

Deflated Values

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THE music of "La Cucaracha" filled the high school gymnasium. "Swell music, isn't it?" Floyd and his partner stepped and dipped in time to it.

Anne smiled dreamily. "Say, you know, you're not such a bad dancer." Floyd's tone was a little magnanimous. "Oh, how kind you are!" He failed to catch the hint of sarcasm in Anne's voice and answered: "No kiddin'. You are! I'm glad to find someone I can really dance with."

Her murmured "You overwhelm me" encouraged him to greater heights of eloquence.

"And you're not such a bad looker, either!"

"Then she laughed. 'Were all the girls in your old high school good dancers and good lookers?'"

Floyd had just been transferred from a city high school to one of a small town, and this was his first dance with his new school.

Later on they wandered out to the tennis courts. School grounds have a way of looking very different in the moonlight from their usual daytime appearance, and the sight of them went to Floyd's head. He kissed Anne.

"Why," she said, "you kiss like all the boys. Don't they do it any differently in your other high school?"

He laughed indulgently. "Look here, Anne. I like you better than any other girl in the school. Will you go with me steady?"

Anne was still for a little while. Then she said: "I'll have to think about that, Floyd."

"What?" he asked in surprise. "You'll have to—well, all right."

They went over to get a package of cigarettes from his car.

"Oh, what a darling car!" exclaimed Anne. "Is it yours?"

"Oh, huh. It's mine," said Floyd as he fumbled in the pocket for the cigarettes.

"My!" Anne sighed. "You must have plenty of money to have a car of your own. What does your father do?"

"Why, he's a—well, a corporation lawyer that looks after the interests of a chain of grocery stores. I'm going to be a lawyer when I finish school. There's lots of money in it."

At the close of the dance Anne agreed to let Floyd take her home, rather reluctantly, to the young man's bewilderment. They dodged among the cars that were scuttling back and forth like trapped crabs in search of Floyd's car. They came upon the place where the car should have been, and stopped. A dilapidated delivery truck stood in its place.

"Why, whatever has become of your car?" asked Anne. Then she saw the misery in his very pose. He was staring at the car, drooping, all his cockiness gone. On the body of the car was written his father's name, over the word "Groceries."

A note lay on the front seat. Floyd read it up and threw it away. But he picked it up again, smoothed it and handed it to Anne. She read by the light of the head lights, as he had done:

"Mother and I have decided to go to a show. So I put the car and left the truck for you, Dad."

A painfully long silence followed. Then a miserable, "I can't take you home in this thing."

"I don't mind. Truly?" At least she wasn't laughing. Then she said: "So that wasn't your car?"

"No."

"And this is your father's business?"

"Yes."

Then he faced her. "I don't know why I lied to you like that, Anne? But her face glowed in the moonlight."

"I do," she said softly. She put her hand on his arm. "I like you better this way, Floyd. I'll go with you—steady."

"Aw gee—you're sweet!"

In the shadow of the grocery truck he took her in his arms.

Home.

What is the end of a human habitation? Is it merely a place where in fellow-mortals meet to eat, drink and sleep securely beneath a roof?

A house is meant to be a home—the center where a family may gather into one; to be a serene retreat, where the tenderest affections may find rest; that within its walls love and charity of life gain ample scope and happiness; that parents and children may there press one another's heart to heart; that sorrows and joys may be freely shared in confidence; that troubled spirits may find solace and peace; and, in a word, that the great work of training human beings for the duties of the present life and the perfection of another, may be begun and carried on. These are the true end of a human dwelling.—W. E. Channing, D. D.

Relief

"Your girl called up and said she wouldn't be able to meet you today."

"Well, that's a waltz off my mind."

—Tim-Bits Magazine.

Santa Gets Plenty of Advice In Annual Letters

Advising Santa Claus is an age-old custom, shared alike by fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers. Four letters which might well be sent by a Farmington family are reprinted herewith:

Dear Santa:

First I want that pair of ice skates I was looking at over at Dickerson's Hardware, and I want a sled from Mac's five-to-ten store, and I'll take a hockey stick like

the one at Kenn Loomis' hardware. Don't forget any of them.

