilliance of *Lights* . . . flickering lights of trees, quivering lights of candles, warming lights of hearth-fires, embracing lights of houses spilling over with family and friends. Christmas is the happy light in the eyes of grown-ups once again childlike and the starlight in the eyes of the children.

Christmas is a *Welcome* . . . the garland on the door, the welcome song on the threshold. It's the welcome wreath 'round our hearts. . . .

Christmas is *Laughter* . . . a special kind. We've all heard it . . . the season's laughter. It reaches out, comforts and encompasses us. And Christmas is a smile, a quick smile to the store Santa Claus, to the streetcar conductor, to the shoeshine boy. It is an extra smile to our family. Christmas is a communion of spirit.

Christmas is a hundred different *Fragrances* all rolled into one. The pine boughs and the baking bread and the burning wood and the plum pudding. That's just the beginning. There's the smell of just-waxed floors and newly-polished furniture, the fragrance of dozens and dozens of cookies. Did you ever see so many different kinds of cookies? Christmas is the help of clumsy little hands decorating, then storing cookies in gaily-colored tin boxes.
Christmas is *Giving* . . . the ever-so-many packages . . . to us and from us . . . and the excitement of the mail truck stopping at the front door. There are brown-paper-covered boxes and decorated tiny ones and giant ones and round ones and square ones . . . tinsel and glittering and gold-covered, or just plain white tissue-wrapped presents. And we sit in the middle of a mountain of holly paper and red ribbon and gum stickers and “Do Not Open Until . . .”

Christmas is the importance of *Mail* . . . not only the packages, but the hundreds of cards . . . the cards purchased from the child next door . . . the lists of names and addresses . . . Christmas is the weighted-down mailman . . . the stringing of cards received on a bright red ribbon, or pinning them to the tree or perching them on the mantel.

Christmas is a wealth of remembrance carried by a four-cent stamp.

Christmas is *The Tree* . . . a green tree or a pink tree or a white tree or even a pale lavender one. A just-cut pine from a timbered acre or a glittering fir from “the best florist in town” . . . a miniature baby tree or one that brushes the ceiling.

Christmas is *Love* . . . the message carried all through the centuries from the first Christmas gift of a tiny Babe. Christmas is The Birthday revered and celebrated all over the world. Christmas is an expression of love for The Child born that day and love for His way.

Christmas is "*Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men*. . ."
It's Christmas wherever you are

CHRISTMAS AT THEIR CALIFORNIA POOL HOUSE is enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore K. Sterling and family of West Los Angeles. An excellent cook, Mrs. Sterling has prepared a unique meal of turkey, enchilada pie, cold vegetables and a family favorite, Triple Delight Cake—all handsomely displayed on a gay red tablecloth set with gold dishes, green glassware, and an unusual centerpiece of yellow daisies combined with holly. The sun shining through the inset glass panels of the roof sparkles brilliantly on the bright red berries and silver trimmings of the tree crowned with a top-knot of fresh green ginger blossoms!
Picture if you will a family of towheaded youngsters in a small, snow-covered town in New England. Is their Christmas different than it would be for their towheaded cousins living, let’s say, in Southern California? Surely, our little friends in New England get the first peek at Christmas. There they are—wide awake and wide-eyed—long before daybreak. Their California cousins, we trust, still have a few hours to go, conjuring up sugarplums in their heads. And while there are skates and sleds and skis and good warm mittens to be opened in the East, there are pogo sticks and croquet sets and butterfly nets and beach balls to be opened in the West. Is Christmas really different then? Let us be the first to shout a hearty, resounding “NO”! Christmas is Christmas wherever you are! Who—anywhere—can escape the excitement of Christmas shopping, wrapping, and decorating? And who does not feel that Christmas Day is universally a Family Day? Whether you celebrate it in California or Connecticut, in Florida or Minnesota, the same wonderful Christmas spirit abounds everywhere.

And now, because the Christmas season is upon us, we’d like to take you on a cross-country tour . . . to show you in words and pictures how America sets the stage for Santa from sea to shining sea. Up in frosty New England you’ll find the centuries-old customs that our forefathers brought over from England—the yule log, the caroling, the steaming mince pies and plum puddings. And sophisticated New York City isn’t too sophisticated to thrill to the giant tree at Rockefeller Center, the twinkling parade of trees on Park Avenue. Picture the throngs of package-laden shoppers at Macy’s and Gimbels . . . the throngs of worshippers at St. Patrick’s and St. John the Divine.

In Pennsylvania Dutch country, the children string popcorn on the tree and deck it with animal cookies, apples and brightly colored paper. Down in Virginia, there’s the Wassail ceremony . . . “there is the clink of glasses and cups; the good old vintages which cheer the heart; and the lord of the manor raises his glass and with a smile on his ruddy face, drinks to the general joy of the whole table.”

What a Christmas to remember in Washington, D. C.!—the impressive lighting-of-the-tree by the President, himself. And in pageant-loving Florida . . . imagine Tampa’s Bay Shore Boulevard lined with huge (continued)
IN HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS AN OLD REMODELED BARN is a picturesque setting for a bit of Christmas cheer. The snowy New England countryside is attractively framed by the large picture window, but equally attractive is the roaring fire—a natural gathering place for Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Rhoades and their friends.

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reproductions of Christmas celebrations in other lands... imagine the big, friendly Christmas cards swinging from every lamppost in Winter Park...

In the Midwest, Christmas means trekking to church in the early, pearly morning... then trooping from house to house to sample the delicious home-made cookies and hearty Stollen. While, in the Southwest, there's the warm, wonderful tradition of the Yule logs—gathered in the nearby mountains on Christmas Eve. And Pinata parties for the children on the blossom-scented patios!

And on to California where Christmas, like every other occasion, is an outdoor affair. This may be the last holiday before the rains, so get out, everybody!... out to the Sunrise Service at the Hollywood Bowl... out to goody-laden barbecues by the pool.

Does it matter where you celebrate Christmas? Does it matter how you trim your tree, or where the kids hang their stockings, or what treat you leave on the mantel for Santa? No, Christmas is wonderful, wherever you are. Christmas is Christmas, wherever you are. May you have your merriest ever!

IN THE SUNNY SOUTHWEST IT WOULDN'T be Christmas in the Arizona home of Mrs. Louise Price Bell without the traditional Yule log delivered by Santa's young helpers.

GLASS HORS D'OEUVRE TRAY does double duty. When through using it for its beautiful ruby color as a light shield it becomes a serving tray.
Nativity Setting with white Hummel figurines and an arrangement of dried magnolia and eucalyptus, sprayed gold. Dried materials held by modeling clay.

Frost Your Windows with spray-on snow, but let your tree show through the shaped section of unfrosted glass. To do this cut out a triangular shaped piece of cardboard, tape to glass with cellophane tape and spray. Only costs pennies!

Copy the First Bars of music needed for the beautiful old Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," on the face of your piano. Use wash-off paint and cement on tiny bright colored Christmas balls for the notes as shown. It's wonderfully effective.

Just for Fun and for a Modern touch, dress up a piece of driftwood with bright Christmas balls and add a white cone tree made from several 2 for 5c paint-strainer cones threaded together and decked with tiny glittery balls.

Copy the First Bars of the music needed for the beautiful old Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," on the face of your piano. Use wash-off paint and cement on tiny bright colored Christmas balls for the notes as shown. It's wonderfully effective.

Evergreens and Tiny Italian Lights subtly enhance the fireplace of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Griffith of Minneapolis and blend in festively with the monocolored walls—an excellent idea for a close-to-the-wall decoration.

Make a Fat Wreath of evergreens. Then wire a small wind-up type toy railroad track to center of wreath. Wire two sets of wind-up trains on track. Add cotton "smoke" to smokestacks.
FOR BEAUTIFUL FAIRYLAND SPHERES immerse yarn in a thin spackling-compound mixture. Wind and twist yarn around large inflated balloons. Dry overnight. Add second coat of thicker mixture at each intersection. Imbed small glass ornaments in wet mix. Dry thoroughly. Detach balloons.

EXQUISITE OLD-WORLD MADONNA is part of the Herbert Cutlers' Christmas tradition. Their charming Victorian house is graced with simple fireplaces—a perfect setting for this triptych made of evergreens thrust into heavy-duty wire-mesh frames.

CHRISTMAS IN ARIZONA MEANS BREAKING THE PINATA for these young cowboys and Indians in the gaily blooming patio of Nelle A. Fox. Made of crushed paper, this wild-looking bird is filled with tiny sweets which reward only the expert most skilled with a broomstick and a blindfold. Looks like a challenge for any age!

IN FLORIDA, where there is never an abundance of snow and the traditional evergreens, folks are more than likely to stretch their imaginations and glorify the foliage indigenous to the area. Here, a palm tree is gaily decorated with Christmas lights.

