

**THIS AND THAT—**

I'm not trying to make you old burners jealous—but am I glad of oil heat for hot water—especially when that thermometer hovers close to zero.

Maybe this early winter will mean an early spring—at least we can hope so.

Another thing I'm thankful for—when the butcher says, "sorry, we have no meat," we can go out to the chicken coop and make one of those young roosters wish he'd never been born.

Funny how little things can brighten up a room—even with old furniture—like clean curtains or windows, a new plant. But when it's a new rug, every piece of furniture seems to smile and take on new life.

Only two more weeks before Mr. Five by Five, with the long white whiskers, will be here to wish us all "Peace on Earth, Good-will toward Men."

Procrastinator that I am, I have my shopping all done—what a glorious feeling.

**THE BEST WAY TO AIR A ROOM**

In the current wartime effort to conserve the supply of gas fuel to meet the tremendous demands of the defense industry, gas heat in the home is valuable and should not be wasted by the national habit of enjoying fresh air in a partially open window with full heat on.

When a window must be opened for purposes of airing a room, the door to that room always should be closed, otherwise the cold air rushing in will chill the rest of the house. With warm air systems, the register should be closed to prevent the cold air from rushing through the register to the furnace and chilling the air circulation in the other rooms thus wasting fuel.

With radiator heat the radiator valves should be closed during the time the room is being aired.



**Items of Interest to WOMEN**

**THIS WEEK AT YOUR LIBRARY**

**HOURS:**  
Wednesday—11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.—3:00 p. m. to 8:00 p. m.  
Saturday—2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Wilderness—Rockwell Kent. This is a journal of quiet adventure in Alaska.

This is the story of Rockwell Kent and his young son who sought the quiet and vastness of our great Alaska to paint. It was originally meant to be just a day for their friends back home. It describes their remodeling of a goat shed into a cabin, the clearing of the grounds surrounding it, primarily for firewood, their anticipated trips to Seward, when the weather permitted, for supplies. There is nothing thrilling about this book, but I have never read a book that held my interest so. You can actually feel the great wilderness, the quiet solitude and draw strength from it.

The Shivering Bough—Noel Burke. Noel Burke is a new name to mystery fans, but not a new writer, being a pseudonym for an established favorite.

Though Dick Hayes started for California to find a job, he ended up by being an impromptu detective and solving the Hollister murders on a farm in the Middle West.

Seeking refuge from the cold one night he made his way into the Hollister farmhouse and there discovered a nest of intrigue, suspicion and hatred. Rufus, trustee of the estate which belongs to all, except Blina who was left with nothing, abused his power with a fanaticism which turned the entire family against him and led them to try and have him committed to an insane asylum. In some of his various moods he burned down the barn and poisoned the well.

Strange things continue to happen, until the farm becomes a nightmare of sinister circumstances. Action, suspense and deduction, all that the most critical mystery fan could demand. Shivers aplenty for an evenings entertainment.

A Sentimental Yankee—John De Meyer. A Sentimental Yankee is the story of a very successful playwright who returned to his home town, expecting it to be the same friendly, peaceful and satisfying town he had left. But Redwood had changed, it had become streamlined, modern and full of new fangled gadgets.

Angry because something foreign had come into Redwood life, impulsive, unpredictable John Diggs started out to make the town over, just as he would re-write one of his plays. From that point on, the story of John Diggs trying to remake Redwood to its former small townishness, is sometimes farcical, often pathetic, but always amusing. He was pursued by the town belles, opposed by the town fathers and supported by the town drunk.

The conclusion to A Sentimental Yankee will give the reader deep satisfaction.

