

At Home With Trudy McNeil



A Daisy Of A Cake

SOME people look ahead in the last chapter of a book to read if the story ends happily. I have known folks who ask, "What's for dessert?" even before they start the meal. According to an old English verse, "The dessert that greets all the feast, for an ill end disparages the rest." A thousand things well done, and one forgot. Deface obligations by that blot?

I believe this expresses how many of us in this country feel about dessert. Whether for your family or for a party, possibly a bridal shower, this cake will bring you many compliments. . . and you don't even have to be a good mixer of cake batter; for you can use a cake mix.

A DAISY OF A CAKE
1 package golden pound cake mix
1 package lemon pudding and pie filling mix
1 package dessert topping mix
1 can angel flake coconut

Prepare cake mix, pie filling and dessert topping mix according to package directions. Cool cake and chill pudding and prepared topping. Trim ends of cake. Cut into 7 slices; cut each slice in half lengthwise to form petals as shown in photo. Arrange petals on a 14-inch round plate or tray—with petals extending to rim of plate. Spoon filling into center of plate. Cover each petal with dessert topping. Sprinkle petals with coconut. Chill until ready to serve. Makes 14 servings.

TRUDY'S TIP: If you wish you could frost the cake petals with a boiled frosting. Here is my favorite and I guarantee you will have no failures with this frosting. It is just perfect every time, sets with a nice crust on the outside, yet is creamy soft inside, it will not harden quickly, you will have plenty of time to frost all 14 pieces of cake. The left over frosting may be stored in refrigerator for future use. Store in tightly covered jar. Thin with a little warm water to use.

BEST BOILED FROSTING
1 1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. water
2 egg whites, stiffly beaten
3 T. confectioners sugar
2 T. white Karo syrup

Combine sugar, water and Karo. Cook to 238 degrees or until syrup spins a thread. Add slowly to stiffly beaten egg whites and continue beating for several minutes or until the consistency of heavy cream. Add confectioners sugar and beat for a minute or two. Spread on cakes. Flavor with vanilla or other flavoring if you wish.

The past week I've seen piles and piles of avocados at our grocery stores. It's hard to believe that a fruit as familiar to us now as the avocado was little known just 40 years ago in America. For a long time it was called "alligator pear" probably because of its shape and pebbly textured skin. In Jamaica it's sometimes called a "shell pear" or "spanish pear," tribute to those who introduced it to the West Indies. Other names such as "custard apple," "butter pear" and "vegetable butter" referred to the smooth creamy texture of its flesh.

But no matter what it is called, this bland flavored fruit lends itself beautifully to many different types of dishes. Stuffed, it's an elegant appetizer or main dish. Many homemakers fill the cavity with a tangy shrimp salad; this is a wonderful idea for the pals who are entertaining their club. . . its right into the Lenten Season too.

AVOCADO SHRIMP SALAD
1 1/2 sliced celery
1/2 sliced green pepper
1/2 pound cleaned, cooked shrimp
1 T. lemon juice
1/2 t. salt
Dash pepper
1 t. chopped onion
2 T. mayonnaise
2 avocados