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RUSTIC STABLE SCENE created with a creche placed on horizontal burl and dramatically silhouetted against a vertical burl background of interesting contour. Straw flowers and juniper, secured by three pin holders and Posey clay, give good color and texture to composition.
When the children are “nestled all snug in their beds” and “not a creature is stirring, not even a mouse,” you’ve no acoustical problem at all. Your house is as hushed and shushed as a cathedral at twilight. But what about when St. Nick arrives? Is your house so “noise-conditioned” that you’d sleep right through all that “clatter on the lawn?”

Most families, when they build or buy, don’t stop to consider the problem of noise. They’ll measure for closets, but seldom for clatter. They’ll check water pressure, but seldom “ear-pressure.” Today’s houses, unfortunately, can be noisy as all get-out. But you don’t have to get out of the house you’re in to get away from the noise—or put up with noise in the house you’re now putting up. Here are a number of steps you can take to silence the din.

**HOW TO CONTROL NOISE FROM OUTSIDE**

Much of the noise that bothers us today stems from activities outside the house: noisy neighbors, increased traffic, the children playing in the yard next door.

Your windows are the principal cause of trouble. When open in the summer, they admit the full blast of the surrounding furor; and even when closed in winter, they still let in noise.

The best answer, then, is to double-glaze all windows the year round. (An air-conditioning system will keep the house cool in summer.) Ideally, the panes should be 1 1/2 inches apart, or more.

There are, however, other things you can do to alleviate your noise problem.

Surround your house with thick hedges of small-leaved shrubs interspaced with trees. These tend to break up and disperse the noise from the street and nearby houses. Even more effective is a solid wall or fence built either close to the lot line or to the house (not halfway between). This bounces the noise back toward its source. (But don’t forget that it will also bounce noise made inside the wall toward the house—a consideration if you have children.)

If you build on a slope, locate the house on the side away from the street.

Put your living areas in the back of the house. Let the kitchen, laundry, utility room and playroom act as a buffer between the street and the rooms where you relax and sleep.

**HOW TO CONTROL NOISE BETWEEN ROOMS**

In today’s lightly constructed houses, the noise that is transmitted from one room to another usually causes the...
greatest annoyance. Such noise falls into two categories: 

air-borne sound, which travels through cracks, heating ducts, floor and wall cavities and directly through walls, floors and doors; and impact sound, which is transmitted through the floor or wall when a blow is struck. Here's how to cope with them both:

Walls in new houses. One widely held misconception is that acoustical tile will solve all noise problems. It won't. The way to stop noise transmission through walls (or floors) is to build them of heavy, inert materials and, if possible, to provide complete separation between the exterior surfaces.

One of the most “soundproof” walls is a three-layer affair built on two rows of 2x2-inch staggered studs. Between the rows is a loose layer of ½-inch insulating boards lapped 6 inches. The outer surfaces of the studs are covered with ½-inch insulating lath and ½-inch plaster.

This wall is so efficient that it will almost completely obliterate average household noises. But since it's expensive and because it's rarely essential to stop sound entirely, you will probably be just as well off with one of the following types (listed in descending order of efficiency):

- Wall covered with metal lath and plaster on both sides. The lath is attached to ¼-inch metal C channels spaced so that the wall is 4 inches thick. Or a wall made of 2x4 studs covered on both sides with gypsum lath and plaster. The lath is attached with resilient clips.
- Four-inch-thick reinforced concrete wall. Or a wall made of 2x4 studs covered on both sides with gypsum lath and plaster. The studs are staggered so that each one touches only one wall surface.
- Wall made of 2x4 studs covered on both sides with ½-inch insulating board and ½-inch gypsum plaster.
- Glass block.
- 2x4 studs covered on both sides with gypsum lath and plaster.

It should be noted that the last wall is only about 60% as efficient as the first. Nevertheless, it will reduce most household noises to the level of a loud whisper.

Walls in old houses. Short of completely rebuilding walls in the manner described above, the best way to soundproof an old wall is simply to add to its thickness. Place loose (don't nail) ½-inch insulating board against one side of the old wall. Then, next to loose boards, nail a framework of 2x2-inch studs (fastened to ceiling and floor) and cover them with ½-inch insulating board or gypsum lath and ½-inch gypsum board or plaster.

Banks of closets are often prescribed as a sound barrier, but they are not overly effective unless built of heavy materials.

Floors in new houses. The passage of air-borne sounds through a floor can be stopped very satisfactorily by applying a standard subfloor and wood finish floor on top of the joists and covering the bottom of the joists with ½-inch insulating lath and ½-inch plaster. This should also muffle most impact sounds—especially if the floor is carpeted.

Floors in old houses. Let's suppose that, when you're sitting in a downstairs room, you can readily hear people talking upstairs. (Or perhaps people upstairs can hear you talking downstairs.) The easiest way to stop this air-borne sound is to add to the thickness of the ceiling under the floor. The simplest way to do this is to nail 1x3-inch furring strips to the ceiling and cover them with ½-inch insulating lath and ½-inch gypsum board.

Let's suppose, however, that the noise which bothers you most when you're sitting downstairs is the clump-clump of people walking around upstairs. What you need to do in this case is rip up the finish floor upstairs and cover the subfloor with blanket or ½-inch board insulation. Then lay 2x2-inch sleepers (held in place with resilient clips) and reapply the finish floor.

Doors leak more sound than most people suspect, and it's usually because they are not properly fitted in their frames. But there's an inexpensive cure: Nail felt or rubber weather stripping to the sides and top of the frame so that it presses firmly against the door. Install a threshold with a built-in plastic or felt weather strip under the door.

If this doesn’t stop the noise, the door itself is to blame. Thin, recessed-panel doors are particularly bad actors. The only thing you can do is to replace them with solid-core flush doors.

HOW TO CONTROL NOISE WITHIN A ROOM

All of us have been in rooms which reverberated with noise. They're not pleasant. In most cases, the trouble stems from the fact that there is too much hard-surfaced wall, floor and ceiling surface. When a sound wave strikes one of these surfaces, it bounces back into the room, hits another surface, bounces back into the room, ad infinitum. The result is bedlam.

But this, fortunately, is a bedlam that is easy to still. All you have to do is install in the room some soft, porous surfaces that will absorb the sound. Rugs, draperies and upholstered furniture will do the trick partially. But the best and least expensive solution is to cover the ceiling and perhaps part of the walls with acoustical material.

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Are we being facetious? Not at all. We're as straight-faced as Santa's lead reindeer. This Christmas we're all for the gift that will last and last—the gift that will enhance your home and enchant your family for many Christmases to come.

So, consider that swimming pool. If you are dead set on having a body of water to dunk in come spring, why not start enjoying it right now by presenting the family with a miniature replica of the one you plan to install? To us, this is the epitome of practicality.

And we are equally serious when we say that a washing machine for Mom and a power mower for Dad may not be the most glamorous of gifts. But consider them for what they are: mighty useful and pretty wonderful to have around the house.

To start you off on some wonderful Christmas ideas take a look at our family picture above. If your plans for the family room call for a fireplace, why not give the price of one... and the accessories to dress it up? Or why not a dinette set to complete the family-room furnishings, or new china for the table; or a gift certificate that entitles bearer to brand-new flooring or a rug on top of it? Why not a television set for when you're not watching the fire; or even kitchen cabinets for beautiful storage space? Why not a comfortable chair or a sectional covered in vinyl fabric that will take years of lounging; or a sturdy coffee table within arm's reach? Why not electrical appliances galore... to the tune of radios, toasters, blenders, coffee-makers, grills, blankets, clocks, irons, floor polishers, and frying pans? The shopping list can go on and on and on. Every item is a happy Christmas thought, designed to give a lot of post-holiday pleasure.
SWIMMING POOL

LUCKY DAD gets a polisher-scrubber to make his floors a thing of shining beauty without making a wreck out of him!

LUCKY MOM gets an automatic frying pan that she'll bless all year—probably starting Christmas morning!

LUCKY BOYS could jump out of their skins, seeing a replica of the swimming pool they'll jump into all next summer!
How the heart does rise and swell at this season of seasons, the season of bounty when all things overflow—presents spilling out from under the tree, good cheer burbling out of the shimmering, seemingly bottomless punch bowl, good will flowing everywhere as we eagerly draw visitors out of the cold and into the warm embrace of our homes—and Good (we do mean superlatively good) Victuals whispering their pungent, passionate aromas through the house. Now will the knowing hostess dazzle and delight—not with an exhaustingly exotic array but with one or two completely wonderful spécialités. What time for Spartan calorie-counting when on the festive board reposes a heavenly Mull of subtly flavored shrimps-of-the-sea heaped on a snowy hillock of rice? Let the barren-of-heart lift a restraining finger when Alsatian onion tart is proffered, the delicate crust proudly cradling its precious burden of pampered baby onions. When, if not now, does the occasion call for a really distinguished soup—my choice a well-endowed almond soup, served chilled and ceremoniously with tiny biscuits. And from Bordeaux, a tradition dating back to the Romans—the noble Galette des Rois, a cake fit for Three Kings—royally complemented with a well-chilled Bordeaux sauterne or Barsac. The banquet begins! Merrie feasting, merrie Christmas!
A Christmas Ball would be delightful, of course.