Tom.

Dear Santa Claus:

There are lots of things at Cook's that I would like to have this year, such as a sweater or fancy gloves. Or you could get me something from the Sara-Jayne shop in Redford. I would be satisfied with a pair of those "X-ray fit" shoes at Hurd's in Redford, too. Or I'd

like some toys like those at Hat-ton's. Thank you.

Jane.

Dear Santa:

I'll give you your choice this year as you probably are not much wealthier by this time than my husband. At Consumers' Power company you can find Electrolux refrigerators or at the Redford Appliances shop in Redford they have re-built electric sweepers that you could give me. Von Burg's in Redford has some very good looking jewelry that I like and at McCormack's in Redford are many elegant dresses, any of which would please me. You might send me some flowers for the Christmas

table from Bickings' Spring Brook Gardens, Thanking you, I am

Mrs. Jones.

P. S. Send me some whipping cream from Joe Himmelsbach's Farmington Dairy, too. I'll need it, Santa.

Any of the following will be appreciated: A couple of tons of coal from the Farmington Lumber and Coal company; some chicken feed from the Farmington Mills; a new Ford V8 from Olla Russell; a suit from Dunn's in Redford; a Christmas Club account at the Farmington State Bank; a new Chevrolet from Vic Blakeless; or a reading lamp of my own from the Detroit

Edison company. You can take your choice of the list or give me all of them. Yours

Mr. Jones.

True Christmas Spirit

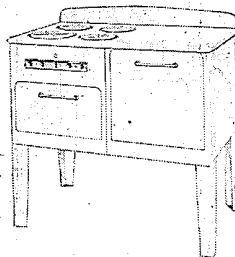
(Christian Science Sentinel)

The Christmas spirit is the Christ-spirit, the Christian spirit. It is best made manifest in deeds of kindness, in works of healing, in generous gifts of loving helpfulness to others. Such a Christmas spirit rightly celebrates the birth of Him who, in speaking of His true spiritual selfhood, said: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." To the extent, then, that

we are bringing to our fellow men a more abundant sense of life, a fuller realization that infinite life, the source and cause of all being and action, includes for man all that means health, harmony, happiness, joy, and peace, are we celebrating Christmas in the way the master Christian would have us celebrate it.

MRS. JEAN LAYN ELECTED REBECCA DEGREE CAPTAIN

Mrs. Jean Layn is degree captain of the Edgewood Rebecca Lodge for election having taken place at the annual meeting of the lodge at Clarenceville in the past week. The installation of the officers will be held on January 11.

The Best Gifts of 1936
*** are *** Electrical\$89⁵⁰
up

Electric Ranges



There's no better gift than the modern ELECTRIC range. At a price to fit your purse, electric cooking has many advantages:

ECONOMY OF OPERATION: Less than a cent a meal per person is the average cost of using an electric stove. Electric cooking is NOT expensive—it is well within reach of the average family.

MORE HEALTHFUL COOKING: Foods are steam-cooked, not boiled. The precious juices of meats and vegetables do not boil away. Nourishing elements and important food values are retained. Cooking to melting tenderness in their own juices, meats and vegetables have a delicious natural flavor.

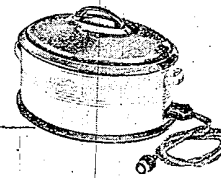
COOKING WITH PURE REFINED HEAT: As clean as sunlight! Electric heat does not blacken pots and pans. Cooking utensils remain bright and shiny after long use. Your kitchen, too, stays sparkling and pleasant for a much longer period of time. The dirt is removed at the power house.



Pin-It-Up Lamps

\$3⁵⁰
up

Plenty of light where you want it! This little lamp with its bright shade and decorative bracket is easily put up with an ordinary push-pin in the wall. Fits any decorative scheme. Adequate light, without glare (approved by the Illuminating Engineering Society) makes seeing easier and pleasanter... for reading, studying, sewing, etc.