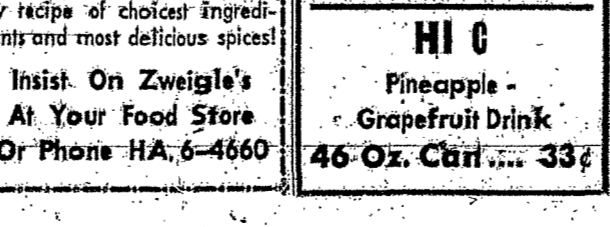
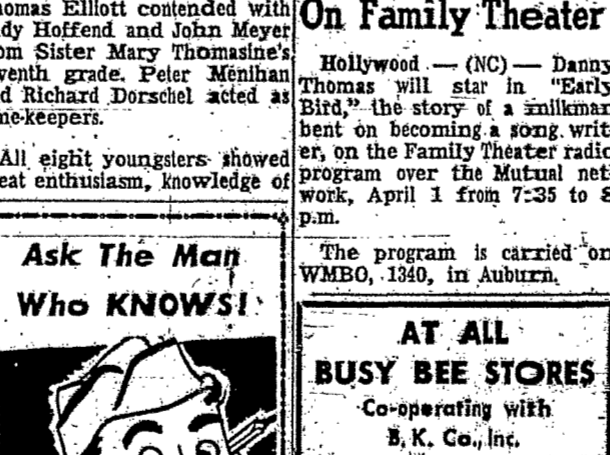
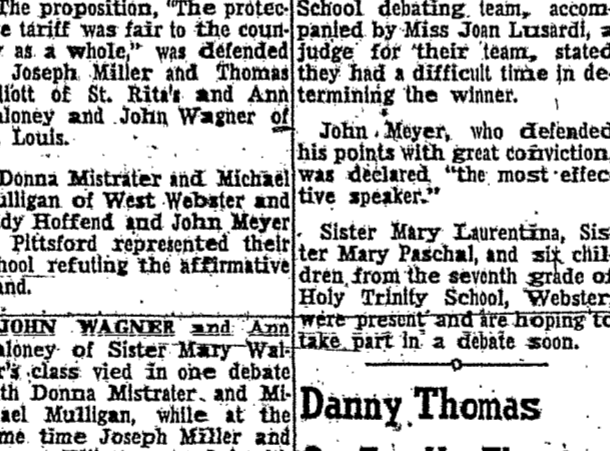
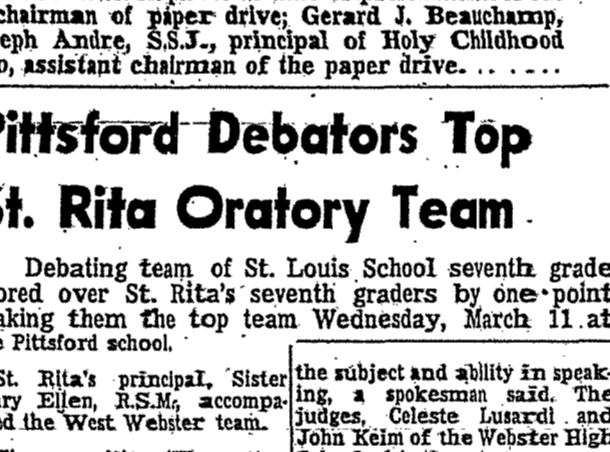
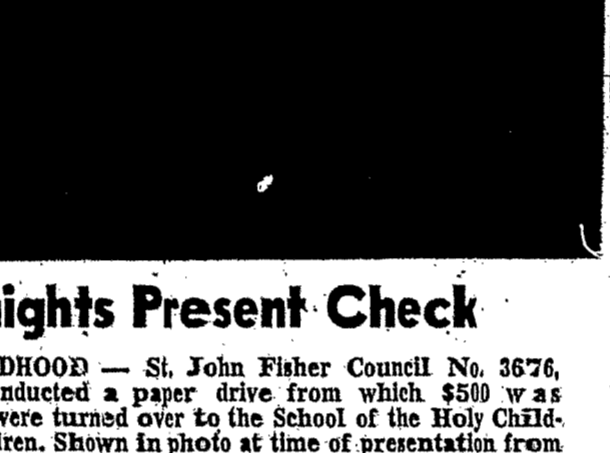
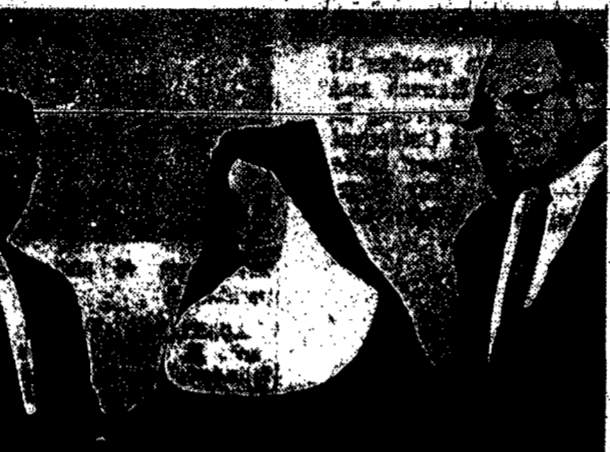
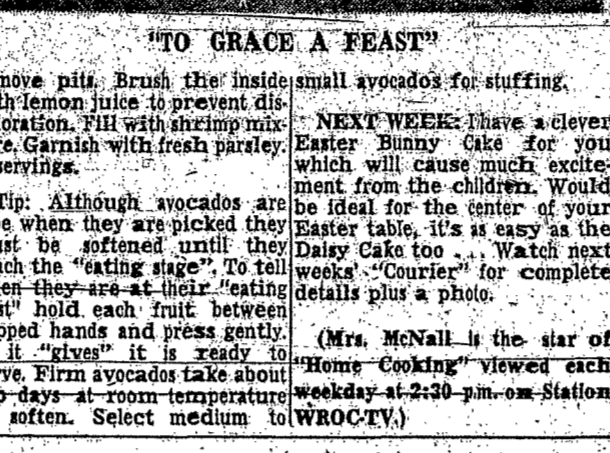
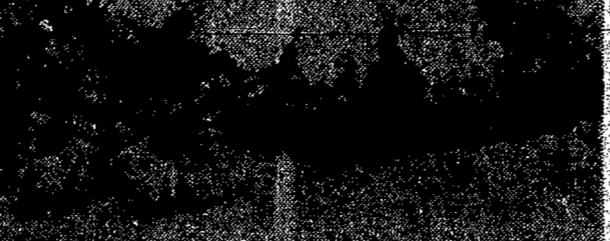
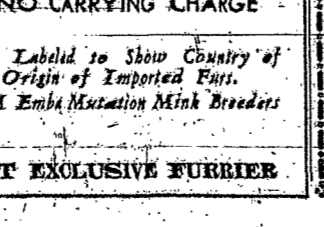
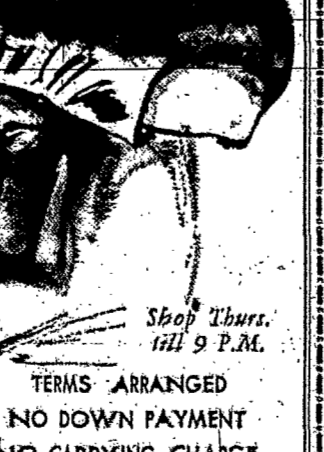