But if, like most of us, you cannot give a ball or the pomp and ceremony of bringing in the Boar's Head is not feasible either, build a tradition around one superb spécialité and serve it forth throughout the holidays.
A freezer full of Christmas
...a Christmas full of fun

"The fire, with well-dried logs supplied, went roaring up the chimney wide; then came the merry masquers in, and carols roared with blithesome din." And bring on the mirth and song! . . . for the larder is full and there is time to be merry. Time now, during the hustle and bustle, because all the Christmas food was stashed away a long month ago, in merry anticipation of the holidays. And Christmas, this long month before, really began in the kitchen . . . where spicy fruit molds, yeasty breads, sprightly ices, zesty sauces, stately turkeys, frosty grapes and a host of goodies all found their way into a chilly freezer nook to await the Grand Season! All the excitement of wrapping gay packages, hanging tinkling bells and mistletoe, trimming the tree . . . all these fun things are even more fun, for now there is time for last-minute gaiety. The freezer is standing by, full and ready! If you own a freezer (and if you don't, we hope Santa brings you one) we beg you . . . start your Christmas cooking early and freeze these sumptuous feasts. Cooking in advance doesn't take the edge off the cooking fun during the holidays, but merely takes the pressure off. Won't you turn to pages 56 and 71 and set your eyes on some top-notch ideas for organizing your Christmas freezer? Work them into your holiday fun too! And be sure to take a second and third look at our food and recipe pages, for they, too, are overflowing with foods that freeze well. Freeze ye well and Merry Christmas!

(continued on page 56)
Festive idea:

MAKE ONE GREAT DISH YOUR SPECIALTY

Famous hostesses will tell you: settle on one great party dish. Serve it with flair. Be known for it. And it's so simple—with Campbell's Soups. Pre-seasoned to perfection, they're practically fail-proof sauces or blenders. Wonderful soup will make any of these specialties—or your own—the talk of the party!

BEEF ROLL-UPS. The secret: Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup with sour cream! Pound 2-lb. round steak (¾ in. thick); cut into 8 pieces. Prepare 2 cups packaged stuffing mix; place spoonful on each piece; roll up, fasten with toothpicks. Brown well in 2 tbsp. shortening; add 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup, ½ cup water. Cover, simmer about 1½ hrs. or till meat is tender, basting occasionally. Stir ½ cup sour cream into sauce just before serving. 6 servings.

SEAFOOD CONTINENTAL. Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup is simply heavenly with seafood! Blend 2 cans Cream of Celery Soup, ½ cup water and 2 tbsp. dry white wine (optional). Add 4 cups cooked seafood (flaked whitefish, crab, lobster, shrimp or any combination of these), 1 cup shredded mild process cheese and 2 tbsp. minced parsley. Pour into shallow baking dish, top with buttered crumbs. Bake at 400°F. about 20 min. or till the sauce starts bubbling. 6 servings.

Good cooks cook with Campbell's Soups
This year bake your gifts!

"Remember—a gift you bake is a gift from the heart... they'll love you so much more for it."

-says Betty Crocker

Bake Christmas Coffee Cake
Festive, fragrant holiday cake, bright with candied cherries. Bisquick makes it extra-nice—and easy—to bake this traditional Christmas treat. Just follow the recipe for Holiday Tea Ring in your Holiday Almanac.

Bake Wonderland Cookies—Gay holiday cookies—stars, magic rings, Christmas tree balls—made with GOLD MEDAL "Kitchen-tested" Flour (the recipe's in your Holiday Almanac). Hang them from your tree! Pile them up for an exciting dessert centerpiece!

Bake a Mystery Fruitcake—You bake the cake... then add the fruit... with frosting as a liquid. Crazy? Maybe—but it comes out rich, moist, perfect with Betty Crocker Honey Spice Cake Mix. You'll find the recipe for this luscious Mystery Fruitcake in the Holiday Almanac.
Here are some of Betty Crocker’s special favorites from the pages of the Holiday Almanac:

**Bake a cookie gift**

**Salted Nut Brownies for the postman**
Follow directions for Fudgy Brownies on Betty Crocker Brownie Mix pkg., except omit nuts. Before baking, top batter with 48 salted nuts in uniform rows. After baking, cut into 48 squares.

**Nutmeg Date Bars for your neighbors**
Follow directions on Betty Crocker Date Bar Mix pkg., except add 1/4 tsp. nutmeg to date filling before spreading over crumbly mixture. Wrap in a pretty basket for holiday neighbor calls.

**Bake a muffin gift**

**Orange Nut Loaves for your favorite friends**
Moist, old-fashioned good nut loaf, bright with bits of orange peel. Easy directions for making orange nut loaf are right on the Betty Crocker Orange Muffin Mix package.

**Blueberry Nut Rounds for the milkman**
Follow directions on Betty Crocker Blueberry Muffin Mix pkg., except add 1/2 cup chopped nuts with dry mix. Pour batter into 5 greased 6-oz. frozen-juice cans. Bake 30 to 35 min. at 375°. Cool. Ease round out with spatula.

**Bake a glamour gift**

**Nut Meringue Kisses for the teacher**
Delicate, melt-in-your-mouth cookies. Follow directions on Betty Crocker Meringue Mix package for Kisses, fold in 1/4 cup chopped nuts, tint part of the batter pink, part green.

**Hidden Treasure Pastries for a take-along gift**
Pat teaspoons of Betty Crocker Instant Pie Crust Mix pastry in thin rounds and wrap around maraschino cherries (drained well), or pineapple chunks. Scal well. Bake 10 to 15 minutes at 450°. Roll in confectioners’ sugar.

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**Look for this display at your favorite store. It's your guide to the General Mills products you'll need for your Holiday Almanac recipes.**
This is the month for

We suggest that those generous portions of meat still clinging to the breast bone and second joints be made into TURKEY TIMBALES (below), in two or four portion size for freezing and future eating long after the holidays.

WELSH RAREBIT (right) is easy, lovely, an oddly distinguished dish and a welcome relief from the festive holiday bird. It takes readily to freezing or refrigerator storage. Guests can help themselves from the chafing dish.
Any heart that is in the right place will just naturally overflow with hospitality at Christmastime. And the house will overflow with your biggest “family” of the year—friends, relatives and neighbors of all ages. So let’s not rhapsodize on the Christmas-dinner theme. For this gala feast is only one of the many, many culinary challenges of the long holiday season. There are mouths and more mouths to be fed. You never know when someone will drop in—your sister and her husband (the one with the “bottomless pit”), a neighbor whose goodies you’ve feasted on the day before, a merry group of friends who come in groaning they “never want to look at a turkey again.”

Naturally you want to play the bountiful hostess. But to swing all of this Christmas entertaining and have fun with your guests, too, calls for organization of the first order. We’re always talking about organization, it seems, but this time of the year does provide the supreme test of your abilities along this line. Even though a cold turkey sandwich with homemade mayonnaise is part of the holiday ritual—and don’t miss our recipe for Turkey Timbales—even turkey can become boring (we’ve just been through this at Thanksgiving!). Liven your feasting with other dishes. But most of all, have fun! Plan ahead, cook ahead. On days when you feel like cooking, cook double or triple your usual amounts—file the surplus in your freezer, all set to go.

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 66, 67, 68

MINCEMEAT PIE ALASKA (below) can be served at any time during the holidays. It’s a bit different from the traditional old mince or pumpkin routine. A natural for the freezer, too.

BARBECUE SAUCE (above) is always an ace in the hole and gives a variety to holiday fare. Use it on the leftovers from the turkey, if you like.

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HOLIDAY BRAIDED BREAD (above) or a Stollen for breakfast on Christmas morning has long been a tradition in many families. On Christmas morning the buttered bread is savored with cup after cup of steaming coffee.

Table accessories on all food pages by GERTRUDE BRASSARD

Shopping Information, page 84
Take a package of pie-crust mix

Maybe you’re the champion pie maker in your circle. Congratulations! But don’t lounge on your laurels—grab your rolling pin and explore the exciting possibilities of pie crust in appetizers and hors d’oeuvres, in the main dish and unusual desserts. Or maybe you’re a pastry “greenhorn.” Lucky you are with today’s packaged mixes. All the guesswork is gone. You’re a “pro” with the very first crust you roll. (But, please, do read the directions on the box!)

