



Pappy worked overtime a little this week to get the weeds out and the soil newly cultivated in the vegetable garden plot and to plant his corn. What with the cold, wet spring, the garden has been a little neglected but Pappy just has to get the corn planted. If there's one thing the two of us like on a summer evening for dinner, it's fresh corn.

We don't know how serious he is about this, but Pappy always says that the time to plant corn is when the leaves on the oak trees are about the size of a mouse's ear. When we repeated this to Reporter Eve, she wanted to know if he also burns a turkey feather to find out if there's going to be any more frost. This was one we hadn't heard before, and Eve was a little vague just how one went about this agricultural rite of feather burning to forecast frost.

Potpourri did her share in the garden, too, but part of it was wasted effort. We worked for an hour with a little old butcher knife getting the weeds out of a plot which had reseeded itself to California poppies and blue larkspur. And then what do you think happened? Pappy came along with the cultivator and plowed the whole business under! However, we kept a respectful silence. Well, until later, anyhow. We learned long ago that when two gardeners work around the same farm, things like this are bound to happen.

Potpourri cut an article out of the Christian Science Monitor last week to send to Margaret Schuler, our long-time friend spending a year in Rome and writing Veni Vidi. Mrs. S. has been keeping an eye on the recent Italian election, and the Monitor article, by Walter Lucas from Rome, mentioned significant changes in Italian politics.

According to Mr. Lucas, two elements are new in Italian political life. One is television, which he says is widening the "involvement" of the average Italian in politics. The second, he says, is "what amounts to the Vatican's disengagement from the political battle." Mr. Lucas wrote that the parish priests in Italy are no longer "bound by instructions from above to use the sanctions of the church against those of his flock who vote for the Communists or the Socialists."

This was doubly meaningful to us because we read in the Manchester Guardian not long ago an interpretation of the Pope's recent important encyclical. The Guardian writer thinks the Pope believes that in time the Communist and Christian worlds will not be so much in conflict, and that the world can look forward to peace along this line.

The Guardian article said: "The Pope's encyclical suggests a much more generous conception of ideological coexistence (than that generally expressed) which implies that eventually both sides should come to acknowledge the goodwill of the other. In a crucial passage in Part V of the encyclical, we are reminded that false philosophical doctrines should not be identified with political movement, even when the movements concerned originated from those teachings and still draw their inspiration from them."

The Guardian quoted directly from the Pope's message: "Who can deny that those movements, in so far as they conform to the dictates of right reason and are interpreters of the lawful aspirations of the human person, contain elements that are positive and deserving of approval?"

This also recalled an article several years ago in the Unitarian church publication written, as we recall, by Adlai Stevenson. He pointed out that the Catholic and Protestant churches had been able to resolve their conflicts and live in peace, something which many ardent churchmen did not believe possible in times gone by.

Mrs. Roberta Frasier, family life specialist on the Oregon State university extension staff, had many interesting things to say when she spoke recently for the Jackson County Home Extension festival. She pointed out the dangers of teenage marriages, saying poorly educated teenagers are unprepared for parenthood and often end up in the divorce courts. Mrs. Frasier also at one point "Why is it that so many Americans when considering a project or a change ask 'what will it cost' and not 'what will it accomplish?'" O.S.

Multi-Purpose Clothes Most Useful to Women

You can't keep today's at-home styles at home any more than you can confine the woman who wears them to the kitchen or nursery. The modern housewife leads an active, multi-purpose life and prefers easy-care, multi-purpose clothes... suitable for a busy day indoors and out. With this in mind, designer of loungewear have come up with a new approach: "The 24-hour look." As a result, today's loungewear is cleverly styled so you can slip into it first thing in the morning and be dressed right for the entire day.

Some manufacturers have even gone one step further. They have come out with loungewear coordinates that double as pajamas, the National Cotton Council reports. These include slim pants and matching overblouses in color-rich combinations that are just as palatial at home on the beach or patio as in the bedroom.

Modal's Coat A new fashion point of view has been given to such time-honored garments as dusters and smocks, which now go under the more fetching title of "modal's coats" and are more streamlined in cut. Some have front-button closings, while other updated versions button at the shoulder. But all are speedy garments to get into and their crisp good looks make you feel well-dressed for doing housework, answering the doorbell, or greeting the children when they come home for lunch.

Other important looks in loungewear are the shift dress, the tent shape, and the skimmie coat. Anything but house dresses, they're young looking with sufficient dash for the beach, for lounging, or for hosting.

Just as important as the new styling for loungewear is the new use of fabrics. For these multi-purpose outfits, pastel and flimsy bouclé-type fabrics have been happily replaced by sturdy, washable cottons in color-bright prints and stripes with easy-care finishes.

One outstanding collection of 24-hour loungewear features cotton sailcloth in gay red, yellow, blue, and white stripes. Other trustworthy fabrics in great popularity for loungewear are cotton denim, broadcloth, and terry cloth.

Designed to double as pajamas or playwear is this capri set of cotton sailcloth. The striped sleeveless top with side button shoulder closing and rounded hem is teamed with solid white pants.

