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**KEEPING HOUSE**  
by Norma Crane  
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What do you know about sewing on buttons? Some folks knot the thread, others don't. If you like to start with a knot (I find that the knot is a more secure) make certain that the knot is on the right side of the material. If you don't knot the thread, make three or four stitches on the right side of the material. Pick up the button and start to sew it with fairly loose stitches to prevent putting a strain on the thread and the material. Put a straight pin across the top of the button, under the stitches, to keep them loose. When finished sewing wind the thread around under the button several times, making two additional stitches to anchor it, and the job is done!

**Food for thought:** Does this hold true in your house? If husband's words are somewhat pointed, it is possible that it's from trying to get them in edge-wise!

A little of this and that: A box that's always handy is a package of assorted gift wrapping papers, matching and contrasting ribbon, and suitable gift enclosure cards for every occasion. Also included are gummed labels which keep the ends of the package securely sealed.

**Table Topics:** Did you know that candles are strictly taboo on the luncheon table? . . . That table silver should be arranged in the order of use, from the outside in? . . . That silver used with the left hand (including all forks except the oyster fork) goes to the left of the plate?

However, if no knives are necessary, as often happens at luncheon, the forks go to the right of the plate in place of knives, in order of use from out-

**Dances Open the Christmas Season**

Dec. 14, Mrs. Basil Brown's seventh grade dancing class will hold its annual Christmas party in the Community House. These ballroom dances with Christmas favors and refreshments will also be held by the sixth grade class on the afternoon of Dec. 21 in the Community House and by the eighth grade class on Dec. 11. This latter class is holding its party in the evening from 8:30 to 11:00 p.m.

On the decorating committee are Mrs. M. D. Dwyer with Cynthia McDonald, Joanne Pender, Nancy Tischer, Jane Boyd, Linda Barbara Lyndall and Gail Haugan.

Peter Thomas is chairman of the boys arrangements committee for these affairs.

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**Tips on Touring**  
By Carol Lane  
Women's Travel Authority

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You and I have both seen this type of driver—only he's not an expert and not paid to demonstrate safety lessons. He's the fellow (or woman) who screams by you on highway hills, dodges in and out of city traffic like a broken field runner, and makes you uneasy about your children going to school a few blocks away. These devil-take-the-hind-most drivers are problems for your local traffic officers and the courts—but there are two immediate steps you can take now! (1) drive sanely yourself and (2) teach your youngsters by example and explanation, safe driving habits.

No need for your son or daughter to face manslaughter charges later if you educate your own driving education now.

**Have You Met . . .**  
The new family from Akron, Ohio who are now residing at 250 Pleasant? They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leslie and their children Stuart, Paula and Linda. Mr. Leslie is field representative for General Electric Electronics division.

**SOCIAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor Creighton of Shirley drive returned last week from Cleveland, Ohio, where they had been visiting Mrs. Creighton's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Riggs, former Birmingham residents, were the houseguests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cummings, Jr., of Rufner street recently. They stopped here on their way to Florida.

On Sunday, Dec. 12, Mr. and Mrs. James H. McPhail, Jr., of Brookwood court will be hosts to a large group of their friends at a Christmas morning breakfast in the Oakland Hills Country Club.

Among the many localities who attended the Boston Symphony Concert on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chalk and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reuther, all of Manor road, and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Anderson of Washington boulevard.

After spending Thanksgiving in New York City, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson of Orchard Ridge road, and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hyde of East Long Lake returned home last Thursday.

Miss J. Dasher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Dasher of Ridgewood avenue is expected home from Northwestern University on Dec. 18 for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. White of Charing Cross road recently returned from Fort Worth, Tex., where they spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Lou who is a junior at Texas Christian University. While there, they attended the football game between TCU and SMU.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wood of Lon Pine road will be hosts at a tea dance on Dec. 23 in the Bloomfield Hills Country club in honor of their daughter, Joyce who will be home for the Christmas holidays from the University of Indiana.

On Dec. 17, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson will leave Cranbrook on a motor trip to Florida. They will spend Christmas in Avon Park with Mr. Thompson's father, Mr. Kirk W. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy G. Vandever and their daughters, Connie and Lindsay, returned Sunday to their Sussex road home following an eastern motor trip to Philadelphia where they visited Mrs. Vandever's family.

Last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster of Brookdale court attended the performance at St. Dunstan's "The Flute with a group of friends at their guests.

Friday afternoon, Mrs. Anthony Daley was hostess to Mrs. Perry Allen, Mrs. Haines Wainmley and Mrs. Lawrence Pomeroy at luncheon on Tuesday at her Henrietta street home. Sunday evening, the Daleys were dinner hosts to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bradley.

Mrs. Jennie L. Hansen, of Palo Alto, Calif., arrived recently by plane for an extended visit with her son and daughter, the Milton Adams of Franklin. While here, she hopes to visit with relatives and friends. After a ten year's absence, Mrs. Hansen expects to stay in Birmingham for several months.

Last week, Mrs. V. J. Snyder of Woodland avenue was hostess to a group of her friends at luncheon in the D.A.C. They later went to the Art Museum where they viewed the exhibition of paintings by Michigan artists.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Lang, Jr., 737 Elton, announce the birth of a son, Terry Otto on Nov. 7.

Mrs. John L. Shepherd of Warwick drive was hostess to members

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