As an appetizer start with mustard dumplings in consommé. We’ve dropped them by the teaspoon into the boiling consommé. If you are a fan of Chinese cuisine transfer this recipe into a mock Egg Drop Soup. Dribble the batter into the broth which has been swirled with a spoon.
NANCY AND SALLY STURDY entertain their friends at a tree-trimming party in their Los Angeles home.

**AS A MAIN DISH** we have a recipe for CHEESE CRUSTED VEAL PIE. But the same glamour treatment, with the decorative cutouts of pastry, can be used for any leftover meat, stews, or as we women might say “pot porridge.”

**AS A DESSERT** this tender flaky pastry keeps its freshness with a moist, juicy filling such as our APRICOT PIE IN SPICE CRUST. It is a good old recipe, and you needn’t be shy about using a packaged mix. Remember—it is traditional in the modern manner.

**AGAIN AS A DESSERT** and with pastry we suggest BUTTERHORN COOKIES. A favorite when you go to a French restaurant. A delicate filling between flaky “pastry layers.” And so very easy.

**AND PIE CRUST FOR HORS D’ŒUVRES** in a flaky tender cheese-seasoned pastry which shapes evenly in a jiffy over a ground meat mixture, or bakes into cheese sticks.

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 69, 70

Details about table appointments, Shopping Information page 84
Planning for the holiday season is somewhat like planning for a long trip—the excited anticipation is half the fun. And planning in advance for your holiday meals and entertaining can actually double your enjoyment of this wonderful season in which family ties are strengthened and friendships renewed. So—sit down now with paper and pencil in hand and outline your plans in black and white. Play some Christmas-carol records to put you in a holly-and-mistletoe mood. It helps!

First, list all the family dinners, parties and activities that are traditional in your home. If you’re a new homemaker without many traditions plan one or two parties, a tree-trimming fest or extra-special breakfast that you’d like to make a tradition in your new family. After all, traditions have to begin somewhere.

Then look at all the exciting recipes on our food pages which can be made ahead for the freezer and incorporate them in your menus. Search through some of your old family-favorite holiday recipes. You’ll find that many of these freeze beautifully—even though Grandma’s “receipts” don’t say so. As you well know, some of the traditional holiday recipes require extra preparation time so there’s additional need to freeze these foods well in advance of the busy days. Look on page 71 for tips on how to freeze your own recipes.

Make a marketing list for your freezer-cooking sessions and get to the supermarket early in the day to avoid the crowds. Stock up, too, on frozen-food staples . . . juice, vegetables, fruit, ice cream—and don’t forget to buy your turkey when turkey prices are low, and tuck it away in the freezer. Check over your freezer packaging supplies and purchase additional ones—you’ll find some new containers and foil and saran in convenient sizes on the market.

Surely you’re not one of those freezer “hoarders,” but do look through the freezer to see if there are some things hidden away which should be used now to make room for all the goodies you’re planning to put in for the Noel season. Reorganize your freezer if

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**RAISIN ORANGE POUND CAKE**

Coarsely chop raisins. Sift together next 5 ingredients; add shortening and liquid with peel. Beat 2 min. at medium beater speed or till smooth and fluffy by hand. Add eggs; beat 2 min. Fold in raisins by hand. Pour into a greased 9x5x3-in. loaf pan lined with foil and greased again. Bake in mod. oven (350° F.) 60-65 min. or till done. Remove from pan. Pour over warm cake: ½ cup sugar dissolved in ½ cup orange juice, 2 teasp. rum flavoring. **FREEZER FULL OF CHRISTMAS** (continued from page 40)
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Your Holiday Cake Can be a Work of Art

Mrs. Frances Schipper shows you the fine art of cake decorating

When Mr. Schipper gave his wife a pastry-tube set for Valentine's Day, he really started something. Soon Frances Schipper's friends were begging her to start a school. The Schipper School of Cake Decorating in Sudbury, Mass., is now 5 years old—and there are more eager applicants than she can handle in her dining-room classroom. Here members meet for 10 weeks, working on a false top laid over the dining-room table. (The sturdy benches are Mr. S's handiwork.)

The first four lessons are given over to instruction and practice in the mastery of the pastry tube. Practice is done on a cookie sheet. Working on a real cake comes with the 5th lesson, when the student uses all her imagination and curlicues. The next 4 lessons are again instruction and exercise. Then comes the final exam . . . the diploma-getting cake!

Each member is given an intricate Schipper design to duplicate. And at a grand-finale exhibit, friends and relatives of these cake-decorating "professionals" flock to view the masterpieces. There's all the excitement and flurry of an art-gallery showing, and as many as 250 awe-struck visitors attend. "It isn't a business—it's a hobby," says Mrs. Schipper—but it's a mighty fascinating business, say we.

An artist to her finger tips,

Mrs. Schipper is a master of design and vibrant color.

Imaginative use of frostings makes these cakes outstanding.

Gilding adds the final professional touch to the home-decorated cakes. Gilt powder, which can be purchased at any art-supply store, when mixed with lemon oil becomes edible. Tip on lightly with a small paintbrush.
A CORNUCOPIA MADE OF PARCHMENT makes a good disposable tube for decorating your cakes. And so simple—it's just a square of the paper rolled so that there is a point at the end of a cone.

CLIP OFF about one-half inch of the tip and insert a decorating point of the desired size. Fill the tube with frosting and close the upper end by folding several times. Now you're set to go to work.

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FOR CLOCK CAKE a white-frosting base coat is spread on cake. Smooth with a spatula dipped in hot water. When set—spread yellow frosting around the cake. BASE BORDER is made using white frosting and #16 point for circles. Center dots are formed with #3 point. Clock face is marked off using small bowl or cup before making filigree with pale yellow frosting and #2 point.

PINE CONE CAKE has white base coat with a red top layer. Border and shells around base are applied next using a #18 point and white frosting. Pine-needle sprays are formed using very dark green frosting and #2 point.

CONES are oval-shaped mounds of white frosting topped with small seed pods formed by using a #80 point. When set they are lightly brushed with a gilt made of bronze gilding powder from an art store and oil of lemon.

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New for the holidays! A gay variety of fudge ideas!

The secret is Carnation—the double-rich milk that whips!

FUDGE ROLL: Pour caramel fudge mixture on waxed paper. Shape into roll as fudge cools. Then roll in additional chopped nuts. Slice.

MINT FUDGE: Pour chocolate fudge (below) into buttered 9-inch square pan. Decorate with colored mints. Allow to cool and slice into squares.

No beating, no soft-ball tests or candy thermometer needed. *Smother*, too, because of Carnation's cream-like texture. And guaranteed failure-proof when you use Carnation—ordinary milk won't do! For this year's holidays, make better fudge—quicker—with Carnation, world's favorite by far.


Recipe: "Can't Fail—5 Minute Fudge" (Makes about 2 pounds)

Mix 3/4 cup (small can) undiluted CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK, 1 1/2 cups sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt in saucepan over low heat. Heat to boiling, cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add 1 1/2 cups (16 medium) diced marshmallows, 1 1/2 cups BAKER'S chocolate chips or caramel chips, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Stir 1 to 2 minutes, or until marshmallows melt. Pour into buttered 9-inch square pan. Decorate or make into roll as described above. Or spoon into drops on waxed paper.
Here are your

HOLIDAY RECIPES

For 18 wonderful recipes please turn the page.
THE BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE of this festive gingerbread church will be a novel delight and a delicious temptation for your holiday season.

Christmas wouldn’t be complete without the familiar, mouth-watering sights and smells of gingerbread around the house, nor would you, the artist in the kitchen, be so complimented without this elegant display of handiwork to show off to your family and friends. Our little church shown here looks good enough to eat—and it is!

Take the following ingredients, mix until blended:

1 3/4 cups heavy cream whipped  
2 1/2 cups brown sugar firmly packed  
1 1/2 cups dark molasses  
1 tsp. lemon extract  
1 lbs. ginger  
2 tbs. baking soda

Now just add 9 cups of flour to the above blended mixture, making sure the dough is firm, and leave it well covered in the refrigerator overnight. In the meantime, you can cut out the patterns from cardboard as shown on the opposite page. Roll out the pieces of chilled dough on a floured board to 3/8" thickness. Place the patterns on top of the dough and cut around them with a knife. (It’s easier if the larger pieces are already on a greased baking sheet.) Brush the cut-out pieces with water and then place them in the oven and bake at 250° F. for 30 minutes or until they turn a golden brown, allowing a longer time for the larger pieces. When the sections are baked, compare the pattern and if necessary, trim with knife. Leave pieces on sheet to cool.

WHITE ICING sparkles like snow on your gingerbread pieces. Merely beat together one egg white and two cups of confectioners’ sugar and try your skill! Before the icing dries, place silver dragees around the door, windows and cross with the help of tweezers. A tip to prevent icing from drying—keep the bowl covered with damp paper toweling.

