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Suggestions For A Tasty Easter Menu

Easter always has been a grand day in America with its Easter rabbits, colored eggs and good times generally. The housewife is really at her best on this day and invariably turns to that perennial favorite of a delicious baked ham. New potatoes with parsley butter makes this meal even more tasty.

For the vegetable, try scalloped carrots and celery and for the salad there is nothing more appetizing than grapefruit and orange salad.

Cloverleaf rolls with butter plus either apricot or pineapple jam give the meal the taste that really satisfies.

For dessert angel cake is a happy climax and as a little surprise, have some coconut icing. Top this off with a fine cup of coffee and you have a meal "fit for a king."

PARSLEY BUTTER

3 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Cream butter and add chopped parsley, salt and pepper. Spread over potatoes.

SCALLOPED CARROTS AND CELERY

2 1/2 cups sliced carrots
2 cups sliced celery
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups liquid
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper

Buttered soft bread crumbs

Combine the carrots and celery and cook in 1 cup boiling salted water until tender. Melt the butter in a double boiler, add the flour and mix well. Add enough milk to the vegetable and to make 2 1/2 cups, and add to flour and butter, stirring constantly until thickened. Add the salt, pepper and vegetables and pour into a buttered baking dish. Cover with the crumbs and bake in a moderately hot oven. Time, 25-30 minutes. Temperature, 375°.

APRICOT AND PINEAPPLE JAM

1 pound dried apricots
2 cups sugar
1 No. 2 1/2 can pineapple

Wash apricots and cut into pieces. Soak overnight with just enough water to cover. Add pineapple cut in small pieces along with the liquid. Heat this mixture to boiling point and add sugar. Bring to boiling and continue 10 minutes, stirring constantly to prevent burning.

CUSTARD ICING

1 egg yolk
1-2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk (scalded)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon gelatin

2 tablespoons cold water
1 pint whipping cream

Soak gelatin in cold water five minutes. Beat egg yolks slightly, add salt and sugar. Pour scalded milk into egg mixture while stirring constantly. Cook mixture over low flame until it coats a spoon. Add soaked gelatin and vanilla. Cool. Place in refrigerator until it begins to stiffen. Fold in whipped cream. Chill in refrigerator until right consistency is reached.

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FHA Funds Are Available For Landscape Projects

When the average home owner thinks of "fixing up the old place" or "modernizing" or "property improvement," he seldom associates the improvement of the landscape setting.

Under the provisions of the FHA Modernization Credit Plan, the property owner may include driveways, walks, retaining walls, drainage, grading, fencing and other outdoor improvements and enjoy the privilege of repayment of funds for such improvements on a monthly basis over several years.

A wide variety of types of modern plants are eligible for financing. In order to comply with FHA regulations, such improvements should embody a degree of permanence beyond the period of the loan. In compliance with this interpretation of the intent of the FHA Modernization Credit Plan, long-lived hardy trees, evergreens, shrubs and hedges, and even hardy perennial plants may be purchased and planted, and arbors and trellises may be constructed with funds obtained under this system of financing.

The eligibility of landscape improvements rests with FHA, since conditions which might prevent or delay such improvements may be applied in other cases. The probable eligibility of landscape improvements for insured financing, however, can be readily determined in advance by submitting the proposal to the local office of the Federal Housing Administration.

BUILD-IN ITEMS

Among the home conveniences which may be financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration are built-in cabinets and shelves. Most home owners agree that too often the most important items are neglected when the house is built.

Landscaping Service

CHAPTER III

Around Your Home

Your home is your great source of health and happiness. You furnish the inside in pleasing charm... the outside is of equal importance. That is why home owners are giving more thought and attention each year to the planting of shrubs, evergreens, roses, trees, berry bushes and grapevines. Today we enjoy the rest of the year in an outdoor living room. New climbing roses make smart landscaping background... they'll bloom all summer.