Gaily striped cotton sailcloth fashions a straight-line shift, perfect for at-home wear or the beach. This design has side-button shoulder closing and contrasting trim on the rounded hem.



This wood engraving by Meta Hendel, San Francisco, is part of the current exhibit at Rogue gallery, 220 West Main street. The exhibit is provided by the Art bank and contains the works of 39 leading West coast artists, including one by Eugene Bennett, Rogue valley painter. The gallery is open to the public without charge from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. (Mullins photo)

Red Clay Flower Pots Can Have Many Uses

By MARGERY McELHENY Chicago—UP—The earthy tones of red clay flower pots and saucers lend themselves to many interesting decorative and party tricks, with or without living plants inside.

The Potted Plant information center has a "far out" idea for a spring luncheon. It suggests serving the first course of a garden luncheon in a low red clay pot lined containing an avocado salad filled with cranberry ice. The pot is lined with aluminum foil.

If your dinner guests are barbecue fans, you can supply individual habachis. Line a number of large 8 to 12-inch clay pots with a double thickness of aluminum foil, set them on a matching red clay saucer and fill with started charcoal briquettes.

Each guest can cook his steak, frankfurters or hamburgers on an individual wire barbecue rack.

For a children's party, balloons on wooden sticks can be stuck into small clay pots filled with gravel or vermiculite. Or, for some lively south-of-the-border fun, fill a large clay pot with candy and suspend it from the ceiling in hanging basket or "pinata" fashion.

The first child to break the pot showers the party with the candy treasure.

If your guests are gourmets, you can give small red clay pots with growing herbs as party favors.

To prevent steel wool or other metal scouring pads from dripping or rusting, store them in small porous clay pots or saucers. For outdoor picnics, a large red clay bulb pan makes a handy bread basket.

Home hobbyists and housewives also are finding that decorator-designed red clay pots are useful in many ways.

Heat and Eat Fish Products Are Developed

Corvallis—New heat and eat fish products that can be stored at room temperatures may provide hot tasty meals for soldiers stationed at remote outposts, research on irradiated foods shows at Oregon State university.

OSU scientists developed a heat and eat fish cake last year at the request of the U.S. Army, which was seeking a seafood product that could be stored without refrigeration for as long as six months.

Prefried fish cakes, consisting of ground cod patties, are sealed in cans and subjected to irradiation treatments which kill all bacteria. After irradiation, fish is stored at room temperatures for at least six months and tested at intervals for changes in flavor and bacterial activity. A few minutes heating in a pan or hot oven is only preparation needed before serving.

The tests showed that precooked fish cakes will withstand very high dosages of irradiation without resulting off-flavors when stored at room temperature. This year, OSU will try to improve the product even more by eliminating the precooking process. Fresh ground cod and pieces of halibut will be irradiated, stored, and be breaded and fried just before serving.

Preservation of foods by irradiation involves use of dosages of gamma rays which are passed through the food to kill all bacteria. Irradiated foods are in no way "radioactive" and there is no loss in nutrients.

OSU food scientists conducting the study are R. O. Sinnhuber, T. C. Yu, Mrs. Mary Landers, and Mrs. Dorothy Scholz Bishop.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Timmons, who are leaving soon to make their home in California. They were the recipients of gifts and greetings as well as a large decorated cake made by Mrs. E. N. Terrill.

Also attending the dinner were past commanders of the Medford post, Thomas Edsall and Charles Myers and their wives.

A report of the district meeting held in Tri-City was given and announcement made that W. H. Turner had been elected senior vice president.

A girl's attractive figure and an athlete's fine physique are the result of wise eating habits. Proper growth demands increased amounts of protein during teen years. This need can be met by including increased amounts of meat, milk, eggs and cheese.

WORK SMARTER — NOT HARDER

By BERNICE STRAWN, Oregon State University

Do you know that 58 per cent of Oregon brides married for the first time are teenagers? This is about 10 per cent above the national average. Mrs. Roberta Frasier, OSU family life specialist, has written a circular entitled "Early Marriage" which gives helpful information for understanding this recent trend. We think every parent of school age children will want to read this. Drop me a card at the OSU Extension Service in Corvallis for your free copy.

Moths will likely picnic on your stay-away woollens this summer unless you adequately discourage them.

You can now buy special preparations containing DDT which can be used on washable woollens. This way mothproofing is combined with washing. (Either by hand or in the machine and leaves no odor in the clothes. Be sure to follow directions on the package and make certain the garment is washable.

If the mothproofing product gets on your skin, wash it off promptly with soap and water. Wear rubber gloves if you put your hands in the wash water. Another precaution—treat an infant's sweater or blanket only if it is to be stored. When you are ready to use it again have it drycleaned first.

Woolens that can't be washed should be drycleaned, hung on an outdoor line and sprayed with a mothproofing chemical. Let them dry, then store. If you put on too much spray there'll be a white deposit after the fabric dries. Don't worry, it will usually brush off after storage.

A baby in the house? His "furnishings" usually take up more space than he does, especially in the kitchen.