Make this Delightful Gingerbread Church

A FEW SIMPLE SHAPES comprise this “gingerbread” blueprint for your convenience. Cut a stiff cardboard 13x19” for the base, and cement the pieces together with the icing.
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HOLIDAY BRAID is formed from two large braids and a filler piece made from the first batch of dough. From the second batch come two medium braids for the middle layer and a small braid for the top of the loaf.
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Holiday Recipes
(pictured in color on page S3)

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with wire closure and freeze. For a quick meal, drop bags of "go-together" foods in a pan of boiling water and cook until heated through. Serve no wash.

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**CAKE OF THE MAGI**

![Image of a cake](image)

1 cup milk
1/2 cup butter
1 yeast cake softened in 1/2 cup lukewarm water
1 egg

- Scald the milk, add the butter and set aside to cool. Meanwhile beat together the eggs, the sugar and the grated lemon rind. When the milk and butter mixture is lukewarm, add the yeast and stir until smooth. Add to this the beaten egg and sugar mixture along with 1/2 cups of the flour. Beat for 10 minutes. Add the remaining cup of flour. Mix thoroughly. Let rise until double in bulk. Chill in the refrigerator overnight.

Grease two 9-inch layer cake pans. Divide the dough into two portions and pat into place in each pan. Let rise until double in bulk. Bake about 30 minutes at 350° F.

If desired, cake may be patted into shape of a crown on greased cookie sheet.

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**ALSATIAN ONION TART**

![Image of a tart](image)

1 c. almonds
6 c. milk
2 c. sugar
1 egg, slightly beaten

- The almonds should be blanched and peeled, then well dried. Grind until they are fine. Mix with flour and sugar. Bring the milk to the boiling point. Add almonds and egg yolks one by one, stirring constantly. Cool in the refrigerator and serve cold with biscuits. Almond soup may be served hot, traditionally when served for Christmas dinner.

*Recipe, Old Warsaw Cook Book by Rysia. Ray publishers.*

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**HOLIDAY BRAID**

![Image of a braid](image)

2 pkg. Hot Roll Mix
1 tsp. ground cardamon
1 1/2 c. golden raisins
1 egg, slightly beaten

- Prepare Hot Roll Mix, 1 package at a time in separate bowls, adding 1/2 tsp. cardamon to each batch, following package directions for Richer Dough; let rise. Turn first batch of dough out onto lightly floured board; knead in 3/4 c. raisins. Cut off a small piece of the dough and set aside. Divide remaining dough into six equal parts and roll each into a strip about 12 inches long. Make two braids; three strips each. Place on greased baking sheet with reserved piece of dough between. Knead second batch of dough on lightly floured board, adding remaining raisins. Divide into three equal parts; braid two of these as above and place on top of the first two larger braids. From remaining portion of dough cut off a small piece and place between two center braids. Then divide last piece of dough into three strips and braid; place on top. Combine egg, sugar and water and brush entire surface; sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 35-40 minutes or until well browned.

Makes 1 large braid (about 3 doz. slices) 110 cal. per slice Source of Vitamins A, B

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**ALMOND SOUP**

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4 egg yolks
1 tbs. flour

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**CARRÉ DE PORC RÔTI**

![Image of roast pork](image)

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**SHRIMP MULL**

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**SEAL TOP WITH THE DRIED AND FROZEN**

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**HOLIDAY RECIPES**

(pictured in color on page S3)
AN EXCITING NEW WAY to freeze
(and later, cook) any of your
favorites or our own Welsh Rarebit.

CRANBERRY MOLD
Preparation time: 30 min. 
Chilling time: 3 hrs.

1 pkg. strawberry-flavored gelatin 
1/2 tsp. salt
1 c. hot water
1 c. cold water

- Dissolve gelatin and salt in hot water; add cold water. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in remaining ingredients. Turn into 1-quart or 4-5 individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold onto platter.

Serves 4-5
200 cal. per serving
Source of Vitamins A, B, C
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CHICKEN TATER BARBECUITE

- CHOCOLATE CRUNCH CONFECTIONS
Preparation time: 20 min.

16 sq. semisweet chocolate 
2 cans (3 oz.) chow mein noodles

- Heat chocolate over hot water until almost melted. Remove from heat and stir rapidly until entirely melted. Add noodles, and mix lightly until they are completely coated with chocolate. Drop from teaspoon onto waxed paper. Cool until firm.

Makes 2 doz.
100 cal. each
Source of Vitamins A, B

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WELSH RAREBIT

- TURKEY TIMBALES
Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 35-40 min.

4 lbs. butter or margarine 
6 lbs. flour
1/2 c. milk
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 c. ground or finely minced cooked turkey
2 lbs. chopped pimiento

- Melt butter or margarine in saucepan; blend in flour. Gradually add milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Stir in beaten eggs; blend well. Add remaining ingredients and pour into 4-6 greased custard cups or 1-quart mold. Bake in pan of hot water in moderate oven (350° F.) 35-40 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Serve hot.

Serves 4-6
150 cal. per serving
Source of Vitamins A, B, C

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MINCEMEAT PIE ALASKA

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

Holiday Recipes

(pictured in color on page 20, 21)
1. **HOLIDAY MOLDS**

   - **CRANBERRY MOLD**
     - **Preparation time:** 15 min.
   - **WELSH RAREBIT**
     - **Preparation time:** 15 min.

2. **TURKEY TIMBALES**

3. **CHICKEN TATER BARBECUTIE**

   - **Preparation time:** 20 min.
   - **Baking time:** 45 min.

4. **CHOCOLATE CRUNCH CONFECTIONS**

   - **Preparation time:** 25 min.
   - **Baking time:** 5 min.

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**DISCUSSION**

- Melt butter in saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add beer; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Add cheese and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until cheese is completely melted. Serve over toast points.

- To freeze: Pour into jars, polyethylene freeze-cook bags, or containers, cool and then freeze. Reheat over hot water.

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**SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

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**Cranberry Mold**

- 3 tbs. butter or margarine
- 1/4 c. flour
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1 tsp. salt

- Melt butter in saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add beer; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Add cheese and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until cheese is completely melted. Serve over toast points.

**Welsh Rarebit**

- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne
- 2 c. stale beer
- 1 lb. cheddar cheese, grated

- Melt butter in saucepan; blend in flour and seasonings. Gradually add beer; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a boil and is slightly thickened. Add cheese and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until cheese is completely melted. Serve over toast points.

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**Serves 6-8**

**310 cal. per serving**

*Source of Vitamins A, B*

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**CHICKEN TATER BARBECUTIE**

- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 c. chopped green pepper
- 1/2 c. chopped celery
- 1/2 c. salad oil
- 1/2 c. catsup
- 1/2 c. water
- 2 lbs. vinegar
- 2 lbs. sugar
- 1 lbs. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 lbs. prepared mustard
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 3-lb. frying chicken, cut in quarters
- 4 small Idaho potatoes

*Saute onion, green pepper and celery in salad oil until tender but not browned. Add cat-sup, water, vinegar, sugar, and seasonings, and simmer 15 minutes. Arrange chicken and potatoes in shallow baking pan; pour barbecue sauce over them and bake, basting frequently, in hot oven (400°F.) 40-50 minutes, or until done. Serve chicken and potatoes with sauce.*

**Serves 4**

**570 cal. per serving**

*Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

Submitted by Linda K. Kent
**MINTED WALNUTS**

2 lbs. walnuts, cut in halves
2 c. sugar
2 c. water
2 c. brandy

Sprinkle walnuts with sugar; add water and brandy. Simmer slowly until the mixture thickens. Serve hot.

*Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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**CHEESE-CRUSTED VEAL PIE**

2 lbs. veal cutlets, cut in cubes
2 lbs. butter, margarine or other shortening
1 tsp. salt
3 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. marjoram
1 tsp. sugar
2 c. water

Brown veal cubes well in butter in large saucepan; add seasonings and water, cover and simmer until meat is tender, about 30 minutes. Add tomatoes and onions. Thicken the stock with flour dissolved in small amount of water. If gravy becomes thicker than desired, add some of the onion liquid. Add the eggs. Prepare pie-crust mix according to package directions, adding cheese, mace and paprika to the mix before the liquid. Roll dough on lightly floured board into a 15-inch square; trim evenly and scallop edges with end of a spoon. Line a 9x9x2-inch baking dish with the pastry, folding corners for perfect fit. Fill with meat and gravy mixture and fold scalloped edge in over the top. Bake in hot oven (400°F) 25-30 minutes or until well browned and bubbly.

SERVES 6

540 cal. per serving

*Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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**CONSOMMÉ WITH MUSTARD DUMPLINGS**

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 5 min.