\$9⁹⁵
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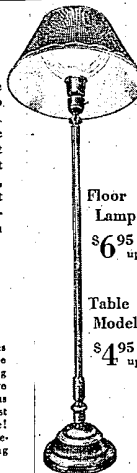
Dutch Oven Susan

So many advantages come with this compact electric roaster. A complete meal for six people—cooked while you are out for the afternoon—with all the recognized goodness of electric cooking, costs only 2½¢ for electricity! Dutch Oven Susan operates from an ordinary convenience outlet. It's ideal for the small apartment, summer cottage, or for preparing big dinners at home.

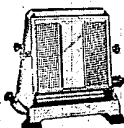
There is at least one person on your Christmas list who will welcome this useful gift!

The I. E. S. Better Sight LAMPS

Nothing you can give for Christmas can compare with eyesight protection. This Better Sight lamp is approved by the Better Vision Institute. A translucent bowl under the shade prevents glare from the bulb and diffuses the light. Some light goes to the ceiling and is reflected back, so that the whole room is softly illuminated. For reading, writing, sewing and similar visual tasks, you get enough light—as shown by a Sight Meter—a generous supply for safe seeing. The Detroit Edison Company does not sell these lamps.

Floor Lamps
\$6⁹⁵
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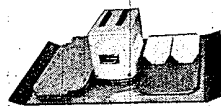
Electric Toasters

\$2⁹⁵
up

The electric toaster has been an indispensable part of breakfast-getting for years. But there are probably several persons on your Christmas list who need a new one! This year's latest improvements make toasting easier and quicker.

Hospitality Tray Sets \$19⁷⁵
up

The do-luxe gift, that makes hospitality a pleasure and entertaining a delight! Lucky indeed is the person on your list who receives one of these. Includes automatic toaster, appetizer dishes, and richly grained tray in walnut or mahogany. For a very special present, a hospitality tray should rank high on your list.



Electric Mixers

\$19⁷⁵
up

The electric mixer means better cooking results and takes all of the drudgery out of mixing and beating. The attachments make it possible to do many other things, slicing and shredding, sharpening, polishing, meat grinding, etc., transforming your mixer into a dozen labor savers!

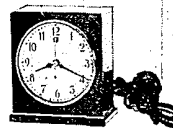
\$5⁹⁵
up

Automatic Irons

The new electric irons have many desirable features, among them exact heat control for every type of fabric. The iron doesn't overheat or cool off. Some of the new models are light as a feather, conserving energy and time.

Electric Water Heater

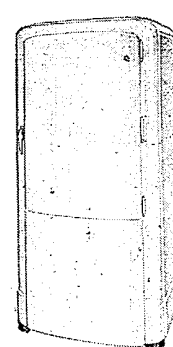
Give yourself and your family the convenience and pleasure of hot water all the time. An automatic electric heater will assure you of an ample supply the year round, summer and winter, day and night—when you need it. An electric water heater is completely automatic—it requires no attention whatever. It ends the annoyance of waiting for water to heat. Sixty gallons of steaming hot water cost like a day. \$89⁵⁰



Electric Clocks

\$3⁹⁵
up

Silent, dependable, never requiring winding, an electric clock keeps time as accurately as a fine watch—and costs about 5 cents a month to operate! Every home should have at least one electric clock. The new designs include livingroom, library, bedroom and kitchen clocks, in many styles and models to harmonize with your furnishings.



Electric Refrigerators

\$99⁵⁰
up

An electric refrigerator today just about pays for itself in savings! It is the only way to provide a constant temperature under 50 degrees, the safety zone needed for the preservation of food, to safeguard health. It provides an endless variety of delicious frozen desserts... tempting sherbets, monasses, ice cream, etc. It furnishes an abundant supply of sparkling ice cubes. And the new refrigerators give a new appearance to your entire kitchen!

Glass Coffee Makers

\$4⁹⁵
up

Drip coffee made in glass is so knowledgeable to have the best flavor. It is simple to prepare, without fuss or guesswork, right at the table. The glass coffee maker in an eight-cup size assures enough coffee for everybody.

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