

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa—I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a billfold too, please. I like candy, nuts, and oranges. I am trying to be a good little boy. I like you, Santa Claus. Love, John David. P.S.—Ann says to tell you she wants a doll. She wants it to have satin hair and magic skin. Mother wants a table cloth and ear rings and bracelet to match.

Dear Santa—Would you please bring me a new electric train, and a tool chest and a cootie set and a rifle. Also a new blackboard and if you have some I would like a new puppet, and a basket ball set and a punching bag. I also want a new car. I have been a good boy and I feel good and if you think of anything else you want to bring that will be fine. Thank you. Johnnie Coe. Boone, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy six years of age, and I am in the first grade. For Christmas I would like to have a movie projector, 16mm, with a 400 ft. empty reel. I want some film and a screen. If you have an extra doctor's set, I would like to have one of those. I want one with a blood testing device. I would like a pet shop too, but if you don't have one of them for me, it will be all right. I want all the other little boys and girls remembered for Christmas. Love, Johnny Greene. Sugar Grove, N. C.

I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a football. Please bring something for my sister Libby. She is 11½ and I will be 9 two days before Christmas. Love, Jimmy Culbreth.

Free world is closing its best economic year, says Stassen.

Weather experts agree that winters are getting warmer.

## Suggestions For Housewives

**CHICKEN STEWED OR FRICASEED**—As little as one-fourth cup of water for fricaseeing and as much as one quart for stewing is the difference. The pieces of chicken are always well browned before the liquid is added if you are fricaseeing. In stewing, fowl may or may not be browned, depending on whether white or brown stew is desired or upon the use intended for the cooked meat.

Easy cooking and a variety of delicious dishes may be prepared from stewed chicken meat, stock, and fat. Besides serving as stewed chicken with gravy made from the thickened stock, the meat may be used in a pot pie, casserole, escaloppes, croquettes, loaves or patties, creamed, a la king, a la Newburg, in shortcake and soup, in sandwiches and salads, as an appetizer or sliced.

Fricaseed chicken offers a deliciousness of flavor and variety for casserole dishes. Endless variety comes in the choice of liquid and the addition of rice, noodles, macaroni, vegetables, etc. The liquid may be milk, sweet or sour cream, vegetable juices, cooked tomatoes or diluted canned soups. Be sure to follow tested recipes.

How can chicken fat be used? It gives richness of color and flavor in gravies and sauces and sauteed vegetables. It is an excellent fat in biscuits, muffins, cookies and gingerbread and can be used in these dishes without any change in the recipe.

The Defense Department has announced plans to back medical scholarships to assure doctors for the armed forces.

Canada's 1953 wheat crop is its second highest.



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## Cheapest Way To Get Burley Barn Is To Grow One

"The cheapest way to get a modern tobacco curing barn is to grow it," according to Lee Williams who farms just outside Marble in mountainous Cherokee County.

G. H. Farley, county agent for the State College Extension Service, says Williams had a hard time last season finding room to cure his tobacco. The lack of curing facilities and space one year after another was just too much. Williams decided to do something about it.

Farley says that when Williams' cropping rush was over he went into his farm woodlands and started to "harvest" his new tobacco barn. By securing plans for the recommended burley tobacco barn well ahead of actual tree cutting, he was able to cut his

logs in the needed sizes and lengths. This saved considerable time and waste, according to Farley.

The principal expense item involved in the entire process was the metal roof. The hauling bill to and from the saw mill was also an expense. But Williams and his son did all the labor. Total cash outlay for the finished barn: \$280.90. Williams got out so cheaply, says Farley, that he is now cutting timber to build a fine new grading and sorting room: "If I do something, I like to do it right," says Williams. Farley says Williams' projects usually turn out right, too.

### EVIDENTLY

Boss: "Jones, you disappoint me. I've been told that you were seen at a party, intoxicated, and pushing a wheelbarrow around the room."

Jones: "Why, yes, thought you approved."

Boss: "Of course not. Why should I?"

Jones: "You were riding in the wheelbarrow."

## 87th Birthday Dinner Served

On Thanksgiving day, Mrs. G. W. Gragg, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gragg, Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Gragg and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Gragg entertained a group of relatives and family friends in honor of Mr. G. W. Gragg's 87th birthday. A tempting menu of turkey and accessories was served buffet

style by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Norris.

Those enjoying this occasion at the Gragg home in addition to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gragg and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gragg and family were Mr. and Mrs. Bo' Carlton, of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. Ronda Gragg of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Gragg, Lucille and Bill of Greensboro, Mrs. T. R. Gragg, Mrs. Sam Moretz, Mr. and Mrs. George Moretz and sons, Mrs. R. L. Bingham, Mr.

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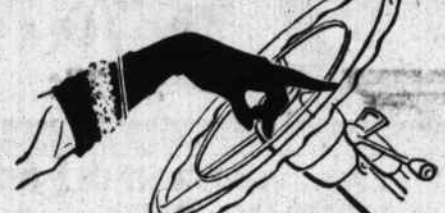
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