1 tbsp. prepared mustard
\( \frac{1}{4} \) tsp. salt
1 egg, slightly beaten

\( \frac{1}{2} \) pkg. (10 oz.) or 1 stick pie-crust mix

Consommé or bouillon, about 1 qt.

- Add mustard and salt to egg; stir into pie crust mix, blending well. Drop batter by teaspoonfuls into boiling consommé and simmer 5 minutes. Serve immediately. Note: Dumplings may be made in advance—keep chilled until ready to cook.

SERVES 4-6

220 cal. per serving

*Submitted by Mrs. R. Albrecht*

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**BUTTERHORN COOKIES**

MAKE TRIPLE RECIPES of Hetherington's mixture and freeze. Freeze trimmed dough in waxed paper containers for 30 minutes. Bake on lightly greased baking sheets; serve hot.

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**APRICOT PIE IN SPICE CRUST**

**HORS D'ŒUVRES**

**TURNOVERS:**

3 c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp. ground caraway
\( \frac{1}{2} \) tsp. paprika

- Add cheese and spices to pie-crust mix; then proceed according to package directions. Combine remaining ingredients for filling. Roll dough \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch thick. Cut 3-inch circles and/or squares; place about 1 tbsp. filling on each; moisten edges and seal. Bake each turnover with mixture of milk and egg yolk. Bake on cookie sheet at 375°F, 15-20 minutes.

**CHEESE STICKS:**

Prepare pie-crust mix as for Turnovers, omitting ground caraway. Roll dough \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch thick; cut into strips about 1x3 inches. Brush with egg white; sprinkle with poppy, sesame, or caraway seeds. Bake on cookie sheet at 400°F, 5-8 minutes, until browned.

**HAM WEDGES:**

Prepare pie-crust mix as for Cheese Sticks; roll into flat rounds 7-inch circles. Spread two circles with deviled ham to within \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch of edge. Moisten edges; top with remaining circles; seal; prick tops. Bake on cookie sheet at 450°F, 8-10 minutes. Cut in wedges; serve hot.

1 pkg. (10 oz.) or 2 sticks pie-crust mix
\( \frac{1}{2} \) c. ground cooked meat or poultry
2 c. soft butter or margarine
\( \frac{1}{3} \) c. each chopped onion, celery and nutmeats
\( \frac{1}{2} \) tsp. salt
1 egg, slightly beaten

SERVES 4-6

*Source of Vitamins A, B, C*
**HORS D'OEUVRES**

**CHEESE-CRUSTED VEAL PIE**

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) or 1 stick pie-crust mix
- 1 c. dried apricots
- ⅓ c. pineapple juice
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ⅛ tsp. cloves or nutmeg
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice

Combine pie-crust mix, 1 tbsp. sugar, cinnamon and cloves and proceed according to package directions, using lemon juice as part of the liquid. Line a 9-inch pie pan with the pastry and bake as directed; cool.

Cook apricots in pineapple juice until very soft; put through fine sieve or food mill; cool. (There should be 1 cup pulp.) Beat egg whites and salt until stiff; gradually beat in sugar. Carefully fold in apricot pulp. Turn into baked pie shell and bake in slow oven (250°F.) 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned; cool.

*Makes 24*  
*360 cal. per serving*

*Submitted by Mrs. L. Getschmann*

**BUTTERHORN COOKIES**

- ½ pkg. dry yeast (1½ tsp.)
- 2 tbsp. lukewarm water
- 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) or 2 sticks pie-crust mix
- 1 tsp. essence of peppermint
- 10 marshmallows
- 3 c. walnut halves

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water in small bowl; add egg yolks and vanilla. Stir into pie-crust mix, blending well; add water to moisten according to package directions. Roll dough ¼ at a time on lightly floured board into four 9-inch circles. Cut each circle into 6 pie-shaped wedges. Place 1 teaspoon Walnut Filling at the wide end of each wedge, roll up and place, point down, on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 12-15 minutes, until golden brown. Cool and dust with confectioner’s sugar. Filling: Beat egg whites until foamy; beat in sugar and beat until mixture stands in stiff peaks. Fold in ground walnuts and vanilla.

*Makes 24*  
*100 cal. per cookie*

*Source of Vitamins A, B*

*Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME Kitchens*

**MINTED WALNUTS**

- ½ c. light corn syrup
- 1 c. sugar
- ½ c. water
- 1 tsp. essence of peppermint
- 10 marshmallows
- 3 c. walnut halves

Combine corn syrup, sugar and water in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Continue cooking to 238°F. until small amount of mixture forms a soft ball when tested in very cold water. Remove from heat; quickly add essence of peppermint and marshmallows. Stir until marshmallows are dissolved. Cool walnut halves; stir until well coated. Pour onto waxed paper. Separate walnut halves while still warm.

*Makes 1¼ lb. (9 doz.)*  
*25 cal. each*

*Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

*Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME Kitchens*

**CONSOMME WITH MUSTARD DUMPLINGS**

- Water, about 2 lbs.
- 2 egg whites
- ½ c. sugar
- ½ c. ground walnuts
- ½ tsp. vanilla

Prepare consomme. Cut dough into circles and drop into boiling consomme. Pour 1 cup heated cream over dumplings. Blend 1 cup cream with 1 tablespoon mustard; pour slowly over dumplings. Heat to boiling. Serve immediately.
Freezer Full of Christmas  
(continued from page 56)

necessary to make room for the new additions. Last, but far from least, don't overlook the part children can play in getting ready for a fun-filled, freezer-filled Christmas. It's children's play to decorate cookies, make gingerbread men, beat fudge, shape popcorn balls and string some for the tree.

To kindle your imagination on the many kinds of food that can be made in advance, here's a freezerful of ideas for you—they'll be ready to pull out at the chime of a doorbell.

FOR BREAKFAST OR BRUNCH

Blueberry waffles and blueberry sauce • Apple kuchen • Honey buns • Cheesecoffe • Butter curls • Grapefruit and orange sections

FOR TEEN-AGE PARTIES OR SNACKS

Chili con carne • Miniature pizzas • Ready-to-grill sandwiches • Doughnuts

FOR ELEGANT ENTERTAINING

Hors d'oeuvres • Beef stroganoff • Herb bread • Ice-cream molds • Crepes suzette • Ice molds for punch bowl

FOR A TREE-TRIMMING FEST

Frozen eggnog • Holiday cookies • Fruit cake

TIPS TO MAKE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES A FREEZING SUCCESS

1. Use a light hand with seasonings. Some herbs and spices tend to fade out in storage, while others grow stronger. It's best to add most seasonings when food is being heated for serving.

2. Do not overcook casseroles, stews and similar food. They will have a fresher flavor and more pleasing texture when reheated. It's usually best to let the food finish cooking at that time.

3. Cool cooked foods quickly and freeze as soon as they are cooled.

4. Do not refreeze cooked foods. Try to package prepared food in quantities you are likely to use at one time.

5. Package all food in airtight packages to keep it fresh and flavorful.

THE END
New "Suburban" Indoor-Outdoor Thermometer. Tells both indoor and outdoor temperatures. Shows relative humidity, too. Solid mahogany case. Temperature tubes share same scale for easy outdoor-indoor comparisons. Five feet of armored tubing connects to outside bulb. #5538, $10.95.

TINY WREATH AND CANDLE arrangement would be charming for a small dining table or side table. An oversize candle of any interesting shape may be used and a couple of five and dime ash trays or coasters make a good base for it. Invert lower one and use modeling clay between to hold them together. Wire sprigs of juniper to form wreath; trim with narrow velvet ribbon.

FOR MEDALLION OVER-MANTEL or door decoration, spray an oval wood frame with blue paint. Decorative cluster: blue-berried juniper, eucalyptus seed pods, sliced pine cones wired to florists’ picks. Finish with gold spray, green ribbon.

 THESE COOKIE TREE ORNAMENTS are made of clay, so you can use them year after year, and add to the shapes as you collect them. You need Della Robbia clay, rolling pin, wood rulers, assorted cookie cutters, talscum powder, Testor’s enamels (which are available in hobby shops and come in very small bottles). Cut clay in slices 1” thick, place on smooth board, place rulers on either side of clay, then roll clay like cookie dough between rulers, this keeps the clay of uniform thickness. Dust cookie cutters with talscum powder, then cut clay. Save scraps, wad into ball, reroll, cut with cutters. Punch hole in top of each ornament for hanging. Dust off talscum. Dry according to directions on box of clay. Bake in oven. Paint with enamels, using designs like those shown at left or use favorite Christmas cards for suitable designs.
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RED GLASS TRAY held by a wood frame;
light fixture behind it. Pine branch with cones
secured in pin holder; gold spray optional.

