

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Turkey for Easter? ? ? Possible.

At least the Oregon Turkey Improvement Association in co-operating with the National Turkey Federation is sponsoring an "Easter Time is Turkey Time" campaign. Easter has become the third largest holiday for the sale and consumption of turkey. The National Turkey Federation has come up with these good suggestions for an Easter turkey.

Easter Sunday usually finds the lady of the house in a state of confusion. First, there are the children to spruce up for Sunday school or the Easter parade. Then she's got to prepare a din-

ner to fit this once-a-year festive occasion. This poses a problem for the homemaker. What should she fix? Why not serve a turkey buffet on Easter Sunday? This is a smart way to make the most of the festive, joyous occasion. And it can be prepared without the worry and fuss of a regular holiday "sit-down" meal. Most of the work can be done the day before.

Here's the menu: Fruit cocktail; Roast turkey, cold; hot giblet dressing; applesauce; buttered potatoes and fresh frozen peas; tossed green salad with Roquefort dressing; hot garlic bread and strawberry shortcake.

On the Saturday before Easter, roast an unstuffed turkey, 4 to 30 pounds, depending on the size of your family or the number of your guests. Put it in the refrigerator to thoroughly chill before Easter. Use giblets and broth in your favorite dressing recipe to add flavor. Keep dressing refrigerated until ready to bake for dinner.

The day before Easter you can also prepare the fruit cocktail and chill in the refrigerator. You can clean and prepare the greens for your salad and store in the crisper. Garlic bread can be prepared, wrapped tightly in aluminum foil, and stored in the refrigerator before heating in the oven.

Make your applesauce or serve canned applesauce. Cook a slice or two of lemon, rind and all, with your apples to add flavor to your sauce.

Prepare potatoes and place in water. Make the shortcake with prepared biscuit mix, according to the directions on the package, and store in the refrigerator. Leave frozen strawberries in the package and thaw in refrigerator over night.

Your work on Easter is then cut to a bare minimum.

When ready to cook, drain and add a small quantity of water to the potatoes. Add frozen peas to the cooking potatoes. When ready to serve, drain and add butter lavishly. Toss the salad. Heat garlic bread in the oven.

Bake dressing. Garnish turkey with strawberries and greenery. Decorate table with fresh spring flowers.

Bake shortcake while the main course is being eaten. Then spoon crushed strawberries generously over hot buttered biscuit cakes. Top with whipped cream.

ROCK HOUND'S CORNER

By BETTY WAGNER

Plans for the display at the Morrow county fair this summer were discussed at our March 26 meeting at the home of Mr and Mrs Walter Edger. One of our members, George Miller, was fortunate enough to have attended the Sweet Home Rock Show recently, so he had an interesting report to bring to us.

He and Joe Baltrinus also had some "bragging rocks" with them. George had brought some beautiful book ends of agatized wood and Joe had a small piece of tourmaline which he had purchased as a tumbled stone and later, upon closer examination, had found it to contain quite a display of colors. Understand this is quite unusual in tourmaline and it is truly a very pretty stone.

Ruby Nichols gave us some facts about the birthstone for March—aquamarine. This is a variety of beryl and occurs as a bluish-green to greenish-blue stone. Its hardness is 7.5 to 8, an dit is quite brittle. Crystals of mammoth sizes have been found in Brazil.

Our program chairman had another interesting game up his sleeve. Using the alphabet in its consecutive order, each member was to name a rock of mineral beginning with the next letter in the alphabet as it fell his turn and then he was to tell something about the characteristics of the stone named such as: color, hardness, occurrence, tenacity, etc. This was very educational as well as entertaining and some handy textbooks proved very helpful for source material.

Lovely refreshments were served to the members by Mr and Mrs Edger following a Bell Telephone film "Story without End" which revealed the progress in telephone service both in speed and facilities.

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Mr and Mrs Cecil Jones and son Kenny and Gene Heliker were visitors at the Lovelace home in Cove on Sunday.

Let's not forget the Easter bazaar and food sale sponsored by the Rebekah lodge at the IOOF hall on Saturday, April 16.