Ever blooming new baby roses are suggested for low growing hedges and mass plantings... they furnish continuous beauty from spring to fall... planted with shrubs or evergreens their beauty lights up the entire landscape. Their blossoms make lovely bouquets.

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A garden of perennials provides beauty of bloom all summer. Our landscape consultant is always at your service to answer any questions you may have. Write to the CATHOLIC COURIER, Landscape Service Consultant or phone Stone 1136.

ROOMS THAT ENHANCE A HOME!

A Rambling Room is The Collier For The Young People.

Six Pointers Can Aid In Good Design

On an average, materials and labor for a well designed, attractive small home and those for an ugly, poorly designed home in bad taste, cost the same. In other words, good design, which adds tremendously to the resale value and owner-satisfaction of any home, is not a cost item.

The way in which materials are put together for a home has a tremendous effect upon its value, and the successful utilization of labor and materials requires more knowledge than money. True, money can buy knowledge, but it is best to understand before you embark upon a home building project.

1.—A house should blend with its neighborhood. This does not mean it should be like all the other homes in the section, but neither should it stick out like a "beak thumb."

2.—A small home should be simple in design and of good proportions. Simplicity means a reduction in the number of design elements and a minimum use of different materials. If you start with wood use wood throughout. Don't break your house lines into several small masses through the use of different materials. It ruins the scale and willy nilly makes the house appear much smaller than it actually is.

3.—Plain simple roof areas and unbroken eaves lines simplify exterior appearance and construction. They also help down roofing costs and roof maintenance costs.

4.—Fake dormers, gables, chimneys and similar devices should be avoided. They are only a needless expense and are usually glaringly apparent.

5.—Remember that a house is visible from all sides. Do not give all your attention to that part facing the street.

6.—Avoid extremes which will affect the resale value of the house. Good taste in design is always preferable to novelty.

If you give consideration to the site, use common sense in your choice of materials and mechanical equipment, and analyze your individual requirements, your home will return full value in home enjoyment.

Metal Inspection Advised By FHA

Hinges and other metal parts of window shutters should be inspected occasionally, according to Federal Housing Administration officials. If the metal is rusting and in need of paint, immediate attention should be given to it. All rust should be carefully removed before repainting.

As a lawn feed, should be worked into a depth of a couple of inches in spring before seed is applied so that the best possible yield of higher grass with heavier root and top growth will be obtained. Spring feeding is of the utmost importance in the maintenance of a healthy luxuriant lawn.

Technique in Seeding and Mowing. If seeding has not yet been done, the seed should be evenly broadcast and then lightly covered with a thin layer of topsoil or it may be lightly raked so that it will not be blown away. A maximum of six pounds of grass seed, according to seedsmen of the O. M. Scott and Sons Co., is adequate for seeding an area of 1,000 square feet. The ground should be rolled with a light roller in order to firm the surface and bring each seed into direct contact with the earth so that germination will be expedited.

Seedlings should be lightly watered several times a day to keep the surface soil moist, but established turf will naturally require heavier and less frequent irrigation. The seedlings should be mowed when they are about three inches high, with the mower set to cut from 1 1/2 to 2 inches high, and the clippings should be allowed to remain. Close mowing should be avoided, except in renovating an old lawn, as the taller the grass the more shade and consequently the less weed growth.

Obviously only high quality seed should be selected if good results are to be expected, and then only the right type of seed for the particular location. For instance, if a shady area is to be planted, then a specially blended mixture should be used. Creeping Bent is admirable for including in most lawns as it grows rapidly, has a rich, brilliant color and quickly crowds out weeds.

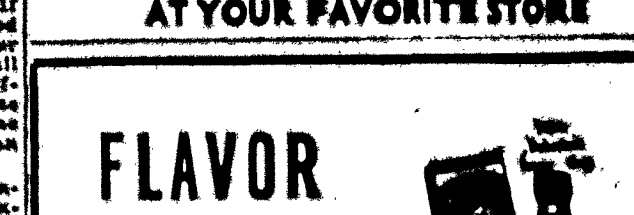
Built-in Shelves Supplant Libraries

There is no room in the modern small home of today for an old-fashioned dignified library as a separate interior. The combined study-sitting room or bookcase living room has replaced the old-time separate library.