RUSTIC NATIVITY SCENE is
composed of two large
pieces of burl wood and
"stable" with figurines—all
available at florist
supply or gift shops.
Posey clay, a soft modeling
clay, is used to secure the
various elements in
position. Strawflowers
give interest in color and
texture but if not avail-
able all juniper would
be quite lovely.

THE END
now is the time to add storage space to your home!
A growing family needs growing storage space
when you build or remodel... insist on

BILT-WELL Storage Cabinets

You can add a complete wardrobe wall like the one shown above
for as little as $390.00! Charming and practical louvred-door wardrobes and deep, roomy drawers for all of "his" and "her"
requirements. Every inch of existing wall space can be used "clear
from the ceiling." Cabinets above are just right for seasonal and
less-often-used articles.

WHERE TO USE IT. The one danger in using acoustical materials is that you use too much. If this happens, the room becomes dead and lifeless—as unpleasant to occupy as a room which isn’t acoustically treated at all.

WALLS. First of all, you should know how much of the room surface should be treated? It’s really something of a trial-and-error process. Start out by covering the ceiling. This usually works out just right. But if the room should be too dead, you can correct matters either by removing some of the tiles around the edges of the ceiling or by taking out some of the rugs and furniture, or perhaps substituting a lighter-weave material for the draperies. On the other hand, if the room is still too noisy, you should probably tile one of the walls, or tile part way down from the ceiling on all the walls.

What material to use. The choice depends primarily on the decorative effect you wish to achieve. Acoustical plaster (although rarely used in homes) can be applied in an unbroken expanse in just about any texture you like. Acoustical tiles are available with perforated, striated, and fissured surfaces, and new types are constantly coming on the market.

From the sound-absorbing standpoint, all the tiles are effective; and it doesn’t make a great deal of difference what thickness you use. But you should definitely ask about their “noise reduction coefficient.” In the kitchen, bathrooms and family room, the tiles should have a coefficient of .80 or .70. Elsewhere in the house, they should have a coefficient of .40 to .50.

Installation. Most acoustical tiles are cemented directly to the ceiling. In a new house, all you have to do is put up a sub-ceiling of gypsum board. In an old house, just paste the tiles onto the old ceiling—provided, of course, that it is sound and level.

Nailing of tiles is recommended if an old ceiling is badly cracked and uneven. Furring strips must first be applied.

If a ceiling is too high and you want to lower it, or if it is cross-cased by pipes, tiles are usually installed in metal channels hung from the joists. This is a job for an expert.

HOW TO PREVENT NOISE

While the soundproofing methods outlined above control noise, they do not actually prevent it. But there is much you can do on this score too.

Doors. Make sure your doors are properly fitted and are not warped. Oiling the hinges, adjusting the latches so that they lie easily but snugly in the strike plates can make a lot of difference.

Floors. Covering a floor with a resilient tile or with a carpet will go far toward muffling footsteps. If a floor vibrates when someone walks across it, it probably needs better bridging or additional joists.

Light Switches. On a quiet night the sound of a conventional light switch being turned on or off may sound like a gunshot. Replace such switches with silent mercury switches.

Motors. Modern appliance motors are extremely quiet; but if they’re not mounted dead level, watch out. Call in the service-man and have him make the necessary adjustments. Another thing—see that motors which are bolted directly to the frame of the house are mounted on resilient pads.

Heavy mechanical equipment. If installed too close to the main structural timbers, such things as furnaces, air conditioners, attic fans and shop tools may set up vibrations which are heard throughout the house.
Central air-conditioning systems must be connected to the ducts with canvas sleeves. If the sound of air coursing through the ducts is objectionable, line them with acoustic material.

Heating system. Hot-water and steam radiators may bang if the boiler water is dirty, valves half-opened or pipes are not properly pitched. It's easy enough to correct the first two problems. To fix pipe pitch, put small blocks of wood under the radiators. If the pipes sag at any point, strap them back into position.

Plumbing system. Does your piping chatter and hammer? Install an “air cushion” near the water meter.

Bathroom cabinets should be separated from the wall in back of them by a thick filler of insulating board or blanket.

Shutters. Don’t let the catches which hold shutters tight to the walls become loose or rusty. If you do, they will break loose in a storm and keep the entire neighborhood awake.
$2.66 TWEED MAT

YOU NEED:
- 1/2 yd. of tweed—$1.14
- Unpainted frame—$1.40
- 1 yd. black silk cord—12c


$1.65 "LEATHER" MAT

YOU NEED:
- 3/4 yd. contact paper—25c
- Unpainted frame—$1.40
- Wet contact paper, stick to mat, dry.
- Mark off center, slightly smaller than print.
- Cut out with mat knife. Draw two white lines around mat opening (see photograph).

$3.49 VELVETEEN MAT

YOU NEED:
- 3/4 yd. velveteen—$1.50
- Narrow frame—$1.99

Cut a piece of paper same size as the glass which fits your frame. Draw an oblong 1 inch smaller than print you plan to frame. We used our Dainty Bess rose from the June issue. Fold paper in half lengthwise, then crosswise. Draw a curved French Provincial-type outline on 1/4 of the paper pattern (see photograph). Cut out along curved lines. Unfold paper and you have a beautifully curved cut-out outline. Trace this on cardboard mat. Cut out with mat knife or razor blade. Mount velveteen with fabric adhesive right over cut-out center, dry. Cut cut velveteen center roughly with scissors, trim close to curved mat with a fresh razor blade. Mount print to back with masking tape.
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where you stand—figurewise. Its
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matchless accuracy, tell instantly
the slightest weight change, so you
know whether to be pleased
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Scale silhouette is slim, trim
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handle. With wide non-skid platform.
Model S7, shown. $10.95
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$2.75 STRAW MAT
Mount other print on a straw place mat, 25c,
cover with glass, same size as mat, $1.00,
and hang with steel brackets, $1.50.

$3.49 OVAL MAT
Mount striped wallpaper scrap
or gold wrapping paper (only
29c a sheet) on cardboard mat.
Dry, then draw oval cutout,
using a platter for shape. Cut out
with a mat knife. Sand edges
with fine sandpaper. Secure
picture to back with masking
tape. Use gilt frame, $3.20.
WORKSHOP CORNER of Bill Lanyon's basement room has plenty of counter-top work space. Tools, nails, screws are stored directly over bench; larger, less-used tools, underneath.

NEW PARTITION divides workshop-studio from rest of basement. Metal shelf brackets screwed into 16" on-center studs support shelves for art and woodworking reference books.
A PLACE TO CALL HIS OWN

Turn the page, Mom! This is our kick-off article in a brand-new series devoted to the man of the American HOME. In each issue we'll try to come up with new, useful ideas to make man's homework easier and more fun.

It seems every man wants a place somewhere in his house that he can call his own—whether it's a den, workshop or just a corner at the back of the garage.

Bill Lanyon, our managing editor, made his niche by remodeling a corner of his basement, below, into the handsome workshop-studio you see at left. Bill's main interests are art and woodworking, so he outfitted his sanctuary with a workbench, storage closets, shelves and racks to accommodate the tools of both pursuits. He built partitions, using a framework of 2x4-inch studs, covered both sides with ½" gypsum board. The spatter-pattern flooring is vinyl-asbestos tiling. It is secured to the below-grade slab with water-proof adhesive. The acoustical-tile ceiling is nailed to furring strips which are in turn nailed to the first-floor joists. He camouflaged the heating ducts at the edge of the ceiling by painting them the same color as the walls. Open storage for books and art objects is provided by adjustable metal wall brackets with pine shelving. Perforated hardboard and metal hangers hold most of the tools.

If you're the man of the house, you should have a display wall like this one to show off your favorite collection—be it antique tools, trophies or animal heads. The rugged, masculine backdrop is achieved with well-aged, wide boards. Fluorescent tubes and a valance board provide overhead light.

A router kit with power-plane attachment and cutter, motor unit, router base, bits, router guide and carrying case is easily one of the most versatile tools in your workshop. Using the router, you can cut dadoes for attaching shelves in cabinets and bookcases; make grooves for sliding doors, drawers, or recessed panels and drawer bottoms. You can use the router for decorating or making inlays in wood, plastics, or non-ferrous metals. The router cuts ¼-inch plywood like a jigsaw. With a veining bit, the router makes signs with raised or sunken letters. Photo, at right, shows how router cuts rabbets with or across the grain for making such things as end joints or lap joints. It machines recesses for receiving glass, screening, or cabinet backs. You don't have to be a skilled cabinetmaker to cut dovetail joints. With router and special bit you can quickly and easily make this type of lock-joint in a variety of sizes. Below, you see how router can be converted to high-speed planer by removing motor unit from router base and slipping it into planeattachment. Planer leaves smooth surfaces that need no sanding. It trims aluminum and laminates; cuts doors and windows to fit exactly.