Lee Padberg and Donnie Van-Winkle entertained about 24 of their classmates at an April Fool's party at the Padberg home on Friday night. Games were played and refreshments served.

DOG OF FLANDERS coming to the Star Theater Easter Sunday.

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A potluck dinner for families was served at the parish hall of the Valby Lutheran church Saturday evening. The men installed traverse rods for curtains to divide class rooms and the women hung the curtains. Those present and their children were Mr and Mrs Louis Carlson, Mr and Mrs Donald Peterson, Mr and Mrs Herbert Peterson, Mr and Mrs Robert Peterson, Rev and Mrs John Rydgren, Mr and Mrs Paul Tews, Mr and Mrs Art Warren and Mr and Mrs Roger Palmer. Also Mr and Mrs Robert Van Berg and children of Eugene and Gerald Peterson were present.

Continued From Last Week
Mr and Mrs Roy Pettyjohn and son, Jimmie, of The Dalles spent Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs James Lindsay.

Mr and Mrs Richard Rea and daughter, Donna, of Milwaukie spent the weekend here.

Pvt Jerry Bristow, son of Mr and Mrs E W Bristow, received his discharge from the army and is now in the National Guard reserve for 5 years. He has been stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri. He and four other boys came home through Memphis, Tenn. New Orleans, and Mexico.

Mr and Mrs Ray Warmuth, Miss Mildred Bristow and a girl friend of Portland were visitors here Monday.

Edison Morgan visited his daughter and family. Mr and Mrs Carl Schulz near Olex last week.

Mr and Mrs Edison Morgan and children spent the spring vacation with relatives in Hermiton.

Dressmaking Training Set in North County

Five project leaders from the Boardman and Irrigon extension units have just completed a four-day training of dressmaking in Heppner under the direction of Miss Hildegard Struelfert, OSC clothing specialist. Eighteen women, representing all communities in the county, were trained, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

At this workshop the women learned the basic principles of sewing. A cotton dress was made by each leader. Good standards for achievement were established and simplified methods and development of skills were encouraged.

Plans are now underway in the Boardman and Irrigon communities for these project leaders to offer this training to any interested women (extension or non-extension women).

Irrigon leaders, Mrs Larry Schaad, Mrs M E Hadwick, and Mrs Frank Johnson are planning a small workshop of six people, starting on April 11. A larger workshop is planned for early fall to take care of any others interested in beginning sewing.

Mrs Nathan Thorpe and Mrs Earl McQuaw, Boardman clothing leaders, are offering to conduct a workshop in Boardman if sufficient number of women are interested in taking the training.

Interested women in that area are asked to contact either Mrs Thorpe or Mrs McQuaw for details.

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farmers over the nation, Mrs Horrell explained. But things could change, she emphasized. After learning what others plan to do, each farmer may change his mind. And price changes, available loan money, and the weather could also change the picture, she pointed out.

Studying a survey carried out by the USDA Crop Reporting Board, Mrs Horrell found that Oregon farmers plan to plant 3 percent more corn, 7 percent more sugar beets, and harvest 5 percent more hay this spring than last.

The state's farmers also plan to plant 15 percent more spring wheat. And with no change in winter wheat planted last fall, this means an increase of about 2 percent in total wheat acreage in Oregon this year, Mrs Horrell said.

Compared to last spring, Oregon farmers indicated that they will reduce the total acreage planted to potatoes by 5 percent, and cut back barley and oat acreages nearly 10 percent.

Nationally, farmers also expect to hold the line on total acreage planted this spring by almost balancing increased acreages of some crops with fewer acres planted to other crops. For instance, the nation's farmers say they will whittle barley, oat, and spring wheat acreages by around 5 percent, and increase soybean plantings by 6 percent. Total potato acreage is planned to be up about 2 percent.

The nation's farmers also indicated they are planning to plant about the same acreages in corn, hay, sorghums, and flaxseed as last spring.

These planting intentions were revealed as the Crop Reporting Board interviewed some 80,000



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