Santa Comes Down The Chimney Dec. 23

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MORE ABOUT COMPOSTS

I have written about composts in this column before but additional information about this particular subject is never amiss. We are going to hear more about composts and artificial manure in the future than we have in the past. Our days of unlimited soil fertility are over. The proper utiliation of composts will be an important part of soil conservation as well as a handy source of plant food for the garden. Try to purchase manure even on agricultural Eastern Shore, it is hard to get.

Considerable experimentation has been done on the making of compost especially at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research and I will mention some of the highlights of their recently published results. Almost any organic material makes good compost; pine needles, oak leaves, maple leaves, marsh hay, wheat straw and peat, were used with calcium cyanamid and superphosphate—70 lb. of the former and 50 lbs. of the latter per ton of composting material makes a good mixture. The fertilizer should be well mixed with the material. Composts are best when piled high, at least four feet, kept moist, and with evaporation cut down to a minimum.

It is interesting to note that Adco is calcium cyanamid and is excellent for making composts. Other materials can be used such as ammonia sulfate and ammonium carbonate. Too much nitrogen fertilizer slows up decay and a part will be lost. Available nitrogen in properly prepared composts is greater in the end than when the fertilizer is added. Properly prepared compost contains more nitrogen and produces better plant growth than shredded stable manure (thus making a good substitute.)

When compost starts decaying the available nitrogen drops quite low which is the reason straw, etc., when applied to the garden is more than apt to retard the plant growth rather than increase it. This is the real reason for making composts, the composts turn the organic matter back into plant food.

I might add a few remarks here. It is necessary to be choosy in making the home garden compost pile, use anything that will decay, weeds, grass, garbage, manure; keep it moist enough so that drying doesn't slow up decay. If you have Adco or fertilizer, use it, but if you haven't, mix in top soil and it will decay to set in. Be sure to make a compost pile this winter.

Cinnamon Apples May Be Prepared Ahead

You may prepare these cinnamon apples several days ahead of time and store them in your ice refrigerator until you are ready to serve them. The modern air-conditioned ice refrigerator, you know, prevents any flavor-blending, even of spicy foods, because of its constant circulation of pure, clean-washed air.

Cinnamon Apples

6 apples
2 cups sugar
1 cup water
⅓ cup red cinnamon candies

Pare and core apples. Cook sugar, water and cinnamon candies to a thick, syrupy consistency (236°), add apples and simmer, turning occasionally, until they are tender but not soft—about 10 minutes. Remove from syrup, then cook syrup to the jelly over the cinnamon apples and chill in ice refrigerator until ready to serve. These may be served in any number of ways for Christmas and New Year's dinners.

Cranberry Punch

(Serve 12)

1½ cups cranberry juice (Make by cooking 2 cups of cranberries with 2 cups water and straining)
1 pint tea infusion (strained)
½ cup sugar
1½ cups orange juice
6 tablespoons lemon juice
2 pints ginger ale
1 cup crushed pineapple

Blend together the hot cranberry juice and tea, and add the sugar to them. Set aside to cool. Just before serving the punch combine the orange and lemon juice, the ginger ale, and pineapple, and add to the first mixture. Place ice cubes in punch bowl and pour punch over them.

Cinders On Driveway Check Mud And Ruts

will be a good driveway itself, or will be a good base on which to place a betstead of throwing them away, suggests the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture. They prevent rutting and mud during wet weather.

By spreading stove and furnace cinders over the driveway, especially over the paths usually traversed by the car wheels, a layer of good surfacing material will gradually accumulate. This wiwl be a good driveway itself, or will be a good base on which ot place a better surface.

HOLLYWOOD STAR-LITES

By Chuck Cochard

Hollywood's most acute casting problem today concerns finding new leading men.

Producers have been so busy finding new leading ladies and new comedians that they simply have forgotten all about developing young leading men—and today the industry faces a serious shortage of capable, handsome men.

The most startling example of the shortage can best be demonstrated at 20th Century-Fox where Darryl Zanuck held up the starting of Shirley Temple's "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" for two weeks until he could borrow Randolph Scott.

Samuel Goldwyn realized this was going to happen and that is why he decided to make a star of Jon Hall in "Hurricane." Another new one is Dick Baldwin in "Love and Hisses."

Coming up with steady strides are Don Ameche, Cesar Romero, Michael Whalen, Tony Martin, Thomas Beck, Robert Kent, and Jack Haley. Some of the others include John Howard, John Patterson, Georges Rigaud, a Chevalier type, and Ray Milland.

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Hollywood Irony:

A new picture romance has just been revealed concerning a prospective star—Marjorie Weaver. She had been in town for weeks and could not get a job. Finally she told her agent, Harry Gould, "One week more and no luck, I'll go back home." On the last day of that week she got a 20th-Century Fox test and a job. As a result of her second picture, "Second Honeymoon," it looks as if the studio has the makings of a new star.

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At Random:

Was that a Blond wig Norma Shearer was wearing at "The Hurricane" premiere, or has she "decided"?

Double-bill theater marquee sign: "100 Men and a Girl"—"She's No Lady."

Our sympathies to Dick Barthelmess. During an eye operation in France, the surgeon severed a nerve that controlled movement of the left side of Dick's face with the result, it is said, that he will never be able to face the camera again.

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Funny: Ha! Ha!

Jane Withers has been solciting magazine subscriptions on the 20th Century-Fox. It was revealed that she is trying to win a premium of a Shirley Temple doll.

That ace actress may sign with M-G-M, Elizabeth Bergner. She is set to star in "Long Week-end." The only difficulty lies in the fact that she won't sign unless she can have her favorite director, Paul Czinner. Her last was "Dreaming Lips" . . . Georges Rigaud, French-Argentine importation will make his American debut opposite Carole Lombard in "Midnight" . . .. Herbert Marshall has just been added to the cast of "Mad About Music" starring Deanna Durbin.

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Candid-Take:

Movie life for C. Aubrey Smith began at 48 and at present he is 74 . . . He was 74 on July 21, 1937 . . Born in London . . . Educated at Charterhouse school, then entered Cambridge with ideas of becoming a physician . . . Here he got his first taste of theatricals with the dramatic club . . . Then went to London to be featured in many plays . . . He made his first New York ppearance on the stage in 1903-04 . . . His first picture work was done in New York for the Frohman Amusement Corporation during the 1915 era . . . It was in 1930 that the screen definitely claimed the British actor . . . He has appeared in more than 40 pictures since that time . . . His latest and best characterization is "Father Paul" in "Hurricane."

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Inside the Studio Gates:

Hollywood's newest movie producer is William Anthony McGuire. His first is the musical "Rosalie."

What marriage is reported to be hitting snags. That's all for today. See you next week. Cut.

COLOR TELLS

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