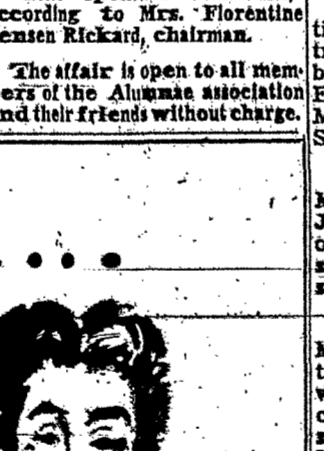
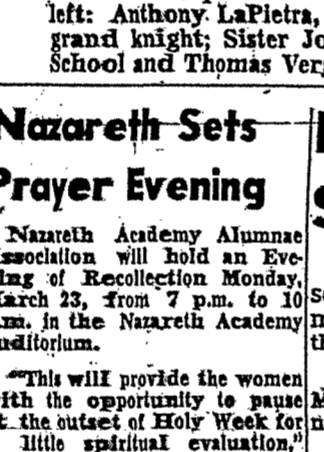
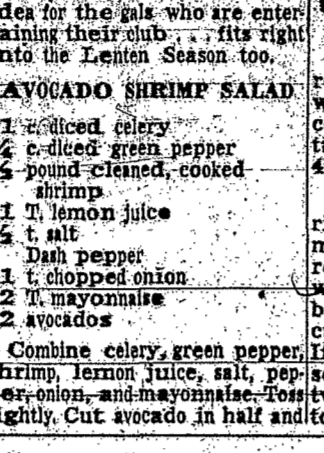
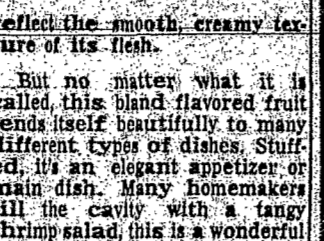
Combine celery, green pepper, shrimp, lemon juice, salt, pepper, onion, and mayonnaise. Toss lightly. Cut avocado in half and remove pits. Brush the inside with lemon juice to prevent discoloration. Fill with shrimp mixture. Garnish with fresh parsley. 4 servings.