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The "Hinting Season" is here again!

and the best Christmas gifts to hint for are those made with light, strong, rustfree Reynolds Aluminum

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Christmas Story (continued from page 25)

full faith in that seagoing husband of mine, but I was seeing the fury of wind and water from an entirely different vantage than the tank on the Fox movie lot.

Then Susan gave me the key. One I should have thought about instantly.

"Tell us a story."

Tell a story! During the past year, I have told fairy tales to millions and millions of children watching my TV Storybook Series. Of course!

So, bending my head out of the spray, I started one of the toughest presentations of my career. To keep from falling out of the wild little skiff, I had to hold on to both gunwales at once. Lori was sitting on the bottom, holding on to one leg, and Charlie was braced between my other leg and the thwart upon which I sat. Susan, bless her, sat behind, her head pushed under my arm so that she, too, could hear above the wind's hiss.

My voice could not betray any undue excitement, the waves spewed constantly into my face, giving a certain liquid quality to my lines, and the whole thing had to be done at a full shout in order to be heard. Though I did not expect this last, it also had to be a continuous story for almost an hour (with no rehearsal, no help, and no commercials to give me a breather!).

I started off with Mother Goose Rhymes, making eachcouplet last a page, then shifted into Rapunzel. When I got to the part about the long blond hair done up in silky braids, Susan started to laugh. "Look, Charlie, at Mommy Rapunzel!" There I was with drenched strands of hair hanging in my face, and water dripping off the end of my nose.

For a solid hour, I shouted my stories, the skiff leapt and plunged, and the water sailed across us. My husband was crouched, one hand on the tiller, one hand bailing with an empty milk carton. Finally, our sodden craft rounded the rocks into our protected bay, and wallowed thankfully into the beach.

"Who wants dry land?" said my husband, in the understatement of the day.

Little Charlie stayed hunched by my leg, his head down on my knee. Slowly he raised his eyes and looked around.

"What did you think of it?" I asked.

"I was praying," he replied.

At Christmastime, the lake will be months and miles away. We'll be snug and dry and warm in our own home. There'll be all the delights of other Christmases—the lovely-fragrant tree, wreaths and mistletoe, merry feasting on goodies and the gay hubbub of present-opening. But this year, Christmas will be more special than ever. While the kiddies sprawl in dreamland, and Charlie and I stretch out on the floor with bare feet toward the fireplace, I know what I'll be thinking...

Sweet dreams, my darlings! Dreams of sugarplums and Santa Claus! Dreams are made for children. Let Mommy and Daddy handle the boat for a while yet.

THE END

CHRISTMAS SEASON

HINTING LICENSE

This is to certify that the signer of this License is a bona fide Christmas "Hinter" with full hinting rights for the 1958 season. This person is deserving of only the very finest Christmas gifts (those made with aluminum, naturally), and has authority to hint for the "most wanted" gifts listed below.

I'm hinting to...

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2ND CHOICE (brand, size, color, etc.)
3RD CHOICE (brand, size, color, etc.)

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

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THE AMERICAN HOME, DECEMBER, 1958

Q. What is the best way to use mixes?
A. The smartest use of mixes of all kinds is as a timesaver. With the great variety available, using them in their simplest form will give you many different cakes, breads, etc. However, it's also fun to adapt a mix so that it resembles an old family favorite and yet takes much less time to make. Check the recipes on the package, they'll give you an idea of what you can do to the mix without spoiling it. Generally you can add spices, dry fruits, nuts or coconut without fear. Changing or adding sugar, fats or liquids should be done cautiously.

Q. Have marveled at the new oven-to-table china now being sold. How does it differ from the china dinnerware we've always known?
A. This new oven-to-table china is an adaption of china originally made for restaurants and hotels. It is thicker and less fragile than formal china. It is true china, but due to this thickness, it is not as translucent as the china you are so familiar with. Utility for today's living is of paramount importance in the design of this ware, and certain aesthetic qualities have to be sacrificed. Serving pieces can be used in the oven and brought to the table; plates and cups have greater strength and can stand rougher usage than the fine china. It has a place in formal dining rooms today as well as kitchens, outdoors, country houses or city apartments. It will stand more heat than the kitchen range can ever develop. Because the patterns are underglaze, detergents and hot water from dishwashers cannot harm them. They are designed for easy stacking and storing.

Q. What is the floor of our attic insulated? We wish to make the attic space into bedrooms for our two boys. What should be done about insulation?
A. Leave the insulation on the floor. It will help keep sounds from the rooms below. You will, however, have to insulate between the attic rafters if you want the attic rooms to be comfortable in summer and winter. THE END
PARLOR GAMES ARE FUN for the Smiths in their comfortable family room, all pine and chintz and bright hooked rugs. Even the piano is pine-enclosed.

The Look of the Country

DOROTHY LAMBERT BRIGHTBILL

The Sandy Smiths live in a beautiful big house, decorated in perfect taste. Most of the house is furnished with lovely 18th-century antiques. The kitchen, family dining room and family room were of particular interest to us, so we will show how this enterprising family made comfort and convenience their credo. Above is the big family room, lighted by day with big picture windows opening onto beautiful garden vistas of many levels. Mrs. Smith grows the bounty of flowers which are always on display in wonderful imaginative bouquets—not arrangements—throughout the house. You can see some of the simple little garden flowers in small homely containers at each side of the large picture window, on the table in the kitchen, next to the chair by the kitchen fireplace and on page 84.
on the family dining-room table. We must confess we like the way she has used them. Note, too, the number of patterned fabrics, and rugs, yet there is no feeling of "busyness." They were so carefully chosen the effect is only warm and friendly.

The kitchen had a chimney running down through it (this accommodated an upstairs fireplace). At the bottom of page at left we show one side of the chimney which forms a textured background for the round pine table and chairs and an old telephone. You can also see a bit of the big china cabinet. On the other side of the chimney, a small Franklin stove was installed to make a cozy sit-by-the-fire nook with a warm braided rug in blue and red and a blue chintz-covered chair. These and the sampler against the brick wall once again make a pleasing contrast of pattern and texture.

To the left of the Franklin stove a bit of the cooking unit can be seen framed with a brick arch surmounting a complete brick niche which is part of another brick wall. Pine cabinets with wrought-iron hardware flank the cooking units. There is a big double sink with windows above. Why not borrow some of these ideas for your own home? (continued)
Record Your Family’s Christmas
(continued from page 20)

Knowledge of the tonal characteristics of your combo or car-
owers enables you to control the recording conditions necessary
for that “super-stereo” effect. For example, the piano produces a
sustained note of many partial complex directional patterns and
therefore is best placed near “acoustical deadeners” such as
drapes, blankets, etc. On the other hand, brass instruments
force their tones straight out of the “bell” at high speed and
stringed instruments, such as the violin, guitar, mandolin or “uke”
radiate tones in a circle at medium speed. Their larger cousins,
the bass viols and cellos, produce a circle of tones that settle
near the floor. All of these instruments should be grouped
near the center of the room, facing the short wall, properly “deadened”
with drapes or screens.

With advantageous placing
of your microphone, you will
achieve the most effective results.
To record piano, suspend the mike
underneath it (if it’s the grand
type) or place it quite close to the
keyboard, if it’s an upright. To
record brass instruments, the mike
should be set so that the tones
sweep across, rather than at it.
And for those all-impressive stereo­
phonic effects, place the mikes
each side of the instrumental group.
But the vocalist? She (or he) should
have a separate mike! The instru­
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WITH A WINK OF HIS EYE, Santa gives you to know he's ready for festive affairs, too, and he'll be the light of the party! In red and white ceramic, he holds gay candy-striped candles in the top of his head. Cheery on the buffet or mantel. 5" in diam. candleholders are $1 each. $1.89 a pair. Candles, $1.50 a pair. Add 25c post. Foster House, 430-AH S. Jefferson St., Peoria, Illinois.

TRAFFIC STOPPERS are a gay way to make a hit with a teenager—and keep her ears warm too! Red felt hand has "Stop" in white, the green felt hand says "Go." They're attached to a black grosgrain ribbon band that ties under her chin to keep her "hands" cozily over her ears. They're ear-marked for our nieces! $1. Spencer Gifts, 506 Spencer Building, Atlantic City, N.J.

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Welcome to the Market Place! Merchandise, if not personalized, may be returned within seven days for a full refund. Most of the firms mentioned in the Market Place prefer not to handle C.O.D.'s. Unless otherwise stated, postage is included in price.

ON THEIR TOES, the kids will be mad about these Slipper Sox! "Puppet Toes" to wiggle are white Helanca stretch yarn with whimsical doll faces embroidered on the toes in three colors. They have a comfy soft suede-finish sole and braided yarn hair in red or yellow. Stocking sizes 6-8½. $1.98 pr., 10c postage. From Crown Craft, 246-AM Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

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