A good storage spot for bottles, baby foods, sterilizer is the cabinet shelf between the range and the refrigerator or sink. Group all these items, large and small, on a lazy Susan you can twirl around to reach easily what you want.

A hammer-handy husband can make a turn table to fit on a cabinet shelf or you may find it simpler to buy one. They're available at many hardware and department stores complete with partitions to separate the bins from the jars and foods stored there. These fit into any cabinet with a 21 inch opening or bigger. It doesn't need to be a corner cabinet.

Raisin French Toast Dip slices of raisin bread in the egg and milk mixture commonly used for French toast allowing two tablespoons milk per egg. Brown bread on both sides in hot fat. Serve with powdered sugar mixed with cinnamon or with honey butter.

Shower walls get covered with soap scum and hard water minerals. A damp sponge sprinkled with water softener will whisk off the film. Then rinse and dry. A thin coat of wax will discourage the film from sticking to the wall.

Opera Singer's Life Subject Of Study Club

Ashland—The story of Joan Sutherland, coloratura opera singer, as told in a recent book by Russell Braddon was reviewed for members of Ashland Study club at their Monday afternoon meeting by Mrs. Marcus Woods. Hostess was Mrs. Clifford Maust, 1050 Park street.

The frustrations of overweight, sinus and dental troubles and other physical disabilities gave promise of no brilliant future for the Australian girl born in 1926, although at an early age her vocal ability was evident.

Added to Joan's inferiority complex were the sadness of her father's sudden death and an afflicted sister's suicide, the book relates.

It was possible for the young singer and her mother to go to London and there with the constant encouragement of pianist Richard Bonygne, later her husband, she auditioned at Covent Garden and received her first small contract. After intensive study Joan attained recognition and critics praise when she sang in Paris. Her greatest success came in the mad scene in Lucia di Lammermoor which she sang at La Scala opera in Milan, Italy.

But she conquered the skeptics of Blue New York at "The Met" in 1961 with her thrilling performance which established her as one of the world's all-time prima donnas.

At the conclusion of the review Mrs. Woods played a new recording of Miss Sutherland's mad scene.

A trip to southern California and a conducted tour of the famous Mission Inn at Riverside was the subject presented by Mrs. I. F. Andrea.

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The May 13 club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Burgess when Mrs. R. Drew Lamb will have the book review and the half hour topic will be a surprise.

Slim-Trim Program Set at Y

Mrs. Arthur Cook, chairman of the Women's committee of the Medford YMCA, announced today that the ladies "Slim and Trim" program will be open to the public throughout the week of May 6-10 as part of the annual membership drive.

Valley women are invited to attend the morning program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a. m. until 12 noon, with special sessions for working women on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Cook suggested that women take their gym clothing, sneakers and swim suits and participate in this regular Y program on these dates as guests of the Women's committee.

Women will have a choice of calisthenics, work on the exercise machines, volleyball, paddle-ball or swimming. Qualified instructors will be available to assist.

An experienced baby sitter will be available during the morning program for a nominal fee so mother may bring their pre-school children with them. Mothers are invited to bring their tiny tots into the pool with them at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Monday Slim and Trim session will be followed at 11 a.m. by a coffee hour. Special guests to be introduced during the coffee will be the five winners of the "Glamour One" contest just presented by Phyllis Pesenti on the Focal Point program with the assistance of Ben Jensen, YMCA physical director.

The Singing Mothers sang during the stake conference which was held the following day in Medford at the High school auditorium.

Mrs. Dennis R. Hassell accompanied the group at the piano. The group has 55 members.

Mrs. Love stressed the importance of the mother's responsibility to her family. She said that prayer, building good friendships and being dependable are all part of a mother's role.

The speaker urged mothers to teach the young and quoted: "Teach them while they are young and they will never depart from you."

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Golden Sunset Rice Two cups rice, four cups water, two teaspoons salt, six tablespoons butter or margarine, one-eighth teaspoon saffron, one tablespoon instant minced onion.

Combine rice, water, salt, two tablespoons butter and saffron in a heavy saucepan with cover. Turn to high heat until boiling, lower heat to simmer. Cover and cook 25 to 30 minutes, until all liquid is absorbed and rice is fluffy. Toss together with remaining butter and onion. Makes eight to 10 servings.

LDS Speaker Gives Talk On Family Culture

The importance of families developing culturally as well as economically was stressed Saturday by Mrs. Hazel S. Love, Salt Lake City, Utah, during a conference of the Klamath stake Relief society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ashland.

Mrs. Love is a member of the general board of the relief society. The session was held at the ward chapel in Ashland.

Mrs. Love emphasized the need for families to plan ahead, learn the basic fundamentals of good homemaking, the social graces, and to develop culturally as well as economically. She encouraged each family be a unit in itself.

She stressed the importance of good music and good literature in making a happy home.

Develop Talents Mrs. Love urged the members to develop their own talents and to set goals as believed by the church. She reminded them to visit each family of the church each month to see if any are in need or are ill.

Mrs. Collins Hassell reminded the members that Friendship day will be held May 21 in Ashland.

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