Tip: Although avocados are ripe when they are picked they must be softened until they reach the "eating stage." To tell when they are at their "eating best" hold each fruit between cupped hands and press gently. If it "gives" it is ready to serve. Firm avocados take about two days at room temperature to soften. Select medium to large.

TO GRACE A FEAST
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NEXT WEEK: Have a clever Easter Bunny Cake for you which will cause much excitement from the children. Would be ideal for the center of your Easter table, it's as easy as the Daisy Cake too. Watch next week's "Courier" for complete details plus a photo.

(Mrs. McNeil is the star of "Home Cooking" viewed each weekday at 2:30 p.m. on Station WROC-TV.)



WHAT'S NEW In The Parishes

HOLY REDEEMER Annual Card Party will be held by the Sacred Heart Society, Friday evening, April 10 in the school hall, Hudson Ave. near Clifford Ave. Monsignor Joseph E. Vogt is honorary chairman. Mr. Peter Steiger is chairman and Mrs. Martha Brand, co-chairman. Tickets are being handled by Mesdames Robert Aman, Thomas O'Brien and A. Chuey. Several other active committees are working for the party's success. Refreshments will be served.

ST. PHILIP NERI At last month's Mothers Club meeting Mrs. John Gormley, president and Mrs. Thomas Cassano, vice president, arranged an interesting literature display and started a magazine exchange which will be carried on monthly. It will be carried on monthly.

ST. AUGUSTINE Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, March 31 in the school hall after recitation of the Rosary in church at 7:45 p.m. Mrs. E. Lou Gibson will speak. Mr. Chester McCann will be hostess.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Greece, Dr. Maurice Gorman spoke on "Christian Motherhood" to women of the Rosary Society, Wednesday, March 18 at the school hall. Nomination of officers took place. Mrs. John Selmyer is nominating committee chairwoman including Mesdames Edward Kamb, Robert Wallace, Robert Kuder and George Farrell.

CORPUS CHRISTI Annual parish banquet will be held Tuesday, March 31 in the Moose Club Room, 441 East Ave. at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Charles Lehr is honorary chairman; Mrs. Mary Grayson Grassel, general chairman. Assisting are: Miss Margaret Lynch, co-chairman; Mrs. James Boccardo, tickets; Mrs. Stanley Belkowski, decorations. Dinner music will be provided by the Susan Tompkins-Query violin soloist with John Phillip Sousa and his band. Reservations are to be made by Friday, March 27.

ST. MARGARET MARY Altar Society will receive Holy Communion in a body Palm Sunday, March 22 at the 8 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast in the school cafeteria. Guest speaker will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas Church relating his trip to Rome. Mrs. Gilbert Fahrman is general chairman; Mrs. Andrew F. Magin, general chairman assisted by Mrs. Marvin List, decorations; Mrs. Robert Kelley, reservations; Mrs. David Spaker.

ST. ANDREW Rosary Society will meet in the school hall, 923 Portland Ave., Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., March 24. Meditations are to be made by Friday, March 27.

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Parents Day Program
Demonstrations, exhibits and a dramatic production are featured in the Parents Day program at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Saturday afternoon, March 21, from 2 to 4 p.m.