**APPLE BREAD PROVIDES VARIETY**



Is there anything more delightful than the fragrance of bread baking? Especially apple bread! Put this Michigan Apple recipe on your "must" list. It's good and it's easy to make. You'll need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup yeast
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 cup apple sauce
- 8 cups all-purpose flour

To the above milk, add the yeast, sugar, salt and apple sauce. Stir until yeast is dissolved, then add half the flour and beat until smooth. Add the balance of the flour, enough to make a dough that can be handled. Knead until smooth and elastic. Place in a bowl, cover, set in a warm place and let rise until light. Shape into loaves and place in buttered pans; let rise until double in bulk. Bake 45 degrees for 10 minutes; then 375 degrees F. until it sounds hollow when tapped (about 45 to 60 minutes).

Recipe tested by Dorothy W. Lewis, home economist, Michigan State Apple Commission.

**SUET PUDDING IS A CHRISTMAS "MUST" DISH**

Here is the recipe for Suet Pudding that I have been using for twenty years. That makes me sound like a nice cozy old lady, but I'm not really. But from the time I was eleven or twelve years old, I always made the pudding for the holiday meals. When it's hot we served it with Hard Sauce (it can be re-heated too) and when it was cold, we would serve it with hot Vanilla Sauce.

- 1 SUET PUDDING
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup chopped suet (I put it through the meat grinder)
- 1 cup raisins or currents—or mix them.
- 1 cup water or milk

Sift salt, soda and spices with the flour; add suet, raisins. Beat in the water and molasses. Steam in a buttered mould 3 hours or in cups 1 hour. If water is used, add 1/2 cup more flour.

**A WORD TO THE WIVES**

Hello there—I'm going to be serious today. With the spirit of peace and enlightenment of Christmas we are very apt to forget the real meaning of that event and why we celebrate it. The following article rather startled me and gave me something to think about, and I hope it will do the same for you. It is from the December issue of the Unity publication "Daily Word."

The title of the article is "Happy Birthday to You" and was written by Martha Snow. "Just as a human birthday is a time observed by the giving of gifts so Jesus' birthday has been made by man a time of gift giving. But there is a difference in the way we celebrate the two births. On the day that marks our Physical entry into the world we are on the receiving end. Our families, those near and dear to us, send us greetings and gifts. The anniversary when we commemorate the Christ birth we are on the giving end. Our first thought is to make the day happier for others through our love and gifts, in all the countless ways in which the human family separates Christmas. That is why Christmas Breads more to us than any other day in the year; it lifts us out of selfishness into love, out of sadness into gladness, out of unbelief into faith.

On the day that marks the passing of another year since our physical coming into the world there is often a feeling of fear; fear of growing old, fear of not accomplishing the desires of the heart, fear that the years that have passed will mean no joy than to the years that are to come. On our true birthday, our spiritual birthday, there is no thought of age or failure, no fear of the future. On this day we are lifted out of blind thoughts and self into a new awareness of the glory of the Christ in mankind, we feel hope stirring in us, we see ahead before us the vision of a new world, a world of peace and joy among all people and all nations. Christmas brings the evergreen hope of eternal life in Christ.

How will you celebrate your birthday this year? Some persons think they cannot celebrate Christ's birthday with gladness because of the sorrow in the world. But if ever there was a time to rejoice in the birth of Christ, if ever there was a time to be glad that people the world over still remember Him, it is now.

There can be no greater gift given through you than your understanding of the Truth that He taught. This gives meaning and power to everything that you do in other ways to celebrate Christ. It makes your gifts blessed, it makes your home cheery, it makes you radiant and loving and happy.

Or if you are one of the many this year who will not be with

family and friends at Christmas, still December 25 can be a day that will live forever in your memory. Human birthdays seem to depend on families and friends to make them successful. But wherever you are and with whomsoever you are you are one with Christ, you are one with all people everywhere who join you in the universal birthday celebration, who with you find renewal and rebirth through the Christ.

May this Christmas truly mean the birth of a new faith in you, the birth of a new spirit of joy in your heart, the birth of a new understanding in your mind, the birth of new life and strength in your body temple. May this Christmas truly mean the birth of Christ in you.

God bless you, God make your birthday a happy one. If sharing this article with you has made just one person happier, I shall be truly thankful. Bye now.

**What You Buy With WAR BONDS**

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