SERVICE & HOSPITALITY Committees in Granges are going to be just that during 1952: full of "hospitality" and with emphasis on "service." Under the firm and capable guiding hand of Mrs. Ola Scudder, of Fleischmanns, N.Y., the S & H gals are headed for a big job. If some of you ladies took appointments to these committees with the idea that you were going to sit back and watch, we suggest you revise your plans and get new lifts on your heels. Backed by the high-purpose Theme of "Loyalty to God, to Country and to High Ideals" there will be an Essay Contest on "My Obligation to My Country"-250 words, and every Grange member eligible. The Sewing Contest is fully explained in the 1952 S & H Handbooks, which will be in the mails before Christmas. There's a new project, something about patchwork quilts, which you will be interested in. The Baking Contest will be on "cinnamon rolls" and our mouth is watering already.

Mrs. Scudder, ably assisted by state chairmen Mrs. Charles Arnold, of Bergen, and Mrs. Floyd Wilmot, of Poolville, plan to contribute to the Oliver Hazard Kelley Home by selling Grange histories, and to aid in rebuilding the Charlton Protestant School for delinquent boys which burned at Ballston Spa last spring. As if that weren't enough, their ambitious project for placing official roadside signs on the highway approaches to every one of the 895 Granges in the state will be launched this coming year. You had better get started on that last project first or you'll find Ola Scudder in your nieghborhood with a hammer and nails putting them up herself! She's that kind of a hard-working, earnest person. We predict great things for the S & H whiz-kids in 1952!

SANTA CLAUS just drove in the yard on top of a seven-inch snowfall and tells us we're going to have a real, old-fashion Christmas. He wants us to pass along his Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our many, many Grange friends, and to our Editors, Publishers and members of the staff all over the state and in Canada. Those are our sentiments, too, and we have asked Santa to give everyone's heartfelt wishes to the boys in Korea and all other outposts of liberty and humanity. God rest ye, merrie gentlemen!

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Better Health For Children

A Community Service Issued by Children's Hospital of Buffalo, N. Y.

Hardly a day passes but the newspapers carry an account of some child who has been seriously hurt or permanently crippled by an accident in his home. Children are constantly being admitted to the Children's Hospital of Buffalo because of such injuries, most of which could easily have been prevented. Make sure your house is a safe place for your children.

If your baby is just learning to crawl and walk, arrange your rooms so that the things within his reach cannot harm him. Breakable oraments, vases and ash trays; sharp instruments, such as letter openers, scissors, needles and pins; inflammable objects, like matches or lighters; all these should be kept well beyond possibility of his reach. If you have prized books, put them out of reach until he is old enough to handle them carefully.

In the kitchen and pantry, keep cleaning agents on high shelves and unbreakable cooking utensils on lower shelves. China and knives should also be inaccessible to your child, preferably in a securely fastened cupboard. Medicines should always be kept in a locked cabinet or box. Every year hundreds of children are hospitalized because they got hold of the aspirin or some other medication dangerous to them.

It is advisable to keep small children out of the kitchen when meals are being prepared, but if they must be there, great care should be taken to set saucepans containing hot foods well back on the stove or table, with their handles turned so that children cannot pull them over and be scalded. When scrubbing the floor, never leave the pail of hot water where your small child can fall into it.

Another source of danger to children is electric outlets. If not being used, these should be covered with adesive tape or protected from tampering by placing furniture in front of them. Make certain all electric cords are in good condition at all times to avoid chance of electric shock or fire.

A little foresight will insure your child's safety at home. Don't trust to luck.

Cornell bulletin 742, "Remodeling Barns for Better Dairy Stables," has been revised and free copies are now available to New York farmers.

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Apples 'N Apples

You can use apples in so many ways that it's a good idea to get the most from them while they are plentiful. If the family likes applesauce, why not keep a dish of it in the refrigerator for desserts or meat sauce or after school snacks?

You can try variations, too. Instead of sweetening with white sugar, occasionally use brown sugar or honey. Or cook a few whole cloves or a piece of stick cinnamon or some raisins with the apples. A couple of teaspoons of lemon juice will bring out the flavor of very mild apples.

You can use applesauce, too, in a number of dessert recipes. Here's a simple gelatin one suggested by specialists at the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Heat 3 cups of applesauce; stir in a box of gelatin powder, any flavor, until the powder is dissolved; then chill the mixture until it is partly set. Line a pan with vanilla wafers, pour in the applesauce mixture, and cover with another layer of wafers. Chill and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Color Trends

The trend this year is toward yellow -- the color of light and warmth. Specialists at the New York State College of Home Economics at Cornell report that yellows and oranges are being used a great deal for interior decoration.

Yellow tones with a dull cast or earthy look are popular. Gold, mustard, goldenrod, and pale yellow are featured in rugs and walls. Orange and yellow are used as accents in pillows or upholstery as well as in rugs and walls. Other popular colors this year are the turquoise, sapphire, and aquarmarine, blues, and greys from smoke color to charcoal.

Dacron and Orlon

With so many new fabrics on the market these days, all of us ought to know what we're buying if we are to give our clothes proper care. For instance, there are the fabrics, Dacron and Orlon, which are washable. But according to "Chemistry and the Home," Dacron and Orlon are often mixed with fibers that can't be washed successfully. And sometimes Dacron or Orlon are made into suits with linings and shoulder pads that are non-washable. So it's wise to look for labels when you buy and to follow instructions on care closely.

In general, Dacron and Orlon should be washed in very hot water. If the water is hard, add a softener to the suds and the first rinse. Rinse thoroughly, and drip-dry by hanging the garment on rods or hangers.

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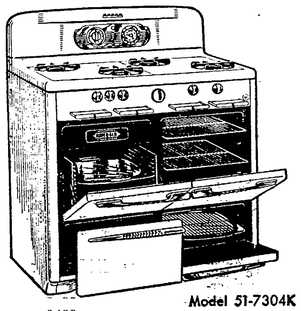

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