ST. BONIFACE A Day of Recollection for any women of the parish or any other women interested is being sponsored by the Sacred Heart-Rosary Society, Sunday, March 22 from 7:30 a.m. when Mass will be celebrated to 1 p.m. Donation is \$1.50 and will include the priest's offering as well as the breakfast. Reservations are being made with Bernadine Mason, Greenfield 3-8940; Marion Bender, BRowning 1-3617; Helen Bayer, BRowning 1-4222 or Mary Helen Kelley, HIllside 5-3597R.

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Fisher Knights Present Check

GIFT FOR HOLY CHILDHOOD — St. John Fisher Council No. 3676, Knights of Columbus conducted a paper drive from which \$500 was realized. Extra proceeds were turned over to the School of the Holy Childhood for exceptional children. Shown in photo at time of presentation from left: Anthony LaPietra, chairman of paper drive; Gerard J. Beauchamp, grand knight; Sister Joseph Andre, S.S.J., principal of Holy Childhood School and Thomas Vergo, assistant chairman of the paper drive.

Nazareth Sets Prayer Evening

Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association will hold an Evening of Recollection Monday, March 23, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Nazareth Academy auditorium.

"This will provide the women with the opportunity to pause at the outset of Holy Week for a little spiritual evaluation," according to Mrs. Florentine Jensen Rickard, chairman.

The affair is open to all members of the Alumnae association and their friends without charge.

Pittsford Debators Top St. Rita Oratory Team

Debating team of St. Louis School seventh grade scored over St. Rita's seventh graders by one-point making them the top team Wednesday, March 11 at the Pittsford school.

St. Rita's principal, Sister Mary Ellen McLaughlin, accompanied the West Webster team.

The proposition, "The protective tariff was fair to the country as a whole" was argued by Joseph Miller and Thomas Elliott of St. Rita's and Ann Maloney and John Wagner of St. Louis.

Donna Mistrater and Michael Mulligan of West Webster and Judy Hoffend and John Meyer of Pittsford represented their school refuting the affirmative stand.

JOHN WAGNER and Ann Maloney of Sister Mary Walter's class tied in one debate with Donna Mistrater and Michael Mulligan, while at the same time Joseph Miller and Thomas Elliott contended with Judy Hoffend and John Meyer from Sister Mary Thomasine's seventh grade. Peter Menihan and Richard Dorschel acted as time-keepers.

All eight youngsters showed great enthusiasm, knowledge of the subject and ability in speaking, a spokesman said. The judges, Celeste Lusardi and John Keim of the Webster High School debating team, accompanied by Miss Joan Lussardi, judge for their team, stated they had a difficult time in determining the winner.

John Meyer, who defended his points with great conviction, was declared "the most effective speaker."

Sister Mary Laurentina, Sister Mary Paschal, and six children from the seventh grade of Holy Trinity School, Webster, were present and are hoping to take part in a debate soon.

The program is carried on WMOB, 1340, in Auburn.

Miss Brannigan Named Nurses' Newman Head

Newman Club of the University of Rochester School of Nursing elected their officers for the coming year on March 3 at Helen Wood Hall. This club, in existence for the last twenty years, has as its chaplain Father Bruce Ammering, parish priest of St. Anne's as well as captain of Strong Memorial Hospital.

LAURIE BRANNIGAN, a native Rochesterian and a junior at the school of Nursing, was elected president. She was graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School in 1957.

Fran Scalzo, vice-president, Utica, N. Y., is also a junior and an active member of the Student Nurses Association of New York State.

Pat Crowley, secretary, Oneonta, N. Y., and Linda Connick, treasurer, Ithaca, N. Y., are both active participants in school and Newman Club activities. Both are members of the freshman class.

FIRST MEETING of the year was held on March 17. Colored slides of the Mass were shown by Father Paul Wohlrab, with a discussion following. A St. Patrick's day party in accordance with the "wearing of the green," was held immediately following the meeting.

Various committee heads were also chosen: Gerry Matuszak and Nancy Wallis as co-chairmen of the religious and cultural committee; Ellie Aukward, publicity; Jackie Mangin, social; Karen Webb, membership and Diane Carlson, library.

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