

The Home Front

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Wartime Baking Hints

IT'S patriotic to serve cakes, cookies and pies because they're good for morale. But it ceases to be patriotic unless every batch of



pastry turns out a complete success. And since wartime pastries are new, and not substitutes, here's hoping these hints will keep you, as they have me, from wasting precious ingredients. These are the six important steps in making time cake, (1) find a recipe you can trust—one that's been tried and tested to meet wartime food-buying conditions; (2) Use good ingredients; (3) Measure accurately, and always sift flour once before measuring; (4) Mix carefully—and beat only until ingredients are thoroughly blended and batter is smooth; overbeating flour coarsens a cake; (5) Bake correctly in a preheated oven; (6) Treat your cake right after it's baked—when it comes from the oven, run a knife

around edge of cake pan, and invert pan on cake rack for about five minutes; then remove cake from pan and let it finish cooling right side up.

About pies! Don't be surprised if recipes for suet pie crust call for a little more water than crust made of vegetable shortening or lard, but don't use too much. Mix flour and suet until dough resembles corn meal before adding water. Never mind if dough looks tough while baking—when cool, it will be crisp and flaky.

MENU

Dutch Oven Dinner (round steak, carrots, potatoes, onions, celery)
Leaf Lettuce Salad
Enriched White Bread - Butter
* Deep Dish Rhubarb Pie

* Deep Dish Rhubarb Pie Recipe
4 cups rhubarb, cut in 1/2 inch lengths
3 tbsp. tapioca or 6 tsp. flour
Mix rhubarb, sugar, honey, and tapioca or flour together. Pour into 9-inch pie pan lined with pastry. Dot with butter. Cover with pastry which has openings cut in it. Bake in preheated 425° oven for 45 minutes.

Suet Pastry Recipe
1 cup all-purpose enriched flour
1/2 tsp. salt
Blend flour, suet and salt together until consistency of corn meal. Add water and work until it forms a smooth dough.

APPEARING AT THE LITHIA THEATRE, SUN., MON., TUES.



The Ritz Brothers with Frances Langford in "Never a Dull Moment". A maniacal melange of mirth and melody!

ASHLAND USO COFFEE HOUR PROVES POPULAR

Mrs. Naomi Grunewald and Mrs. Carrie Weimer were in charge of the Saturday evening coffee hour at the Ashland USO last week.

The coffee hour, one of the regular institutions at the Ashland USO, is a service of coffee and cake available to the men who drop into the building anytime between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 on Saturday, and usually about 60 men are served.

The coffee hour is distinct from the refreshment period during the dance to follow, the latter usually consisting of punch and cakes served in the dining room. For

the coffee service the GI's go into the cozy kitchen and sit about the large table "like at home", the coffee pot in reach of an outstretched arm. Here they chin with each other in small groups, chat with the hostesses if they like, and may even wash the dishes.

Among hostesses in charge, Miss Margaret Page is one of the longest in service. Miss Ethel Reid and Mrs. Naomi Grunewald are also long-time hostesses of indefinite assignment. Each is a master coffee maker. Cookies for the coffee hour are baked on Friday by members of the Junior Civic Club.

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Farm Family Wins 1st Award



MANCHESTER, IOWA — The Ralph Childs farm family, near here, has received the first of the Rural Electrification Administration's national awards "for distinguished service in food production through use of electric power". This family increased pork, poultry and dairy production and cultivated 312 acres of land with less help than before, the additional work being done by electrical equipment, which replaces two men, Mr. Childs said. Electrified equipment on the Childs farm includes a milking machine, water pump, running water in the barns, chick brooder, grinder and fanning mill, feed elevator and chopper and many others. Above is Miss Lucille Childs with the milking machine which enabled her to milk 29 cattle, as against 18 before the farm was electrified. Miss Childs is just entering training for the Army Nurse's Corps.

TRAVELING EXAMINER HERE

A Traveling Examiner of Operators and Chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Ashland, Monday, February 28, 1944, and will be on duty at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

The Committee on Food Preservation and Storage at the recent regional victory garden conference in Portland recommended that community canning centers be established in as many communities as possible, but that a qualified instructor be in charge at each center so that only correct canning procedures will be used.

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Good Care Helps Make Linens Last Through War

Linens like care. Making them last is one of the busy homemaker's war jobs, says Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management at Oregon State College. The more linens saved, the fewer that have to be made, and more men, machines and materials are released for the vital jobs of war. Furthermore, they are mighty hard to get.

Teach family members to avoid bad practices that tend to wear linens out, suggests Miss Lutz. Marking on the cloth with a knife or fork weakens the fiber and a hole may appear as a result. Creases, too, are hard on household linen. Try to have as few folds as possible and avoid ironing them in. Washing can be wearing. Avoid strenuous rubbing and bleaches that cause the fibers to disintegrate.

A stitch in time will often save a piece of household linen and make it last longer. Miss Lutz advises homemakers to catch small holes before washing, to repair worn selvages and to darn small holes in the body of a towel or bath mat.

Better linens that are to be stored for the duration will keep best in a place where it is cool, dry and dark. Put them away clean, for food spots may mildew. It is recommended that both linens and cottons be wrapped in tissue paper or old sheeting.

The sheets and other linens which are used regularly are best piled so that the freshly laundered ones are at the bottom of the pile. This keeps them all wearing equally and gives them a chance to make a comeback after using, Miss Lutz adds.

Send a shell across the pond, when you buy a sure-profit War Bond!

NATIONAL SEW AND SAVE WEEK INSPIRES HOME SEWING



THIS week marks the sixth annual National Sew and Save Week. Sewing to save for victory has inspired many a girl who never sewed before to try her hand at clothes-making. The jersey blouse and aralic skirt are easy for a beginner to make, and a good style for all-occasion wear. Directions for making a matching drawing bag with scalloped cuff may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Needlework Department of this paper, specifying design A 3625.

- ### STEPS IN ROASTING
- a dry heat method for tender cuts
Many Thrifty Cuts may be Roasted
- Season with salt and pepper
 - Place fat side up on rack in open roasting pan
 - Insert meat thermometer
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 - Roast to desired degree of doneness

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