In a study-sitting room, bookcases have a decorative as well as a practical value, and the artistic effect is possible in such a room on many. Bookshelves in a living room, placed in proper relation to the fireplace, give an impression of height and dignity to the whole room.

Built-in bookcases and bookshelves that will add interest and color to a living room or a study room may be included with furniture secured from private lending institutions approved by the Federal Housing Administration under its Modernization Credit Plan.

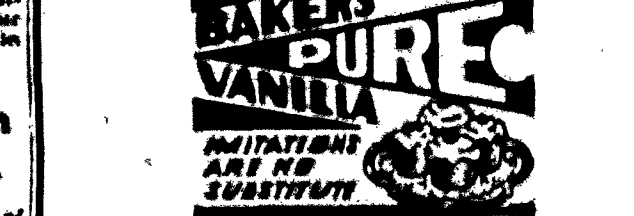
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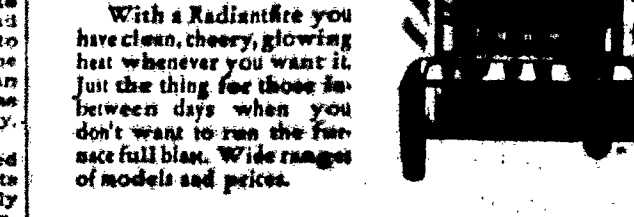
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Mass for Deceased an Easter Thought

Easter is only one week away. Remember your deceased relatives and friends. Do not let Easter pass without having a Mass said for them. Make it your Easter thought of those who have been called to Eternity.

HOLY WEEK

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. We see Our Lord entering Jerusalem and acclaimed by the multitude. As they strewed His path with palm branches He knew they would demand His Blood in a few days. We see Our Divine Saviour at the Last Supper with His Apostles instituting the Blessed Sacrament. In a few hours He is dragged before Pilate scourged and denounced as a criminal. Finally, on Good Friday, He climbs the hill to Calvary and makes the supreme sacrifice.

A NEW OFFER

Reader Will Give Half the Cost of School

We received the following letter a few weeks ago—
"Dear Father:
"Four months ago my sister, who was a nun, died suddenly. Now I am alone, the last of my family. Before it is too late, I want to do something for the mission.
"I read one time that you can build a mission school for five hundred dollars. I can't give you that much. I can send you Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars. Now if you find somebody to give you another Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars I will send you check from my local bank. Please write to me."
This letter is very welcome, for we need help to build schools. If some reader sends us the other Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, we will be able to build a school in one of our poor missions. Surely somebody will answer. Otherwise the school will not be built.

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If you would enroll this week you would be making an Easter gift to the missionaries. Your dues would help his work. All we ask is One Dollar a year.

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Questions and Answers

Q How should the rooms of a house be located in reference to a view, the sun, or prevailing winds?

A. The living rooms should be bright, cheerful, and have plenty of sunlight and, if possible, the best view from its windows. Morning sunlight is generally desirable for dining space, and the kitchen should be located to avoid as much direct exposure to the sun as possible. Bedrooms should have sunlight some time during the day and be favored by exposure to the prevailing summer winds at night.

Q Where an insulation for wood frame exterior walls be placed?

A. Insulation may be installed on the outside of the wood stud walls as sheathing on the inside of the studs as a plaster base or interior finish or between the wood studs.

Q Can you tell me the correct way of applying a paste filler to a wood floor?

A. Paste fillers should be thinned with turpentine or mineral spirits to a brushing consistency before being applied. Use a stiff brush and apply first across the grain and then with the grain. After the filler has set for about a half hour, wipe vigorously across the grain with excelsior or burlap to remove the excess filler.

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